



# HARDSCRABBLE



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## Comments from the Commander

Brothers,

It is with a great deal of honor that I assume the post of Commander, U.S. Grant Camp #68, Son of Union Veterans.

As we begin a new year we have much ahead of us. If we are to remain an active Camp, we must ALL work at our attendance as well as being a part of the "recruitment team" under the leadership of Jr. Vice Commander Dwight Prade. Continued interesting and timely presentations at the Camp meetings will be headed up by Sr. Vice Commander Don Palmer. Mark Coplin will again serve as Sec/Treas. Thanks Mark. Our Camp Council will consist of Craig Brown, Terry Cadenbach and Steve Leicht. I look forward to their able and experienced council. However, these Brothers having been elected to serve as the officers of the U.S. Grant Camp, does not in any way diminish the importance of each and every member of the Camp. Without you the officers can do nothing.

It is with humbleness and urgency that I begin my term as Commander of U.S. Grant Camp #68. Humbleness, as I reflect on the brave men who served their Country to preserve a Nation. Urgency, as I see that we, The Sons is declining in membership. This is do in part, I believe, because we as members have not been diligent and aggressive in introducing descendents of Union soldiers of their opportunity. Although the Jr. Vice Commander, Dwight Prade will be our guide, it is up to each one of us to talk to those we work with, socialize with and meet on the street. Join me in doing our part to perpetuate the Order.

We have a number of tasks ahead of us this year. Not the least of these is the National Encampment to be held in August in our own Missouri. Our Camp must take the lead. Again, we will need everyone's help. We will continue to do the work necessary in selecting cemeteries to restore headstones of our fallen. We will continue to have a special relationship with Lynn & Jim Martin, owners of the Keeler Post meeting site in Wildwood. There will be a special presentation and dedication in April. We hope all of our members will plan to be present.

I look forward to serving the Camp as Commander. With your help we will have a very productive and exciting year.

For the good of the Order,

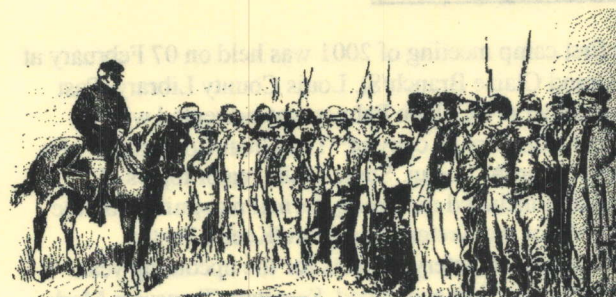
Your Most Obedient Servant,  
John D. Avery, Commander

## Membership Dues

Membership dues were due in January. If you have not yet paid for this years membership dues, please contact Mark Coplin at (314) 963-9972 or mail your membership dues to Mark at 9629 Twincrest, St. Louis, MO 63126. Dues are \$28.00 this year. It is important that you contact Mark if you are late with this years dues, we don't want to loose anyone as a member.

## SVR Membership

For those members of the Grant Camp that are Sons of Veteran Reserve members dues are also due. This years due is \$3.00. Please send money to Bob Petrovic at 4729 Mehl Ave, St. Louis, MO 63129 or call him at (314) 892-2158.



## Camp Activities

### Christmas Dinner – 06 December 2000

The annual Grant Camp Christmas Dinner was held at the Gallery Restaurant in Ellisville, MO on 06 December. Gina Mills, Museum Educator at Jefferson Barracks Historic Site, provided a presentation for the families of Grant Camp members on "Nursing During the Civil War".



Her presentation, which required audience participation, was a big hit. In addition, Department Junior Vice Commander Don Palmer installed the new Grant Camp officers for 2001. He also formally thanked the officers who provided invaluable support to camp activities in the year 2000.



Christmas Dinner guest speaker Gina Mills from the Jefferson Barracks Historic Site during her presentation on nursing during the Civil War.



Department Junior Vice Commander Don Palmer installing John Avery as Grant Camp Commander for 2001 at the annual Camp Christmas Dinner.

### **February Camp Meeting**

The first camp meeting of 2001 was held on 07 February at the Grand Glaize Branch/St. Louis County Library. Past Commander (PCC) Don Palmer was presented with an original autographed copy of "The Great Conspiracy", by General John A. Logan. Some of the major topics of discussion included recruiting, formal recognition by the SUVCW for the Kreienkamp Store/Keeler Post in Glencoe, and cemetery projects for the upcoming year. Before the meeting concluded, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Coplin presented a report on the camp finances.

### **Upcoming Events**

April 28 – White Haven Open House, National Park Week celebration of the restored house.  
May 5 – White Haven Stories to Be Told with Marie Andel and the Park Staff.  
May 28 – Memorial Day at Jefferson Barracks.

June 2 – White Haven - Civil War Perspectives, a look at this pivotal event from multiple viewpoints.

July 7 – White Haven – Grant, An American Hero, show your patriotic colors at this interactive program.

August 3,4,5 – A Night Walk into the Past, White Haven 7<sup>th</sup> annual presentation of the popular living history program.

### **Sherman Birthday Ceremony**

The U.S. Grant Camp was invited by the William T. Sherman-Billy Yank Camp to participate in the Sherman Birthday ceremonies held on 25 February at Calvary Cemetery. The guest speaker was the Rev. William Barnaby Feherty, author and professor at St. Louis University. Afterwards, the Sherman Camp hosted a dinner at Romine's Restaurant located on Riverview Dr. in North St. Louis County.

### **Department of Missouri Meeting**

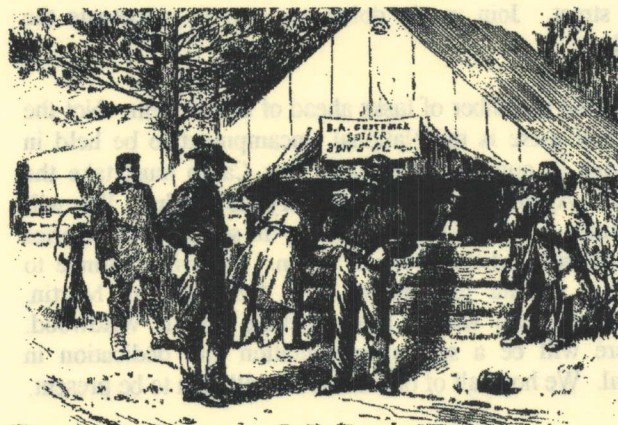
There was a Department meeting on 03 March at the Library Center in Springfield, MO. The meeting agenda included finalizing the department by-laws and continued preparation for the 2001 National Encampment to be held in Springfield from 09-12 August.

### **March Camp Meeting**

The March meeting was held at the Grand Glaize Branch of the St. Louis County Library in Meeting Room #2. Junior Vice Commander Dwight Prade provided a review of the book entitled "White Tecumseh". The presentation was very informative and was exceptional.

### **April Camp Meeting**

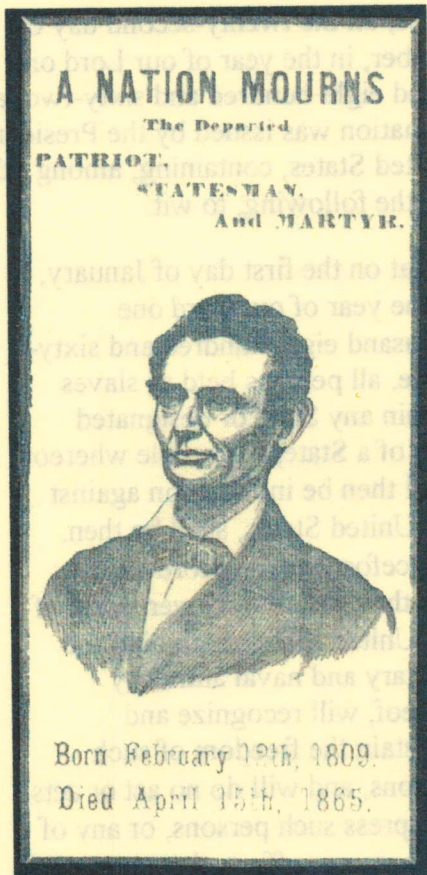
There will be an informal Camp mixer on 04 April at Tucker's Place located at 14282 Manchester Rd. Restaurant is east of 141 and west of 270. We will meet about 6:30pm. Please contact Commander John Avery or Sr. Vice Commander Don Palmer by Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> if you will be attending. Reservations need to be made for the Camp.





## Lincoln Death Day

Members of our Order are invited to participate in a memorial service marking the 136<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln. The service will be conducted on Saturday, 14 April at 11:00 am at the Lincoln Tomb in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL. There will be a luncheon at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel following the ceremony. Reservations for this luncheon need to be made by 20 March. The featured speaker will be Dr. Mark A. Plummer, Professor Emeritus of History at Illinois State University, who will speak on the topic, "Adjutant General Haynie and Lincoln's Last 24 hours". The U.S. Grant Camp will present a wreath at the ceremony. Any member interested in attending the ceremony, please contact Commander Avery.



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## New Member

The U.S. Grant Camp would like to welcome Walter Busch from Bonne Terre, Missouri as the newest member of our Camp.

## Important Announcements

The U.S. Grant Camp would like to congratulate PCC Don Palmer and his wife Kim on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, born on 31 January.

## National Encampment

This year the 120<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the SUVCW will be held in Springfield, Missouri. Sponsored by the Ladies of the GAR, Auxiliary of the SUVCW and the Missouri Department. The Encampment will be held August 9-12 at the University Plaza Hotel.

If anyone is interested in attending or helping with the preparations for the National Encampment please contact Commander Avery.



### Cub Scout Presentation

Last year PCC Steven Leicht did a presentation for a group of 125 Cub Scouts during their Day Camp Summer Activity in Fenton Park. This year PCC Leicht will be working at the Bee Tree Camp and running the Fenton Day Camp. Some of the boys got to see first hand what the equipment and uniform were like during the Civil War.



### Raffle Tickets

Enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter you will find several packets of raffle tickets. These tickets are to help support the Missouri Department in their sponsoring the National Encampment August 9-12 in Springfield, MO. The following items are being raffled: G.A.R. Sword, 1886 \$5.00 gold piece, Andy Thomas Print (Petticoat Flag), Quilt made by the ladies of the GAR and a Tiffany Style Lamp.

The Department of Missouri is also selling Loyalty Bonds to help raise money for the 2001 National Encampment. The Bonds are \$20.00 and when money is returned it will go towards your future dues for the Organization. For more information on this, please contact Don Palmer.

### Banner

The latest issue of the banner is out. If any member did not receive the Sons National Publication, please contact Mark Coplin.

### The Emancipation Proclamation

January 1, 1863

By the President of the United States of America:

#### A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

"That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

"That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United



States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States."

Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days, from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth), and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States,

including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

