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## Commander's Corner



*At the recent National Encampment, I had the opportunity to deliver the gold name badge to our new Commander in Chief - Don Martin. I was rather moved by his comments on getting past work done. I for one*

*am lacking in doing much outside our camp and our local area. Have we found all the last soldiers in each of our counties? Are we doing enough to trace our ancestors? These are things we as members need to take on and get done. As I have said in the past this is your camp. If you have ideas bring them to the table. As always thank you for allowing me to be the camp commander. I am looking forward to see what lays before us. Hope to see you at one of our meetings. God Bless*

*Mark Coplin*  
Commander

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## Editor's Note....

It has been an unusually warm Fall in the St. Louis area. Hopefully, everyone had a chance to enjoy it. and at the same time, contribute to the goals of the Camp. Wishing everyone a safe and joyous Holiday season!

*John Palmer*  
Council Member & Editor



## The GAR Takes Center Stage at U.S. Grant National Historic Site

### Grant Remembrance



On Saturday, July 23, the U.S. Grant Camp and the U.S. Grant National Historic Site hosted the annual observance commemorating Grant's death. This year marks the 131<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his death, PDC John Avery served as Master of Ceremonies for the program, which included a historical overview of Grant by Camp Commander Mark Coplin and prayers offered by Chaplain Fr. Vincent Heier. Also, in recognition of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the GAR, PCinC Don Palmer presented a program on the history of the GAR. This year's event was well attended by the general public.

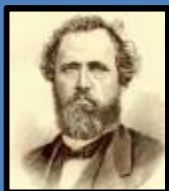
### Grant or Greeley....Which?

In 1872, Ulysses S Grant, Radical Republican and Horace Greeley, Liberal Republican were in a ferocious battle for the Presidency of the United States. On Saturday, September 10, Marty Aubuchon and John

Avery attended the Grant or Greeley - Which? event at U.S. Grant National Historical Site. They represented G.A.R. members who at the time were staunchly behind their General, U.S. Grant. The day was filled with ladies and gentlemen portraying many prominent figures in first person. It was a unique event showcasing, not only important figures of the day but also Whitehaven, the Grant's home. It was a pleasant and informative day.



PDC's Marty Aubuchon (L) and John Avery (R) Portraying GAR Members at U.S. Grant NHS



## 135<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Springfield Remembers the GAR

In recognition of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, the 135<sup>th</sup> National Encampment was held in Springfield, IL. Although Springfield itself had little significance in the organizations founding, its proximity to Decatur, where the first post was organized in 1866, and Petersburg, where the organizations founder, Benjamin Stephenson, is buried, made it an attractive location. All five Allied Order organizations chose to have their 2016 national meetings in Springfield. However, due to schedule conflicts, the DUVCW had their national convention two weeks prior to the other four organizations meetings.



**The Missouri Delegation (Most of it Anyway)**

The Department of Missouri had 16 delegates, one of the larger delegations at the Encampment. This included 7 members of U.S. Grant Camp #68 (8 if PCinC Jim Pahl, who voted as a member of the Michigan delegation, is included).

The Encampment kicked off on Thursday, with optional tours of sites in the Springfield area, including the Lincoln sites in downtown Springfield and a driving tour of nearby Petersburg and New Salem. The pre-Encampment Council of Administration meeting was held Thursday night and was attended by Grant Camp member Walt Busch.

On Friday, the formal events of the Encampment kicked off with the Memorial Service and Joint Opening. After a one-year absence, the Ladies of the Grand Army held their annual meeting in conjunction with the SUVCW and ASUVCW, and as such, participated in the Memorial Service.

All-day business meetings were held on Friday and Saturday, with several actions of note for the Grant Camp and the Department of Missouri were presented to the National Encampment. These included:

- “ Resolutions for actions related to Supplemental ancestor applications, including establishing a certificate, a fee-based structure for supplemental applications and a genealogical database to support the new process. These were referred to the Program & Policy Committee to report out at the November Council of Administration meeting.
- “ Resolution to develop a comprehensive battlefield preservation program to build on the motion approved the previous year to take residual Memorial Grant funds and apply them to the neediest battlefield preservation cases. The Encampment decided that no near term action should be taken, but left to the next Commander-in-Chief to determine if a Special Committee is required.

As the last order of business, elections were held and PDC Don Martin from the Department of Ohio was elected as the next Commander-in-Chief. Grant Camp member Walt Busch's term on the Council of Administration ended with the National Encampment and this marks the first time in over 10 years that a member of the Department of Missouri is not serving in an elected National office.

The Allied Orders banquet was held on Saturday night. Although the Woman's Relief Corps was meeting at a different location in Springfield, they agreed to attend the Allied Orders banquet for the first time in many years. Their attendance was certainly welcome.



**Benjamin Stephenson Grave at Petersburg, IL**



## *The Grand Army Visits St. Louis: The 1887 National Encampment*

In our observance of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, we have looked at the posts in St. Louis city and St. Louis County. Now we look at the one time St. Louis hosted a GAR National Encampment. Hosting a GAR National Encampment was a big deal during the organizations heyday in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It meant national news exposure and major business opportunities.

The 21<sup>st</sup> National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in St. Louis from September 28-30, 1887. Although there were events held at various locations around the city, the Encampment Center was the Lindell Hotel, which was located at the corner of Washington Ave. and 6<sup>th</sup> St.



**The Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, MO**

Presiding over the 21<sup>st</sup> National Encampment was Lucius Fairchild. His resume was impressive. During the Civil War, Lt. Col. Fairchild served as regimental commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, one of the regiments that formed the famed Iron Brigade. He lost his left arm due to wounds received at Gettysburg. After the war, he served three terms as governor of Wisconsin and as U.S. Consul overseas under the Grant and Hayes administrations. His successor as Commander-in-Chief, elected at the Encampment, was John Patterson Rea. He served as a major in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Cavalry through most of the war. Rea was educated as a lawyer and held various legal positions, including a district court judge. The GAR membership reported at the Encampment was 355,196 and between 60,000 and 70,000 members traveled to St. Louis to attend the Encampment. Let's revisit the 21<sup>st</sup> GAR National Encampment through local newspaper articles written about the event and newspaper ads.



**Fairchild**



**Rea**

**From the *Iron County Register*, October 6, 1887:  
St. Louis Correspondent.  
G.A.R.**

*Ed. Register--* It is most certain that your many readers will be greatly interested in the all-absorbing topic of city and nation. It is said that the railroads brought 133,000 people into the city. Of that number, probably one-half were G.A.R. boys. The city had made wonderful provisions for their entertainment and pleasure. \$100,000 had been raised by the city for this purpose. To this sum all politics, religion, creeds and nationalities contributed. The men who "fought and died" for the S.C.A. did as nobly as any. Besides this large fund, small bodies and associations of men raised an individual fund. The city was profusely decorated with bunting, flags, mottoes and transparencies of a costly character. Most of the parks of the city were turned into military camps, and the sunrise saluted with the booming cannon.

Tuesday was to have been the great day of parade, in which it was thought 70,000 men would have been in line. But to the great disappointment of soldiers and citizens it rained a heavy drizzle all day. The parade was postponed until Wednesday. Tuesday night the Board of Trade hall was packed with G.A.R. officers and men and citizens, male and female.

The Mayor of the city made a speech of welcome, which was loudly applauded by all people, both citizens and strangers, G.A.R. and S.C.A. This fine speech of Mayor Francis was responded to by Commander-in-Chief Fairchild in the same happy and eloquent manner in which the welcome was given.



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The Commander-in-Chief assured the people that the G.A.R. had the most kindly feeling for all the friends of our common country. They only fought in the late war because they loved the country more than those who rose against it. He said the G.A.R. had no "bloody shirt" to wave. The masses called for "Uncle Billy." Gov. Oglesby was introduced and made a fine speech. The cry was then renewed for "Uncle Billy," "Old Commander," "Sherman," &c. The cry was so deafening that Gen. Sherman had to surrender and come to the stand. His speech was like "Uncle Billy," -- Gen. Sherman -- full of sense, good feeling and patriotism. Others were called out til 10:30, when the vast audience left for home full of the old enthusiasm of 1861-5.

**G.A.R. ATTENTION!**

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**FAMOUS** Leading Clothiers, Shoers, Hatters, Furnishers, CLOAKERS AND MILLINERS, BROADWAY AND MORGAN.

It was announced, however, that the parade would occur on Wednesday A.M. "rain or shine." *It did not shine* -- rained worse than the day before. But the G.A.R. was out, and about one-third in line. The rest on the street, on sidewalks and in windows. There were, probably, 12,500 in line, with banner, fife and drum. The entire line was viewed by an anxious throng of men, women and children, and babies even, and not a soul would leave till they had seen the parade, though the rain came down in

torrents. It was said to be the grandest parade St. Louis ever saw, both as to number and enthusiasm. It was the largest line of old soldiers, seen since the grand parade at Washington, D.C., at the close of the war. It is not probably there will be such a one again.

All the Posts of the city have done nobly in trying to make the stay of the G.A.R. boys as pleasant in the city as possible. Ransom Post [Sherman's post] spread a lunch three times a day, and probably had from 8,000 to 10,000 people -- G.A.R. boys, their wives, mothers and daughters and friends. Ransom Post will be remembered for her wonderful provision for the comfort of the G.A.R. boys. California G.A.R. brought about forty tons of choice fruits which they exhibited and then gave away. The sight was simply astounding. We cannot do justice to this wonderful gathering in St. Louis. It is to be hoped as this army of veterans pass away, as they are doing, that there will be no further use for war and bloodshed in our broad and happy country. We should now all try to bring the people and the nations to Christ and then war will be no more.



### IN THE RAIN

**The Veterans Brave a Steady Downpour of Rain,  
And Follow Their Commander in the Grand Parade, to  
the Number of Nearly Twenty-Five Thousand,  
Through St. Louis Mud.**

**A Monster Army Review Their Comrades From  
Sidewalks, Widows and Other Points of Vantage  
Along the Route.**

St. Louis, Sept. 28.-- "We'll parade to-day if we march in mud up to our elbows," said General Fairchild this morning. "I said it would be a rainy week, and I am convinced I was right. To-day will be as good a day to parade as we will have. Those who don't feel that they can withstand the weather are at perfect liberty to remain out of the procession."

At about ten o'clock Generals Grier and Fairchild rode to Franklin and Third, where the first division was forming. General Grier was mounted on a large dark bay ; General Fairchild was on Judge Normile's little bay, that danced and pranced most beautifully, and yet which was as gentle as a lamb. General Fairchild had wrapped himself closely in a long rubber cloak, over which the water



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poured in streams. His stiff-rimmed Grand Army hat was soaking wet, and the empty right sleeve of his coat was strapped closely to his side, while with his right hand he guided his horse.

The signal was fired at a quarter of eleven o'clock, and the great procession moved.

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It was headed by a special detail of thirty-six mounted police, dressed in the regulation uniform, with black helmets [sic]; heavy plain sabers and large buckskin gauntlets. They were headed by chief of Police Anton Huebler, and were under the command of Captain Fruchte of the mounted district.

The chief's saber is somewhat lighter than those used by the remainder of the men, and is handsomely mounted in brass, with a gold hilt.

General Fairchild, surrounded by eighty-four aides, came next. Fourteen carriages followed. In the first was General W.T. Sherman, accompanied by Mayor Francis, General Pope, of the regular army, accompanied by Major Rainwater, Governor Rusk of Wisconsin and staff in four carriages. General S.W. Beath and Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia, and Geo. S.S. Burdett, of Washington, D.C., and others, Past Commanders General Merrill and General Clarke, of New York, and six carriages containing war governors and department commanders.

During the wait before the start General Sherman's carriage was surrounded by veterans who stood nearly an hour with bared heads for the privilege of shaking hands and speaking a word with the old hero.

The First division, under the command of Colonel Nelson Cole, came next. This included the Department of Missouri. The six St. Louis posts were represented and forty-eight outside posts, making about eight thousand veterans in all in this division, which was headed by the Excelsior (colored) band. It had also Ritter's St. Louis Band in the center of the division.

The Second division under command of Colonel J.G. Butler, was made up of about 1,500 Illinois veterans. There are between 8,000 and 10,000 Grand Army men from Illinois now in the city, so this shows how well they turned out. The division was led by Iron Hall band, of St. Louis, and had three other Illinois bands in the ranks: Belleville, Springfield and Decatur.

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**1000 TRIMMED HATS**  
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**LADY GAY** \$3.10  
A Felt Walking Hat, faced with silk velvet and fancy braid on edge, trimmed with silk velvet, sea-gull wings and handsome slide; all colors.

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Felt Turban, is faced with silk velvet, trimmed with natural wings, silk gros-grain ribbon, silk velvet and ornaments; all colors.

**NORDICA** \$2.85  
A Bond Felt Hat, faced with silk velvet, trimmed with ribbons, silk velvet, two quills and ornaments; all colors.

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The Third division, ex-Governor Thos. C. Fletcher, marshal, consisting of the departments of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Ohio, numbered about as follows: Wisconsin, 400 ; Pennsylvania, 100, and Ohio, 600 -- less than one-fourth the delegation from these States. Headed by the Vandalia Cornet Band, the division fell into ranks, and, following the Illinoisans, marched down the avenue to the tune of "Rally Round the Flag," many old veterans catching up the refrain and giving voice to it.

The Fourth division, composed of New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Jersey and Virginia, with Assistant Marshal Colonel D.P. Dyer at the head followed the third, and was led by the White Hall band, which



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discoursed Sherman's March to the Sea. Though low in numbers this division divided the honors of the day in point of interest.

At the head of the Department of Maine was carried the first battle flag of the First regiment that left that State in response to the first call for troops, and it was borne today by the same standard bearer who carried it into the first battle of Bull Run, A.E. Hammond, of Geo. H. Morgan Post No. 4, Minneapolis, Minn., who left his own department at the request of Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, to march with the Maine boys and carry his old flag.

The Fifth division, California, New Hampshire, Vermont, the Potomac and Maryland, was furnished music by the West End band, and followed hard upon the Fourth. This division also, composed of far-away departments and thinned by the rain, was not large, numbering perhaps three hundred in all, but its percentage averaged well with other wings of the parade. Vermont, with thirty men in line, furnished two ex-Generals -- Stephen Thom and General Henry -- who were undaunted by rain and mud. The Fifth was officered by Colonel Leo Rassieur.

Two thousand veterans from Indiana marched in the Sixth division to martial music, furnished by the Terre Haute band, under the command of Department Commander Ira J. Chase. The Commander's aides were: Adjutant-General L.N. Walker ; Quartermaster-General C.E. Whitsig; Chief-of-Staff, C.O. May ; color-bearer, A.B. Douglas, Morton Post No. 1, named in honor of Oliver P. Morton, Indiana's war governor, was given the position of honor.

Iowa was represented in the Seventh division by 8,000 men, under the command of Chief Marshal E.A. Consigny. His aides were Colonel E.M. Scott, James H. Hatton, George Newman, C.W. Bontin, E.G. White, R.J. Reimers. This department was headed by the Pella department band of thirty pieces. The Mount Pleasant and Eighth Iowa martial bands also contributed to the department's musical display, which was one of the best in the parade.

The Eighth had an old drum along that was carried through the war and was riddled with bullets. There are 6,000 men here, but the older ones didn't parade on account of the rain.

General Tuttle was in a carriage with H.C. Whittle. He is ageing [sic] and growing constitutionally weak, and the rain consigned him to the shelter of a handsome carriage.

Nebraska's three hundred were in the Seventh division, H.C. Russell in command. His mounted aides were Adjutant-General J.D. Miles, Major T.S. Clarkson, Charles E. Burmester, H.E. Palmer. A St. Louis G.A.R. band headed them, as they brought no musicians with them.

Colorado was represented by the Seventh, also by three hundred old war men, who were commanded by George Ady, aided by Senior Vice-Commander J.K. Jeffrey ; Junior Vice-Commander W.S. Altward, Assistant Adjutant-General J.A. Lowne, Assistant Quartermaster-General S. McClanathan, Department Inspector George Waterbury. The Leadville Drum Corps did the musical honors for the Colorado men and, though mere boys, were heartily applauded along the route.



About eight thousand veterans from Kansas swelled the ranks of the Eighth division. There were about ten thousand of them in the city, but many of them were afraid to venture out in the rain. Department Commander T.H. Seward rode at the head of these Kansas vets. e was assisted by Senior Vice-Commander J.W. Feigham, Assistant-Adjutant-General A.. Limerick, Quartermaster-General A.B. Armant.

The military band of Topeka headed this magnificent department, and the Fort Scott Drum Corps played purely Kansas airs.

Of the six State and Territorial divisions assigned to the Ninth Grand Division only three had the necessary nerve and enthusiasm to come out, namely: Michigan, Minnesota and Kentucky. The absentees were Delaware, West Virginia and Washington Territory.



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Michigan was represented by 180 men, including the personal staff of the Governor, commanded by Past Vice-Commander-in-Chief C.V.R. Pond. In the ranks was ex-Governor Alger, of Detroit, a millionaire lumber king, who unostentatiously held his umbrella over the colors and marched in the rain. The Wolverines had no band.

Minnesota came next, with 280 men, chiefly from Minneapolis, commanded by Colonel Wheelock and accompanied by Plummer's drum corps of Minneapolis.

Kentucky was represented by 200 men and forty-seven State flags, the battalion being commanded by Colonel Bowman, of Frankfort. It was accompanied by Sayder's Louisville Band and the well-known William Nelson Drum Corps of nineteen boys, from Newport.



In the Kentucky column was carried the tattered colors of the Fourth regiment -- the first raised on Kentucky soil. It was presented by the ladies of Owensboro, and was carried by George M. Jackson, now of St. Louis, who raised the first company in the regiment. Mayor Speed S. Fry, widely known as the man who killed General Zollikoffer [sic], marched in this squad. All the colors of this State division were shot to ribbons at Shiloh, where the Fourth regiment alone lost one thousand of its men.

Arkansas and Florida Grand Army men and Sons of Veterans to the number of three hundred made up the

Tenth division, which was commanded by Assistant Marshal Captain Henry Ziegenheim. This division occupied Sixth street, north of Franklin avenue, and bravely faced the pelting rain for more than two hours, disregarding all calls from the sidewalk to disband. It may be said that the Sons of Veterans honored their sires by their show of discipline.

When the reviewing stand was reached, Grand Commander Fairchild rode up by the side of the stand, and then sat on his horse to review the parade. The War Governors and General Sherman sat in their carriages, so the stand was only occupied by a few newspaper men and city officials, who stood up.

In passing under the triumphal arch, the veterans reverently lifted their hats and gave many of the designs three cheers. It was precisely twelve o'clock when the squadron of police which led the column reached the grand reviewing stand, and after a desperate attack on the crowd succeeded in clearing a large space in front of the stand.

Commander-in-Chief Fairchild then rode up, dismounted and took his position in the reviewing stand. He had ridden ahead of the column, and after he had taken his position for the review his special mounted escort, Logan Post of St. Louis, came up and wheeled into position across the street facing the stand. The San Diego band, the Springfield (Mass.) battalion -- special escort -- and the staff of the commander-in-chief then passed by and down Olive street. They were followed by General Grier and his staff, who wheeled into line directly in front of Logan Post.

Then came the carriages containing the distinguished guests, who took their places on the stand. General Sherman, accompanied by Mayor Francis, alighted first, and then came Ex-Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin with Mr. Frank Gaienne, Past Commander-in-Chief Merrill, C.H. Sampson, with Governor and Mrs. Sprague, of Rhode Island, and General John L. Otis, of Massachusetts; General John Pope, Lieutenant-Governor Morehouse of Missouri; John Usher of Kansas and other distinguished gentlemen were also on the stand.





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### THE DARK HORSE WON

**Judge John P. Rea, of Minneapolis, the New  
Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R. –  
The Pension Question Before the Encampment --  
Personal Matters.**

St. Louis, Sept. 30.--- The General Encampment of the G.A.R. was prompt in coming to order this morning. After some reports had been read, General Beath of Pennsylvania then arose to a personal explanation. He said he had been reported by the *Republic* [St. Louis newspaper with democratic leanings] to have said: "There never has been a Democratic Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., and by the eternal Gods there never will be." He denied this as an "infamous lie and slander."

Corporal Tanner, of New York, said the *Republican* had quoted him as saying that he was putting a knife under Slocum's ribs. He also denounced this as a lie.

Delegate Anthony, of Kansas, made an attempt to reconsider the report of the committee on resolutions, by which a proposition to raise money for the erection of a monument to General Warren was defeated, but was unsuccessful.

The big business of the day was then reached when the committee on resolutions introduced ex-Commander-in-Chief Paul Vandervoort, of Nebraska.

The resolution was divided into two parts. One part dealt with the pension for Mrs. Logan, and the other was a censure of President Cleveland for his veto of the Dependent Pension bill.

When the committee reported back the Vandervoort resolution, it split it up, recommending the adoption of the part relating to Mrs. Logan's pension and the rejection of the part referring to the President's veto.

There were but three speeches made on the committee's report. Vandervoort led off in an appeal for an adoption of the closure portion of his resolution. He believed that the President ought to be censured for his action. "I have as great an appreciation and respect for the office of the President as any man on the earth, but I believe that in his veto he insulted the comradeship of the Grand Army,%

he exclaimed. There was some applause, but very little. He rung the changes on that sentiment, but did it speciously. He declared that the Grand Army should have the courage of its convictions, and should vote as it felt upon this question.

Colder, fair weather.

**G.A.R. G.A.R.**

**SURRENDERED.**

The brave boys in blue yesterday charged upon our stock of G. A. R. Uniform Suits and Hats, and they scored a decided victory. At the commencement the struggle was light, but as the day wore on and re-enforcements arrived from outlying posts it grew fierce and furious. It lasted until evening, when we surrendered, entirely vanquished. What was a complete stock of Uniform Suits is now little better than a wreck.

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Members of the G. A. R. who have not secured Uniforms and Hats should do so early this morning, as there are not many left.

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At prices commencing at \$10 and ranging up to \$35 we have a magnificent assortment of light and medium-weight top Coats that are just the thing for present wear.

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Fine Clothing, Hats and Furnishings,  
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**WE INVITE THE MEMBERS OF THE G. A. R.,**  
And all the visitors to our city this week, to an inspection of our magnificent importation of Diamonds, Watches, Chains, Rings, etc., etc. Our stock consists of fine goods only, and we guarantee our prices to be far lower than those asked by other responsible houses.

**S. L. Cohen, 210 N. Fourth St**

This gave General C.H. Grosvenor of Ohio a chance to make a ringing speech against Vandervoort. Jumping to his feet he exclaimed: "This is a spectacle. One man insinuating that the courage and bravery of the G.A.R. is centered in one man who alone dares to speak his convictions. [Loud cheering.]

The vote was then called on the report of the committee rejecting Vandervoort's resolution. It was taken viva voce. There was a storm of ayes, and not a no was heard. The chair decided the report adopted unanimously.

The pension bills came up next on the motion to adopt the minority report, which was in favor of making service the basis for pensions. It was debated hotly for over an hour, General Burdette, ex-Commander-in-Chief, and other prominent men speaking.

A yea and nay vote was taken about one o'clock, and resulted as follows:

For the minority report ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò . 173  
Against the minority report ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò ò 31



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There was considerable bad feeling among the delegates over the publication by the *Globe-Democrat* of the password at the door. Extra precautions were taken to prevent any bogus veterans from getting into the hall. The password was changed this morning, but that was not even enough. Whenever a party looked suspicious he was made to give the general password, his State countersign and asked other troublous questions. Several fellows who tried to use yesterday's password, "Farragut," were bounced double quick down the stairs.

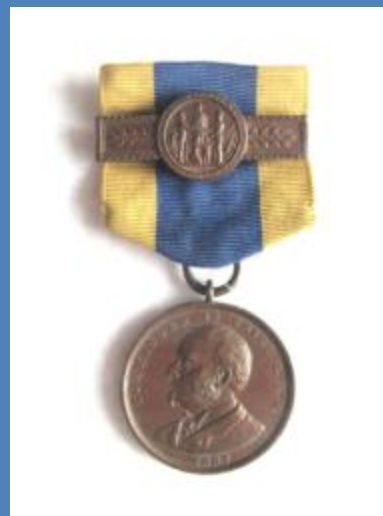
**G. WE ARE PREPARED**  
**A. To supply the ENTIRE ENCAMP-**  
**R. MENT with our famous RESTAU-**  
**VIENNA MODEL BAKERY**  
**107 South Eighth Street.**

St. Louis, Oct. 1-- Judge John P. Rea, of Minneapolis, Minn., was yesterday, on the first ballot, chosen Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

John Patterson Rea is a native of Pennsylvania and was born in Lower Oxford, Chester County, October 13, 1840. He attended school and worked in a factory previous to the war, and on April 17, 1861, enlisted in Company B, Eleventh Ohio infantry for three months. He re-enlisted in Company I, First Ohio cavalry, August 20, 1861, for three years, and was commissioned second lieutenant, September 23, following. He was promoted to first lieutenant March 12, 1862; captain April 1, 1863, and breveted major November 23, 1863. He participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, and was never off duty during his service of three years and four months, with the exception of eight days, when he was held a prisoner of war. After his resignation, November 23, 1864, he entered Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he graduated in 1867. He then studied law and was admitted to practice in 1868. Soon after this he was appointed a notary public, and on April 6, 1869, was appointed United States Internal Revenue Assessor of the Ninth Pennsylvania district, serving to May 12, 1873. He removed to Minneapolis in 1875, where he was editor of the *Daily Tribune* from January 1, 1875, to May 1, 1877. On the 1st of January, 1878, he was made Probate Judge

of Hennepin County, serving until December 31, 1883. He then became a member of the law firm of Rea, Ketchel & Shaw, and practiced until April, 1886, when he was appointed to fill the vacancy in the bench of the Fourth district of Minnesota, and in November following was elected to the full term, which position he still holds. Since 1883, he has been Commissary General of the State, with the rank of Brigadier-General. Judge Rea joined the G.A.R. in Piqua, Ohio, as a charter member in 1866, and was a member of the first encampment of the Ohio department. He became a member of Geo. N. Morgan Post, No. 4, of Minneapolis in February, 1881, and served as its first commander. He has served as member of the department council of administration, senior vice-commander and commander of the department of Minnesota, and in 1884 was elected senior-vice-commander-in-chief, serving one term.

Nelson Cole, of St. Louis, was elected senior vice-commander-in-chief.



**1887 National Encampment Badge Honoring  
Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild**

Although the 1887 Encampment was the only GAR National Encampment to be held in St. Louis, the GAR would visit Missouri once again, holding their 1916 National Encampment in Kansas City. However, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the legal heirs to the GAR, would hold their National Encampment in St. Louis three times: 1912, 1969 and 2007.



## Nashville Brings Mix of History and Fellowship to Central Region

The 77<sup>th</sup> annual Allied Orders of the GAR Central Region Association conference was held on October 1 in Nashville, TN. The Central Region is one of two regional associations in the Allied Orders organizations, with the other being the New England Regional Association. The Central Region was founded with the purpose of "bringing the Departments closer together in the true spirit for which they were organized, and to receive information and inspiration for renewed efforts.



The Carter House, Franklin, TN

The weekend began with an informal dinner at the Chop House restaurant in Franklin, TN for those that arrived early. On Saturday, the conference began with an informative presentation on preservation efforts at the Franklin battlefield by Sam Gant from the Department of Tennessee. This was followed by self-guided tours of the Franklin battlefield sites. The business meeting was

held at historic Fort Negley in Nashville. Some meeting highlights include:

- ~ Approved development of permanent wreath for Central Region participation at various ceremonies
- ~ Discussed Central Region branding and approved proposed strategy of "Strengthening the Allied Orders through Education, Collaboration, Charity & Fellowship"
- ~ Reported that since 2000, Central Region has donated over \$2000 for various projects.
- ~ 2017 Central Region Conference to be held in Cleveland, OH. 2018 Conference likely in Indiana.
- ~ Training program on generational attitudes and growth strategies for fraternal organizations



Fort Negley Visitors Center

PCinC and Grant Camp member Don Palmer, who served as Central Region Commander during the 2015-2016 administrative year, presided over the meeting. Walt Busch was elected Central Region Secretary/Treasurer



## Fall Department Meeting Highlights

The Fall Department business meeting was held on October 15 at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. A total of 11 members were in attendance, including Grant Camp members Walt Busch and Bob Petrovic. At the Fall business meeting, a number of topics and/or issues were discussed, including:

- ~ Eagle Scout coins developed by the Department of Missouri are a big hit. The Department of California & Pacific developed coins based on the Missouri model and hands out about 400 per year.
- ~ The Department graves registration program is stagnating a little, need Camps to re-engage in the program.
- ~ 2019 National Encampment committee reported difficulty in finding hotel in Branson. Alternative is

Springfield, MO, which does not appear to be a popular option

- ~ Motion to develop challenge coin for the Vicksburg Monument re-dedication was approved. Next action to get back to Department with pricing options.
- ~ New Department policy & procedures manual was approved and is now on the Department website.
- ~ State Representative Warren Love reported on the proposed Missouri Heritage Protection Act, which has not yet received a House bill number.
- ~ 2017 Department Encampment will be in Branson during the first weekend in June.

After the meeting, a number of attendees retired to a favorite Mexican restaurant in Jefferson City for food and fellowship.



## Annual Grant Camp Christmas Party

Come out and join the Brothers of U.S. Grant Camp #68 and the Sisters of Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary #68 for fun and festivities at our annual Christmas Party and 2016 officer installation!

**Date:** Tuesday, December 6

**Time:** Social at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm

**Location:** Greenbriar Hills County Club  
12665 Big Bend Blvd.

**Program:** Speaker will be Michael Banisek, who has written 10 books on the Civil War in the West

Please RSVP by December 1  
(contact PCinC Don Palmer at [pondook@aol.com](mailto:pondook@aol.com))



## St. Louis Veteran's Day Parade Highlights

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Louis Veteran's Day Parade was held on Saturday, November 5. The ceremony was held between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets and the parade itself stepped off at Tucker and Market, proceeded west on Market to 20<sup>th</sup> Street and disbanded at Union Station. The event also featured music and military displays. This year's observance recognized the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Grant Camp PCC and current Junior Vice Commander Bob Aubuchon participated in the parade and associated events.



PCC Bob Aubuchon (R) with Members of the Turner Brigade



## U.S. Grant Camp #68 2016 Officers

Commander .	Mark Coplin
Senior Vice Commander .	Mike Hudson
Junior Vice Commander .	Bob Aubuchon
Secretary/Treasurer .	Walter Busch
Council -	John Palmer
Council -	John Avery
Council -	Bob Petrovic
Patriotic Instructor -	Martin Aubuchon
Chaplain -	Fr. Vincent Heier

### Membership Inquiries?

Please contact Junior Vice Commander Bob Aubuchon at [baubpowder1@gmail.com](mailto:baubpowder1@gmail.com).

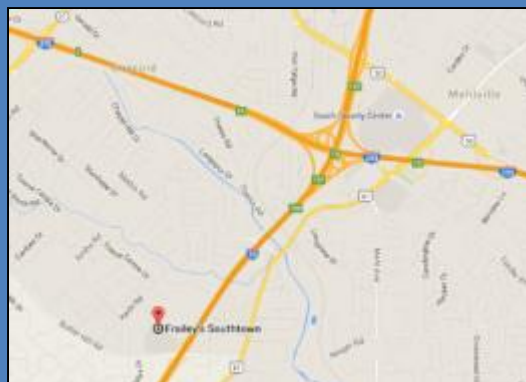


## U.S. Grant Camp #68 Meeting Information

Meeting Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
(no meeting in August)

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm (many members gather for dinner prior to meeting at 6:00 pm)

Meeting Location: Frailey's Southtown Grill  
4329 Butler Hill Rd.  
St. Louis, MO



## Upcoming Events....

- ~ Dec 6 . Grant Camp Christmas Party at Greenbriar Hills Country Club
- ~ Dec 17 . Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks Natl Cemetery
- ~ Jan 9 . Camp Meeting at Frailey's Grill
- ~ Feb 12 . Lincoln's Birthday
- ~ Feb 13 . Camp Meeting at Frailey's Grill
- ~ Feb 26 . Sherman Day Ceremonies at Calvary Cemetery
- ~ Mar 11 . Missouri Department Meeting at Jefferson City
- ~ Mar 13 . Camp Meeting at Frailey's Grill



## Sons of Veterans Reserve Activities



Sons of Veterans Reserve National Chief of Staff (and Grant Camp member) Col. Bob Petrovic attended the Remembrance Day programs at Gettysburg National Military Park on November 19. The SVR-organized event included the SVR Breakfast at the Wyndham-Gettysburg Hotel, the Woolson Monument ceremony on the battlefield, the Remembrance Day parade through the town of Gettysburg, and the annual Civil War Ball at the Wyndham Hotel. The proceeds from the ball are donated to the National Park Service for battlefield preservation efforts at Gettysburg. Over \$80,000 has been donated since the inception of this program.



## News from the Auxiliary

Julia Dent Grant Auxiliary #68, St. Louis, MO



Auxiliary #68 members Cher Petrovic and Sarah Palmer attended the 2016 National Encampment in Springfield, IL from August 11-13. The following is a summary of key actions at the Encampment:

- ~ The resolution to amend the Constitution to remove the U.S. citizenship requirement failed. In accordance with the current Constitution, Rules & Regulations (CR&R), only Auxiliary Departments, and not Auxiliaries at Large, may vote. Of the 16 Departments, 6 returned 100%+ votes and 10 did not return any vote. Thus, the resolution failed.
- ~ An Auxiliary Department-at-Large will be established, to which all Auxiliaries at Large will be attached. This is an effort to give Auxiliaries at Large, like the Julia

Dent Grant Auxiliary, better representation and more support from the National organization.

- ~ The incoming National President will issue a general order regarding filing IRS form 8976. Departments and Auxiliaries are to contact National Treasurer Mary Flynn for assistance in complying with these requirements.
- ~ Sarah Palmer received a Certificate of Appreciation from National President Linda Kronberg for serving as a National Page at the Encampment.

Finally, elections for 2016 Auxiliary officers are coming up. If any Sister is interested in serving in an elected or appointed office, please contact either Auxiliary President Deb Aubuchon or Secretary/Treasurer Cher Petrovic.