

# HARDSCRABBLE



Walt Busch (Chaplain)



2nd Lt. Marty Aubuchon with back to you

Private William J. Jackson, Co. H, 47<sup>th</sup> MO Inf. Grave site

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Turner Brigade Firing Honors







# OUR ACTIVITIES

If you have not guessed already this edition will contain information about the ceremony at the grave site of Private William J. Jackson of Company H, 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment. The following photo's are furnished by Junior Vice Commander Marty Aubuchon and Past Department Commander Walt Busch.



On a beautiful weekend in October the reenactment of the Battle of Huzzah took place. On Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> members of the reenacting community participated with us in paying long due respects and honors to one who gave his all for his country. He was severely wounded being shot in the lung. After the Confederate forces had left the Carr family took him to the log church and did their best to treat him of his wounds. Their gallant effort was to no avail. He died of his wounds five days later. The family took him to where he now lays and marked his grave with a field stone. For one

(2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Marty Aubuchon (holding paper) and others during firing of honors. Note Confederate reenactors saluting at this site unknown to all and only marked by a field stone. He now is known and his grave is properly marked so all who pass by may know who this hero was.

As in all ceremonies, there is a lot of work that has happen before the day of the ceremony. On March 17, 2008 Walt Busch organized following and mapping the route (covered in an earlier Hardscrabble) this led to getting permission from Corey Cottrell to proceed with ordering a grave marker and allowing us to place it at his grave. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Chris Warfel and Gary L. Scheel, both of the



Grant Camp, along with John Spruyt and Doug Ledbetter, class-mates of Chris, prepared the grave site and place the (L-R; Gary Scheel & Chris Warfel) grave marker along with the dedication marker. We are grateful beyond words in our appreciation to Bob & Karen Cottrell for giving us permission to come on their property and perform this act of honor. They and those who owned the property before them have preserved his gravesite. So many graves have been lost that it is a rare occurrence that a grave site is preserved with such respect.

← L-R; Chris Warfel, Doug Ledbetter & John Spruyt.



# Congradulations! Commander Walter E. Busch



They are left to right: Jack Shaw, Graig Sundell, Alan Russ, Joyce Russ, Walt Busch, Roy Lafferty, Bob Petrovic, Barbara Knopke (LGAR National President), Jim Knopke, LeeAnn Teller, Don Palmer, Alan Teller, Cody Shaw, an Barbara Stone. Departments of Missouri, Kansas, and Indiana were represented.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at least fifteen members of the Central Region Allied Order of the Grand Army of the Republic met in the St. Louis area. At this meeting our own Walter E. Busch was elected to the position of Commander of this organization.

Walt, as he allows us humble members of the Grant Camp to call him, has taken on this responsibility with the same enthusiasm and getting the job done attitude as he has done with everything he has undertaken. It was a busy week for Brother Walt as he served as chaplain at the ceremony for Private Jackson the next day.

We wish you the best in your term as Commander of the Central Region.







Camp Commander Gary L. Scheel portraying Lt. Colonel Joseph Felix St. James.

Every year the Foundation for Restoration in Ste. Genevieve has what is called the Deje Vue Spirit Reunion at the Memorial Cemetery. Some of the founding families of Ste. Genevieve are buried there. Along with approximately fifty Indians, priests, veteran of the American Revolution, a State Senator and others (which includes some of Marty Aubuchon family). The cemetery has around five thousand graves and probably only two hundred markers remain. Every year the Foundation has this Spirit Reunion and people come to see it. Bob Schultz of the McCormick Camp was there also. He was dressed as a Civil War soldier and represented Private Amos Culver of the 47<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry who is buried there.



## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Camp Meeting at Growler's

November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day

December 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner and Change of Command

This is our December Meeting.

It will be held at the Lemp Mansion.

Assembly is at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: ordered from the menu

Entrée's are from \$17 to \$27

Change of command will take place while we are waiting for our meals.

Tour of Lemp Mansion will be after dinner