

# HARDSCRABBLE

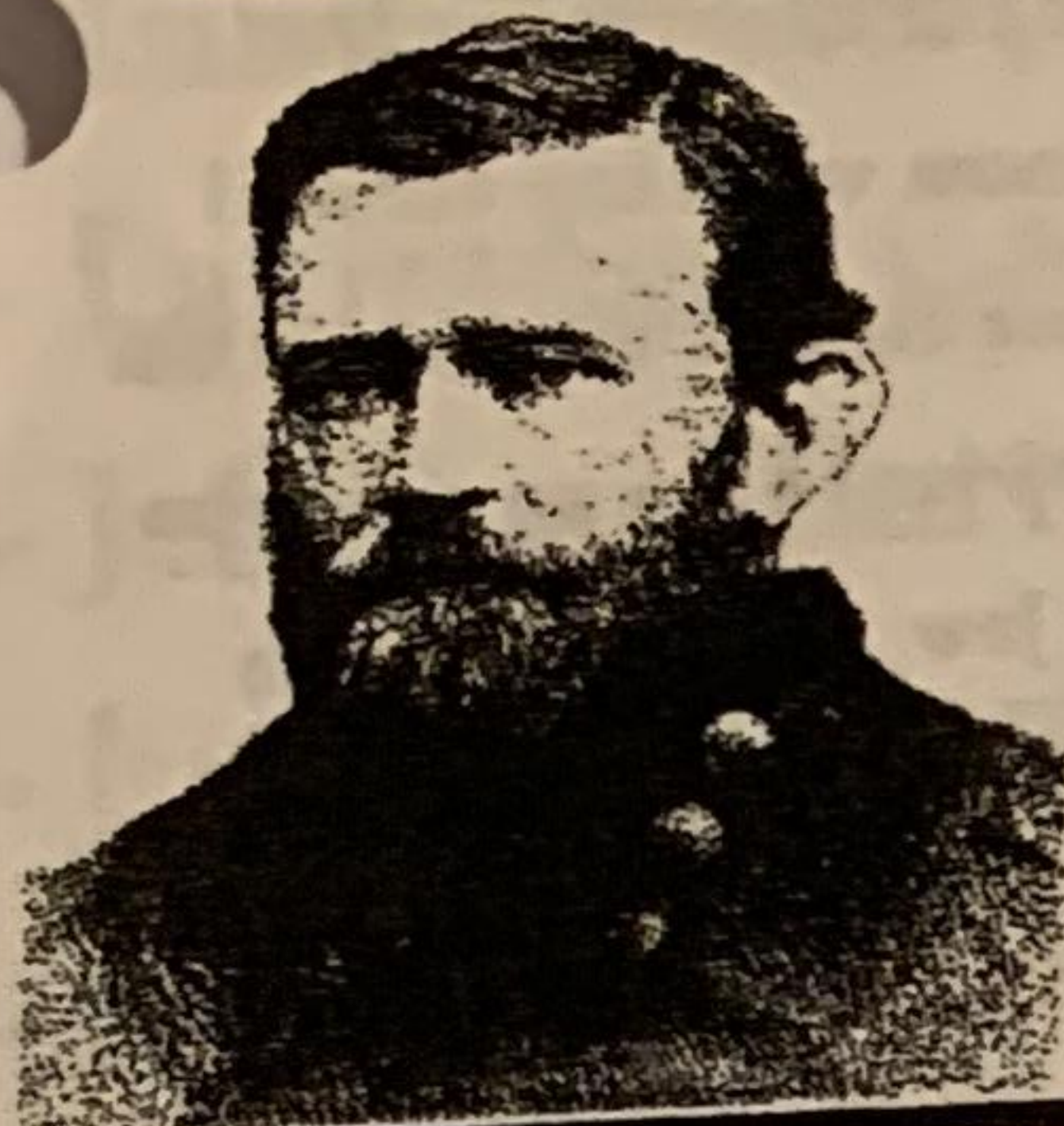
Fraternity - Charity - Loyalty

Ever for the Union

Newsletter Publication for Ulysses S. Grant Camp #68

Department of Missouri - SUVCW

Volume 8 - Number 1 - January - May 2006



## Commander' Corner

Greetings Brothers! I wanted to take a minute of your time to encourage you to participate in some of the events of the U.S. Grant Camp. I know some are far-flung, but that is because I believe we are the most active camp in the Department. I am also aware that gas prices are on their way up and some may not want to drive to certain events. I sometimes hear that it is too far to drive to meetings from where I live. Well let me tell you Chris Warren and I drive the farthest for Grant Camp Events. I drive nearly 170 miles round trip to attend these meetings. I'm sure I am not the only member who would drive a few miles out of their way so that a fellow brother could attend. I would

encourage you to car pool. If you would like to participate in an event and don't know who to contact about car pooling, please check with me. Send me an email at [webusch@hotmail.com](mailto:webusch@hotmail.com) or call me at 314-630-8407. I will gladly try to arrange a car pool for you. Just recently, we were setting up a date to do graves registrations at LaGrange, MO. The one cemetery has over 100 Civil War soldiers' grave sites and there is another near by cemetery in Canton with probably around another 80. It appeared initially that it would be just three people who went up there for last year's dedication of a monument - until I asked two new members if they would like join us. Now we have 5 camp members probably going and the task will be easier because of it. In our camp it is is easy to become involved. Just ask where you can help. I also see where the senior members of the camp fall short by not inviting newer members to participate in events. Well, I am asking all our membership to participate in some of the events during this next calendar year. If you live out of our area like Phil Hinderberger - do something for a local camp in your area. Let your membership in the camp mean more then a plaque on the wall. In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Walt Busch - Commander

U..S. Grant Camp #68

## Department of Missouri

### Badge Requirement

Next time you plan on attending a department meeting make sure you wear your SUVCW membership badge. There is a fine for those not wearing their badge. All funds collected will go into the Past Commander's Fund. Members not wearing their badge will be fined \$2.00. Current elected officers and any past commanders will be fined \$10.00.

### Missouri Civil War Museum

Just to update the camp and those members who are still members to the MCWM at Jefferson Barracks. The museum on May 5th held a dinner at the Kirkwood Community Center. The guest speaker was Mr. Cartwright who is the director of the the Thomas Carter House in Franklin, TN. The dinner was prepared by one of the chef's from Tony's. Brother's Coplin and Palmer attended. Brother Jim Hubbard who is also one of the officers of the museum was also in attendance and worked very hard to bring the event to St. Louis. The camp should be proud of Brother Hubbard's efforts. Jim recently rejoined the camp by transferring back from the membership at large camp. The event cost museum members \$25 per person and was well worth it. For those in the camp that are not members please consider joining this worthy cause. It will be a great tribute to those who served both sides during the Civil War. For information in joining the MCWM please contact Jim at (636) 949-0651 or email him at [hubbardjim@hotmail.com](mailto:hubbardjim@hotmail.com)



The following was edited from a letter written and recited by Ben Stein on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary -

Dec 18, 2005 - Submitted by Camp Chaplin John Avery

Herewith at this happy time of year, a few confessions from my beating heart: I have no freaking clue who Nick and Jessica are. I see them on the cover of People and US constantly when I am buying my dog biscuits and kitty litter. I often ask the checkers at the grocery stores. They never know who Nick and Jessica are either. Who are they? Will it change my life if I know who they are and why they have broken up? Why are they so important? I don't know who Lindsay Lohan is either, and I do not care at all about Tom Cruise's wife. Am I going to be called before a Senate committee and asked if I am a subversive? Maybe, but I just have no clue who Nick and Jessica are. If this is what it means to be no longer young. It's not so bad. Next confession: I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees Christmas trees! I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees. It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, "Merry Christmas" to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a creche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution, and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship Nick and Jessica and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where Nick and Jessica came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke, it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her "How could God let something like this Happen?" (regarding Katrina). Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the Great God that He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events...terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found recently) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said OK.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves. Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how you can send "jokes" through e-mail and they spread like wildfire but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing. Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and work place.

Are you laughing?

Funny how when you forward a message like this, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it. Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.



## U.S. Grant 2006 Events

- **Ink Cemetery Work - On Going Call Gary Scheel to help.**
- LaGrange - Canton Missouri On going Projects
- Jefferson Barracks - Memorial Day Marching -
- June 5th - Camp Meeting at Growlers on S. Lindbergh
- July 10th - BBQ at Brother Prades Home - See last page.
- June 9-10 Department Encampment - Holiday Inn Butler Hill Rd.
- August 4, 5 & 6 Night Walk at White Haven - Grant's Home
- August 10 - 13 National Encampment - Harrisburg, PA
- September 30th - Civil War Soldier Grave Dedication - Manchester, MO
- December 9th - Annual Christmas Dinner - Frontenac Hilton

## CAMP QUARTERMASTER

### POLO SHIRTS - Red - White - Blue

S, M, L, XL	\$40.00
2XL, 3XL	\$43.00
4XL	\$48.00

### DENIM SHIRTS - SHORT/LONG SLV.

S, M, L, XL	\$45.00
2XL	\$49.00
3XL	\$53.00

### SWEAT SHIRTS - Red - White - Blue

S, M, L, XL	\$32.00
2XL, 3XL	\$35.00
4XL	\$40.00

### SATIN JACKETS - BLACK OR BLUE

S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$95.00 FLANNEL
	\$98.00 QUILTED
3XL, 4XL, 5XL	\$99.00 FLANNEL
	\$103.00 QUILTED

### ADDRESS LABELS - 90 COUNT

SUV - GAR LOGOS \$4.00

### NAME BADGES - LASER ENGR.

2 X 3 PLASTIC Blue - Camp Red - Depart.

Gold - National

\$5.00 for Camp Members

### COFFEE MUGS - SUVCW

\$15.00

### STATION BANNERS

14X16 - SET OF 3

WITH FRINGE - \$110.00

WITHOUT FRINGE - \$80.00

Contact Gary Scheel to Order Items

(636) 257-5247

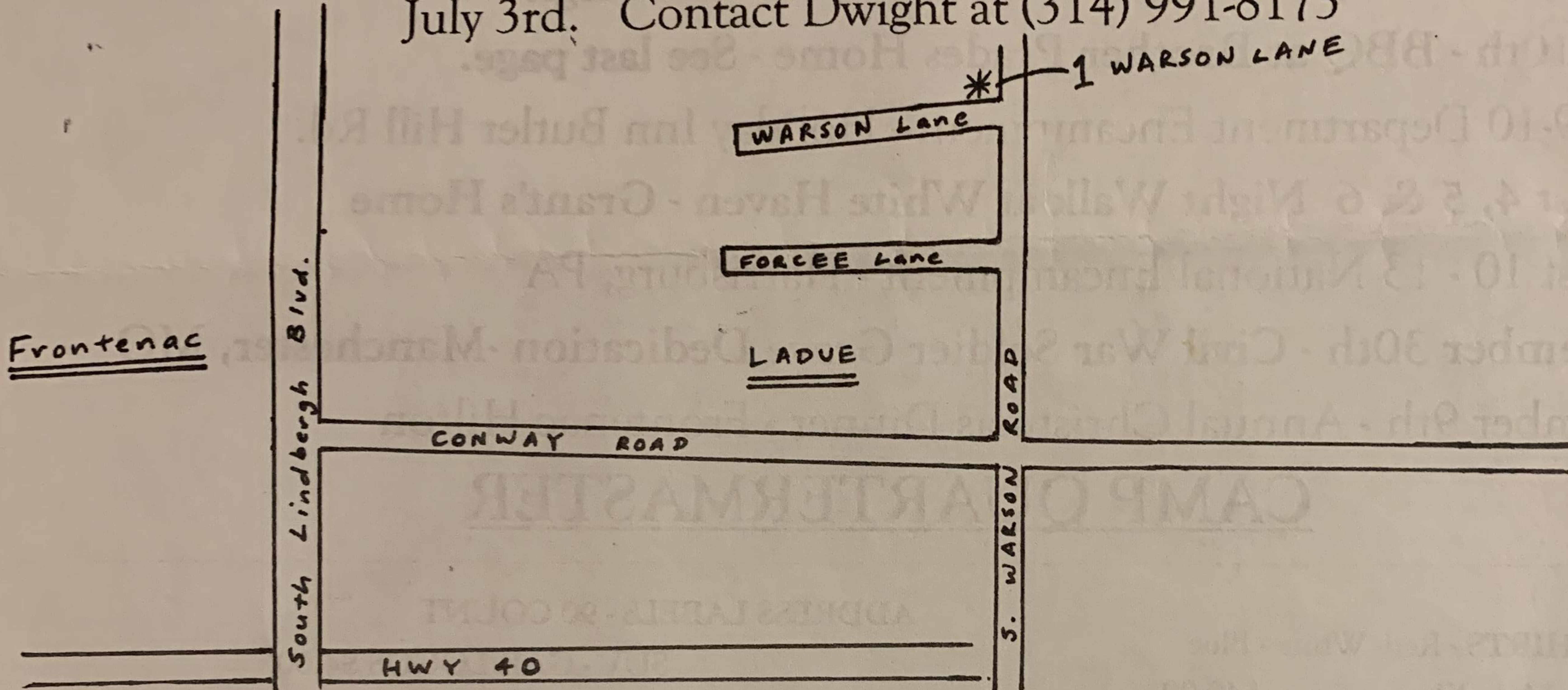




# July 10th BBQ at Brother Prade's

Please RSVP so that the amount of food can be prepared. Pool available so bring a suit. Please no children to this event please. Food Fun and Sun. This will be our camp meeting for July so don't show up to Growler's on

July 3rd. Contact Dwight at (314) 991-8175



## Welcome New Members

### Ken Roberts, Mark Liby and his son Garrett Liby to the Camp

Brother Roberts transferred to the camp from the MAL. He attended the May 1st meeting. He introduced himself to the camp. He is a retired school teacher. He has a great interest in the Civil War. He has five ancestors that fought for the Union. Welcome Brother Roberts. Mark Liby and his son Garrett join the camp as new members. They live in Canton, MO and hope to look into forming a new camp in that area. Walt Busch and Mark Coplin while registering graves had the pleasure of meeting both. While talking about the application process it became clear that the best way for them to join was to join the Grant Camp and work toward forming a new camp as they were able. Garrett who is joining us as a Junior member is also active in Boys Scouts and is working on his Eagle Rank. Good Luck Garrett and welcome to the camp. Also welcome to his father Mark. We look forward to helping you in your quest.

## LaGrange and Canton May 6th

Walt and Mark traveled to LaGrange to register the Civil War Soldiers buried there. We were able to locate about 45 soldiers. While up in the area they met with Mark and Garrett Liby. They directed us to an area in Canton, MO. A Major's tombstone was overturned and needs repair. We trekked through the wooded area that holds many graves that are in poor shape. According to relatives of the Liby's the cemetery is about 3 acres in size. The Major's stone turns out to be a monument to the officer who fell at the Battle of Shiloh. The local Boy Scout Troop is to work on clearing out the underbrush and trees. Once that is complete we will need to set a date to go up and help restore this monument to one of our fallen ancestors. Hopefully more members can attend. Pat Livingston and the Mayor of LaGrange have requested our camp's presence at the 175th Anniversary of LaGrange next May. So let us work to have a unit of good size up there in 2007.