

The Haversack

Newsletter of the 7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve



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Commander's Comments

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the men of the 7th Military District!

It seems that greeting has gone out of favor in recent years in the name of political correctness. In point of fact, no-one should be offended if I greet you in this way. There is much information to be gleaned from this greeting; first, I am a Christian who celebrates the birth of Jesus, secondly, I must have friendly intentions toward you since I am not only sharing the joy of Christmas with you whether you celebrate or not, I am also wishing you happiness in the coming year! If we simply stop looking for reasons to be offended we can learn much from what is said.

Truly listening and properly interpreting the message is an important leadership trait but it's also an important life skill. We can all work to develop this talent which will lead to better communication with people and better insight and decision making on our part.

I hope that all the members of the 7th Military District and their families enjoy time with their loved ones this holiday season. It's a good time to recharge your energy, take stock of what has happened in the last year, and plan for the coming year.

In 2015 we will be commemorating the end of the Civil War; truly a joyous occasion for our ancestors. This will mean much work for the SVR in the first five months of 2015 as we commemorate the momentous events of 1865. There is talk in the Department of Georgia and South Carolina of taking part in the raising of Old Glory over Fort Sumter with an ancestor of Major-General Robert Anderson in attendance. Stand by for news on that one. I would like to see a strong SVR presence there.

I know that all the companies will be busy. Let's get articles about your activities to the editor of The Haversack. My Grandmother used to say, "Don't hide your light under a bushel". If we don't share these articles that is exactly what we are doing.

Let us all take time to enjoy the spirit of the season and endeavor to make 2015 an even more successful year than 2014.

In FC&L,

Major Eric Peterson
7th Military District, SVR
Commanding



Our Ancestors

Greetings from Headquarters

December is always a festive time of the year, particularly for youngsters. But, we all enjoy seeing the Christmas lights and decorated trees during the holiday season. It is a time when we pause to give special thanks for what we have, and a time to extend a helpful hand to those in need as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time to greet friends, enjoy gatherings with family members and prepare for the beginning of a new year.

As I reflect on the achievements of the Sons of Veterans Reserve during the past year I am proud to report that it has been another year of outstanding accomplishments. SVR members continue to perform distinguished service at ceremonies dedicating or rededicating monuments and memorials to our Civil War ancestors. They continue to showcase the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by serving as Color Guards, by conducting living history programs, by participating in community parades, by conducting numerous Memorial Day ceremonies and by participating in a number of other events and activities that help perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Civil War ancestors.

The SVR is an all-volunteer army which creates a very positive public image for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all our members and their families for their dedication and outstanding service and for the many hours they devote to the SVR. During this historic sesquicentennial Civil War period many special events have provided unique opportunities for us to highlight our Civil War heritage and the SVR members have played a principal role in many of these commemorative events and activities.

Our Civil War ancestors were very busy 150 years ago in December, 1864. Many were engaged in the battles at Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee; some were engaged in the siege of Petersburg and others marched with General Sherman across Georgia. It was on December 22, 1864 that General William T. Sherman sent his memorable message to President Lincoln: "I beg to present you, as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah."

I ask that in the coming year you continue to advance our mission of educating the public about our Civil War heritage and the role our ancestors played in providing us with a United States that has become the greatest nation the World has ever seen.

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



Chaplain's Pulpit



Brothers of the 7th Military District,

In my continuing series of Civil War chaplains I have submitted the brief story below of the Chaplain of the 72nd New York Infantry Regiment. I hope you enjoy, and as always, if you have any suggestions, ideas or comments for the Chaplain, please feel free to contact me anytime.

May God bring you peace
and happiness and a very
Merry Christmas!

Kenneth Early
Chaplain; 2nd Lieutenant
7th Military District
Sons of Veterans Reserve



LEVI WARREN NORTON,

Born Attica, N. Y. October 17, 1819. Graduated at Union College, 1843, and at the General Theological Seminary, (Protestant Episcopal) New York, 1846. Ordained July 21st, 1847. Rector in Watertown and Jamestown, N. Y., and Metuchen and Rahway, New Jersey.

Mustered Chaplain 72nd Regiment, N.Y.V. July 24th, 1861. Served with his regiment. at various places in Maryland. Was sent home sick with typhoid fever, and later returned to his regiment, but on account of continued ill health was obliged to resign. Mustered out April 20, 1862, and returned to Jamestown, N. Y. In 1892 on account of impaired health he gave up the active work of his ministry, and returned to Jamestown, N.Y. He died while on a pleasure trip at Hemus Point, N. Y., August 23, 1900. His remains rest in Lake View Cemetery, Jamestown, N. Y.

The 72nd New York was the third regiment of the famous "Excelsior Brigade" led by General Daniel Sickles. The 72nd suffered heavy casualties at Williamsburg and Gettysburg, where Sickles advanced them into the open with no support, but their courage and tenacity throughout the war earned them a reputation as one of the premier regiments in the Union Army.



Special thanks go to the
Freelance Historian for allowing this
information to be reprinted.

Questionable sightings in Georgia



It seems someone may be out of uniform...
(Ray Wozniak, Jack Abram, Conner MacGibbon, Tim Klob, Stever Toney)



Photos courtesy of Elias Moon Camp #2
Department of Georgia and South Carolina

McDaniel Park Farm – Civil War Christmas Event

Ed. Note: I know we have one (1) General Grant, two (2) General Thomas', and two (Abraham Lincoln's in our camps/units in this Military District... I think we are short a General Sherman...

150th Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin

On November 15th, 2014, over 700 re-enactors assembled in Franklin, Tennessee to commemorate the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee. It is often called the Gettysburg of the West and was the scene of fierce hand to hand fighting on a cool November evening in 1864. Confederate Lieutenant General John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee attacked entrenched Federals in the town of Franklin in a desperate attempt to prevent them from joining General George H. Thomas and his union defenders in Nashville. Roughly 10,000 casualties resulted, 70% of them being Confederate. Six Confederate General Officers were killed in the Battle, including the very capable Major General Patrick Cleburne. General John Schofield's Union Army under the direct tactical command of General Jacob Cox repulsed the attack. Schofield successfully reached Nashville with his force and two weeks later, the once proud Army of Tennessee was routed at the Battle of Nashville in December, 1864. These engagements rendered the Army of Tennessee ineffective and essentially ended the war in the west.



Confederate Troops Charge Union Defenses at the 150th Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Franklin. The re-enactment was attended by some 5,000 spectators who saw a recreation of the desperate fight. Members of the 10th Tennessee, SVR, participated with Schoolfields Battery re-enacting the 6th Ohio Light Artillery at the Cotton Gin, scene of some of the heaviest fighting. Units from a five state area participated in the historic 150th Anniversary re-enactment and despite the unseasonably cold weather the event was sold out.



Captain Dave DuBrucq
Commanding

10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Annual March (mosey) to Carter House Franklin, TN



Members of the 10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry
(Front, L-R: Pvt. Curt Fields (Grant), Capt. Dave Dubruq, Pvt. George Michael Huttick, Pvt. Seth Breon, Pvt. Sam Gant)
(Back L-R: 2nd Lt. George Andrew Huttick, Sergeant Bill Heard, Pvt. Chip Huffman)



Other activities...



Middle Tennessee Civil War Show
(1st Sergeant Roger Tenney and Br. Gary Burke)



150th Battle of Shy's Hill
(Br. Gary Burke)



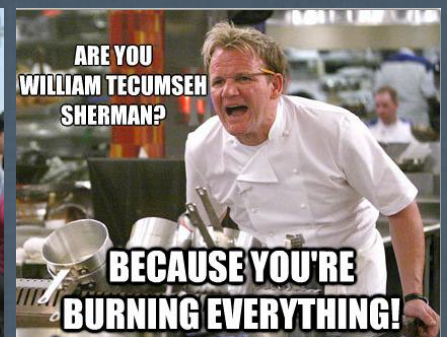
150th Battle of Nashville
(Br. Dan Hughes and Br. Gary Burke)

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article I.

FORMATION OF INFANTRY IN ORDER OF BATTLE

1. In the formations of Infantry, a *Brigade of the line* will constitute the unite, and in every *line of battle* composed of more than one of these brigades, they will be posted from right to left, in the order of their numbers.
2. A similar disposition will be made of the regiments in a brigade.
3. In all exercises, manœuvres, and evolutions, every regiment of ten companies will take the denomination of *battalion*, and all battalions in the same *brigade* will be designated, from the right to the left, *first battalion*, *second battalion*, &c., &c. By these designations they will be known in the evolutions.
4. The interval between every two continuous battalions in the same brigade with be *twenty-two* paces, and the interval between every two contiguous brigades will habitually be *one hundred and fifty* paces.
5. A less number of battalions than *four* will habitually be formed in one line of battle, but when it is thought expedient to form the brigade in two lines, the third and fourth battalions will be respectively posted in the rear of the first and second battalions. The battalions of the first line will either be deployed, or in column at half distance, or closed in mass. The battalions of the second line will always be drawn up in column, either simple or double, at half distance or closed in mass, and posted for tactical instruction, one hundred and fifty paces in rear of the first line, counting from the front rank of the first line, counting from the front rank of the first, to the front rank of the second line. The battalions of the second line will be posted so that a line passing through their colors and those of the battalions of the first line respectively (whether deployed or in the column) shall always be perpendicular to the line of battle. In presence of the enemy the distance between the lines will depend upon circumstances; in general the second line should not be much exposed to the enemy's fire.



Upcoming Unit Events

XIV Corps HQ Guard

- Forthcoming!

Amzi D. Harmon Company

- Forthcoming!

10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry

- 153rd Anniversary of the Surrender of Fort Donelson, Dover, TN – Date TBD (Feb 2015?) – Captain DuBrucq is Point of Contact

Department / National Events

- August 2015 – NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Sesquicentennial Events

- Time is running out...

Something must be coming up!... Let us know so we can let all the units know!

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- [7th Military District, SVR](#)

Departments in our District

- [Department of Tennessee](#)
(includes MS and AL)
- [Department of Georgia and South Carolina](#)

Camps in our District

- [Gen. John A. Logan #4 \(NC\)](#)
- [Gen. James B. Mcpherson #1 \(GA\)](#)
- [Elias Moon #2 \(GA\)](#)
- [Kennesaw Mountain #3 \(GA\)](#)
- [Charles Devens Jr. #10 \(SC\)](#)
- [Maj. Gen James H Wilson #1 \(AL\)](#)
- [Maj. Wm. A. McTeer #39 \(TN\)](#)
- [Fort Donelson #62 \(TN\)](#)

- [National SUVCW](#)

Click the link, and “Like” them!

(you'll get lots of updates of what is going on!)

We want articles (with pictures!)

Thanks to all the contributors of this edition!

So... What's needed...?

Articles for the Winter 2015 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

Some editing may be done to long articles to fit in the space available

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

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