

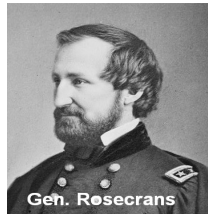
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The Army of the Cumberland

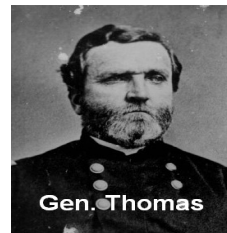
During the Civil War, Union forces in Tennessee were part of several different federal armies, primarily the Army of the Cumberland, the Army of the Ohio, and the Army of the Tennessee. An army from the early Department of the Missouri under the command of General U. S. Grant captured Forts Henry and Donelson in February 1862. By the time of the battle of Shiloh that April, however, most of this force under Grant's command was known as the Army of the Tennessee.

The Army of the Ohio, once part of the Department of the Ohio under the command of General Don Carlos Buell, also participated at Shiloh. From this force, after the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, in the fall of 1862, would emerge the Army of the Cumberland. In late October, command of the army was taken away from Buell and given to General William S. Rosecrans. Upon his arrival in Nashville in November 1862, Rosecrans brought news that the Union forces gathered there would now be known as the Army of the Cumberland.



From November 1862 to November 1863, the Army of the Cumberland would be the primary Union force in the state, participating in the battles of Stones River and Chattanooga in Tennessee and the battle of Chickamauga in Georgia and conducting the brilliant Tullahoma Campaign of 1863. After the loss at Chickamauga in September 1863, however, command of the Army of the Cumberland passed from Rosecrans to Major General George H. Thomas, whose nickname was the "Rock of Chickamauga." Thomas's army joined forces with the Army of the Tennessee, led by

William T. Sherman, during the Chattanooga battles of November 1863, a successful campaign under the overall leadership of Grant. Thomas's forces also fought in the Atlanta campaign of 1864 as part of Sherman's massive invasion force.



When Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood launched his Tennessee invasion in the fall of 1864 Sherman detached his corps from the old Army of the Cumberland and

from the Army of the Tennessee to buttress Thomas's army in Nashville. These forces successfully defended the Union occupation of Nashville at the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville in late 1864. Thomas, whose reputation as a field commander is indelibly linked with the name of the Army of the Cumberland, led the final devastating Union assault at Nashville, an attack which all but destroyed the Confederate Army of Tenn.

The Union armies in Tennessee were known for their several excellent generals, especially Grant, Sherman, Thomas, McClernand, Sheridan, and Charles F. Smith, who not only played a significant role in Tennessee but in Georgia, Mississippi, and Virginia and in other U.S. military campaigns after the war.

Carroll Van West, Middle Tenn State University
Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture
<http://tennesseeencyclopedia.net/imagegallery.php?EntryID=U008>

CWSAC Battle Summaries: Shiloh
<http://www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/tn003.htm>

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CAMP COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we look back on 2009, we see its having been a good year for Fort Donelson Camp # 62 and the 10th Tennessee U.S. Infantry, SVR. The burial of Franklin's Unknown Soldier served as a defining moment for the Camp and the 10th TN SVR. It was then that recognition came from SUVCW national, from national Civil War publications, and, more importantly, from local and regional Civil War enthusiasts.

Now, in 2010, the Camp needs to capitalize on this recognition to carry out the goal of the SUVCW by doing our part to preserve the memory of our ancestors who fought to preserve the Union.

In order to carry out effectively the SUVCW goal, the Camp must gain visibility in communities throughout the mid-state area. Presently, a little more than half of the Camp's in-state members live in Williamson or Davidson Counties. This, of course, means that the Camp must reach out for members, especially, in communities with lower membership, and then encourage these members to become active in local organizations and events while making known their membership in the SUVCW. Preservation organizations, historical associations, patriotic societies and Civil War roundtables are excellent groups in which to promote the SUVCW. The Camp and the 10th TN SVR can help gain visibility by holding flag services for CW veterans in a community and following up with local newspaper submissions.

A long-term goal of FDC must be to promote the establishment of new camps within the Middle Tennessee area now being served by this single camp. If and when we move to have these camps formed, they must be established on the basis of commitment and involvement of the potential charter members of the new camp.

In looking forward to 100% membership renewal, and each brother working to recruit another member, I am confident that 2010 will be an even better year for the Camp than was the past year.

I wish for each brother and each family in Fort Donelson Camp # 62 a happy, healthy and prosperous year throughout 2010

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Sam C. Gant

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Great Grandfather Jacob
Lenocker, Sgt, Co. G,
102nd Ohio Vol Infantry

Fort Donelson Camp # 62 is Growing

Fort Donelson Camp # 62 continues to grow as we welcome Brothers Craig Lenocker and Wayne Millen to the Camp. FDC now has 40 members and two junior members. Thus far this year, the Camp has experienced just over a 30% increase in membership. Three or four potential members plan to submit their applications by the first of the year, and many more have expressed a strong interest in joining but have not yet made a move toward application.

Thanks for the Support

Much of last year's success can be attributed to the support that we received from others outside the Camp. Norm Hill and/or members of the 13th USCT have served in both flag services this year as well in the Soldier Service. The 49th IA travelled from Des Moines to serve in the Soldier Service and plan to return for Franklin's Civil War Days this year. The 9th KY U.S. provided the largest Federal contingent for the Unknown Soldier Service.

For our general meetings, we had excellent presentations from Scott Holmes, "Incarceration at Andersonville Prison, Jim Swan, "Chicago's Irish Legion, Thomas Flagel, "Appomattox," and Wayne Millen, Video: "Unknown Soldier Service and Veterans' Day".

Fort Donelson Camp # 62 Newsletters

In 2010, the Camp Newsletters will be sent via e-mail to all brothers with e-mail addresses.

**Others will be sent via postal service
Please notify the editor of any changes in addresses—either e-mail or snail-mail .**



Fort Donelson Camp # 62 10th Tennessee Infantry (US) SVR

It has been a very good inaugural year for the 10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry. The 10th received its national charter in February 2009, and in our first year we have made tremendous progress. Our unit has grown by 33% having added three new members.

The 10th Tennessee participated in the first ceremony honoring veterans of the U.S.C.I. sponsored by Fort Donelson Camp 62 in Franklin, TN, On Flag Day, 2009, and as an individual unit in a ceremony for a 10th Regiment Civil War veteran at Primm Springs, TN. The 10th took a leading Federal role at the re-interment of the Battle of Franklin Unknown Soldier, an event that gained national attention and was attended by Brig. Gen. Robert Grim, Commanding General of the SVR. The unit participated in ceremonies at College Grove, Cross Keys and Rabbit Hill in Williamson County, honoring veterans of the 5th TN U.S. Cavalry. Our newest member, Pvt. Wayne Millen served as color bearer for those events. Three unit members, Roger Tenney, Bill Heard and Wayne Millen also participated in the annual march from Winstead Hill marking the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin.

Congratulations are in order for Roger Tenney for his promotion to Corporal and Bill Heard for his assignment as Armorer and Promotion to Corporal as well. Two members, 1st Sgt. Dave DuBrucq and Pvt. Sam Gant received Distinguished Service Medals from The Commanding General, SVR. These awards represented two of the three that were announced on Remembrance Day, November 21, 2009, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

With a great deal of pride in our early accomplishments, we look forward to even more growth in 2010. As we mature into a veteran unit we hope to expand our activities in Middle Tennessee, increase our uniformed membership and participate in a wider range of 2010 events. Members can take a great pride in the accomplishments of our young unit.

On a final note, the 10th Tennessee wishes to recognize the efforts of members of the 49th Iowa USVI "The Iowa Rifles" of Des Moines, IA, the 13th Regiment USCT of Murfreesboro, TN, and the 9th KY USVI of Middle Tennessee for the outstanding assistance and support they provided during this past year. Members of these units are always welcome at our events.

Any SUCVW member is welcome to be a part of the SVR. Those interested in becoming members of the unit may contact 1st Sgt Dave DuBrucq, at sockettuem@comcast.net for information or an application.

David M. Du Brucq
1st Sergeant, Commanding
10th Regiment, Tennessee
U.S. Volunteer Infantry



25% Renew on the First Day of the Membership Drive!

By November 30, ten of the Camp's forty members had submitted their 2010 membership renewals. We now need each to encourage his brother member to reenroll – Let's sustain our momentum and reach that 100% reenrollment early! Then let us add to the 100% by each brother recruiting one more! Make it **100% & 1 + 1 !**

Plans for 2010

For 2010, our events plans have not yet been firmed up. We plan to have flag ceremonies near Flag Day and Veterans' Day and have a part in Franklin's Civil War Days parade and the March from Winstead Hill. In March the general meeting will be at Fort Negley with Krista Castillo speaking on Women's Role in Occupied Nashville. Tentatively, the May meeting will be Artifacts Day when members may bring CW artifacts, memorabilia, photos, etc., to share information about them with others.



CIVIL WAR ACTION

31 Dec 1862 - 2 Jan 1863 — Battle of Stones River
1 Jan 1863 — Lincoln signs *Emancipation Proclamation*
8 Jan 1863 — CSA captures US gunboat, *Hastings*, at the Harpeth Shoals on the Cumberland River
12 Jan 1863 — CSA captures and burns US gunboat, *Charter*, on the Cumberland River near Ashland City
22 Jan 1862 — *USS Lexington* bombards Fort Henry
2 Feb 1863 — CSA cavalry attacks Fort Donelson
2 Feb 1863 — Federals occupy Franklin
6 Feb 1862 — Fort Henry falls to Grant's Union Army
13 Feb 1865 — John Bell Hood resigns as commander of the Army of Tennessee
13-16 Feb 1862 — Battle of Fort Donelson
19 Feb 1862 — Federal forces occupy Clarksville
20 Feb 1862 — Tenn. State Capitol relocated to Memphis
23 Feb 1862 — Lincoln names Andrew Johnson Military Governor of Tennessee
25 Feb 1862 — Union forces occupy Nashville
4-5 Mar 1863 — Battle of Thompson's Station
5 Mar 1863 — Construction begun on Triune earthworks
6 Mar 1863 — US Gen. Granger, commanding at Franklin, begins building fortifications
17 Mar 1864—Gen. Grant, while in Nashville, assumes command of the Armies of the United States
25 Mar 1863 — Battle of Brentwood

Upcoming Events (Subject to Change):

Tues 26 Jan.- FDC62 Gen Meeting. Fort Negley, 1100 Fort Negley Blvd., 7 p.m.

Tues 23 Mar – FDC62 Gen Meeting Fort Negley Visitors' Center – Speaker: Krista Castillo, "The Roles of Women in Union Occupied Nashville, TN"

Sat 11 Apr –Flag Ceremony—Honoring J.H. McCulley Co. K 13th TN US Cookeville City Cemetery

Tues 25 May – FDC62 Gen Meeting. Fort Negley, 1100 Fort Negley Blvd., 7 p.m.

Sat 12 Jun – Flag Day Ceremony TBA

For Upcoming Battlefield Events, contact :
Fort Donelson National Battlefield (931-232-5706)

www.nps.gov/fodo

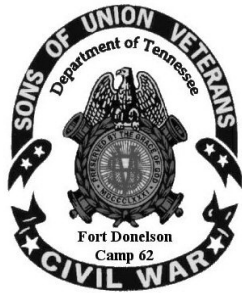
Stones River National Battlefield (615-893-950)
www.nps.gov/stri

Shiloh National Military Park (731-689-5696)
www.nps.gov/shil

Parkers Crossroads Battlefield (731-986-5572)
www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/tn011.htm

Carter House Franklin, TN: (615-791-1861)
www.carter-house.org

Carnton Plantation, Franklin, TN (615-794-0903)
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