

THE HAVERSACK

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Commander's Comments

Greetings Men!

As Thanksgiving approaches our thoughts naturally turn to that Remembrance Day 149 years ago when President Lincoln delivered his famed Gettysburg Address to dedicate the new National Cemetery there. In addition to being thankful for the victory there that arguably saved the union Lincoln called upon the nation to "highly resolve that these honored dead shall not have died in vain". That is what we do in the SVR is to honor those men who gave their last full measure of devotion, and see to it that the nation never forgets their sacrifice and the great gift that they bestowed on us of a united and strong country.

Let each of us think on the reasons we dress up and do honorable service at memorial services, monument dedications and living history events. As you all know it sometimes tests our endurance to stand in the hot sun wearing wool uniforms in the hot southern sun to honor these men. We should exhort others to do the same.

Soon each of the three units in the district will file their annual reports and begin planning events for the next year. Three companies are not really enough to carry out sufficient service to these men buried in our seven-state district. We need more men to fill the ranks in our existing companies but we also need companies in the other states of the district. Tennessee and Georgia have companies in them; we need companies in the Carolinas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi as well. When you are out doing SVR duties be sure to talk to others about joining our units but also look for opportunities for men to start companies in other areas that do not have them. This will ensure adequate coverage of the district to make sure that the sacrifice of our Union Army, Navy, Marines and Revenue Cutters shall not fade.

As I have talked to our brothers throughout the district I have had an opportunity to hear from men who used to belong to the SVR but have dropped from the service or even disbanded their units. Some of these have occurred from what could have been minor disagreements of protocol that eventually led to the loss of these men and units from our district. We should renew our efforts to recruit these men and even reconstitute those units. I believe the best approach would be to talk to these men as brothers and encourage them to join us. All the old political disputes of the past need to be swept away and forgotten so the district can flourish.

In closing I wish all the men of the 7th Military District and their families a joyous Thanksgiving celebration.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Captain Peterson
Commander
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Internet Genealogy Research

As we are all no doubt well aware, the internet has a tremendous range of resources available for legal and historical research, and it seems that I discover something new almost every day as new content and features are added. The technological and communications changes we are currently experiencing are similar to those experienced by our forebears when Gutenberg invented the printing press, and we may not be fully capable of understanding the second-order and further reaching effects of these changes during the course of our respective lifetimes.

One resource of tremendous use, both in military genealogy research as well as in ongoing interest in the development of military law, is the ever-growing collection of digitized books on Google that are available to be viewed or downloaded for free. The books available through this service are historical and/or out-of-print books for which the copyrights have expired, and it is absolutely amazing what can be found through this service. For example, I have been able to obtain numerous biographical histories and other documents from Pennsylvania and Ohio on my two known Civil War ancestors. As an Army Judge Advocate, I have also been able to view a copy of the 1863 version of "Instructions for the Government of Armies of the United States in the Field" by Francis Lieber, the renowned lawyer who drafted the "Lieber Code" during the Civil War which was the first formal restatement of the law of war for American armies and which was issued as General Order 100 issued to the Union Army. The fact that the Lieber Code continues to have significant impact to the present through subsequent revisions of the Army Field Manual 25-10 ("Law of Land Warfare"), and that it also provided one of the bases for the Geneva Conventions and other later attempts to further codify and define the Law of War, makes this online text a valuable research reference which would otherwise not be available but to a small subset of professional researchers.

Other research references I have recently obtained as free Ebooks through Google include Volume II of Hardee's Tactics, various reports to the United States Christian Commission, references on military field medicine and the disability evaluation system during and following the Civil War, and an 1873 Ordinance Department manual for the management and care of the Springfield rifle. If you have not done so already, I would commend the free Ebooks available on Google as another tool in your current arsenal of research resources.

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Chaplain's Corner

Brothers,

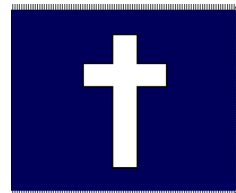
The holiday season of 2012 is now upon us. With all of the hype and focus on the latest store sales or the most up to date technology or how many presents you will get let us never forget what this time really means. To me, it is a time to look back on the past year and be thankful for what we have and what we have endured. It is a time to think of those in need and who may not be able to provide for their families. It is a time that we must stand up and show the power of God's love with the kindness that he provides to us each and every day. The Holidays are not about us. They are a way to show our love to our families and fellow man by providing them with happiness, kindness and true compassion. This is not only true during the festive season but also throughout the year. However; during the holidays it is especially important because of the focus being on the individual and selfishness abounding at every turn. Let us always keep our eyes focused on the true meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas and remember "but for the grace of God go I".

Oh, God, when I have food
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me
to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home,
help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me
to destroy my complacency
and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough
to help, by word and deed,
those who cry out
for what we take for granted.
~ Samuel. F. Pugh

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food,
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger and you
welcomed Me..."
- Matthew 25:35

May your Holidays be filled with happiness, laughter and love, and may God bless each and every one of you during this wonderful time of year.

Kenneth Early
Chaplain
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*"I heard the bells on Christmas Day; Their old, familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet; The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"*
- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - Christmas Day 1863

Unit Reports

148th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

Members of the 10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers, SVR, joined with Schoolfield's Battery to reenact the 1st Ohio Artillery at the Battle of Franklin Tennessee. The re-enactment was held at Carnton Plantation in Franklin, Tennessee. Guns from the 1st Ohio, stationed on McNutt Hill near the Harpeth River fired over 1,100 rounds in four hours during the battle some call the Gettysburg of the West. Confederate troops attacked over a mile and a half of open ground from Winstead Hill and lost six general officers during the engagement, including the very capable Major General Patrick Claibourne.

10th Tennessee members Capt Dave DuBrucq, 1st Sgt Roger Tenney, Sgt Bill Heard and Pvt Tommy Phillips joined with Schoolfield's Battery (Commanded by Sgt Bill Heard) for the event

Capt. Dave DuBrucq, Commander
10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers

150th Anniversary of the Garrisoning of Fort Negley

Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Garrisoning of Fort Negley in Nashville, Tennessee, Members of the 10th Illinois Infantry, Battery A, 1st Illinois Artillery and the 10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers Joined with Fort Negley staff to celebrate Garrison Days on November 4th, 2012. The 10th Illinois is made up of volunteers from Northern Illinois who traveled to Tennessee for the celebration - and one member who traveled from Houston, Texas. Members of Battery A also traveled from Illinois and for the first time in 150 years, a cannon once again roared from the Fort's original interior.

Demonstrations of Period weapons, infantry drill and artillery drill were performed by the union re-enactors during the program. A Living History Civil War encampment was established to display soldier life during the civil war and period Musical Entertainment was provided by the Battlefield Balladeers. A commemorative plaque was presented Fort Negley listing the names of 12 soldiers of the 10th Illinois who died while the regiment served at the fort from December of 1862 to July of 1863.

Members of the 10th Illinois had planned the Fort Negley event over a period of several years.

Capt. Dave DuBrucq, Commander
10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers



Members of the 10th Tennessee join with Schoolfield's Battery to reenact the 1st Ohio Artillery at the Battle of Franklin held at Carnton Plantation, November 3rd, 2012.



Members of the 10th Illinois U.S. Volunteer Infantry, the 10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry and Battery A of the 1st Illinois Artillery at Fort Negley, November 4th, 2012



Ms Krista Castillo, Director of Fort Negley, which is a part of Nashville Metro Parks is presented a plaque by the 10th Illinois Infantry commemorating the 12 Union soldiers from the regiment who died while the regiment was garrisoned at the Fort.

Texas Civil War Museum

The week before this Memorial Day, I went back to visit my parents in Texas and was able to take them with me on a visit to the Texas Civil War Museum. The museum is located in Fort Worth and is the largest Civil War museum west of the Mississippi River. Having grown up in the Fort Worth area, I remember seeing the occasional historical marker in North and East Texas related to the Civil War, but the majority of what I recall being taught in required Texas history courses, both in high school and college, focused on Texas' struggle for independence and other events that occurred prior to or shortly after the Civil War. Given that the majority of fighting during the Civil War occurred either on the Texas coast or in the Red River area bordering Louisiana, a museum in the North Texas area dedicated to Civil War history meets a definite need for educating both students and the general public on the impact of the Civil War and its impact on Texas.

The museum is privately owned, and the majority of the objects on display are part of a much larger collection of items owned by Guy and Judy Richey, with additional exhibits and items on display from other local groups including exhibits on loan from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Approximately half of the museum is dedicated to displays of weapons, uniforms and flags from both sides of the conflict, with separate exhibit areas for infantry, cavalry and artillery. The other half of the museum displays an impressive display of Victorian dresses arranged by decade from the mid-1800's through the late 1800's, as well as several displays related to the life of ordinary Texans on the home front during the Civil War.

All of the military exhibits, including uniforms and weapons, mirror the Union and Confederate displays on opposite walls as you move through the military side of the museum. Because of the way the museum is laid out, it is easy for visitors to see how much more uniformity existed with Union troops when their weapons and uniforms are displayed opposite the variety of Confederate uniforms and weapons, and how improvements in Northern weapons (such as repeating rifles) had a significant impact on the course of the War.

In addition to an excellent collection of exhibits, the museum features a film entitled "Our Homes Our Rights - Texas in the Civil War" that does an excellent job of providing an overview of Texas history including the Civil War. The high quality of this film and its ability to cover Texas history from the mid-1830's and Texas' struggle for independence, through the Civil War, and on through the economic boom that Texas experienced following the Civil War makes the museum a destination for school groups and living history presentations. Additionally, many of the docents at the museum offer presentations to school groups, or smaller groups on request, and a presentation on "Toys in the Civil War" that I attended with my family during my first visit was one that provided unique insight into life on the home front and how younger family members would be required to take on responsibilities well beyond their years out of sheer economic necessity. The museum also offers special programs presented by museum volunteers and living historians on subjects related to religion, the home front, the life of the common soldier and other areas of Civil War interest.



Since my initial visit, the UDC has erected a Civil War 150th Anniversary monument in front of the museum. The design of the monument resembles the San Jacinto monument, and while the majority of the monument is constructed of gray granite, a portion of it is also constructed of pink granite that is native to Texas. I would likely not have noticed this had I not met a member of the UDC earlier in my visit who told me to look for the pink granite in the monument when I visited the museum because that is something that many Texas Civil War monuments have in common. She was pleased to learn that there was a monument for Texas veterans at Allatoona Pass, also constructed of this same native pink granite, and that our camp of the SUVCW had played a significant role in making the memorial park at Allatoona Pass a reality.

If you do find yourself in the Fort Worth area anytime soon, be sure and include a visit to the Texas Civil War Museum as part of your itinerary. You will not be disappointed. The web site for the museum is www.texascivilwarmuseum.com and the museum is open from 9 AM to 5 PM Tuesdays through Saturdays.

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Wanted:

New and Updated emails!

Articles for the Winter 2013 Edition of the Haversack!

- Unit Activities
- Biographical Sketches of your Unit or your Ancestor, Biographical Sketches of other Civil War units or persons
- Research methods
- Civil War era jokes / cartoons

Email updates and articles (with pictures!) to GAHuttick@netscape.net !

Eagle Scout Project

Pvt. George Michael Huttick (age 14), 10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers is currently working on his Eagle Scout Project. The project is "to identify Civil War trails all across the Middle Tennessee area". Currently focusing on Fort Donelson / Henry; Fort Defiance, Fort Negley, Fort Granger / Battle of Franklin, and Fortress Rosencrans / Battle of Stones River the final project will provide hikers (bicyclists, car drivers...) opportunities to learn about the Civil War activities in Middle Tennessee. Upon completion of each trail, individuals will have an opportunity to purchase a commemorative patch. This effort begins a program similar to ones found at Shiloh and Chickamauga for Middle Tennessee. Fort Donelson Camp #62 is the beneficiary of this Eagle Scout Project <https://www.facebook.com/groups/70110165551/>

For more information go to: www.midtncivilwar.org

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