

The Haversack

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Commander's Comments

Greetings Gentlemen!

It is my very great honor to welcome a new company to the 7th Military District; General Samuel P. Carter Company has been officially organized. The commander is First Sergeant Shawn Hinman. This brings our District Strength to 4 companies. The addition of this company will aid in the furtherance of our mission to honor the boys in blue. I ask all company commanders to focus their efforts this year on recruiting. I would like to see our personnel strength rise above 250 members in 2017. I know this seems to be a very high goal indeed but let's aim high. Even if we miss the mark we will achieve some very great success. I here rumors that we may have two more companies forming within the next year so I am confident we will continue to grow.

I know you are all doing some great things out there and I would like to see more articles about that work submitted to the haversack.

I would also like to announce a new program that was the brainchild of Captain David DuBrucq. We will start honoring one soldier from the district each year as the 7th Military District Distinguished Soldier of the Year Award.^o So, Company Commanders, let's see some submissions honoring the hard work done by our soldiers.

On March 4th I had the very great honor to participate in a program at Pickett's Mill Battlefield to raise money for the Battlefield Park. This year's program involved three lantern light tours of the battlefield with a re-enactment of Cleburne's night counter-attack on Knefler's and Hazen's Brigades which took place on May 27, 1864. The XIV Corps Guard fielded 4 soldiers to compliment the re-enacting units taking part in the program. I was quite humbled to be cast in the role of Colonel Frederick Knefler for the event. I was informed by John Nash, a member of "The Friends of Pickett's Mill Battlefield" That each tour was sold out and raised about \$1000 per tour for the park.

Let's keep up the great work and build the 7th District

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Major Eric Peterson
7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve
Commanding.



^o Ed. Note. The Commander's comments on how this new program will work have been moved to separate section of the newsletter for space constraints.

10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry 155th Commemoration Battle of Fort Donelson



Members of the 10th Regt, Tennessee U.S. Volunteers, SVR, participated in the annual commemoration activities to mark the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Donelson.

Inclement weather moved the event indoors this year. The morning started with a tribute to the “Boys in Blue” with a wreath ceremony and tribute comments by several individuals including Capt. Dave DuBrucq, 10th TN Commanding and Br. Curt Fields. Br. Tommy Phillips remains the best bugler a unit can have. An afternoon ceremony was hosted by the local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp. The 10th TN attended it as well, and prayers for the fallen of both sides was offered up by Chaplain Burke. (As some brothers have ancestors who fought on both sides, look closely at the photos to see who ‘switched sides’ during the event)

Submitted by Captain Dave DuBrucq and 2nd Lt. George Huttick
10th TN US Volunteer Infantry



XIV Corps HQ Guard

Pickett's Mill Battlefield Park



Major Eric Peterson, and Private Steve Reilly pose at Pickett's Mill Battlefield. Photo by Private Michael Reither. Corporal Bickham was already on duty in the ravine.

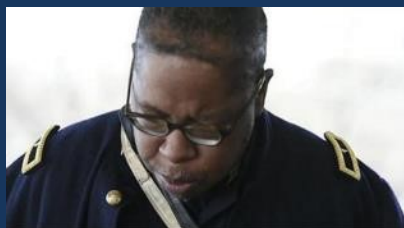
On March 4, 2017 four members of the SVR joined with park personnel and re-enactors to re-enact Cleburne's night counter-attack on Knefler's Brigade at the ravine, aka Hell Hole which occurred there on the night of May 27, 1864. Knefler's Brigade had been sent into the ravine to retrieve the wounded left there during Hazen's afternoon assault on the rebel positions. Cleburne counter-attacked that night to attempt to encircle and destroy Union forces still in the ravine. Cleburne was not successful in destroying the forward deployed brigades of Wood's Division.

This event was a candle light tour for spectators with three different tours taking place that night. The event was coordinated through The Friends of Pickett's Mill Battlefield and Rangers Dillon Lee and Steve Hadley to raise funds for the park maintenance. The four SVR members that participated were Private Steve Reilly, Corporal Don Bickham, Private Michael Reither, and Major Eric Peterson. Corporal Bickham was in the ravine with the fighting elements while Major Peterson portrayed Colonel Frederick Knefler and Michael Reither portrayed a Captain on Knefler's staff. Steve Reilly turned in an impressive performance as a messenger from the brigade running up and down the steep slope several times to deliver messages between Colonel Knefler and the men fighting in the ravine.

It is not often that one gets to conduct a re-enactment on the original battlefield and even rarer still is the opportunity to re-enact a night assault. This was a great honor for the SVR since the Rangers at the Battlefield reached out to the SUCVW and SVR for assistance. The park is now under new supervision who wants to get the history right. In the past the relationship between the SUCVW / SVR and the park staff was one of distrust as much mythology about the battle was being distributed as fact. The current administration of the park has been very receptive to the assistance that the allied orders can give about the battle in the form of research and living history. One such myth concerning mass graves of Union soldiers being on the property was dispelled through the meticulous work done by Corporal Brad Quinlin that shows that after the war all the Union dead from Pickett's Mill were accounted for and moved to Marietta National Cemetery.

Ranger Lee and John Nash (Friends of Pickett's Mill Battlefield) informed the author that all the candlelight tours were sold out and they expect that they raised \$1,000 per tour for the battlefield park. Similar programs are being planned for the future.

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District Order 2-2016

Subject: Appointment of Corporal Gary Burke to Chaplain, 7th Military District, SVR

1. After a long search I have found the best qualified candidate to hold the position of District Chaplain.
2. Corporal Gary Burke, SVR comes highly recommended by Captain David Dubrucq, the 7th Military District Chief of staff. The District Commander has personally interviewed Gary Burke for that post and is well satisfied that Gary Burke can perform the duties of District Chaplain in a most effective and efficient manner.
3. Effective January 1, 2017 Gary Burke is appointed as Chaplain, 7th Military District with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant
4. The Request for Commission Paperwork shall be forwarded to the National Adjutant General, Colonel Don Darby, as soon as the District Commander is able to affix his signature and forward the form to the proper chain of command.

Major Eric B. Peterson
7th Military District, SVR
Commander

7th Military District Distinguished Soldier of the Year Award Criteria

Consistently provides an outstanding level of service to his unit through volunteer involvement in Civil War related projects, activities and events that reflect positively on the individual soldier, his unit, district and the national SVR

- Involvement in School and Youth Related Civil War education
- Willingness to participate in projects that support Civil War history and public awareness.
- Displays the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.
- Contributions to local Civil War historical observations and events.
- Consistent support of unit events
- Consistently sharp in uniform appearance
- Promotion of SVR membership to other SUVCW Brothers
- Displays leadership by example
- Contributions to CW community at large including promotion and preservation of memorials, monuments, historical markers, etc.
- Service to brothers of our order
- All other actions and activities that reflect credit upon the Individual Soldier, Unit, District and SVR.

There shall be one nominee of a rank and file soldier/NCO from each Unit in the District. Commissioned officers will not be eligible. Nominations will be made by Unit Commanders not later 15 April of each calendar year. In order to assure fairness, selection will be made by members of the district staff.

Each Nominee not selected shall receive a Letter of Merit for his contributions to the SVR signed by the Military District Commander.

The Individual selected as the Distinguished Soldier of the Year shall be nominated to the SVR's National Commander for the SVR's Distinguished Service Award (Awarded annually in November at Gettysburg).

Historical Regulations ...

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article II

PART FIRST

LESSON II.

LESSON IV.

PRINCIPLES OF THE DOUBLE QUICK STEP.

111. The length of the double quick step is thirty-three inches, and its swiftness at the rate of one hundred and sixty-five steps per minute.

112. The instructor wishing to teach the recruits the principles and mechanism of the double quick step, will command:

1. Double quick step. 2. MARCH.

113. At the first command the recruit will raise his hands to a level with his hips, the hands closed, the nails toward the body, the elbows to the rear.

114. At the second command, he will raise to the front his left leg bent, in order to give to the knee the greatest elevation, the part of the leg between the knee and the instep vertical, the toe depressed; he will then replace his foot in its former position; with the right leg he will execute what has just been prescribed for the left, and the alternate movement of the legs will be continued until the command:

1. Squad. 2. HALT.

115. At the second command, the recruit will bring the foot which is raised by the side of the other, and dropping at the same time his hands by his side, will resume the position of the soldier without arms.

116. The instructor placing himself seven or eight paces from, and facing the recruit, will indicate the cadence by the commands one and two, given alternately at the instant each foot should be brought to the ground, which at first will be in common time, but its rapidity will be gradually augmented.

117. The recruit being sufficiently established in the principles of this step, the instructor will command:

1. Squad, forward. 2. Double quick. 3. MARCH.

118. At the first command, the recruit will throw the weight of his body on the right leg.

119. At the second command he will place his arms as indicated No. 113.

120. At the third command, he will carry forward the left foot, the leg slightly bent, the knee somewhat raised – will plant his left foot, the toe first, thirty-three inches from the right, and with the right foot will then execute what has just been prescribed for the left. This alternate movement of the legs will take place by throwing the weight of the body on the foot that is planted, and by allowing a natural, oscillatory motion to the arms.

121. The double quick step may be executed with different degrees of swiftness. Under urgent circumstances the cadence of this step may be increased to one hundred and eighty per minute. At this rate a distance of four thousand yards would be passed over in about twenty-five minutes.

122. The recruits will be exercised also in running.

123. The principles are the same as for the double quick step, the only difference consisting in a greater degree of swiftness.

124. It is recommended in marching at double quick time, or the run, that the men should breathe as much as possible through the nose, keeping the mouth closed. Experience has proved that, by conforming to this principle, a man can pass over a much longer distance, and with less fatigue.



SVR Regulations

Article IV Battalion Headquarters

1. A battalion may be formed when three (3) or more companies within a District petition the Commanding Officer, SVR, through the District Headquarters to be considered a battalion. The minimum number of men to form a battalion shall be ninety (90) enlisted men. The Battalion Commander shall be elected by the votes of the Company Commanders that compose said battalion. If the battalion falls below ninety (90) men, the Battalion Headquarters shall be dissolved by the Commanding Officer, SVR at the recommendation of the District Commanders. The Battalion Commander may hold the rank of Major and may appoint the following staff with respective maximum ranks

Position Rank

Battalion Adjutant	1st Lieutenant
Battalion	Chief of Staff Captain
Battalion Sergeant Major	Sergeant Major
Battalion Information	NCO Sergeant

Article V Company Headquarters

1. The Company shall be the basic infantry unit of the SVR. The officer or NCO-in-charge shall be known as the Company Commander. The minimum number of soldiers to constitute a Company shall be six (6). A Company commander shall be elected to serve for a one-year (1) term and may be re-elected for subsequent one-year terms. Said election shall be directed by the next higher authority
2. As part of his administrative duties, each Unit Commander shall be responsible for and shall ensure that an Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3) shall be received by the District Commander on or before 15 January of each year, and Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19), an updated Annual Roster, Annual District dues and Annual National dues shall be received by his District Commander, on or before 01 April of each year, commencing in April of 2007
3. In the event that any Unit within the Military District fails and neglects to file such Annual Reports, Rosters and dues as so required by Paragraph 2 hereinabove, then by Special Order, the Commanding Officer, SVR may render such delinquent Unit inactive and may, by Special Order, render void the Commission of all Officers in said delinquent Unit.
4. Such delinquent Units rendered inactive hereinabove set forth in Paragraph 2 may, upon application duly made to the District Commander, be returned to active status upon filing with the District Commander the following: (1) an Annual Unit Application (SVR Form 3); (2) An Annual Unit Strength Report (SVR Form 19); an updated Annual Roster; (4) all delinquent and current District dues; (5) all delinquent and current National dues; (6) a National Processing fee in the sum of \$1.00 per man in said delinquent Unit.

4. (con'd) The District Commander shall, within 5 business days of the receipt thereof, forward to the Adjutant General, SVR, said Reports, Rosters, National dues and Processing fees. Thereupon, Commanding Officer, SVR, by Special Order, may reinstate said Unit to active status
5. Officer's Commissions rendered void and so provided in Paragraph 3 hereinabove, may be reinstated upon the filing with the District Commander, a Request for Commission (SVR Form 1A), the payment of a \$3.00 Commission Fee and the payment of a \$2.00 National Processing Fee. The Commission Fee and the Processing Fee shall be made payable to "TAG-SVR." Upon receipt of the aforementioned Fees and approval of the same by the District Commander, said District Commander shall, within 5 business days of the receipt thereof, forward to the Adjutant General, SVR, said Request for Commission together with the required Commission Fee and Processing Fee. Thereupon, the Commanding Officer, SVR, by Special Order, may reinstate said Officer's Commission.
6. Infantry Company rank distribution shall be dependant upon the number of men on the rolls. Infantry Companies shall be organized as follows

Unit Size	Rank
6 – 10 enlisted men	Sergeant
11 to 15 enlisted men	1 st Sergeant, 2 Corporals
16 – 20 enlisted men	2 nd Lieutenant, 1 st Sergeant, 2 Corporals
21- to 30 enlisted men	Captain, 2 nd Lieutenant, 2 st Sergeant, 2 Sergeants, 4 Corporals
31 to 40 enlisted men	Captain, 2 nd Lieutenant, 1 st Sergeant, 2 Sergeants, 4 Corporals
41 and up enlisted men	Captain, 1 st Lieutenant, 2 nd Lieutenant, 1 st Sergeant, 4 Sergeants and 1 Corporal for every 8 enlisted men

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is in close and constant cooperation with its parent Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As part of its ceremonial and commemorative purpose, the SVR participates in the following activities:

1. The annual ceremonial observance of Memorial Day on May 30th throughout the country.
2. The annual ceremonial observance of the Grand Army of the Republic Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
3. The annual ceremonial observance of Lincoln's Birthday in Washington, D.C. and of Lincoln's Death day in Springfield, Illinois.
4. Act as Ceremonial Honor Guard at the Allied Orders of the GAR public Campfire program held annually during the SUVCW National Encampment.
5. Participation in the many ceremonial and commemorative Civil War observance and events throughout the country.

Besides participating in these ceremonial aspects, many SVR units actively participate in re-enactments and living histories. The National Military Department also conducts an annual military encampment for training and instructional purposes.



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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 2017 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!

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