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Commander's Corner



The year 2001 was a very busy one for U.S. Grant Camp. There were a number of important events and projects the many members were involved in. Some of the major events of the year included the dedication of the Keeler GAR Post marker, restoration and re-dedication of the Horstmann Cemetery, our annual appearance at the Jefferson Barracks Memorial Day proceedings and, of course, the National Encampment in Springfield, MO. The Grant Camp was also more proactive relative to community relations, presenting a number of certificates at Eagle Scout Courts of Honor and establishing information tables at a number of events.

With some new sparks at Camp and Department levels, including this Newsletter, it is hoped that attendance and membership will be on the rise. Let's make it everyone's goal for 2002 to bring one new member in the Camp. I'm looking forward to an excellent 2002, with your help.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

John Avery

Commander

U.S. Grant Camp #68

Grant Camp Donates, Dedicates Marker Honoring D.N. Keeler GAR Post #152

On Saturday, 24 November, members of the U.S. Grant Camp gathered at the home of Jim and Lynne Martin, 19160 Melrose Rd. in Wildwood, to dedicate a stone to mark the meeting location of D.N. Keeler Post #152 of the GAR. Department Commander Don Palmer served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. The agenda included a brief history of the Kreienkamp Store, which served the region from 1855 to 1979, introductions of descendants of Keeler Post members, a brief history of the GAR and the Keeler Post, and finally, dedication of the marker. The marker was unveiled by Commander Palmer and Glen Alsop, soon to be Commander of the new SUVCW Camp forming in Washington, MO. Special thanks go to the Martins for hosting the event.



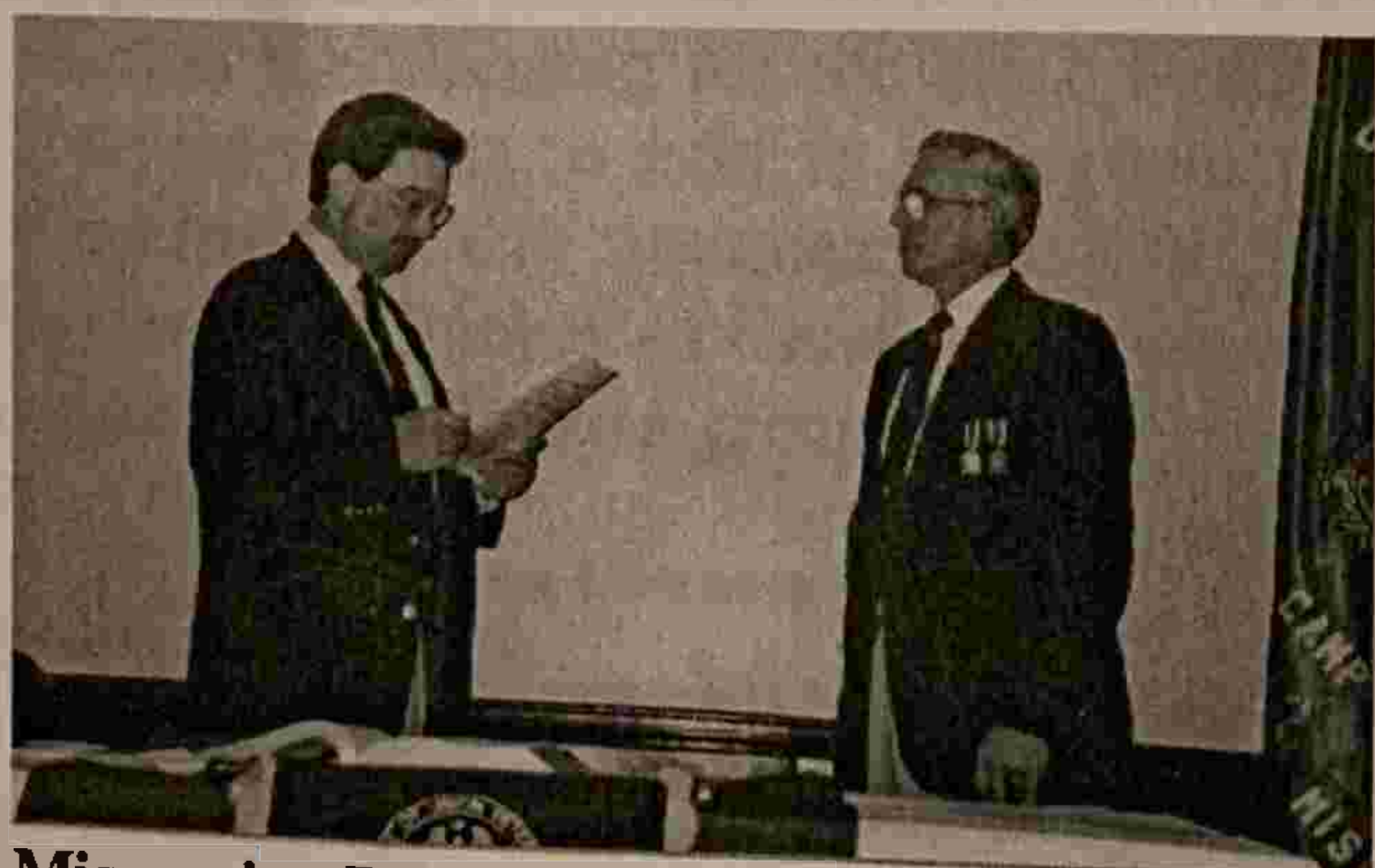
Stone placed near the Kreienkamp Store, home of Jim and Lynne Martin, in honor of the members of D.N. Keeler Post #152, who held their meetings at this location.

Camp Christmas Dinner Kicks Off Holiday Season

The annual Grant Camp Christmas Dinner was held at Jackie Smith's Louisiana Café in Ellisville, MO on 05 December. Graves Registration Officer Mark Trout provided members and guests with an excellent presentation on historical preservation activities in Wildwood, MO. Marks presentation provided useful insight as the Grant Camp becomes more involved with the Wildwood community relative to preservation of Civil War history. In addition, Department Commander Don Palmer installed the new Grant Camp officers for 2002. He also formally thanked the Camp officers who provided invaluable support to the Department in the year 2001.



Grant Camp Graves Registration Officer Mark Trout gives a presentation on historical preservation in Wildwood, MO at the Camp Christmas Dinner.



Missouri Department Commander Don Palmer, also a member of U.S. Grant Camp #68, installs Camp Commander John Avery for a second term as Commander.

Grant Camp Rings in the New Year with a Day of Fellowship

Seventeen Brothers and their families ushered in the New Year with a brunch at the home of Commander Avery and his wife on New Year's Day. One perspective member and his wife, as well as spouses and children of camp members joined in on the fun. "Peggie and I enjoyed having such a great group at our home", commented the Commander. "I know it is a lot to ask of future Commander's and their wives, but this is an event of fellowship that Peggie and I hope will continue".

Donation Made to Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee

The U.S. Grant Camp joined Posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in donating to a fund to help defray the cost of the Memorial Day program at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Since 1997, the U.S. Grant Camp has been participating in the Memorial Day parade at Jefferson Barracks. For the past two years, it has been an integral part of the program with inclusion of the Civil War-era hearse and an introductory address at the beginning of the ceremony. At the October 2001 Camp meeting, the camp voted to donate \$200 to the Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee fund to help with the cost of sponsoring this event. Since the Grant Camp has become an integral part of Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks, it was decided that it should help bear some of the burden in funding this impressive event. At the 12 January meeting of the Inter-Vets Committee, Commander John Avery presented a check to Committee Chairman Merle Adreon, also a member of the American Legion.



Grant Camp Commander John Avery presents donation to Merle Adreon, Chairman of the Inter-Veterans Memorial Day Committee, to help with finances to support Memorial Day activities at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Upcoming Events

New Location for February Camp Meeting

The U.S. Grant Camp will be holding their February meeting at Growler's Pub, 3811 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO. With general dissatisfaction with the meeting locations since the closure of Young's Restaurant, it was decided to pursue a location where food and beverages may be obtained. Illinois Department Commander Dan Hans will be our guest and will discuss some of the initiatives his Department is involved with. He will also discuss the planning for the 2002 National Encampment to be held in Springfield, IL. The meeting will commence at 7:00 pm; however, a number of Camp members plan on arriving early for a group dinner.

Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet to be Held on 23 February

Jefferson Barracks County Park will again this year be the site of the annual Swap Meet. It will be held on Saturday, February 23rd. U.S. Grant Camp will have an information table set up from 9am to

5pm. Commander Avery will be there all day and Jr.-Vice Commander Mark Trout will join him in the afternoon. If anyone else has the time and would like to come and spell them for a time, you are most welcome. This is an opportunity for us to again have a presence in the community. If you can be there please come dressed in uniform (if you have one) or wear navy blazer and tan slacks (if you have them) with your medals.

Wm. T. Sherman Camp #65 to Host Sherman Birthday Ceremonies at Calvary Cemetery

Wm. T. Sherman Camp #65 will be hosting the annual Sherman birthday observance on Saturday, 23 February at Calvary Cemetery in north St. Louis. For those interested in attending, the ceremony begins at 2:00 pm. The tribute to General Sherman will include a parade through the cemetery, featuring the SVR, re-enactment groups and civilians in period attire. The guest speaker will be Doug Niermeyer, Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief of MOLLUS. Afterwards, the Sherman Camp is hosting a dinner at Romine's Restaurant located on Riverview Dr. in north St. Louis County. Those interested in attending the dinner should contact PCC Paul Leistritz of the Sherman Camp at (314) 867-3692.

Special Meeting of the Department Scheduled for 16 March in Jefferson City

A special meeting of the Department of Missouri will be held on Saturday, 16 March at the State Capital building in Jefferson City, MO., commencing at 11:00 AM. Some of the items on the agenda for discussion include continued development of the Vision 2010 program, (Department financial plan, Department programs, committee

organization status) and the 2002 Department Encampment. All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

Annual Lincoln Death Day Observance Set for 15 April

Tuesday, 15 April 2002 will mark the 137th anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be hosting the 46th annual ceremony along with the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Lincoln Death Day Association, Inc. at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL, at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow the ceremony, with Professor Philip S. Paludan of the University of Illinois-Springfield, serving as the guest speaker. Professor Paludan is a noted Civil War scholar and historian. Reservations for the luncheon should be made by Wednesday, 20 March. The U.S. Grant Camp will be in attendance and will present a wreath during the ceremony. If you have any questions about this event, or would like to attend the ceremony and/or the luncheon, please contact Commander Avery at (636) 227-2643.

Announcements

2002 Camp Officers – Camp officers elected for 2002 are as follows:

- **Commander** – John Avery, PCC
- **Sr. Vice Commander** – Don Palmer, PCC
- **Jr. Vice Commander** – Mark Trout
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Mark Coplin
- **Camp Council** – Terry Cadenbach, Bob Petrovic, PDC and Walter Busch

Camp Dues – The 2002 dues for members of the U.S. Grant Camp will be \$28.00. If any member purchased a Loyalty Bond in 2001 to support fund raising for the 2001 National Encampment, please contact

Secretary/Treasurer Mark Coplin so that the \$20 can be credited to your 2002 dues payment. For those who redeem your Loyalty Bonds, you will only need to pay the difference of \$8. Please make checks payable to "U.S. Grant Camp #68".

Grant Camp to Provide Program at U.S. Grant National Historic Site – On Saturday, 02 November, members of the U.S. Grant Camp will present a program on the Grand Army of the Republic as part of the National Park Service Special Saturday Programs at the U.S. Grant NHS. Additional details will be provided as the date draws closer.

Chaplains Report

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Secretary/Treasurer Mark Coplin as his father recovers from a heart attack sustained in December. Brother Coplin reports that he is recovering well.
- Condolences are extended to the family of Junior Vice Commander Mark Trout after the death of his grandmother in January.

On this Date in History.....

January

- 01 – The last slave auction to be held at the courthouse in St. Louis is thwarted by a crowd of citizens (1861)
- 01 – President Abraham Lincoln signs Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
- 11 – Spectators at the St. Louis Courthouse offer loud applause after the state convention meeting at the Mercantile Library passes an ordinance of emancipation. Missouri, as a state loyal to the

Union, had not been included in Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier (1865)

16 - Major General Henry W. Halleck born (1815)

21 - General John C. Fremont born (1813)

26 - Maj. Gen. Halleck orders the officers and directors of the Mercantile Library Association and the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce to take an oath of allegiance to the United States or resign, thus identifying themselves as "disloyal". A week later, this order is extended to include the staff of the University of Missouri, the railroads, Federal civil servants and any merchant wishing to do business with the U.S. government. (1862)

February

01 - General Sherman begins Carolina Campaign (1865)

02 - Several companies of the 4th Missouri Volunteers, US, are disarmed in St. Louis and placed in confinement in Benton Barracks for mutinous behavior and disobedience of orders. (1862)

08 - General William T. Sherman born (1820)

09 - General John A. Logan born (1826)

09 - Jefferson Davis is elected President of the Confederate States of America (1861)

12 - President Abraham Lincoln born (1809)

13 - Abraham Lincoln is officially ejected President of the United States (1861).

14 - General Winfield S. Hancock born (1824)

16 - Battle of Fort Donelson, TN. Casualties are sent by steamer to Jefferson Barracks, beginning its role as a military hospital (1862).

March

04 - The Missouri state Constitutional Convention, meeting in the Mercantile Library Hall in St. Louis, votes against secession (1861).

04 - Abraham Lincoln inaugurated 16th President of the United States (1861)

04 - General John Buford born (1826)

06 - General Philip H. Sheridan born (1831)

07/08 - Battle of Pea Ridge in northwest Arkansas. Among the Confederates are Price, the Missouri State Guard, and several Missouri infantry and artillery units recently transferred from state to Confederate service (1862).

09 - Battle of USS Monitor and CSS Virginia (1862)

12 - General Ulysses S. Grant promoted to command of all Union forces (1864)

13 - Captain Nathaniel Lyon takes command of troops at the U.S. Arsenal in St. Louis (1861).

17 - Campaign to capture Mobile, AL begins (1865)

29 - Appomattox Campaign begins (1865)

CAMP QUARTERMASTER

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(Red, White or Royal Blue)
GAR or SUVCW Logo
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- 2XL, 3XL: \$43.00
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Remembrance*
1861-1865

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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Porcelain Coffee Mugs
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14" x 16" - Set of 3
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2" x 3" Plastic - Laser Engraved
Blue - Camp, Red - Department,
Gold - National
\$7.00

GAR Logo Banners
18" x 16.5"
(Red, Blue or Black Background
with Camp or Department Name)
\$65.00

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