

# The Haversack

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



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## Commander's Comments

Greetings Gentlemen,

Spring is coming and we will soon enter the period I refer to as the "High Holidays" of the SVR. This consists of attendance at Department Encampments for the allied orders within our seven state district, Memorial Day, and all the other activities that participate in. This is also the time when the companies reorganize and submit their reports to the District Commander and the Commanding General at the National HQ. I know that many of our company commanders are working on those reports now and I know that they have experienced some growth which is good.



I do have one organizational announcement. 2LT Kenneth Early has moved out of the district permanently. He now resides in Virginia which is within the boundaries of the 2nd Military District. I have known Ken for long time, and am grateful for his service to the order. He will be sorely missed and we wish him well in his new territory. This movement leaves the 7th Military District in need of a new District Chaplain. I am looking for a candidate with a solid spiritual background to minister to the district. The candidate should have knowledge of the organization of the SVR, and its regulations. The candidate should possess solid communication skills and a willingness to contribute to the newsletter. Those interested in the position should contact me by e-mail at [Huscarleric@gmail.com](mailto:Huscarleric@gmail.com).

I will close by saying how much I appreciate what each of you do for the SVR and the Allied Orders. Although I do not get to see each of you in person I am aware of the good works you are doing. I hear this from your commanders and the members of the Allied Orders. The SVR brings dignity and visibility of our order to the general public. Two of our companies have been recognized by the commanding General with a Meritorious Unit Award. This really speaks well of the dedication of the members in the Amzi Harmon Company and the 10th Tennessee. I know that these units and their commanders will not rest on their laurels and will continue to perform the excellent service they have rendered so far.

In FC&L,

Major Eric Peterson  
7th Military District, SVR  
Commanding.

# 154th Commemoration Fort Donelson



Capt. D. DuBrucq, CC Army of Tennessee #64  
and 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Roger Tenney, CC Fort Donelson  
Camp #62 Place a wreath at Fort Donelson  
National Cemetery



Cpl Tommy Phillips Served as Color  
Bearer



Pvt. Jim Loftis, Pvt. Ted Sheldon, Cpl. Tommy  
Phillips

A Memorial held on February 20th, 2016, to commemorate 154th anniversary of the Army of the Tennessee's victory at Fort Donelson. Members of the 10th Tennessee Infantry, SVR, representing both Fort Donelson Camp 62 and Army of the Tennessee Camp 64 Participated in the ceremony.

During this year's anniversary ceremony, the names of all Union soldiers killed at the Battle of Fort Donelson and buried at the Fort Donelson National Cemetery were read along with the regiment they fought with. Superintendent Brian McCutchen and Ranger Susan Hawkins represented the National Park Service for the Memorial Ceremonies. Fort Donelson was the first of many significant victories for both General Grant and the union Army of the Tennessee.

Submitted by Capt. D. Dubrucq  
10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee (U.S.) Volunteers



# Commemorating The Last Civil War Engagements in Tennessee



Capt. D. DuBrucq, CC Army of Tennessee #64, Sgt Bill Heard, Army of Tennessee #64  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Roger Tenney, CC Fort Donelson Camp #62,  
Pvt. Sam Gant, PDC, Fort Donelson Camp #62

The Famous "Big Red Store" in Appleton, Tennessee  
was the site of the Commemoration



On December 5th, 2015, the 10th Regiment, Tennessee U.S. Vols participated in the commemoration of the last Civil War engagements in Tennessee. General James Wilson's cavalry was pursuing the remnants of General Hood's CS Army of Tennessee in far southern Middle Tennessee after the Battle of Nashville.

The first of these engagements was at Anthony Hill on Christmas Day, 1864, where Wilson's Cavalry encountered CS General Nathan Bedford Forrest's Cavalry, entrenched on Anthony Hill. Wilson, believing Hoods Army was easy prey attacked the position and was repulsed by Forrest's Cavalry.

The 26th of December, 1864, opened with a heavy fog and gently falling rain which slowed Wislon's Cavalry and made locating the enemy difficult. Despite early confusion and heavy fire from the enemy, by afternoon Wilson's troopers had prevailed driving the Confederates before them. Once driven from their works, the Confederates were pursued for a time but the Union troopers soon went into winter quarters, having swept away the presence of any Confederate army in Tennessee.

Three Union Soldiers, buried nearby, were honored during the Commemoration. Private Morgan Russell, Co. D 2nd East Tenn Cavalry (US) who was killed on December 26th, 1864 at Sugar Creek. Private William Hoskins, Co. A 4th Tenn Cavalry (US) also Killed on December 26, 1864 at Sugar Creek. Private Oliver Banner, Co. B 4th Tenn Cavalry (US) who was killed on Christmas Day, 1864 at Anthony Hill.

Submitted by Capt. D. Dubrucq  
10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee (U.S.) Volunteers

# Regulations ...

## FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

### Article II. INSTRUCTION OF OFFICERS.

60. The instruction of officers can be perfected only by joining theory to practice. The colonel will often practise them in marching and in estimating distances, and he will carefully endeavor to cause them to take steps equal in length and swiftness. They will also be exercised in the double quick step.
61. The instruction of officers will include all the Titles in this system of drill, as well as a perfect knowledge of the system of firing as proscribed by the War Department.
62. Every officer will make himself perfectly acquainted with the bugle signals; and should, by practice, be enabled, if necessary, to sound them. This knowledge, so necessary in general instruction, becomes of vital importance on actual service in the field.

### INSTRUCTION OF SERGEANTS.

63. As the discipline and efficiency of a company materially depend on the conduct and character of its sergeants, they should be selected with care, and properly instructed in all the duties appertaining to their rank.
64. Their theoretical instruction should include the School of the Soldier, the School of the Company, and the Drill for Skirmishers; as also a knowledge of the principles of firing. They should likewise be well instructed in their duties as battalion guides.
65. The captain selects from the corporals in his company, those whom he judges fit to be admitted to the theoretical instruction of the sergeants.

### INSTRUCTION OF CORPORALS.

66. Their theoretical instruction should include the School of the Soldier, with a knowledge of firing.
67. The captain selects from his company a few privates, who may be admitted to the theoretical instruction of the corporals.
68. As the instruction of sergeants and corporals, is intended principally to qualify them for the instruction of the privates, they should be taught not only to execute, but to explain intelligibly every thing they may be required to teach.

## REGULATIONS OF THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

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### INTRODUCTION

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is organized and regulated in accordance with Chapter IV of the National Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). That SUVCW Regulation is as follows:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Regulations

2001

Chapter IV

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Organization and Structure

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) shall constitute the authorized military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). It shall include all military bodies of the Order (SUVCW) with the exception that Camps and Departments may maintain an independent military organization as a Camp Guard or Department Guard for parades, services and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp or Department with which the unit is associated. The highest military rank attainable within any Camp or Department Guard shall be that of Captain. At all functions where Camp Guard units, Department Guard units and SVR units are participating, the highest ranking SVR commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall have command of all military bodies of the SUVCW, regardless of the rank of an officer in a Camp Guard or Department Guard.

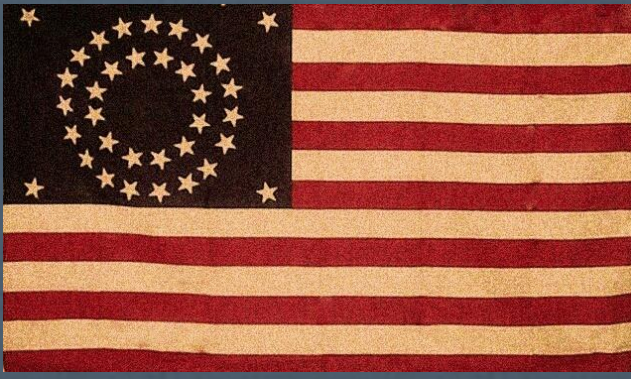
Section 2. To be eligible for and in order to maintain membership in the SVR, a Brother shall be a member or Associate in good standing in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL  
ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION!**

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<http://www.suvcw.org/?p=1965>





The American Flag stands for every American. We look to our flag in times of national triumph and tragedy. These events are when we as a nation rally around our flag. Join us in 2016 by proudly flying your flag.

2016 Holiday Calendar:

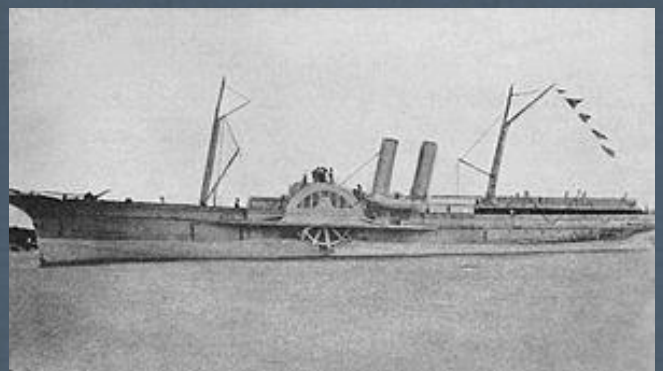
- Lincoln's Birthday - February 12
- President's Birthday - February 15
- Washington's Birthday - February 22
- Easter Sunday - March 27
- Mother's Day - May 8
- Peace Officer's Memorial Day - (half-staff) May 15
- Armed Forces Day - May 21
- Memorial Day - (Half-staff until noon and then raise flag to full staff until sunset) May 30
- D-Day - June 6
- Flag Day - June 14
- Father's Day - June 19
- Independence Day - July 4
- Korean War Veterans Day - July 27
- Labor Day - September 5
- Patriot Day - (half-staff) September 11
- Constitution Day - September 16
- Gold Star Mother's Day - September 25
- Columbus Day - October 10
- Navy Birthday - October 13
- Election Day - November 8
- Marine Corps Birthday - November 10
- Veterans Day - November 11
- Thanksgiving Day - November 24
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - (half-staff) December 7
- Christmas Day - December 25

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## Civil War Factoids Naval Service Edition

- U.S Grant used the New Uncle Sam in his expedition against Fort Donelson. Despite its role in that significant victory, the 902 ton side-wheeler was renamed the USS Black Hawk in December of 1862.
- Ten Union vessels of varying size and strength were called the Atlantic
- A distant relative of the Reindeer was commemorated when the 162 ton Countess became the USS Elk while the steamer Rachel Miller Was renamed the USS Reindeer!
- The Confederate privateer named for the governor of North Carolina, A. D. Vance, soon became the USS Frolic after it was captured by the U.S. Navy.
- U.S. Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Wells must have had a penchant for blossoms. One after another, the names of several vessels were name in favor of flowers. Some of the vessels were renamed as follows:
  - The Maggie Baker became the USS Heliotrope
  - The Vicksburg became the USS Acacia
  - The John Dix became the USS Geranium
  - The Martha became the USS Violet
  - The Republic became the USS Peony
- When the U.S. Navy acquired the bark Abd-el-Kadir, it's small wonder that the name was changed immediately. Unfortunately, records failed to indicate why the new Federal vessel was renamed the USS Ammonoosuc.

Submitted by Capt. D. Dubrucq  
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USS Frolic



A Special Thanks to Brother Darrell Ball and his wife Dana for organizing the Sugar Creek Commemoration and for their fine work in identifying and marking the resting places of Union soldiers throughout southern Middle Tennessee.

Thanks too to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the good people of Appleton, Tennessee who participated with us and made this commemoration possible.

Submitted by Capt. D. DuBrucq

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### Departments in our District

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

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- [Gen. John A. Logan #4 \(NC\)](#)
- [Gen. James B. Mcpherson #1 \(GA\)](#)
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- [Fort Donelson #62 \(TN\)](#)
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## We want articles (with pictures!)

**Thanks to all the contributors of this edition!**

*So... What’s needed...?*

Articles for the Spring 2016 Edition of the Haversack!

- Unit Activities
- Biographical Sketches
- 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](mailto:GAHuttick@netscape.net)!

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