

2nd Regiment, Missouri Infantry, Co. A (1861)

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We've been very busy this past quarter. We started with quarter with several members attending the Central Region Association of the G.A.R. Allied Orders. In these meetings we meet with several of the women's organizations, visit historic sites, have a training session and a short meeting. We met in an old GAR Hall near Lansing, Michigan. Captain Robert Amsler, and Members James Pahl, Ed Krieser, Donald Palmer and Walt Busch are pictured.





Our annual ceremonies honoring the 56th US Colored Troops at their monument in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery was well attended this year as we had Historian Dorris Keevan-Franke speaking on one of her favorite topics *Benjamin Oglesby – Private Co D, 56th USCT – Survivor*. Several of Private Oglesby’s descendants and KSDK Television were there for the event. Besides our color guard we also had a ROTC unit from Edwardsville, IL, performing military honors. SVR Musician Dan Jackson, donning traditional Scottish grab, did his usually great job



not only playing the bag pipes, but also taps. And member Sumner Hunnewell looked as spiffy as ever in his honorable

order of some type of artillery unit from New England [Who can keep track of all his organizations, hats, and medals? Huh? I mean really!] And Duncan Noack of Fletcher Camp did a great job of playing the fife. He is pictured next to Captain Greg Zelinske, SVR, who I understand may be retiring from his many years of SVR and reenacting services. He has always put out a great effort and his services will be truly missed, if the news of his pending retirement is true.



Before the ceremonies, Maggie Grothe, Past Commander of the Central Region Allied Orders and wife of our late brother, Lt. Colonel Jack Grothe of SUVCW Sherman Camp presented Private Walt Busch with a flag for the Headquarters – Military Division of the Mississippi. Only two men ever commanded that division; Generals Grant and Sherman. Since the flag was most likely produced with funds of the former Sherman Camp, Walt turned it over to the Department of Missouri. Department Commander Amsler later issued a department order assigning the care of the flag to the Grant Camp for Sherman and Grant ceremonies.



October 30. We were busy as several members attended the Missouri Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) re-dedication of the Revolutionary War Cannons at Lafayette Park in St. Louis. MO MOLLUS Commander and 2nd MO Infantry



Corporal Sumner Hunnewell (with his top hat) was the master of ceremonies. Pictured are members of 2nd Missouri Infantry and other SVR Units. Captain Randall Baehr of the 4th Military District, SVR, led the color guard..

Prior to Veteran's Day, the local Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual ceremonies at Bellefontaine Cemetery and three Grant Camp members were present. Pictured below, Corporal Sumner Hunnewell, in his role as MO-MOLLUS Commander and in his touring cap, joins children in presenting a wreath.

On Veteran's Day, members attended the opening of the General U.S. Grant Traveling Exhibit at the Battle of Pilot Knob State Historic Site. We are pictured under a garrison sized US flag. The program was led by the former interpreter for the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in Affton, MO and current Chief of Museum Services & Interpretation at the Gateway Arch NHS, Pam Sanfilippo.



Finally, our members helped Fletcher Camp with their ceremony at St John's Lutheran Church in Arnold, MO, on the 17th for Wreaths Across America. Corporal Sumner Hunnewell was once again the master of ceremonies, as MO-MOLLUS Commander [somehow he is wearing the same cap he wore for the D.A.R. ceremony – a clothing malfunction?].

