

HARDSCRABBLE



Photo is supposedly of the 18th Missouri Infantry Regiment. They fought at the Battle of Shiloh, TN.

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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From the Commander,

Greetings!

Well we have a busy week ahead of us. As you all know that on Sunday October 5th at 11 a.m. we will fulfill one of the responsibilities that was given us by the Grand Army of the Republic. We as a camp have identified and properly marked the grave site of an unknown Union Soldier. To me this is what it is all about. Because of my absence Junior Vice Commander Marty Aubuchon will be in charge of the ceremony. I want to thank him for all his hard work.

As most of you know Walt and David Busch's cousin has passed away and the funeral will be on Wednesday October 1st. If you can make it your help will be appreciated. We will meet at Huzzah Valley Resort and Campground outside of Steelville on Hwy 8 at 11:30 a.m. I will not be able to make it any earlier because I am going to go watch the 9th Missouri Sharpshooters (CSA) start their three day march from Webster (Palmer), Missouri. They will arrive at the reenactment site on Friday night.

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

P.O. Box 87

Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

Thank You.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Scheel
Camp Commander



CIVIL WAR TRIVIA



This Month is General Grant Trivia.

1. When did U.S. Grant trim his beard and for a short time permit it to grow full length?
2. What future Confederate General loaned travel money to U.S. Grant when Grant resigned from the U.S. Army in California?
3. What friend and former comrade in arms of U.S. Grant was forced to accept his terms of unconditional surrender at Fort Donelson?
4. When the Civil War began, what future general tried to answer the call for volunteers but was rejected?

CAMP BUSINESS

Brothers,

A special Thank You is given to Senior Vice Commander David Busch. He was gracious enough to replace me as I could not attend the meeting because of the late arrival of our guest at our B&B.

At our next meeting we will receive nominations for next years Camp Officers. My opinion is if you do not want a job, you better show up.

I will not be seeking a second term if so nominated. I am at present trying to find out the possibility of beginning a SUV Camp in Ste. Genevieve, MO. I am hoping to start it from men in the local community. If this does happen then I will be transferring from the Grant Camp to the new camp. There is no way that I can possibly take on a job at the camp level.

Seriously consider becoming more active in our camp by making yourself available to the opportunities to serve the camp as an officer. Elections will be at the camp meeting in November with a change of command at the December Christmas Party.

In F, C & L,

Gary L. Scheel

Camp Commander





2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1st – Setting of Private William J. Jackson grave marker at Huzzah Valley Resort 11:30 a.m.

October 3rd & 4th – Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Regional Meeting in St. Louis

**October 5th – Graveside Ceremony at Huzzah Valley Resort for Private William J. Jackson, Company H, 47th Missouri Infantry Killed at the Battle of Huzzah Valley 29 Sept 1864
Ceremony begins at 11 a.m. sharp Assembly is at 10 a.m.**

**October 6th – Camp Meeting at Growler's Pub
Nomination of next years Officers**

Editorial Note: I will continue to do the Hardscrabble as long as I am a member of the Camp. As soon as the one down here starts a new editor will need to be found. I hope that someone will think seriously about it. I am in hopes and plan on having the camp going by the first of the year.



BOYS IN BLUE

135

39 Reg't Inf. Vols.

Name *Rendlen, Charles E.* Age

Rank *Opt.* Co. *14*

Captain *Sheiss*

Enlisted *Aug. 15, 64.*

Where *Hannibal Mo.*

Mustered in *Sept. 8, 64.*

Where *Hannibal Mo.*

Remarks *Killed Sept. 27, 64.*
at Centralia Mo.

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Mustered out

Where

Form No. 241, A. G. O., 4-8-10-15 M.

On August 27, 2008, Mr. Arthur Rendlen a great Grandson of Private Charles E. Rendlen as spelled by the State of Missouri stayed at our Bed & Breakfast. He stated that a few years ago he found out where his ancestor was buried at the National Cemetery in Jefferson City. He stated that when he approached the monument that had the names of all those who were killed at Centralia that he could feel his hair stand on end. He also stated that he heard a voice say that it was about time that someone from the family came to see where he lay. Mr. Rendlen told me that he does not believe in the paranormal activities but knows without a doubt that he heard his ancestor say this. Mr. Rendlen is a World War Two veteran having served in the 11th Armored Division. He was in the 63rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 11th Armor Division, 3rd Army. His one statement was, "I crawled across Europe. They made us ride on the tanks until the Germans opened up on them with their 88's and then we had to jump off. We lost a lot of men because when we jumped off the tanks went crazy and drove over us." He also stated that, "once Germany had surrendered we (the 63rd) was ordered to refit to invade Japan. The tanks and their crews were not going to be sent. I had always been a Republican until President Truman dropped the bombs on the japs. He saved my life."



OUR ACTIVITIES

Major Barnabus B. King

On September 20th, 2008 Brother Walt Busch represented our Camp at the resetting of a grave marker for Major Barnabus B. King. Leaving home at 3:30 a.m. or 0:dark 30, Walt cheerfully made his way to the Zahn Cemetery, Marion Street in Canton, Missouri. The restoration work was an all day job with some help from the Canton Area Boy Scouts, Louis Zahn (property owner) and members of the Colonel David Moore Camp # 70 the work was completed. Mr. Zahn donated a backhoe in ordered to help with the lifting of the obelisk that was laying on the ground. In the photo on the right you will notice the obelisk being gently lifted by the backhoe and one of the members of the volunteers



guides it. One of the boy scouts standing in the bucket as he puts one of the final touches to the monument. And finally the honor that the volunteers wished to pay Major B. B. King by having his monument returned to its original site. A job well done. Brother Busch our Camp salutes your dedication.

