

HARDSCRABBLE



Courtesy Cher Petrovic, Camp Photographer

L-R: Mark Coplin, Rod Price (McCormick Camp) Bob Amsler, Marty Aubuchon,
Walt Busch and Bob Petrovic

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From the Commander,

Greetings!

Another Department Encampment is behind us. I apologize for my absence but we are definitely in our busy season. We have had a guest every night from May 28th and right now the next day we do not have a guest is June 18th. It then starts over from there where the next day we do not have a guest is July 2nd. It depends on when our guests arrive and how they seem determines if I can get away. Here lately we have had guests who like to sit around and talk and we feel this is the atmosphere we would like to have. I am not complaining, I really am grateful to God for these opportunities. I just want to explain why there are times I cannot be there.

By now most of you should have received your Missouri Unionist Special Addition which will let you know what happened. I appreciate everyone from our Camp who was at the encampment and supported Bob Petrovic in his quest to become Department Commander.

Congratulations to the following members and their spouses of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 and awards given to them at the Department Encampment.

Robert Petrovic, Francis P. Blair Award for Outstanding Member

Cher Petrovic, G.A.R. Award for her work during the 2007 National Encampment

Kim Palmer, Show-Me Award for her work during the National Encampment

U.S. Grant Camp #68, James B. Eads Award for Outstanding Camp in Dept. of MO

Junior Vice Commander Marty Aubuchon is working hard to contact prospective members sent to him by our past Department Junior Vice Commander Brian Smarker of the West Port Camp.

I am still looking for information about your ancestor. Send it to me either at somewhere1@sbcglobal.net or send it to me at the following address.

Gary L. Scheel

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Thank You.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Scheel
Camp Commander



CIVIL WAR TRIVIA



MISSOURI CIVIL WAR OFFICERS WHO SERVED AS GOVERNOR

Answer the following questions if you can.

1. What year did Major General Sterling Price begin serving his term as Governor of Missouri?
 - A. 1854
 - B. 1853
 - C. 1855
 - C. 1852

2. What year did Colonel Thomas C. Fletcher begin serving his term as Governor of Missouri?
 - A. 1864
 - B. 1865
 - C. 1866
 - D. 1863

3. What year did Colonel Thomas T. Crittenden begin serving his term as Governor of Missouri?
 - A. 1883
 - B. 1884
 - C. 1881
 - D. 1882

Last Months Trivia Question:

Questions:

1. Of the following battles, which battle was fought first?
 - a. Wilson's Creek near Springfield, MO
 - b. Perryville near Perryville, KY
 - c. Shiloh, at Pittsburg Landing, TN
 - d. Battle of the Hemp Bales or Siege of Lexington, near Lexington, MO
2. True or False. The escape of the Union Army from Fort Davidson happened one month and one day before the escape of the Union Army from Spring Hill, TN under the command of General Schofield.
3. True or False. In the Antietam Campaign the total of men from both sides listed as killed was 4,808.
4. What two Regiments was the 1865 Radical Republican Governor of Missouri in command of during the Civil War?

Answer to last month's Trivia Question.

1. a.
2. True
3. True
4. 31st Missouri Infantry Regiment and the 47th Missouri Infantry Regiment.

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CAMP BUSINESS

Brothers,

I was unable to make the last meeting and have not received a report of what had gone on so I really do not know much about the last meeting. I do know that Junior Vice Commander took command of the meeting and did a good job.

In F, C & L,

Gary L. Scheel
Camp Commander



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7, 2008- Camp Meeting at Growlers Pub



BOYS IN BLUE

Captain Henry Souders
Company G, 34th Enrolled
Missouri Militia.



Only Known Photo of Cap Souders (owned by editor)

Company G, 34th Enrolled Missouri Militia was organized in Gasconade County, Missouri on 25 August 1862. They were ordered into active service 27 April 1863 and relieved from active service on 27 May 1863 by General Crawford.

Captain Souders is the great, great, great, great Grandfather of Gary L. Scheel who is now serving as commander of the Grant Camp. Captain Souders was born on 11 June 1832 in Indiana and died 13 Jan 1910 near Oak Hill, Missouri. His great Grandfather Jacob Sowder was a Revolutionary War soldier who served in the 4th Virginia Light Foot (Continental Line) and saw service at Valley Forge.

He was married in 1852 and had seven children. Some of the lines in Goodspeeds History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford & Gasconade Counties state, "Capt. Henry Souders, one of the most prominent citizens of Crawford County. Capt. Soudres is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has held the office of justice of the peace for sixteen consecutive years."

He is buried in the Gibson Cemetery in Jake's Prairie, Crawford County, Missouri.

There are stories that the old timers used to repeat that refer to him as a horse thief. They state that he used his position during the war in order to take advantage of claiming contraband from pro-Southern families. Whether this is true or not has never been proven. My Grandfather always referred to him as a mean man. But my Grandfather was six years old when "Cap" Souders died.



OUR ACTIVITIES



Some of our members, believe it or not, do not specifically limit their activities to just the Civil War. Our Junior Vice Commander, Marty Aubuchon is one such member.

His interests also include such areas as the French Colonial time. Some of his ancestors go back to the early beginnings of Ste. Genevieve, MO. In Ste.

Genevieve County and St. Francois County, there are few cemeteries that do not contain a distant relative of Brother Marty.

Marty and the rest of Corps of Discovery of Saint Charles, on June 6-8 were present in Jefferson City for the unveiling of the new statues to honor the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

Marty is also very active in the Civil War community as a re-enactor and our Camp. Marty is at almost all of the ceremonies that he can attend.



Another one of Marty's areas of expertise is dancing.

Yes the photo to the left is Marty dancing with the group that goes all over demonstrating how dances were performed during different era of times in our nations history. It would not surprise me if he belongs to a World War Two dance troupe that does the jitterbug.

One of my favorite events of Ste. Genevieve is the French Festival Days in June. Marty is pictured to the left dancing with a young

Mademoiselle at the Felix Valle House. As you can tell Marty loves to dance.





2nd Missouri Infantry



MEMORIAL DAY AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS NATIONAL CEMETERY

On May 26th those who wished to pay respects to those who gave so much for our country assembled at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Because of the rain the services were held inside. The usual march did not take place. Brother John Avery did not bring his hearse and the horse was not needed. In this photo you see Grant Camp member Walt Busch giving his speech at the monument of the Daughters of Union Veterans. The color guard was made up of left to right. 1st Lieutenant Bob Amsler, 2nd Lieutenant Marty Aubuchon (holding the American Flag) and 1st Sergeant Mark Coplin. It seems that there was so many things going on that weekend that many of us could not make it. I hope that next year we will see more of the 2nd Missouri present. It was our turn to be in charge of the ceremonies in the Civil War section and as Camp Commander I could not make it because of

Photo furnished by Cher Petrovic, Camp Photographer guests. I would like to thank, then Department Commander, Walt Busch for filling in for me. Thank you Walt for a job well done.

