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## Commander' Corner

Well summer is coming to a close and fall is upon us. It just seems like yesterday we were marching at Jefferson Barracks honoring those that have fallen. We have had our last two meetings at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and have completed two of our four sections. Gary Scheel has the totals but I feel we have recorded to date over 300 graves at JB. We have two more section to tackle later in the fall. Meetings for the camp will resume this September at Growlers on S. Lindbergh at 7:00. We need members to attend. I like to visit with Brother Bob and John - but we can't get much done without a quorum. I am currently in the process of making plans for our Christmas Dinner. It will be the first Saturday in December to allow for the holidays. I will pass on information as it becomes available. I along with a few other Grant Camp members will be attending the National Encampment in Iowa - coming up in the middle of the month. I look forward to seeing you this September.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Mark Coplin Commander

U..S. Grant Camp #68

## Bethel - Wildwood Days

### October 16th

Once again we are going to be out for Wildwood Days at Bethel Church. The event will be held on October 16th. I have been in contact with other groups (Asboth, Price and the 11th Mississippi) to get uniformed participants to the event. This year we will keep it simple and be offering a living history area. I have been in touch with Brother Trout and Brother Hubbard who have agreed to letting us use the Missouri Civil War Museum's Tents. I have asked Brother Petrovic if we could obtain some hay bales for the event as well. If you are able to attend for the entire day or just a few hours please let me know. (314)963-9972

This is a U.S. Grant Camp event.

## Nominations

Members of Grant Camp please be thinking about nominations for Camp Officers for 2005. We will need to have them for a vote in November - which is a few months away. I will not be seeking a third term as Camp Commander or any office of the camp. Between my wife Norma, my duties to the Scouts (my children), my Lord (Youth Group), and that of Department Secretary Treasurer of Missouri, my plate is full and something has to give. Thank you for two years of leading you all.

Welcome to our Newest Member

Charles "Chuck" Amsler

## 2004 Francis P. Blair Award Winner

### Gary Scheel

It gave me great pride in nominating Gary Scheel for the Blair Award. This award is for Most Outstanding Department Member. The following is a small sample of what I submitted to the Awards Committee.

"His roll as Grave Registration Officer has proven to be the greatest asset for the department. Gary has personally recorded on 200 graves sites here in Missouri. Earlier this year Gary was contacted by a lady from California looking for an ancestor that fought in the Civil War and was to have been interned at Jefferson Barracks. She reported that she had contacted the National Cemetery and was told that no one by the name she was searching for was buried at the cemetery. Rather than giving up hope, Gary personally went to the cemetery and looked through their records to find that the soldier's name on the tombstone was misspelled. He was able to use the information from talking with the family member in California to determine that the person buried at JB was indeed her ancestor. Gary then went above and beyond looking into having the tombstone corrected or replaced." (The Lady in California was so impressed with Gary's help she contacted Commander in Chief Armstrong) Gary was approached by members of Palmer, MO in regards to a cemetery with Union soldiers buried there being threatened by off road trails. Gary presents Civil War history to local schools in the community. He located seven GAR Posts in the St. Louis area. He has published a book this year - "67 Miles in 39 Hours" - documenting the Union retreat from Pilot Knob, MO. He is a member of the Missouri Civil War Museum. He is a member of the camp's Sons of Veterans Reserve Unit the 1st Missouri Volunteers. "Gary is a very humble brother of our order and is the embodiment of what a brother of the SUVCW should strive to be like."

**Congratulations Gary on a job well done. It is an honor to serve with you. U.S. Grant Camp #68**

### Pilot Knob

The reenactment at Pilot Knob is set for September 25-26. If anyone is able to attend let me know. I have talked with Walt and he is will to help get us a table if we would like to have one to recruit. We did not have much Union interest last time. We could also do living history around the museum.

### U.S. Grant Historic Site

Big changes are in the works at Whitehaven. A new administration building is being built where the parking lot use to be. The building will house administration, a museum and meeting rooms. The barn that is currently being used as the information area is going to be moved about 50 yards away from its current location to make room for parking. I have visited the site and have offered our services at the dedication ceremony some time early next year. The administrator is to contact me when the date is scheduled. We will most likely be there as a color guard unit.

### Thanks to

### Dr. Donald Palmer - PDC

For the past three years our Camp Brother Don Palmer has been controlling the reigns of our department. Through his efforts and wisdom the department has made many positive changes for the future. As a camp we thank you Don for all your hard work. We also need to take time and thank Kim Palmer for her devotion to the Son's and for allowing Don to have the time to travel the state and be at SUVCW functions while she stayed behind to see that the children and home were cared for. During all this time as Commander Don also completed his PhD. Thanks again Don and Congratulations on completing your PhD.

# La Grange, Missouri Needs Our Help

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Brother Petrovic has been contacted by Commander in Chief Armstrong about the request of a Mrs. Livingston from La Grange, Missouri. She is requesting our help in restoring and cleaning a cemetery in the town. It is reported that there are several Union soldiers buried in the cemetery as well as Civil War Monuments that need repair. Details are still needed but it sounds like something we need to respond to. The town is north of Hannibal ( About 2.5 hours from St. Louis). The hope is for us to go in and assist the town in cleaning the site with plans on having a Memorial Day Celebration there next year. The town is behind the efforts. I have asked Bob to contact our brothers in Illinois and Iowa to see if we can combine forces and show what we can do together. I have also asked him to contact Mrs. Livingston in La Grange to get a feel for the scope of the situation. On the way back from Iowa Gary and I will stop by the site to survey the needs of the project. As always further details to follow.

## Gary is At It Again - Ink Cemetery

Gary has just contacted me about a cemetery project out in The Legends - Eureka. According to Brother Scheel - Brother Trout has contacted him in regards to the potential need for our help out at Ink Cemetery. Since then Gary has done a site visit to determine if this project is one that the Grant Camp should pursue. Gary has emailed me with information about some of those buried there and it sounds like something needs to be done. He is currently talking with the Legends management and the City of Eureka to determine if we are able to proceed. This should be an exciting fall and spring as long as Gary is out there doing it again.

### CAMP QUARTERMASTER

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#### POLO SHIRTS - Red- White - Blue

S, M, L, XL	\$40.00
2XL, 3XL	\$43.00
4XL	\$48.00

#### DENIM SHIRTS -SHORT/LONG SLV.

S, M, L, XL	\$45.00
2XL	\$49.00
3XL	\$53.00

#### SWEAT SHIRTS - Red - White - Blue

S, M, L, XL	\$32.00
2XL, 3XL	\$35.00
4XL	\$40.00

#### SATIN JACKETS - BLACK OR BLUE

S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$95.00 FLANNEL
	\$98.00 QUILTED
3XL, 4XL, 5XL	\$99.00 FLANNEL
	\$103.00 QUILTED

#### ADDRESS LABELS - 90 COUNT

SUV - GAR LOGOS \$4.00

#### NAME BADGES - LASER ENGR.

2 X 3 PLASTIC Blue - Camp Red - Depart.

Gold - National

\$5.00 for Camp Members

#### COFFEE MUGS - SUVCW

\$15.00

#### STATION BANNERS

14X16 - SET OF 3

WITH FRINGE - \$110.00

WITHOUT FRINGE - \$80.00

**Contact Gary Scheel to Order Items (636)**

**257-5247**