

# The Haversack

Newsletter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve



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## Commander's Comments

Greetings Gentlemen,

I have been asked recently how I view the role of the District Commander. The most obvious response that comes to mind is to provide leadership to the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District. What is probably less obvious in my command philosophy and how that translates into actions that I take as your commander.

I have a good deal of experience with command leadership having retired from the Army at the rank of Major. I am what the call in the Army a "Mustang". Quite simply that is an officer who came up through the enlisted ranks. The term is meant to differentiate officers who came up through the ranks from those who may have been commissioned through ROTC or West Point. So in addition to the two battery commands, I have also been the acting commander at the Battalion and Brigade level. Prior to having been commissioned I held leadership positions as a Team Leader, and Section Leader as a non-commissioned officer. I believe this gives me a unique perspective on command and especially the not so subtle effect that my orders may have on the men under my command all the way down to the Private.

"What does this have to do with the SVR?" you may ask. That's a fair question and I will explain that it shapes my interpretation of my role as a District Commander of a district with geographically separated units. I believe it is my job to create conditions in the district that enables the staff and my unit commanders to be successful in their roles. I believe that unit commanders in our units know their troops best and therefore they will receive the widest latitude to exercise initiative in running their units. I will support them in their endeavors by teaching, assisting and coaching where it is needed. To this end, I encourage unit commanders to communicate with me openly about their needs and concerns.

It is also my duty to carry out the orders of the Commanding General of the SVR and to ensure that the units are well regulated and disciplined. By this I mean that we all need to be familiar with and follow the SVR regulations. Therefore it is my duty to establish an efficient and well organized staff. This has been done by appointing effective and competent officers in various staff positions at the HQ of the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District. Currently we have a chief of staff who is my right hand and his role is coordinating the actions of the staff. We also have a District Adjutant whose main responsibility is to ensure proper reporting to National HQ on personnel matters. Lieutenant Ward has a big job every spring so we must be sure to cooperate with him in filing annual unit applications and strength reports. He should also be updated frequently on personnel changes or changes of personal information. He ensures that we know who our soldiers are and that we are taking care of them. The inspector general ensures the discipline of the various units. He ensures that everyone is in compliance with the regulations. The chaplain sees to the spiritual needs of the District. Finally, the Public Information Officer is the editor of the newsletter and facilitates dissemination of information about our units to both internal SVR members and the external media. I am blessed to have some very capable and dedicated officers in those roles.

I believe in leadership by example. I endeavor to reflect credit on the SVR in all that I do and I know that my staff officers and unit commanders conduct themselves in a like manner. This is important since the commanders and staff is often the most visible members of the district to the public outside the SVR and certainly within the SVR. Years of great work can be wiped out by a moment of thoughtless action. I also believe that if the leaders conform to the highest standards of conduct then the rank and file of the organization will endeavor to do likewise.

I look forward to another successful year for the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District and I encourage each of you to keep up the good work!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Captain Eric Peterson  
7<sup>th</sup> Military District, SVR  
Commanding





On October 5th, 2012 the 148th anniversary of the Battle of Allatoona Pass near Cartersville, Georgia the Department of Georgia and South Carolina dedicated a new monument to the brave Ohio troops that helped bring about a Union victory there in 1864. From this engagement comes the common catchphrase "hold the fort" from a message that Sherman signaled to the besieged Federal defenders of the pass and its stockpiled million and a half rations. Relief did arrive the next day and the pass, with its supplies and railroad passage to Chattanooga, was saved.

The Allatoona Pass battlefield monument garden is a thirteen year effort to have all the states that fielded troops there erect a monument to their men in the shape of the state. There were six confederate states and five Union states. The confederates have only one monument uncompleted, hard-luck Louisiana. Of the five Federal states four have erected monuments - Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and now Ohio. The monuments cost from \$7,000 TO \$10,000 each, and it is a testament to the patriotic work of the SUVCW that in this poor economy so many individuals, camps, departments and the monument fund from national have banded together to raise these memorials to the sacrifice of our forebears.

In the case of the Ohio monument approximately half of the funds raised were obtained by the Amanda Stokes Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War with assistance from their sisters in Ohio and their brothers in the Dept. of Ohio. The ceremony and following reception at the Stonewall Manor in Cartersville were organized chiefly by the ladies of the DUVCW, who did an excellent job. Special thanks goes out to the leadership and sacrificial giving of Sarah Meyer and Marguerite Dyal, and their sisters in Georgia and Ohio.

All three metro Atlanta area SUVCW camps were represented in the ceremony. Seven men were in uniform, with Camp #3 Commander Mark Hale laying the departmental wreath on behalf of Commander Pierson, and Colonel Ted Hackney (Ret.) serving as Chaplain. The firing party was led by Brother Brad Quillian with Brother Ray Wozniak serving as officiator. The SUVCW memorial dedication ceremony was used, as it has been in all the ceremonies for the Union monuments at Allatoona. About fifty people attended the ceremony, many coming from Ohio and other Northern states. Most of the DUV ladies from Ohio came in period costume, and reminded we old male campaigners that women then and now were hard-core supporters of the Federal war effort. Brother Tom Gaard, a liberal donator to Allatoona monuments came from Iowa, and it was good to see again Camp #2 past Senior Vice Commander Mark Willard, the driving force behind the Iowa monument.

Let us look forward to 2014 and hopefully the dedication of a monument for Wisconsin at that time. Ray Wozniak at (770) 822-3004 or bigheadxray@yahoo.com is the Federal Monuments Coordinator for the Allatona Pass monument garden project and will be happy to answer questions as to how you can make a tax-deductible contribution to our effort to "hold the fort" in 2014.

Ray Wozniak  
Kennesaw Mountain Camp #3



## March To Carter House The 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

On November 25th, 2012, Members of the 10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers, SVR, assembled at the Fort Granger marker in Pinkerton Park, Franklin, Tennessee for the annual Carter House March, marking the 148th anniversary of the Battle of Franklin. The 10th Departed from the Fort Granger marker to meet the members of Sam Davis Camp of the SCV who marched from Winstead Hill. The 10th Tennessee was joined by members of Fort Donelson Camp 62 who fell in behind the uniformed SVR element. The two groups met at historic Carter House where during the battle the fighting became hand to hand before the counter-attack by the 125th Ohio, Opdyke's Tigers, turned the tide in favor of the union. Hood's assault was repulsed and the CS Army of Tennessee lost over 6,500 men, including six general officers. 15 days after Franklin, Hood's CS Army of Tennessee was routed by General George Thomas at the Battle of Nashville and ceased to be an effective fighting force. The Civil War in the West was essentially over.

Captain Dave DuBrucq  
10<sup>th</sup> TN US Volunteer Infantry  
Fort Donelson Camp #62



Left to Right: Tim Moulder, Tommy Phillips, Bill Heard, George Huttick, Dave DuBrucq, Ms. Lena Moody (as Julia Dent Grant) Dr. Curt Fields (as General U.S. Grant), Sam Gant and Gary Morreale.



## Amzi D. Harmon Company at Olustee February 2013

One hundred and forty-nine years ago, Union and Confederate forces fought at Olustee Battlefield, Florida.

Amzi D. Harmon Company, SVR, augmented Department of Florida Brothers in pitching a Civil War-era tent and awning, manning display tables February 14, 2013, and giving presentations for education day February 15, and re-enactment days February 16 and 17. Privates Slavin and Acheson in particular complemented Brother Farrell's contribution. Brother Quinlin of the Department of Georgia shared fraternity as did authors and re-enactors from several states.

7th Military District Staff was also represented at a meeting February 15 with Representative Porter at her Lake City office, to advance the creation of a monument to Union Soldiers participating in the battle, and their units.

Details of the engagement can be found at the Department of Florida website, as well as at [www.flheritage.com](http://www.flheritage.com). The "Florida Civil War Heritage Trail" can be found at this website.

To the west, Lake City barricaded a downtown street, vendor tents were set up, and the ladies auxiliary to the "Blue Gray Army" wore period dresses. This event has a \$1.5 million positive impact on the town.

7th Military District units and members are encouraged to "save the date" for the 2014 Olustee Sesquicentennial Signature Event.

1Lt James Ward  
Commander  
Amzi D. Harmon Company



## Amzi D. Harmon Company at Webster, Florida February 22-24, 2013



Left to Right: Pvt. Acheson, 1stSgt. Linscott, Sister Acheson, Pvt. John Pardee, Camp 5 Brother, Pvt. Irons, Pvt. Paul Pardee, 1Lt. Ward at Nature Coast Civil War Reenactment at Webster, Florida February 23, 2013. At event but not pictured: Cpl. Custer..

Amzi D. Harmon Company, 7MD, SVR, augmented Eugene A. Carr Camp #5, Department of Florida Brothers in pitching a Civil War style tent, and manning display tables February 22-24, 2013. February 22 was education day, and February 23 & 24 were re-enactment days. First Sergeant Harvey Linscott (doing triple duty including the 1st New Jersey Light Artillery unit) and Corporal Buck Custer (doing double duty with the 2nd Florida Light Artillery, Battery B) took Harmon Company muster, including Private Acheson.

Details of the event can be found at the Department of Florida website, as well as at [www.naturecoastcivilwarreenactment.com](http://www.naturecoastcivilwarreenactment.com).

1Lt James Ward  
Commander

Amzi D. Harmon Company

## Being Visible

I am often asked what we can do encourage recruiting in our SVR Units and District. The answer is fairly simple: Be Visible. Uniformed units participating in events draw attention and generate interest. The more visible you become both as individuals and units, the more attention and interest you will reap as a result.

The best recruiting tool is visibility. All the nebulous references and appeals for membership pale in comparison to an active unit that struts it's stuff. Exposure gets you noticed! Join in community events, especially patriotic observances, veteran's ceremonies and every historical observance in which you can participate.

Always be recruiting, but especially when in uniform at events. Engage people, talk to them, encourage your SUVCW brothers to get involved and be a part of history instead of simply watching it all go by from the sidelines. Actively recruit at every camp meeting!

By all means have fun! Nothing sells like a group of people who are obviously enjoying themselves and are enthusiastic about what they are doing. An image of members having a good time during a living history presentation or simply marching or taking part in a ceremony helps to encourage even the most disinterested observer.

Take publicity anywhere you can find it. The more you are out in front, the better your unit becomes known, the more likely you are to be invited to participate in a growing number of events. Be active in your community. Be involved! Developing a good local reputation is priceless!

Recruitment campaigns need to have a visual element as well. Have those members with "artistic talents" work on your posters, flyers, banners, etc. Be creative. Your publicity can be effective only if it's noticed.

Participate with other groups when the opportunity arises and do not hesitate to ask them to join you for your events. Interaction will generate new friendships and mutual interest.

Get everyone involved. Ask current members to identify people they know who may want to get involved and personally invite them. Let them know how their talents, skills and interests would help the organization.

Take the initiative. If you know of a Camp in our district that does not have a unit, encourage them to form one and become a part of a team that gets noticed! Make new members feel welcome and valued.

Let's all do our part and make **our** SVR the best it can be!

Captain Dave DuBrucq  
Chief of Staff  
7<sup>th</sup> Military District  
Sons of Veterans Reserve



# GENERAL ORDERS

## GENERAL ORDER 2013-1

Sons of Veterans Reserve

7 January 2013

1. The 57th Annual Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day Parade sponsored by Sons of Veterans Reserve Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held on Saturday 23 November 2013 and not on Saturday 16 November 2013 as previously published. We apologize for any inconvenience this date change may cause.
2. The SVR/SUVCW headquarters hotel has also changed. Our headquarters hotel is now the Wyndham Hotel 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA, phone 1-717-339-0020. There is a 2 night minimum and we have a special daily room rate of \$113.00. They also own the Courtyard Marriott which is right next door within walking distance and the rate there is also \$113.00. In addition to the hotel room rate the local and state governmental authorities will impose their customary tax on hotel guests. Hotel reservations can be made any time after 15 January 2013. It is suggested that you make your reservation early as this will be the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address which may result in a large number of visitors to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day weekend. The special hotel rate is available to all those identifying themselves as participating in the SVR/SUVCW Remembrance Day activities.
3. The annual SVR breakfast will be held at the Wyndham Hotel at 8:00 a.m. 23 November 2013. Reservations should be made with Colonel Donald E. Darby, Adjutant General of the SVR.
4. The annual Grand Army of the Republic memorial ceremony will be conducted at the Woolson Monument in Ziegler's Grove on 23 November 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
5. The Original Civil War Ball sponsored by the SVR/SUVCW will be held at the Wyndham Hotel on the evening of 23 November 2013. Tickets are available from Brigadier General Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander of the SVR. Music will be by the Philadelphia Brigade Band with dance instruction by the Victorian Dance Ensemble Performing Troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation. The net proceeds from this ball are donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park for monument preservation.

Major General Robert E. Grim  
Commanding Officer  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:  
Colonel Donald E. Darby,  
Adjutant General  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

08 January 2013

Good Evening, General Staff Members and District Commanders:

In an effort to clear up any incorrect information that just might be circulating here and there, I wish to get each of you right up to speed on Remembrance Day 2013. The date is, in fact, 23 November 2013. For specifics, please refer to Gen. Grim's General Order 2013-1 attached to this note and which is posted on the SVR Web Site. It is my understanding that this information will also be published in the next issue of The Banner. Additionally, this information will begin appearing in upcoming editions of the various CW publications.

See also CinC Mellor's General Order 14 posted and distributed on this date.

Favorable contracts for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 have been entered into with the Wyndham Hotel at the rate of \$113.00 per night, plus PA tax. Again, the details are spelled out in Gen. Grim's General Order 2013-1 and CinC Mellor's General Order No. 14.

The Wyndham was already booked with the Lincoln Forum for the 15th, 16th and 17th of November, otherwise accommodations could have been secured at the Wyndham for that weekend.

Without subjecting each of you to a lengthy litany about the difficulties that were experienced with room rates for next year at the Eisenhower Hotel, suffice it to say that it was utterly impossible to negotiate a lower rate than \$169.00 + PA tax per night at Eisenhower I and \$199.00 per night at Eisenhower II. That amounts to an increase of \$70.00 per night at Eisenhower I and \$100.00 per night at Eisenhower II over the 2012 rates. If you will recall, the 2012 rate at both Eisenhower I and II was \$99.00 per night + PA tax.

It would be most appreciated if the District Commanders could get this information out to the various Units in your respective Districts and I would thus entreat you to so do with some degree of dispatch.

If you have any questions, concerns or the like, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at the contact information listed below.

Many thanks for taking time to read through this note and the attached General Order and many thanks for your anticipated assistance in getting the word out to our Brothers.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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## Fort Donelson – and Boy Scouting!

Pvt. George Michael Huttick and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. George Andrew Huttick, along with some less than Yankee friends spent an evening while camping at Ft. Donelson to do some living history. Troop 500, Clarksville, TN had hiked Dover, TN, Ft. Donelson, and Ft. Donelson National Cemetery during the day. They had attended a ceremony at the Confederate Monument to commemorate the 151<sup>st</sup> Battle of Fort Donelson.

The evening program focused on clothing, gear, and hardships suffered by both Union and Confederate troops during the war.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. George Andrew Huttick  
10<sup>th</sup> TN US Volunteer Infantry  
Fort Donelson Camp #62



Left to Right: Pvt. Erich VonKannon, Pvt. George Michael Huttick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. George Andrew Huttick, Cpl. David VonKannon

(all members of T500, Cogioba District, Middle TN Council, BSA)  
Pvt. Huttick is in borrowed attire... please forgive the rank insignia!

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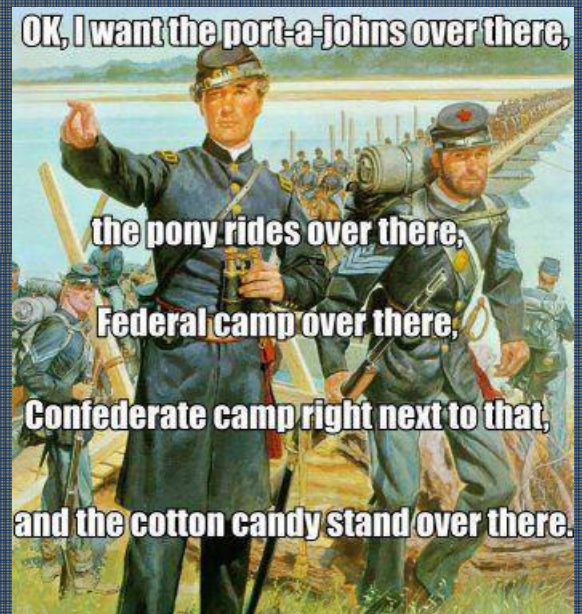
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- Unit Activities
- Biographical Sketches of your Unit or your Ancestor, Biographical Sketches of other Civil War units or persons
- Research methods
- Civil War era jokes / cartoons

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