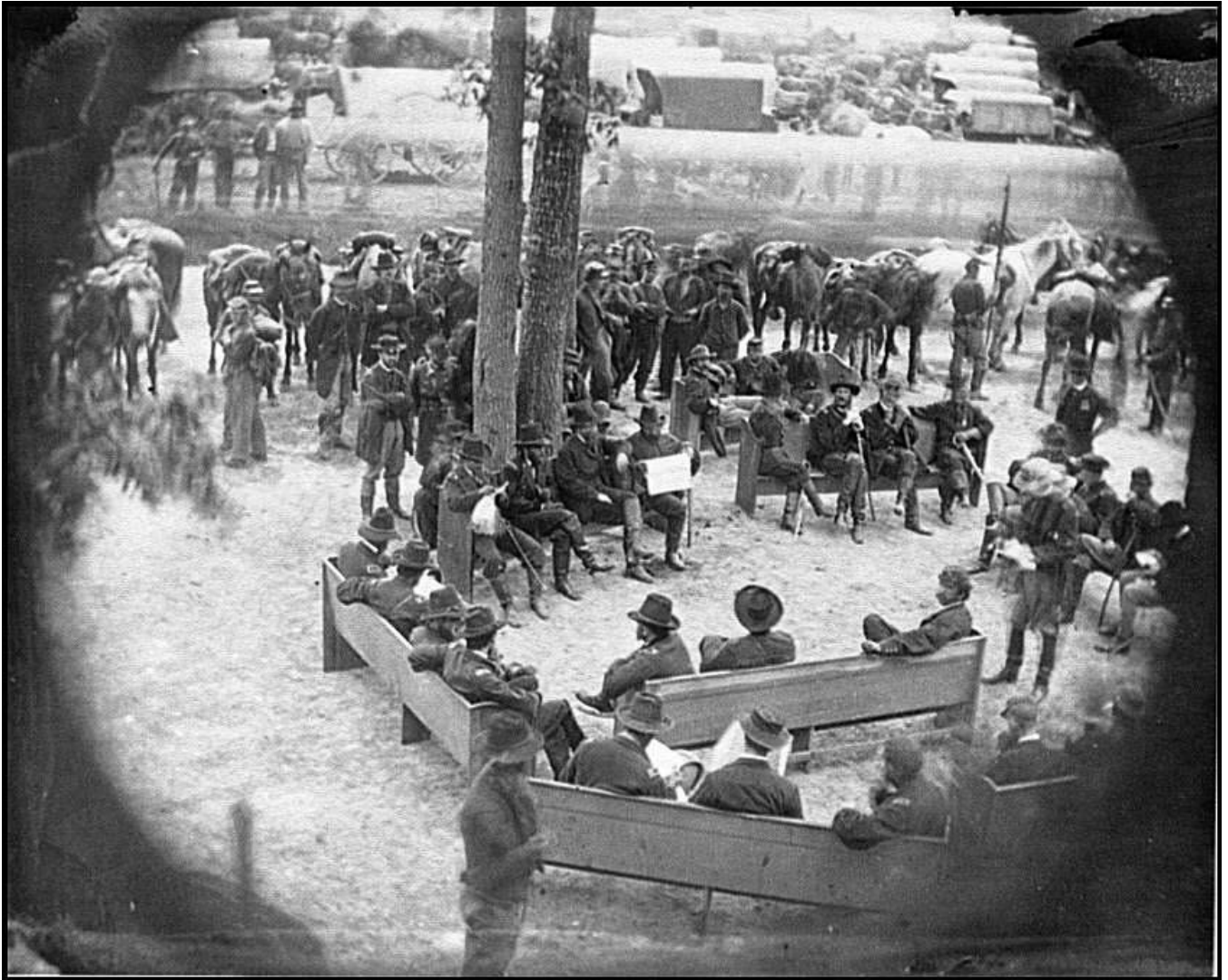


# HARDSCRABBLE



Courtesy of Library of Congress: Washington, D.C. Photo taken at Masaponay Church, VA.  
Editorial Note: You don't think they are using the pews from the church do you?

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF U.S. GRANT CAMP #68 DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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From the Commander,

Greetings!

It has been a good month. All of our paper work has been completed and turned in on time to the Department. We have twenty-five members who are still with us and as of 5 May 2008 we have a new member who has turned in his paper work.

There is a great opportunity to honor our ancestors on Memorial Day. The main Memorial Day activity for our camp is at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment S.V.R will be participating. If you are in the area drop by and if you are not in the area make an effort to be a part of it. You will not be disappointed. It is a celebration that has many veterans from various wars in the parade as well as Civil War descendents participating. It starts at 10 a.m.

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.

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Thank You.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Scheel  
Camp Commander

## CAMP BUSINESS

Brothers,

Greetings. We had a very good meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Because of Cinco de Mayo we decided to have our meeting at Camp Callendar at Jefferson Barracks. There were seven members present. We had a short business meeting with some input from the local mosquitoes.

The Department of Missouri will be having their annual meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn on Butler Hill Rd. in St. Louis. If you plan on attending and voting you need to get your credentials card from Brother Mark Coplin.

We voted at this meeting in the event Brother John Avery would not be able to participate along with his hearse, in the Memorial Day Celebration at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on May 26<sup>th</sup> that we would give \$150.00 of the money ear marked for the expense of the horse, he would have received, to the Vets organization in charge of the Memorial Day Celebration.

Brother John & Peggy Avery were in Texas again with their daughter who is suffering from cancer and its treatments. Brother John solicits your prayers and thoughts during this time.

In F, C & L,  
Gary L. Scheel



# CIVIL WAR TRIVIA



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?

Last Months Trivia Question:

Both of these houses are in Galena, Illinois and were residences of General Grant and his family. But they only lived in one of them. Which photo of these two houses is the one they lived in?

Answer to last month's Trivia Question.

General Grant and his family rented this house for \$100 a year. The other house was built by the town of Galena, IL in hopes that General Grant would move there after his presidency. He did not.

No member of the Grant Camp sent in the right response.



Photo 1

U.S. Grant Camp #68, 2, Editor, 2





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>

**May 15<sup>th</sup> - All Grave Registrations Due**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Missouri History Museum program on the Exhibit of Lee and Grant at the Grand Hall on Skinker and DeBaliviere in Forest Park at 12 noon.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration Ceremony for the Battle of Fort San Carlos at the Missouri History Museum in the Grand Hall at 2 p.m.**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery at 10 a.m.**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Camp Meeting at Grolier’s Pub 7 p.m.**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Department of Missouri Annual Encampment**

# BOYS IN BLUE

FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORD  
UNION, MISSOURI     JUNE 8, 1876

MEMORIAL DAY  
ST. LOUIS, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 1876

Friend Record: Yesterday being the day consecrated to our fallen braves we thought some account of our visit to the National Cemetery, would not be uninteresting to your Franklin County Readers, who are liked to this one of "God's Acres" by many a tender tie. The day was all that could be asked for and as we steamed down the river on the "City of Alton" and saw the banks on either side covered with living green, while nestling among this verdure were the homes of our retired capitalists, we thought a fairer brighter scene could scarcely be conjured up by a magician's wand. The ride of 16 miles quickly came to an end, beguiled by the enlivening strains of the band on board, and at 2:30 o'clock we drew up to the wharf at the Barracks.

The grounds here rise abruptly from the river, so the Arsenal and Officers Quarters have a fine commanding position. The road ways were nicely graded and every thing was beautifully neat and clean. As we entered the grounds the soldiers were firing a salute, and the rapidity of their movements was quite astonishing to inexperienced eyes. As we passed around the large well shaded grounds, we saw cannon balls of all sizes arranged in pyramids. Shot and shell piled up on every side while cannon and small field pieces were found every where. One large square was surrounded by cannon of the same size, arranged so as to produce a most fine effect.

But we soon left all this behind us and entered the National Cemetery. The ground is rolling and well shaded by fine old forest trees. The walks and drives are broad and arranged so as to divide the ground into squares, and at each one a board informs us from what State the fallen warriors came. But even that was not enough for one large division was marked by that sad word "Unknown." Poor fellows! It is well the "All Wise Father," has no unknown, in his great record above but with tender pity marks each resting place. Thousands of people were surging up and down the broad walks, each looking for some loved one who was in his dreamless sleep.

We sought the graves of Missouri's sons, and paused long beside our fallen comrades of the 47 Reg. Mo. Vol. As we laid our floral tribute on their graves, we brought to mind the many scenes we had passed through together; on the weary march, beside the camp fire, and where shot and shell fell thick and fast. Let me mention some of them. George R. Philips of Com. D. 47<sup>th</sup>, Mo. Vol. lays in section 45, grave No. 155, died April 21<sup>st</sup> 1865. Wm. Gilly Co. D, 47<sup>th</sup> Mo. Vol. grave in section 45 No. 109, died April 8<sup>th</sup> 1865. Wm. Bullock, Co. F, 26<sup>th</sup> Mo. Vol. grave in section 31, No. 134, died Nov. 17, 1865. But we would weary you dead we name them all.

By another year the military authorities hope to have stones, to mark the resting place of their dead, which will be quite an improvement on the narrow boards that now head their graves. So absorbed had we become going from one low mound to another that before we were aware the (3 Or 5 ink spot hides top of number) signal whistle from the boat rang out on the still air, warning us to quicken our footsteps and leave the "silent city" for one of noise and bustle. The twilight was deepening when we mingled again with the crowds upon the streets and we felt that it had been good for us to pause in the eager battle of life and learn a lesson from those who now rest so calmly.

"On fames eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread  
And glory in her solemn sound  
Guards the bivouac of our dead.

J.C.H.

Submitted by the Editor: This was probably the best way to express Memorial Day that I could think of.

Editorial Note: Also note the date of the article. 17 days before General Custer and the battalion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry would be killed.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry at Drill.  
Practice makes perfect.

Repetition is the best instruction.

Looks ain't everything.

If you missed our last Camp meeting, we took time out of our meeting for the opportunity to perfect our methods of drill.

If you read the sayings above and you look at the pictures below you can tell that we are not at the point of perfection.



← 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Marty Aubuchon (using his hands to talk) trying to explain to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bob Amsler that “Yes he was pretty sure that at the start of the Civil War that everyone looked like we do.”

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Mark Coplin (one with the shiny → head) tells Private Walt Busch that “I think you stabbed one of my mosquitoes with your bayonet.”



← Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Infantry performing “Right Shoulder Shift, Arms” And just for the record. Private Walt Busch is in authentic reproduction Civil War, Tropical Dress Uniform. (The guy in the middle with the rifle)