

The Haversack

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Commander's Comments

I am dedicating my comments in this issue of the Haversack on the importance of communication. Not the type that goes on among the command & staff officers of the district but the type that flows up hill from the ranks of our organization to the 7th District Commander & Staff. I cannot over emphasize the importance of this to a healthy organization. To be a vibrant organization the ranks need to communicate to the HQ just what it is they want to see in this organization. Everyone in the SVR needs to voice their ideas to their company commanders but also to the district commander & his staff. This is how we can grow and build our organization. Nobody has all the answers and often the most useful information about improving the organization comes from the ranks.

This can take several forms. The most visible is to submit an article to the PI Officer, 2LT Huttick. This can take the form of everything from informing the group about an event you participated in to events you are planning to ideas for improving the organization. Please submit articles to the Public Information Officer, but also drop a line to your company and district commander with your ideas; call or just send an e-mail we would love to hear from you.

What happens when the ranks stop communicating with the command staff? If you aren't frequently communicating with the person immediately superior to you then you're asking for trouble. The boss will begin to have doubts and start imagining all sorts of things. Others, who are jealous of your success, will feed your commander's fears with rumor (and every organization has a few of these those who will do this). For you it could become a nightmare that could have been prevented if you had only remembered to communicate. We have all seen events that could have been great devolve into a disorganized mess because of a lack of communication.

As a historical example, did you know that a few weeks after the capture of Ft Donelson that General Grant's performance was being seriously questioned and his position was in jeopardy? Grant had failed to communicate regularly with General Halleck. Halleck had repeatedly asked Grant for status reports to no avail. Halleck, fed by rumors, began to imagine that Grant had moved on Nashville without authority and that his army was demoralized, neither of which was true. Based upon these assumptions General McClelland recommended Grant's removal from command. Grant was actually relieved from command for a short time, which could have ended his career, and was completely unnecessary.

We can all do a better job of communicating and the organization will be better for it.

In FC&L,

Captain Eric Peterson
7th MD, SVR
Commanding





Members of the XIV Corps HQ Guard at Marietta National Cemetery. Left to right kneeling: Private Warren Haire (3rd Tennessee), Private Don Bickham (SVR), Sgt Ray Wozniak (SVR), Standing: Private Edward C. Hackney (SVR), Private Al Platt (SVR), Captain Eric Peterson (SVR), Corporal Bill Miller (SVR), Corporal Mark Hale (SVR), Private Jeff Hightower (SVR), Private James Hayes (104th Illinois)

XIV Corps HQ Guard Fires Salute at Marietta National Memorial Day

For the 10th consecutive year the XIV Corps HQ Guard was honored to assemble at Marietta National Cemetery to fire the salute volleys at the National Memorial Day observance on May 27th. In attendance with the AVR honor Guard were members of local re-enactment groups, 104th Illinois Infantry and 3rd Tennessee Infantry (US). Sergeant Ray Wozniak led the rifle detail as Captain Eric Peterson was called upon to lay a wreath on behalf of Elias Moon Camp #2, SUVCW Commander Tim Klob who was convalescing from recent surgery.

This year the SVR had to exercise some flexibility because the National Memorial Day Association who organizes the event at the Marietta National Cemetery asked the SVR to only fire one volley at the ceremony. Initially the SVR was told that the report of the muskets was too loud and would scare children attending the ceremony. This did not sound right to either Captain Peterson or Sergeant Wozniak since the ROTC Corps of Cadets also fires three volleys at the ceremony: The SVR fires upon placement of the flags and the cadets fire at the conclusion of TAPS. The ROTC Cadets use M-14 rifles whose report is actually louder than a musket. Upon further investigation the SVR was told that the NMDA was concerned that it takes too long to fire three volleys from a musket (We all know that its 1.5 minutes to fire three volleys). This seems to be a small consideration since the local politicians giving speeches well exceed the 1.5 minutes to properly honor the fallen with a three volley salute. Sergeant Wozniak, not to be deterred, ordered our soldiers to fire three volleys by files so that we would not need to make people wait the entire minute and a half required of the musket team to reload and fire three volleys.

We explained that firing only one volley is a dishonor to the fallen. The tradition of three volleys arose almost as soon as fire arms were introduced on the battlefield. Everyone who re-enacts knows that a single volley like that requested is usually rendered simply to clear weapons after a battle. The armies of Europe in the past often agreed to a temporary truce so that both armies could bury their fallen. When an army had completed it task they would often fire three volleys to signify that they were finished burying the dead and that hostilities could resume. This eventually evolved into the custom of honoring the fallen with three volleys. According to military protocol for honoring fallen vets, the three volleys, is the most important honor that can be rendered to a fallen veteran after a flag draped coffin.

Many of the Union soldiers buried at Marietta National Cemetery never got a flag draped coffin. A couple of minutes out of an hour long ceremony to fire a proper salute is certainly no great burden on anyone considering what these soldiers sacrificed for us.

Capt. Eric Peterson
Commander
XIV Corps HQ Guard

Chaplain's Pulpit

Brothers of the 7th Military District,

We are now in the third year of celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the Great Civil War. I am sure that many of you have participated in numerous events around the country and have many experiences to share with those who are less fortunate in being able to attend. As the Chaplain of the District it is important to be able to share the story of those who ministered to the spiritual needs of the soldiers in the field during our Great War for the preservation of the Union and not forget what role they played in the daily lives of all who fought. One way that we can do that is by visiting the National Civil War Chaplains Research Center and Museum Foundation, located in Lynchburg Virginia. Check them out! There is a great website that tells all about their mission and what events are taking place at the museum. They also have articles submitted by different authors which tell the story of the Chaplain in the War. If you are interested in reading more about the firsthand experiences or learning what their daily lives were like, there are many books that can be found on Amazon or other book seller websites that focus on both sides during the War. Just type in "Civil War Chaplains" and you will find a gold mine of books to choose from. Whither it is for curiosity or because you really have a genuine interest in Civil War Chaplains you will find this to be an interesting subject that deserves more research by those who wish to know the whole story of Americas Civil War.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Chaplain Kenneth Early
7th MD, SVR



NATIONAL CIVIL WAR

Chaplains Research Center & Museum Foundation

Summer Hours

(Starts June 5, 2013)

Wednesday – Friday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Tours on Monday or Tuesday by Appointment Only

Call 434-582-2087 at least 48 Hours prior to make an appointment

The Mission of the National Civil War Chaplains Research Center and Museum Foundation is:

To educate the public about the role of chaplains, priests, rabbis, and religious organizations in the Civil War.

To promote the continuing study of the many methods of dissemination of religious doctrine and moral teachings during the war.

To preserve Civil War religious artifacts.

To present interpretive programs that show the influence of religion on the lives of political and military personnel.

Books about Chaplains during the War

•[The Spirit Divided: Memoirs of Civil War Chaplains: The Confederacy](#) by John Wesley, Jr. Brinsfield

•[Memoirs of Chaplain Life: 3 Years in the Irish Brigade with the Army of the Potomac \(Irish in the Civil War\)](#) by Lawrence Kohl

•[For Courageous Fighting and Confident Dying: Union Chaplains in the Civil War](#) by Warren Bruce Armstrong

•[Doctor Quintard, Chaplain C.S.A. and Second Bishop of Tennessee: The Memoir and Civil War Diary](#) of Charles Todd... by Charles Todd Quintard and Sam Davis Elliott

•[Faith in the Fight](#) by John W. Brinsfield, William C. Davis and Benedict Maryniak



Amzi D. Harmon Company Participates in Memorial Day (observed) Wreath Laying Ceremony with Fraternal Orders

Amzi D. Harmon Company participated in a Memorial Day (observed) ceremony led by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3227 and American Legion Post 80 at Mount Peace Cemetery, St. Cloud, Florida. After welcoming opening remarks and an invocation, the Osceola County Veterans Council Color Guard presented the Colors. Michigan Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Lakeview Elementary School the National Anthem. Organization flags were paraded. The American flag was lowered to half-staff. Veterans present were recognized, including Jerry Walters, a Veteran and POW of both WWII and the Korean Conflict, and Robert Singleton, Veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. 1Lt. Ward escorted Private Whitlam, PCC in laying a wreath. 92 seconds of silence was observed, and doves were released. Patriotic songs were sung and a benediction offered. Sergeant Custer (performing multiple duty as member of a Cannonade Group, Harmon Company member, Lucius L. Mitchell Camp 4 Commander, and Department of Florida Treasurer) provided artillery fire, followed by an OCVC 21-gun salute. Shadow taps was performed and the U.S. flag returned to full staff.

1Lt James Ward
Commander
Amzi D. Harmon Company



**Amzi D. Harmon Company with Allied Order
May 30 "Decoration Day" 2013**

1Lt Ward, Amzi D. Harmon Company Commander, is shown with Louisa May Alcott Tent 11, DUVCW Sister Vogelpohl following the May 30, 2013 Decoration Day wreath laying observance at Mount Peace Cemetery, St. Cloud, Florida.

Department of Georgia and South Carolina

During the weekend of April 27-28, the Department of Georgia and South Carolina Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its annual encampment in Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald was chosen for the conference because of its history as a colony founded for retired Union Civil War veterans.

Sixteen delegates, along with family members and general membership, attended the business meetings held on Saturday at the Inn at Fitzgerald. After close of business on Saturday, the attendees assembled at Evergreen Cemetery for a ceremony honoring the Union Civil War veterans who are buried there. A wreath was laid in the Union Army section of the cemetery and remarks were delivered by outgoing Departmental Commander Brian Pierson and incoming Commander Mark Hale. Pierson is a colonel in the Air Force, stationed in South Carolina, and Hale is a camp commander of the Sons of Union Veterans in Kennesaw.

Also in attendance were Marguerite Dyal and four members of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Amanda Stokes Detached Tent #2, from the Atlanta area. About thirty onlookers attended the cemetery service.

On Sunday, the SUVCW visited the Blue and Gray Museum and toured some of the city's historic sites.

At one time Fitzgerald had three Grand Army of the Republic veterans posts and a Women's Relief Corps chapter that aided the veterans group. The WRC building still stands on Main Street.

Ray Wozniak
XIV Corps HQ Guard



Left to Right: Sgt. Bill Heard, Privates: Tommy Phillips, Greg Wernke, Issac Heard, Ranky Hart, Chaplain Sam Gant, Captain Dave Du Brucq, General U.S. Grant (Curt Fields)

151st Surrender of Fort Donelson

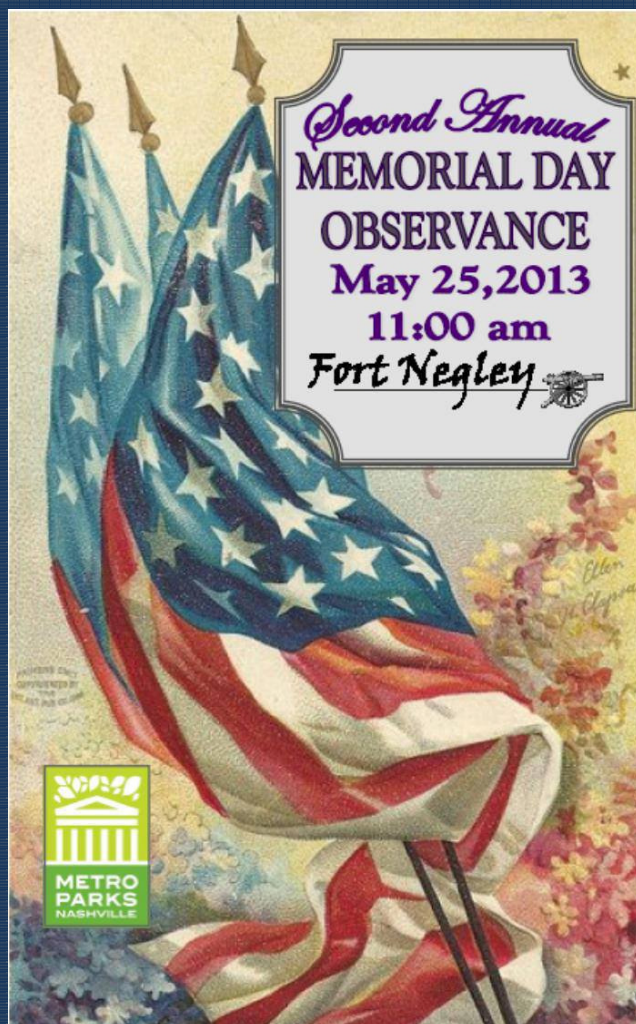
Members of the 10th Tennessee (U.S.) Volunteer Infantry participated in several events to commemorate the 151st Surrender of Fort Donelson on 16 Feb 2013. Members, with Gen. U.S. Grant (Curt Fields) were on hand to re-enact the surrender at Dover Hotel. Later in the day, members served as Color Guard for the annual wreath laying at Fort Donelson National Cemetery.

2nd Lt. George Andrew Huttick
PIO, 7th Military District, SVR
10th Tennessee (U.S.) Infantry





Left to Right: (back) R. Thorton, Capt. D. DuBrucq, 2nd Lt. G.A. Huttick, (unidentified), D..Soileau,, R.W. Baker, Cpl. G. Burke, Sgt. B. Radcliffe, Sgt. Maj. R. Tenney, S. Breron, J. Carlton (front) Students from Montgomery Bell Academy



Memorial Day Observance Ft. Negley

The Second Annual Memorial Day Observance was held on 25 May 2013 at Ft. Negley (Nashville, TN). Members of the 10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry and Confederate reenactors from the local area were on hand to provide uniformed support for the event.

Brig. Gen. (retired) Bert Chalfant, Nashville Councilwoman Sandra Moore, and Dr. Carole Bucy (Davidson County History) were on hand to give comments and service during the event. Beyond the general public, students from Montgomery Bell Academy attended the event. The National Anthem was rendered by one of the students, Richard Thorton.

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Upcoming Unit Events

XIV Corps HQ Guard

- 22 – 24 June; Living History at Barrington Hall, Roswell, GA
- 20 - 21 July; (TENTATIVE) Living History at Cyclorama, Atlanta, GA
- 9 - 10 November ;Living History / Veterans Day, Helen GA

Amzi D. Harmon Company

- 4 July; Independence Day (Presentation of 50 year recognition to Nation Historian Wolz)
- Sept; Vineland Cemetery Re-dedication
- Oct; Sesquicentennial Signature Event, Tampa FL

10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry

- 8 June; Living History at Green Hills Library, Nashville, TN
- 22 June; Grave Markings, Reagan, TN

Department / National Events

- 15 June; Department of Florida Encampment
- 8 -11 August ;National Encampment Milwaukee, WI
- 23 November; Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg, PA



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Articles for the Spring 2013 Edition
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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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