

The Haversack

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

Commander's Comments

Greetings men of the 7th District,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a warm and happy holiday season with your families. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah or any number of the religious holidays that come at the end of the year or none at all, the end of the year gives us all a great chance to spend with loved ones and reflect on the year past.

The 7th Military District has had a very good year. All the companies are growing, and have participated in many great events honoring the sacrifice of the Boys in Blue, and all veterans. It is through your hard work and dedication that we advance the cause of the SVR / SUVCW and other Allied Orders. As I often explain to the public, the SVR is not just the military branch of the SUVCW but it is the visible arm of the Allied Orders. It's impossible to hide what we stand for when we are assembled at a place in our blue uniforms! It also presents a great recruiting opportunity as the public approaches and asks about the re-enacting hobby. Take that opportunity to explain that we are the SVR and the difference between what we do and what it is to be a re-enactor. Most do not know but I find that when it is explained many want to join.

I also have had the privilege this year to lend a hand to our allied orders. Along with several members of the XIV Corps Guard we served as the honor guard for the National Congress of the Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 at their National Congress in Atlanta. We also served as the color guard at the chartering of a new LGAR Circle in Georgia: James Tharp Circle Presided over by Sister Sheila Richards. The ladies at both events were very appreciative of our service.

We will soon have a new SVR company thanks to Brothers Clyde Getman and Shawn Hinman of Sultana Camp #1 in Memphis. They are finishing up the paperwork needed to form a company and soon I will have the great honor to sign into affect orders activating the Samuel P. Carter Company, SVR. The Company has elected their commander, First Sergeant Shawn Hinman. First Sergeant Hinman will be a good leader and as the company grows I will happily request a commission for him from the Commanding General when the Company attains the appropriate strength. At present they have the requisite six members to join. Brother Clyde Getman has done Yeoman work forming the new company and will be the Company Adjutant.

There are also rumors of a new company wishing to form in Beaufort, South Carolina to support the newly chartered SUVCW Camp there. This will be our first company in South Carolina and if it happens it will bring the 7th District up to a strength of five companies! I have offered my assistance to Dr. Washington, the camp commander of William Wallace Camp #21 in forming an SVR company.

All the companies have been busy representing the order and honoring our veterans and I thank each one of you for persevering in sometimes unpleasant conditions whether it's freezing rain or scorching heat! This is no mean feat to accomplish in our territory, where as General Grim recent put it, "the Southern Confederacy is still remembered with great fondness".

Thank you for all you do, Have a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year,

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Meritorious Service Medal

COMMANDER
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE
Takes pleasure in presenting the

Meritorious Service Medal
SILVER STAR



To
Major Eric B. Peterson
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

For services as set forth in the following citation:

For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as Commander of the Seventh Military District of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

While serving as Commander of the Seventh Military District for the past four years you have exhibited outstanding leadership and motivational abilities in maintaining a successful SVR district in an area that remembers the Confederacy with great fondness. Your service to the Seventh Military District spans more than a decade. From 2005 to 2007 you served as the district chaplain; then you assumed the duties of district chief of staff until your appointment as district commander in 2012. Your outstanding performance in all of these assignments proved to be of great benefit to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Your dedication to preserving our Civil War heritage clearly qualifies you as a most noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award and a most noteworthy representative of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

PRESENTED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016 AT GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.



Robert E. Grim
Major General, SVR
Commanding

I want to take this opportunity to thank the officers and men of the 7th Military District whose hard work and dedication made it possible for me, as your servant leader, to be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal Silver Star by the Commanding General. No leader can succeed without good people around them. Thank you for your service to the 7th Military District.

I also thank Major General Grim for his faith in me and for conferring this special honor.

Major Eric Peterson,
7th MD, SVR
Commander

XIV Corps HQ Guard Honors Veterans at Marietta National Cemetery During Wreaths Across America



The Boy Scouts did a great job of very quickly placing the 10,000 wreaths at the cemetery.



Members of the SVR on the Honor Guard were joined by two members of the 35th Georgia Civil War re-enactors for the ceremony. Left to right: Major Eric Peterson, Corporal Don Bickham, First Sergeant Bill Miller, Private Michael Reither, Bob and Jason (35th Georgia)



An Honor Guard of mixed units, SVR & Re-enacting companies ready to fire

It was a cold and drizzly Saturday on December 17th when members of the SVR's XIV Corps Guard assembled to honor veterans at the annual Wreaths Across America program. The program goes on at all the National Cemeteries across the country to place wreaths during the holidays on the graves of our veterans. The program has been growing steadily over the years. Brother Brad Quinlin oversaw the program which involved the Boy Scouts of America and Veterans Groups to place the wreaths and conduct a ceremony. This year enough money was raised to place wreaths on 10,000 graves at the cemetery, according to Brad Quinlin who is also a Corporal in the SVR. He has stated that his goal is to be able to place wreaths on all 18,000 graves at the cemetery.

Private Steve Reilly had the honor to escort Private First Class Kone, USMC to place a wreath at the POW/MIA monument. Kone is now a 90 year old veteran of the Battle of Guadalcanal.

Corporal Brad Quinlin, SVR was also a featured speaker. He talked about the last Veteran to be buried at the Cemetery, Corporal Jeffrey Blanton USMC, who died in Fallujah on December 21, 2004. Corporal Blanton had been wounded previously at Fallujah and heard that his platoon was going back out to the same area where he had been ambushed. Still recovering from his previous wound, Blanton volunteered to back out with them even though he was excused from field duty.

When marines clear a building they use a numbering system to determine who will enter the building first and in what order the others will follow. In spite of being number four in the line just before his squad entered the building he jumped in front and told his comrade, "I got this!" As he crashed through the door he was killed by the enemy inside.

Brad Quinlin has acquired a chunk of wood from the building where Corporal Blanton was killed and presented it to Blanton's family who were present for the ceremony.

Other members of the SVR Company performed duty as the honor guard and fired a three volley salute at the ceremony. All the members of the unit agreed that it was an honor well worth braving the cold and drizzle.

Submitted by Major Eric Peterson
7th MD SVR, Commanding

152nd Commemoration Battle of Franklin

(a.k.a. The Mosey to the Carter House...)



Color Bearer Cpl Tommy Phillips, 10th Tenn U.S. Vols, SVR



Sgt Bill Heard, 10th Tennessee U.S. Vols and General U.S. Grant (Dr. E. Curt Fields) along with Tommy Phillips and Darrel Ball of the 10th Tennessee U.S. Vols, SVR, display the colors.



Members of the 10th Tennessee, U.S. Volunteers, SVR, and friends



Sgt Bill Heard, Having marched from Fort Granger greets members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who marched from Winstead Hill. The two groups meet at the Carter House.

Members of the 10th Regt, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers, SVR, participated in the Annual March to the Carter House to mark the 152nd Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin, sometimes referred to as the "Gettysburg of the West". They were joined in the March by General U.S. Grant, portrayed by Dr. E Curt Fields of Collierville, TN

After failing to destroy John Schofield's Federal army near Spring Hill the previous morning, Gen. John Bell Hood led his 30,000 Confederates to the outskirts of Franklin, Tennessee on November 30, 1864. Determined not to let Schofield reach the safety of Nashville, Hood unleashed a precipitous frontal assault against the entrenched Federal defenders. Despite nearly breaking through the center of the Union line, Hood's forces were driven back with heavy losses. The bloody assault cost Hood more than 6,000 casualties, including six dead Confederate generals, among them the capable Major General Patrick Cleburne.

Submitted by Captain Dave DuBrucq
10th TN US Volunteer Infantry, Commanding

152nd Battle of Nashville Commemoration Ft. Negley



The Army of the Cumberland, 9th Ky, Stones River Signal Corp, Cannon Corps, and members of the SUVCW Camp Donelson #62(Roger Tenney, Sam Gant, Bill Radcliffe, Seth Breon, Gary Burke).

Bill Radcliffe is pictured addressing the garrison of troops thanking them for their participation in the weekends activities.

Gary Burke is pictured receiving his promotion from Corporal to Sergeant during the formation.

Submitted by Pvt. Gary Burke
10th TN US Volunteer Infantry

Other Communiques (and overflow photos...)

Season's Greetings from the Chief of Staff

*Merry Christmas To All Members
of the 7th Military District and their families.*

On earth, peace to men of good will.

All my best wishes for a Blessed Christmas

May God grant each of you a

happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Capt Dave DuBrucq

Chief of Staff, 7th Military District



Holiday's Greetings from the PIO

*My thanks and appreciation to the Officers, and
Brothers of the 7th Military District SUVCW.
This is your newsletter and you have made it a
worthwhile effort again this year. My wish all
of you a very Mer*

*George Andrew Huttick, 2nd Lieutenant
Public Information Officer, 7th MD SVR*

Historical Regulations ...

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article II

PART FIRST

LESSON II.

FACINGS.

95. Facing to the right and left will be executed in one time, or pause. The instructor will command:

1. Squad. 2. Right (or left)—FACE.

96. At the second command, raise the right foot slightly, turn on the left heel, raising the toes a little, and then replace the right heel by the side of the left, and on the same line.

97. The full face to the rear (or front) will be executed in two times, or pauses. The instructor will command.

1. Squad. 2. ABOUT—FACE.

98. (First time.) At the word about, the recruit will turn on the left heel, bring the left toe to the front, carry the right foot to the rear, the hollow opposite to, and full three inches from, the left heel, the feet square to each other.

99. (Second time.) At the word face, the recruit will turn on both heels, raise the toes a little, extend the hams, face to the rear, bringing, at the same time, the right heel by the side of the left.

100. The instructor will take care that these motions do not derange the position of the body.

LESSON III.

PRINCIPLES OF THE DIRECT STEP.

101. The length of the direct step, or pace, in common time, will be twenty-eight inches, reckoning from heel to heel, and in swiftness, at the rate of ninety in a minute.

102. The instructor, seeing the recruit confirmed in his position, will explain to him the principle and mechanism of this step—placing himself six or seven paces from, and facing to, the recruit. He will himself execute slowly the step in the way of illustration, and then command:

1. Squad, forward. 2. Common time. 3. MARCH.

103. At the first command, the recruit will throw the weight of the body, on the right leg, without bending the left knee.

104. At the third command, he will smartly, but without a jerk, carry straight forward the left foot twenty-eight inches from the right, the sole near the ground, the ham extended, the toe a little depressed, and, as also the knee, slightly turned out; he will, at the same time, throw the weight of the body forward, and plant flat the left foot, without shock, precisely at the distance where it finds itself from the right when the weight of the body is brought forward, the whole of which will now rest on the advanced foot. The recruit will next, in like manner, advance the right foot and plant it as above, the heel twenty-eight inches from the heel of the left foot, and thus continue to march without crossing the legs, or striking the one against the other, without turning the shoulders, and preserving always the face direct to the front.

105. When the instructor shall wish to arrest the march, he will command:

1. Squad. 2. HALT.

106. At the second command, which will be given at the instant when either foot is coming to the ground, the foot in the rear will be brought up, and planted by the side of the other, without shock.

107. The instructor will indicate, from time to time, to the recruit, the cadence of the step by giving the command one at the instant of raising a foot, and two at the instant it ought to be planted, observing the cadence of ninety steps in a minute. This method will contribute greatly to impress upon the mind the two motions into which the step is naturally divided.

108. Common time will be employed only in the first and second parts of the School for the Soldier. As soon as the recruit has acquired steadiness, has become established in the principles of shouldered arms, and in the mechanism length and swiftness of the step in common time, he will be practised only in quick time, the double quick time, and the run.

109. The principles of the step in quick time are the same as for common time, but its swiftness is at the rate of one hundred and ten steps per minute.

110. The instructor wishing the squad to march in quick time, will command:

1. Squad, forward. 2. MARCH

SVR Regulations

Article II National Headquarters (con'd)

7. The Commanding Officer may, with the written approval of the NMAC, add positions to both National and District level Headquarters that he deems necessary to efficiently operate the SVR.
8. The Commanding Officer may appoint a Special Staff to coordinate Civil War living history pageants, parades, ceremonies, training schools, and/or reenactments. Said appointments shall be announced by Special Orders and terminate with the end of the event. Members of the Special Staff shall have no authority or responsibility on the National Headquarters Staff or in the operation of the SVR.
9. Provision is hereby made for the establishment of a Headquarters Company to administer the membership-at-large status whereby not enough members can be obtained to form a unit. The headquarters Company shall be organized according to the Regulations.
10. Provision is hereby made for a Headquarters Inactive Reserve within the Headquarters Company to accommodate SVR members no longer wishing to remain active. Inactive Reserve members may, at all times, participate in SVR formations and other events in the proper uniform pursuant to Article VII of these Regulations and represent the organization. The Inactive Reserve shall be administered by the Headquarters Company Staff. Inactive Reserve members carry no authority with their rank. Transfers to the Inactive Reserve may be at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.
11. As part of his administrative duties, the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 15 March of each year shall file a report with the National Treasurer, SUVCW, detailing the EIN for each, unit, battalion, district, and headquarters with the contact information for the respective adjutant.

Article III

District Headquarters

1. The Commander in charge of a Military District shall be known as the District Commander. The District organization shall consist of a District Headquarters and assigned SVR units with its geographical boundaries as defined in Article I of these Regulations. The Commanding Officer shall appoint all District Commanders who shall serve at his pleasure. The period of such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the Commanding Officer of the SVR.
2. Insofar as all District Commanders serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer, SVR, as provided in Article III Section 1 of these Regulations, the failure of any District Commander to comply with the provisions of Section 4 herein may result in the Commanding Officer, SVR, removing that District Commander from his position as District Commander.
3. The District Commander shall be responsible to the Commanding Officer of the SVR for planning, policymaking, evaluation, inspection and military and administrative direction of all personnel and units within his district.
4. As part of his administrative duties, the District Commander shall be responsible for and shall ensure that all Annual Unit Applications (SVR Form 3) are received by the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 15 February of each year, all Annual Unit Strength Reports (SVR Form 19), all updated Annual Rosters and all Annual National dues for each Unit within his District are received by the Adjutant General, SVR, on or before 30 April of each year, commencing in April of 2007.
5. The District Commander may appoint a District Staff. All appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the District Commander. The period of all such appointments shall be made concurrent with that of the District Commander. The following table defines the maximum rank allowed per designated position upon the total District SVR membership.

Position	Under 250 Members	Over 250 Members
District Commander	Major	Lt. Colonel
District Adjutant	Captain	Major
District Chief of Staff	Captain	Major
District Inspector General	Captain	Major
District Chaplain	2 nd Lieutenant	1 st Lieutenant
District Public Information Officer	2 nd Lieutenant	1 st Lieutenant

6. If the District membership falls below three (3) units, the District Headquarters staff shall be dissolved by the Commanding Officer, SVR, and the remaining SVR units in said District shall then report to the Adjutant General, SVR.
7. As part of his administrative duties, the District Adjutant shall be responsible for and shall ensure that all Units within his District shall file with him, on or before 15 January each year, an Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3) and on or before 01 April of each year an Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19), an updated Annual Roster, Annual District dues and National dues
8. In the event a Military District Headquarters ceases to exist, all properties and monies shall be turned over to the Commanding Officer, SVR or his duly authorized representative. Said properties and monies then become the property of the National Headquarters, SVR

District Canard...



I am pleased to announce that Gary Burke has accepted the position of District Chaplain for the 7th Military District. Corporal Burke will be promoted to the rank of 2LT in the SVR. He brings a vast array of experience and knowledge to the position and I look forward to working with him on the District Staff.

Major Eric Peterson
7th Military District, SVR
Commander



ed. note... selfies, you never know when they'll appear..

Friday November 11, 2016,
Brother Heiple of Lucius L.
Mitchell Camp#4, Department of
Florida (portraying General Grant),
Sergeant Urell (portraying General
Grant's Aide) and Captain Ward at
the Veterans Day observance at the
Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt
Island, Florida with an official
opening after major renovation and
expansion. "Opposing forces" set
up tents and displays on the
adjacent south side. At the same
time, the Brevard County Veterans
Parade "stepped-off" in
Melbourne, Florida.

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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!)
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