

# The Haversack

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

## Commander's Comments

Greetings Gentlemen!

I trust everyone had a wonderful Independence Day Celebration. It is good that we take the time to commemorate the founding of the nation. The founders faced impossible odds but pressed on in the face of seemingly overwhelming hurdles to establish a new free and independent nation. An organization like ours is very important in carrying that message to the public. It is more important today than ever. A recent study showed that patriotism among young adults is at an all time low. It is little wonder when they have been subjected to the oft times nefarious political agenda of educators who seem to delight in highlighting everything that is wrong with America's History and never extol the virtues of American historical achievement.

This is where we can do the most to correct that idea in carrying the message forward through patriotic and education programs. Recently, while watching a man-on-the-street interview I was shocked to see how many young adults could not answer the most basic questions about the founding of the nation and other historical facts; when did America declare its independence? Who did American fight in the Revolutionary war? What is the title of America's National Anthem? How many Stars are on the American Flag? Some of the more outrageous answers were in order: 1984, Russia, the National Anthem, and 52. Make no mistake; our organization is relevant and sorely needed today.

I had the distinct privilege this past June to take my wife and her cousin to Perryville Battlefield in Kentucky. It is a state run battlefield park, but well maintained and not as commercial as some. Most of the battlefield is still in pristine condition with an occasional informational plaque or cannon marking troop positions. The victory center is small but contains excellent displays of artifacts and a wonderful 20 minute movie explaining the significance of the battle. The staff was very friendly and helpful. I asked them specifically how to get to Starkweather Hill and explained that my ancestor had fought there in the 1st Wisconsin Infantry. We were treated like royalty after that as the staff let us see some artifacts that were not on display and walked me through the map of unit positions very thoroughly so that I would know the position of the 1st Wisconsin at each hour of the battle!

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## Commander's Comments (con'd)

The plaque at the top of Starkweather Hill which is a bit of a hike off the main road explained that this was the high water mark of the confederacy in Kentucky. It went on to say that the fighting there was so savage that soldiers were slipping on the blood soaked grass and tripping over bodies. The map on the plaque showed us that we were standing only yards from where Privates William Wade and Phillip Wade must have been standing with company E of the 1st Wisconsin. William and Phillip Wade are my 3x Great Grandfather and 2xGreat grandfather respectively. It was a very poignant moment for us.

Some things we learned about the battle were fascinating such as the acoustic shadow that shielded many of the troops including General Don Carlos Buell from hearing the battle and therefore preventing nearly 20,000 Union troops from participating in the battle, and that many of the Union troops were so green that they had never fired their weapons before! We were a little chagrined to learn that in an effort to support the 21st Wisconsin at the base of the hill the 1st Wisconsin fired into their backs resulting in a large number of casualties from friendly fire. Despite these set-backs the Union was able to hold against the confederate onslaught and turn back the invasion of Kentucky.

Had things gone the other way, Ohio and Indiana would have been open to invasion.

If you have not visited this battlefield before I highly recommend a trip there.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Major Eric Peterson  
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# 150th Anniversary of the Flag Raising at the Marietta National Cemetery Commemorated



Left to right: Major General Jarrard, Private Michael Reither, Corporal Brad Quinlin, Major Eric Peterson, and Private Steve Reilly

Members of the XIV Corps HQ Guard commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the first flag raising at Marietta National Cemetery in combination with their usual participation as the honor Guard there on Memorial Day.

In May of 1867 work on recovering bodies of Union soldiers from the battlefields in Georgia had been in full swing for just over a year. 4,000 of the eventual 14,000 bodies had been reinterred on the hill. Major General George H. Thomas was greatly disturbed as he toured the place to learn that there was no American flag flying over these graves. He reprimanded the officer in charge of the cemetery and demanded that a flag pole be erected immediately!

The soldiers then purchased a pole from a local store owned by William Root, a well known rebel sympathizer who charged them twice the going rate for the pole. The pole was erected and old Glory was flying over the graves of the noble fallen. Alas, two days later a storm blew in that snapped the flag pole in twain! What to do? The General was expected back soon to check on their progress. They went back to Mr. Root and purchased hardware to repair the pole since they could not obtain a new one in time. Mr. Root again overcharged them for the hardware at a price of over \$14! They were able to get the pole repaired in time for the flag to be flying for the General's return visit.

This was recreated by the 14th Corps Guard on Thursday before Memorial Day when a 36 star flag and wooden pole was erected on site to mark the anniversary. On Memorial Day the flag and pole was again presented by the SVR with the repaired pole.

The SVR members were honored to meet Major General Jarrard and Brigadier General Blackmore, the Adjutant General and Deputy Adjutant General for the Georgia National Guard.

Submitted by Major Eric Peterson  
XIV Corps HQ Guard, Commanding

# How to keep the Chaplain busy... (in a good way...)



2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Gary M. Burke  
District Chaplain



Gold Star Wives at Stones River  
Battlefield



Invocation Prayer at at Memorial Day for Stones River Battlefield.



Memorial Day at Fort Negley  
Brothers Ball, Radcliffe, Breon, Tenney, Burke.

## Root House Event, 08 July Marietta Georgia

The SVR, SUVCW, Department of Georgia & S. C., SCVCW and the 30th OHIO (Recreated), went to the aid of the Cobb County Landmark Association. The event was not only to raise some cash to preserve the Root House, that was built in 1845. But, to increase the public attendance, on not only the day of the event, but in the future.

The program that we planned, was that Kennesaw Mountain has just fallen, General Johnson is retreating south toward Atlanta.

Major General George (Eric Peterson) Henry Thomas, has just entered Marietta and has decided to make the Root House his Headquarters. During the day, confederate soldiers were brought to headquarters under guard, as they were discharged from the confederate hospital in Marietta. They needed to see a staff officer, for pass to return to their homes to recover.

Local Marietta families, come with their children see General Thomas. Some are loyal American citizens, requesting a guard be placed on their homes. Others are not and demand that General Thomas, end the city being under military marshal law.

The Cobb County Landmark Association was over joyed, with the major jump in attendance. The Executive Director, said they brought in more money at this event, then any other event this year. Adding they would like to have a lasting relationship, with the SRV, SUVCW and the 30th Ohio.

Submitted by Br. Steve Reilly  
XIV Corps HQ Guard





Rifle Squad and Phillips Independent Battery rendered honors for Corporal Koons.

### **Tribute to Corporal Koons**

On April 29th, 2017, Members of the 10th Tennessee and Army of the Tennessee Camp 64 travelled to Cooper Baptist Church in Monticello, Kentucky at the invitation of members of the Wayne County Historical Society, the descendants of Corporal Koons and the Rev. Harland Ogle. Corporal Jacob Koons was a member of Company C, 30th Kentucky U.S. Volunteers and a resident of Wayne County Kentucky.

Members of the Koons (Koontz) family had obtained a stone from the Veterans Administration and had inquired of Brother Kenneth Hestand about the participation of the SUV/SVR. Arrangements were made for a ceremony which included local area residents, descendants of Corporal Koons and the 10th Tennessee USVI, SVR and Army of the Tennessee Camp 64. Phillips Independent Battery also participated in the dedication.

The Ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Harlan Ogle and Capt. David DuBrucq, 10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteers. A flag and grave marker were presented on behalf of the SUV/SVR and a rifle salute was fired by members of the 10th Tennessee and Camp 64. Phillips Independent Battery fired a artillery salute after each round of rifle fire. Taps was played by Corporal Tommy Phillips following the traditional salute to conclude the ceremony.

Submitted by Captain Dave DuBrucq  
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# Historical Regulations ...

## FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

### Article II

### PART SECOND

### LESSON I.

#### GENERAL RULES.

125. The instructor will not pass the men to this second part until they shall be well established in the position of the body, and in the manner of marching at the different steps.

126. He will then unite four men, whom he will place in the same rank, elbow to elbow, and instruct them in the position of shouldered arms, as follows:

#### LESSON I.

#### PRINCIPLES OF SHOULDERED ARMS.



127. The recruit being placed as explained in the first lesson of the first part, the instructor will cause him to bend the right arm slightly, and place the piece in it, in the following manner.

128. The piece in the right hand – the barrel nearly vertical and resting in the hollow of the shoulder – the guard to the front, the arm hanging nearly at its full length near the body; the thumb and fore-finger embracing the guard, the remaining fingers closed together, and grasping the swell of the stock just under the cock, which rests on the little finger.

129. Recruits are frequently seen with natural defects in the conformation of the shoulders, breast and hips. These the instructor will labor to correct in the lessons without arms, and afterwards, by steady endeavors, so that the appearance of the pieces, in the same line, may be uniform, and this without constraint to the men in their positions.

130. The instructor will have occasion to remark that recruits, on first bearing arms, are liable to derange their position by lowering the right shoulder and the right hand, or by sinking the hip and spreading out the elbows.

131. He will be careful to correct all these faults by continually rectifying the position; he will sometimes take away the piece to replace it the better; he will avoid fatiguing the recruits too much in the beginning, but labor by degrees to render this position so natural and easy that they may remain in it a long time without fatigue.

132. Finally, the instructor will take great care that the piece, at a shoulder, be not carried too high nor too low: if too high, the right elbow would spread out, the soldier would occupy too much space in his rank, and the piece be made to waver; if too low, the files would be too much closed, the soldier would not have the necessary space to handle his piece with facility, the right arm would become too much fatigued, and would draw down the shoulder.

133. The instructor, before passing to the second lesson, will cause to be repeated the movements of eyes right, left, and front, and the facings.

# SVR Regulations

## Article V Company Headquarters

7. Navy Sailor Unit: As the rank structure within Naval Units differ greatly from that of Army the rank distribution for Naval units shall be as follows:

| Unit Size              | Rank  |
|------------------------|---|
| 6 – 10 enlisted men    | Master-At-Arms (Leading Petty Officer (LPO))  |
| 11 to 15 enlisted men  | Master-At-Arms (LPO), 1 Captain of the Forecastle, 1 Quarter-Gunner   |
| 16 – 20 enlisted men   | 1 Ensign, 1 Master-at-Arms (LPO), 1 Captain of the Forecastle, 1 Quarter-Gunner   |
| 21- to 30 enlisted men | 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 1 Master-at-Arms (LPO), 1 Masters Mate (rated), 1 Captain of the Forecastle, 1 Quarter-Gunner, 1 Captain of the Tops, 1 Coxswain  |
| 31 to 40 enlisted men  | 1 Lieutenant, Ensign, 1 Master-At-Arms (LPO), 1 Master's Mate (rated)***, 1 Steward, 1 Quarter-Gunner, 1 Captain of the Tops, 1 Coxswain, 1 Armorer   |
| 41 and up enlisted men | 1 Lieutenant, 1 Ensign, 1 Master's Mate (shipped)*, 1 Master-At-Arms (LPO), 1 Master's Mate (rated)***, 1 of the following ranks: Quarter-Gunner, Captain of the Forecastle, Captain of the Tops, Coxswain, Armorer, Captain of the Afterguard, and Captain of the Hold for every 8 enlisted men. |

In keeping with Naval Regulations of the time, recruits below the age of 14 can be recruited onboard a unit with the rank of "Boy." (Also known as a "Powder Monkey" for they job they did during battle) Until such time as they obtain age. Those recruited without "sea service" knowledge will be known as "Landsmen" through their first enlistment. After such time, they will be "Ordinary Seaman" unless promoted to "Seaman" by the unit Commander.

\*A Master's Mate (shipped) is an officer rank, later to be known as a Warrant Officer

\*\*A Master's Mate (rated) is an enlisted rank

8. Marine Corps Company Unit: The rank distribution for a Marine Corps Company unit shall be as follows:

So in the middle of the Civil War someone was like "you know what this country needs? A delicious steak sauce."



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

9. Minor deviation from the above minimums provided for in this Article shall be permissible with the approval of the District Commander. The Unit Commander shall be responsible for all administration and reporting aspects of his unit. There shall be discretion used when promoting individuals, keeping in mind that rank yields responsibility and every officer and NCO should have a specific function or duty within the Unit to warrant the rank. Units shall annually review and adjust their rank structure accordingly at the beginning of each new year in order to remain in general compliance with this Article.

10. Company grade officers and NCOs are strongly encouraged to study the revised U.S. Army Regulations of 1861 and 1863 and, in respect to the branch of the SVR they belong, one or more of the following books and /or instructions:

A. INFANTRY - School of the Soldier, Hardee's Tactics; Casey's Tactics and Coppee's Tactics.11

B. ARTILLERY – Field Artillery Tactics by Captain William H. French, Captain William F. Barry and Captain H.J. Hunt

C. CAVALRY – Cavalry Tactics or Regulations for the Instruction, Formations and Movement of the Cavalry of the Army and Volunteers of the United States by Philip St. Geo. Cooke

D. BAND/FIELD MUSIC – (RESERVED)

11. The Unit Commander shall be elected by a majority vote of the men in the unit. Unit Commanders shall be responsible to the next higher authority within the District

12. In the event a unit ceases to exist, all properties and monies shall be turned over to the Military District Commander, or his duly authorized representative, to which the unit is attached. Said properties and monies then become the property of the Military District.



## Civil War Trivia

The most enduring Civil War musical composition, Julia Ward Howe's "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" brought her payment of the grand sum of \$4.00 when it was first published in February 1862.

Unlike their enemies, Federal officers did not furnish their own mounts. Because the horse a man rode was owned by the government, he was charged 40 cents per day for use of the animal.

Lt Albert B. Rowland of the 6th Massachusetts was the first soldier in blue to die from a bullet. He took a direct hit from a civilian on the streets of Baltimore on April 19th, 1861.

An unidentified officer counted the Union dead after the Wilderness and reached a total of 5,597, a number that exceeded U.S. battle deaths during the five years across which the War of 1812 and the Mexican War stretched.

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## We want articles (with pictures!)

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

### *So... What's needed...?*

Articles for the Summer 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

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