

# *HARDSCRABBLE*



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From the Commander,

Greetings!

We had a fairly busy month last month as far as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment was concerned. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the booth that we had set up at the Swap Meet in the Grant Shelter at Jefferson Barracks on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are a few more pages on activities in this addition.

As you know that Mary and I run a Bed & Breakfast in Ste. Genevieve, MO and my hopes were that I would be able to make all of the meetings this year but I missed the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and I apologize for that. It was nasty weather but John H. Hollingsworth was there and gave a presentation on his book, "The Battle of Blackwell." From all reports it was very well received.

Brother John Avery could not be there because of the condition of his daughter who has cancer. She evidently has worsened so if you all would pray for John and his family I am sure he would appreciate it.

If you have not done so please send in your dues to continue to support our camp as a member. As of our last meeting we had nineteen out of our twenty-seven members send in their dues. Charles Amsler and Ronald Peasley have asked that their names be removed from our roll. We shall miss them.

Please remember that I am the editor of the Hardscrabble newsletter and I am still patiently waiting for you all to send me information on your ancestors to put in our section the Boys in Blue. Don't wait to send it in later but send it to me today. Send it to me either at [somewhere1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:somewhere1@sbcglobal.net) or send it to me at the following address.

Gary L. Scheel  
P.O. Box 87  
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670  
Thank You.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Scheel  
Camp Commander



# CIVIL WAR TRIVIA



Where was General Grant Born and the Date of his birth?

Last issue the editor ed the U.S. Grant Camp #68. Editor 1 Grant Camp 1



Answer to last month's Trivia Question. No answers were received.

What is the name of General Grant's horse in this photo?

- A. Cleveland
- B. Cincinnati** (Correct answer)
- C. Chickamauga
- D. Chattanooga
- E. Canaan



# CAMP BUSINESS

Brothers,

There is not much to report from the last meeting. Because of the weather many of our members were unable to attend. The business part of the meeting was very short with the speaker having most of the time. April 7<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting with Brother David Busch giving a presentation on "Haunted Civil War Sites in St. Louis.



## RE-UP 2008

Your membership dues for the U. S. Grant Camp #68 are due. Please send your check or money order for \$35.00 or \$38 if you wish to pay SVR dues to our Secretary/Treasurer:

Mark Coplin,  
4856 Hursley Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63128

On 5 November 2007 we as a Camp voted to pay everyone's Sons of Veteran Reserve dues. The SVR dues are \$3 a year. Help us save money for a flag for our SVR Unit by sending in your \$3 with your Membership donation.

In order to be a member of our SVR Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry you need to send in an application.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 15 thru April 15

April 7, 2008 Camp Meeting at Growlers Pub

April 12, 2008 Lincoln Death Day Celebration in Springfield  
Illinois.

April 13, 2008 Ceremony at a Civil War Veteran Grave at 2 p.m  
St. Anne  
Catholic Church, French Village, MO



# BOYS IN BLUE

Brother Ken Roberts sent in the following information on his ancestors.

## Harrison Murdick, Great Uncle

Uncle to Charles Leroy Murdick my mother's father

Private, 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Missouri Cavalry

b. Richwoods, Washington County, Missouri, 1846

d. Baton Rouge, LA, Military Hospital, 1864

Sarah Mercille Murdick, Mother, Received Survivor's Pension

Buried in Nat'l Cemetery in Baton Rouge

## George Whitfield McAtee, Great Grandfather

Father to Grandmother Melvina McAtee

Private, 89<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry and the 147<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry

b. McCoupin County, Illinois, 1847

d. Richwoods, Washington County, Missouri, 1923

Received Pension for Service

Buried Horine Methodist Cemetery, Richwoods, Missouri

## Ezra Baxter McAtee, Great Uncle

Brother to George McAtee

Corporal, Company F, 32<sup>nd</sup> Regular Missouri Infantry

b. 27 September, 1838, Carlinville, Illinois, McCoupin County, Illinois

d. 11 February, 1931, Waggoner, Montgomery County, Illinois

Buried, Raymond Cemetery, Raymond, Montgomery County, Illinois

## George Washington Rowe, Great Grandfather

Grandfather to Melvina McAtee

Private, Company F, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry

Company K, 35<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry

b. 1 July, 1831, Lisbon, Lincoln County, Maine    d. Soon after the war.

Widow, Martha Ann Puckett Rowe's children received Dependent's Pension

Buried in Fourche a Renault Cemetery, Washington County, Missouri

## Stephen Canterbury, Great-Great Grandfather

Grandfather to Susan Ellen Smith Roberts

St. Francois Township, Wayne County, Missouri

Corporal, 68<sup>th</sup> Missouri Enrolled Regiment

b. 1822, Mason County, Virginia, now West Virginia

Killed in Action, September 23, 1864, Black River, Wayne County, Missouri

Buried Unknown

Widow, Susanna Choat Canterbury, received Widow's Pension

## William Roberts, Great Grandfather

Grandfather to Lorenzo Roberts

Listed in the 1890 Special Census of Veterans

Private, Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Infantry

b. abt 1825, Wales, UK    d. ?

Mahulda Roberts received Widows Pension in Neely Township, Butler County Missouri



# OUR ACTIVITIES

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment

On February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. members of our SVR unit practiced at Jefferson Barracks Visitors Center conference room. In attendance for this

meeting were:

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Robert Amsler, Jr.,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Marty Aubuchon,  
Sergeant Chris Warren, Private John Avery, Private Walt Busch, Private Ray Price, Private Andy Warren and Private Gary Scheel. Instruction was given in the elementary school of the soldier. In the photo Shoulder Arms is being executed.



In the photo to the left, finally tired of marching and drilling the Privates decided to take matters into their own hands. Seeing they were outnumbered NCO Chris Warren and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Amsler, though putting up a brave front, concluded that the Privates were right and gave in. Our best guess is that 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Aubuchon ran for reinforcements.

Photo's are Courtesy of Cher Petrovic  
Official Camp Photographer

SWAP MEET on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> the Grant Camp had a table to try recruit new members. Some of our members were there the entire day and others dropped in and visited and worked behind the tables also. We distributed information about our camp and answered questions. A couple of membership packets were handed out. The following members were present at one time or the other at the Swap Meet. Marty Aubuchon, John Avery, Walt Busch, Jim Hubbard (working primarily with the Price Camp), Bob Petrovic, Gary Scheel and Chris Warren



Photo L to R: Walt Busch, Gary Scheel & John Avery



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment First Official Function



L-R: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Mark Coplin, Pvt Gary Scheel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Marty Aubuchon, Sgt. Chris Warren, Pvt Walt Busch, Pvt Jim Hubbard, Pvt John Avery and 1t Lt. Robert Amsler Jr.

February 24<sup>th</sup>, members of Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment assembled at Cavalry Cemetery in St. Louis to join with their Brothers in the annual Sherman Birthday Ceremony at the grave site of General William T. Sherman and his family. Assembly was 1:15 p.m. at the entrance of the cemetery with the parade to the gravesite starting at 1:45. The ceremony took place at the grave site with Brother Charles Funck of the Sherman Camp giving a presentation of the day that General Sherman's body was laid to rest.

Three members of our unit were in the color guard along with Corporal Ed Eller of the Sherman Camp.

We did our unit and our camp proud that day and for our first activity as a unit eight members were there which was noted.

