

The Haversack

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



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Commander's Comments

Season's Greetings to all!

This is a busy time of year as we all prepare to spend time with our families celebrating our annual holidays whether that is Christmas, Chanukah, or something else. It is the sacrifice of our ancestors that preserved our right to worship and celebrate in our own traditions. I remember when I was serving as Brigade Operations Officer I would wish Sergeant Major Shapiro a Happy Chanukah and he would wish me a Merry Christmas. We would both smile and be glad that we had taken the time to acknowledge each other's beliefs while extending warm wishes to one another. It seemed to me the perfect union of the military brotherhood and the joy we felt in sharing in each other's faith. Let us all take a moment during these holidays to remember those heroes that could not be with their families during the holidays. This is duty at its hardest and many soldiers over the centuries have had to spend the holidays at their duty station rather than at home. I know that some units are taking part in Wreaths Across America this weekend. This is a great way to honor the sacrifice veterans have made on our behalf.

It is my sad duty to report that Private Bob Jones of Harmon Company passed away December 8th. His funeral will be December 16th. This will be a hard time for the Jones Family especially since it is the Christmas Season. Please do whatever you can to assuage the anguish of his family. I know that he will be sorely missed by friends and family.

As the year comes to a close I wish to thank all of you for what you do to honor our Civil War ancestors. I also want to thank the officers of the 7th District for their support and the exceptional service rendered by them. With soldiers such as we have in the 7th Military District it is small wonder that we continue to grow in what used to be, and in some places still is, hostile territory. So I look forward to the New Year and accomplishing our mission again in 2018.

Keep up the Good Work, Enjoy your time with family, and have a Merry Christmas.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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



Dedication of Carter Hill Battlefield Park



November 10th was a great milestone in the reclamation of the Franklin Battlefield. This battle site was first secured by Mary Pearce and the Heritage Foundation with the 1997 purchase of the "Blue House." Since that time, incredible work by scores of individuals and organizations have led to the dedication.

Submitted by Pvt. Sam Gant, PDC, 10th TN US



Civil War Factoids

- In two days at Shiloh, on the banks of the Tennessee River, more Americans fell than in all previous wars combined.
- During the Battle of Antietam, 12,401 Union men were killed, missing or wounded, nearly double the casualties of D-Day.
- Andersonville prison in southwest Georgia held 33,000 prisoners in 1864, making it the 5th largest city in the Confederacy.
- African Americans constituted less than 1 percent of the northern population, yet by the war's end made up 10 percent of the Union army. A total of 180,000 black men, more than 85 percent of those eligible, enlisted.
- At the start of the war, the value of all manufactured goods produced in all the Confederate states added up to less than one-fourth of those produced in New York State alone.
- In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant was promoted to lieutenant general, a rank previously held by General George Washington, and led the 533,000 men of the Union army, the largest in the world at the time.

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

Annual ~~March~~ Mosey to Carter House



The 10th TN US Volunteer Infantry participated in the annual mosey to Carter House in Franklin TN. Why a mosey? 1) You can't "march" in Franklin TN; 2) most of our knees don't support a "march", and 3) we have issues with left foot / right foot cadence...

We picked up two young recruits that are very interested in Civil War history this year!

Submitted by 2nd Lt. G. Huttick, 10th TN US



Historical Regulations ...

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article II

PART SECOND

LESSON II.

MANUAL OF ARMS.

Shoulder—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

152. (First motion.) Bring the piece to the right shoulder, at the same time change, the position of the right hand so as to embrace the guard with the thumb and fore-finger, slip up the left hand to the height of the shoulder, the fingers extended and joined, the right arm nearly straight.

153. (Second motion.) Drop the left hand quickly by the side.

Order—ARMS.

One time and two motions.

154. (First motion.) Seize the piece briskly with the left hand near the upper band, and detach it slightly from the shoulder with the right hand: loosen the grasp of the right hand, lower the piece with the left, reseize the piece with the right hand above the lower band, the little finger in the rear of the barrel, the butt about four inches from the ground, the right hand supported against the hip, drop the left hand by the side. If the rifle musket is used, the piece will be seized by the left hand a little above the middle band, and it will be seized by the right hand, just above the lower band.

155. (Second motion.) Let the piece slip through the right hand to the ground by opening slightly the fingers, and take the position about to be described.

POSITION OF ORDER ARMS.



156. The hand low, the barrel between the thumb and fore-finger extended along the stock; the other fingers extended and joined; the muzzle about two inches from the right shoulder; the rammer in front; the toe (or beak) of the butt, against, and in a line with, the toe of the right foot, the barrel perpendicular.

157. When the instructor may wish to give repose in this position, he will command:

The Other Jefferson Davis...

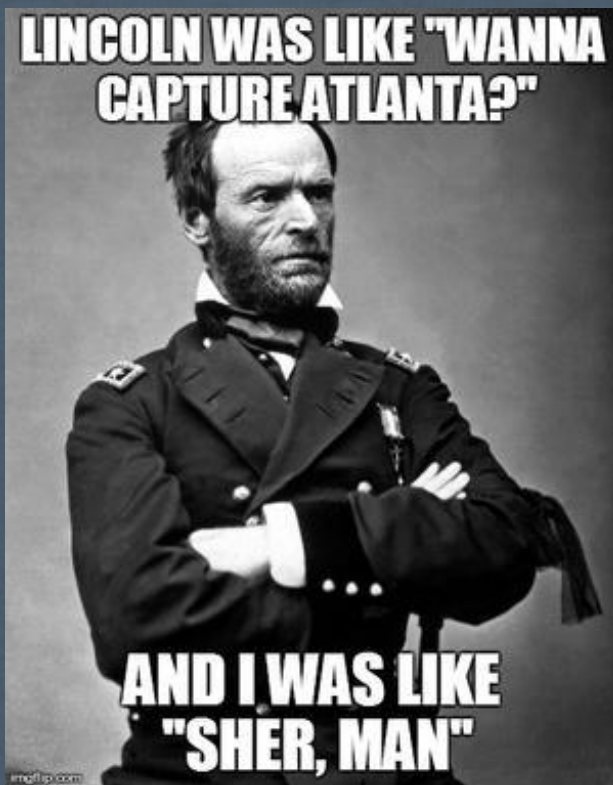
Union General Jefferson Davis shared a name with the Confederate President, a circumstance that didn't cause as much confusion as might be expected—with one notable exception. During the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863, as darkness fell on Horseshoe Ridge, members of the 21st Ohio saw a swarm of men approaching but couldn't tell if they were friend or foe. Most assumed they were Union reinforcements, but a few feared they were Confederates. As the troops grew closer, one Union soldier called out, "What troops are you?" The collective reply was "Jeff Davis's troops." The Ohio soldiers relaxed, believing they meant the Union general. A few moments later, they were staring down the muzzles and bayonets of the 7th Florida. The Ohioans surrendered. The Confederates won the battle.

SVR Regulations

Article X

Awards, Decorations, Devices and Insignia

1. Provision is hereby authorized for a Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership Badge. The badge shall be the SVR logo made of bronze and suspended from a ribbon of red, white, and blue and equipped with a safety clasp. The Commanding Officer's badge will be dipped in gold and members of the General Staff dipped in silver. All SVR Members in good standing may purchase the badge through the SUVCW Quartermaster. The SVR badge shall be worn over the left breast of coats, jackets and vests worn as outer garments and shall be at the extreme left of the wearer's right of all SUVCW badges. The order of arrangement shall be consistent with Chapter V, Article 3 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations unless stipulated by these Regulations. The SVR metal cutout is still authorized for wear on the SUVCW badge. A miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership badge is hereby authorized to be worn, however, only on civilian attire, and in conjunction with the miniature Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Membership badge. The miniature Sons of Veterans Reserve badge may not be worn with any full size badge.
2. Individuals who have served as Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are entitled to wear a Sons of Veterans Reserve Past Commanding Officer's badge, which replaces the SVR Membership badge. This badge shall have the ribbon, one third blue, one third white and one third red with each section trimmed with gold color. The drop shall be the dark brass color SVR logo with a blue background surrounding the words "Sons of Veterans Reserve, S.U.V.C.W." In the center the letter S shall be white, the letter V shall be red, and the letter R shall be blue. The SVR logo shall be surrounded by a light brass color star-burst.
3. The Commanding Officer and General Staff's badges are the property of the SVR. Upon vacating their respective positions, the badges of their officers transferred to the incoming officers.
4. Authority to award personal and unit decorations within the SVR is vested with the Commanding Officer, SVR or his designee.
5. In order to recognize patriotic service, personal and unit achievements, and to promote esprit de corps, the following procedures are established regarding awards and decorations.
 - A. All decorations and badges described herein and those described in Chapter V, Article 3 of the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations may be worn on the SVR uniform. Other SVR decorations, ribbons, and badges previously awarded, remain authorized for continued wear.
 - B. Badges, emblems, insignia, ribbons, etc., given by an agency or organization other than the SUVCW or SVR as souvenirs, remain authorized for continued wear.
6. The following SVR personal and unit awards are hereby authorized:
 - A. Meritorious Service Medal: A silver star worn on the SVR membership badge may be awarded to those members who demonstrate outstanding meritorious service specifically on behalf of the SVR. It may also be awarded to those members who recruit a minimum of ten (10) new members into the SVR in a calendar year.
 - B. Distinguished Service Medal: A gold star worn on the SVR membership badge may be awarded to those members who demonstrate exceptional service of duty that reflects upon the accomplishments and prestige of the SUVCW and SVR on a national scale. Recognition shall be for extremely difficult duty, which clearly aids the SVR in furthering the SUVCW mission objectives.
 - C. SVR Unit Citation: This may be awarded to those units for being exceptionally meritorious in promoting the goals and objectives of the SVR and the SUVCW which clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The SVR Unit Citation is a white oval shaped enamel badge bearing the SVR logo which is worn over the left breast of the wearer above other badges and medals being worn. Subsequent awards to the same unit will be awarded a bronze star for placement on the ribbon of the Sons of Veterans Reserve membership badge.
7. Nominations procedures for personal and unit awards are as follows:
 - A. Each Military District shall establish an Awards Board to review nominations for personal and unit awards.
 - B. Nominations shall be forwarded, in writing, to the respective District Awards Board giving a narrative justifying the member's/unit's achievements no later than 1 August of each year. Any SUVCW member having knowledge of an act of service meriting recognition may initiate a recommendation for an award.
 - C. All narratives submitted to the District Awards Board should be specific as to include dates, places and facts relating to achievement of service. The narrative must clearly portray how the Unit's or individual's achievements meet or exceed the criteria set forth in paragraph 4.
 - D. District Awards Boards shall record all nominations within their district and submit their nominations to the Deputy Commander, SVR, no later than 1 September of each year.
 - E. The Deputy Commander, SVR, will convene the National Awards Board (comprised of the General Staff), review all nominations submitted, and select those most qualified to receive awards.
 - F. All awards will be presented by the Commanding Officer, SVR or his representative, at the annual Remembrance Day SVR breakfast in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



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We want articles (with pictures!)

Thanks to all the contributors of this edition!

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

Articles for the next 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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