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Commander' Corner

To all brother of U.S. Grant Camp #68 - Thank you for the opportunity to be your camp commander. For those of you who do not know me, I've been a member for four years and am the director of Fort Davidson State Historic Site in Iron County. I also am on the board and a past president of the St. Louis Civil War Round Table. In my duties, I find it exciting that people are interested in the Civil War and history in general.

It won't be too long until the 150th anniversary of the Civil War is upon us. A lot of media coverage will be generated over the next several years and particularly in 2010 through 2015. As an organization, now is the time to grow, work on projects, and prepare for the anniversary. We must work harder to insure that the efforts of our forefathers are remembered and hopefully instill in future generations the duty to preserve the Union, a love of America, and a halting of any cause that would cause harm to our great nation.

Over the next several months, your camp will be engaging in cemetery clean-ups, Memorial Day services, a rededication of a Union-Confederate monument, and many other activities. As members I urge you to attend, help, and put your two cents worth in on projects you'd like to see. I know that coming to business meetings can be boring if there is no entertainment. I will try to get some (just how many times do people want to see a video about Pilot Knob?) But we are chiefly there for the business and should be mindful that our business is honorable. On Sundays, I go to church to learn God's message not to be entertained. We need to come to meetings expecting to carry on the honorable work of our forefathers and if we happen to be entertained in the process, so much the better. I hope to see you all at future meetings. The food is good. The business important. The fellowship inviting.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Walt Busch - Commander

U.S. Grant Camp #68

Saying Good-Bye to Two Grant Camp Members

On December 24, 2004 - we said good-bye to Brother Robert Amsler Sr. - he was a member of the camp for ten years. Brother Amsler was a Veteran of the Korean War and father to camp member Robert Amsler Jr. -PCC. Even though we had not seen Brother Amsler for several years because of health concerns - he still remained part of our camp. At our meeting in January it was voted on to have sweaters donated each year to the Missouri Veterans Home in Brother Amsler's name. The camp sent a donation to the Missouri Veterans Home.

Brother Michael Raybourn was taken from us unexpectedly on January 14, 2005. Brother Raybourn was a Charter Member of U.S. Grant Camp. He left the camp a few years ago because of his carpentry business and reenactment activities. He was recently featured in the Post - Dispatch for his work on reproducing Civil War period weaponry and clothing. Brother Raybourn will be missed by all who knew him. He was interned in Arkansas at the family cemetery.

GRAVE REGISTRATION

It is one of the goals of the National Department of the Sons of Union Veterans that we register the graves of Civil War Soldiers within our State. A blank form can be obtained from the Sons of Union Veterans web site. The information should be filled out on the form as completely as possible.

The most important information that should be included on the form is as follows:

Veteran's Name, date of birth and death.

Regimental number, State he served with, Branch of service, Company and rank.

Cemetery Name, address of cemetery, including city and state.

Military tombstone or family monument and shape of tombstone.

Your name and address and date you saw tombstone.

I feel that it is important that you actually see the tombstone. Most of the information you find will be available to be verified on the internet. If you find just the date of birth and death and it looks like he could have served in the Civil War by being born before 1849 you can write that down and then check the National Park Service web site "Civil War Soldiers and Sailor's" and check to see if he is there. Missouri also now has on the Secretary of States web site records of men who served in Missouri in the Wars from 1812 through WWI. Just remember that if it is a common name such as John Smith, Bill White or Charles Brown realize that there could be as many as 1,000 soldiers with this common name on these web sites. I usually don't right these names down.

I do not like to guess. I would rather give the right veteran credit for serving than just to enter a name.

Military tombstones that are in cemeteries that date to Civil War Soldiers have a shield with normally their name, rank, company and regiment placed inside the shield. This shield was used for tombstones prior to soldiers who served in the military to 1900. An exception to this is that a flat tombstone on the ground will generally not have a shield on it just the words Civil War.

You can tell the age of a military tombstone by its size. As you are looking at it facing the name, there are tombstones that are narrow and shorter than the modern ones. The wider and taller they are they are more modern. Remember if you are doing a National Cemetery that a soldier who died in 1870 on active duty will have a shield. Usually if you do not see a listing of his Regiment and State and Branch of Service it may be after the Civil War. Spanish American War veterans will have the shield and same thing on it as a Civil War Soldier but it will usually have Spanish American War or S.A.W. on it.

If you live out of State and do not have an active SUV camp in your area the policy is that you can record soldiers who served in Missouri Regiments and are buried in States other than Missouri. If you have any questions or would like to send me information please e-mail me at GARYMARYSCHEEL@aol.com or Gary L. Scheel, P.O. Box 312, Pacific, MO 63069.



**Dues for 2005 are due - Please send check for \$35.00
to Gary Scheel - U.S. Grant Camp #68 P.O. Box 312
Pacific, MO 63069.**

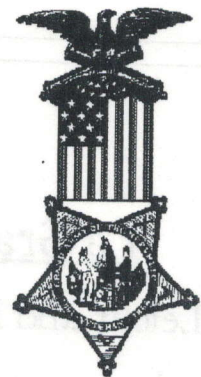
LaGrange Monument

Steve Leicht and Mark Coplin returned to survey the stone on February 27th. Plans are for Steve to return on April 8th in the late afternoon to set up and on April 9th to clean the stone. In case of rain a second date is April 15th and 16th. If anyone is able to help please contact Mark or Steve. Steve needs at least one other person. If we have more - there are plenty of graves to register in the town. The fence will be put in by the city. A granite stone is in the works for the base. Rededication is set for Saturday - May 21st. Room and meals will be provided by the City of LaGrange for those who work on the clean up. The granite stone will be set at a date in late April or early May.



U.S. Grant 2005 Events

- Tomb Stone for Phil Hinderberger's ancestor
- LaGrange Monument Restoration
- LaGrange Monument Rededication May 21st
- Civil War Soldier Funeral - May 27-28 Memphis, MO - 24th Missouri Infantry Soldier
- Col. Edward Paine's Head Stone Placement
- Lincoln's Death Day - April 15th
- Ink Cemetery Work
- Odd Fellows Cemetery ?
- Jefferson Barracks Graves Reg.
- Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks - May 30th



CAMP QUARTERMASTER

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

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