

# The Haversack

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

## Commander's Comments

Holiday Greetings to you all,

I know this is a busy time of year for both our business pursuits and family so I want to give a special thanks to those who took time to contribute to the newsletter and participate in events throughout the fall and early winter.

I visited Milledgeville, Georgia, the former state capital. We decided to get away for a long weekend and determined that we should visit the former governor's mansion. It's a really nice museum where the first 6 governors lived when Milledgeville was the state capitol. They give tours hourly and it really is worth the visit. They have chosen to furnish the place as it was in 1851. They have some amazing artifacts including correspondence between President Jefferson Davis and Governor Brown, who apparently didn't get along according to the staff. One of the documents on the secretary's desk was a letter from Governor Brown to Jeff Davis protesting the Confederate Conscription Act. What was clear in the letter was that Governor Brown considered conscription both unnecessary and unconstitutional.

What truly amazed me is that before we came here many of our Georgia friends asked why we would go to Milledgeville. When we told them that it was once Georgia's capital they told us that they did not know that. It really pointed out to me why we continue the mission we have to educate the public. This is not to pick on Georgians; many Americans have no idea that the capital of the USA was once New York City.



When you travel across America and come across an interesting historic site please submit an article about it to our editor. I know that Lieutenant Huttick appreciates copy from our members and we all enjoy reading about it.

I have submitted our District Adjutant, Bill Miller's application for commission. I have heartily endorsed it and we expect Bill will soon be promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant from his current rank of First Sergeant.

I hope that each of you can enjoy time with your families this holiday season and keep green the memory of our patriots that fought and still do fight to preserve the Union. That is hitting Mrs. Peterson and I especially close this year because our youngest daughter, Larissa, has joined that long tradition in our family and enlisted in the US Army. She will get a Christmas leave, thankfully, and come home to share it with us. Let us keep in our prayers our military men and women who are not so lucky this year and will spend the holidays separated from their loved ones.

Merry Christmas and In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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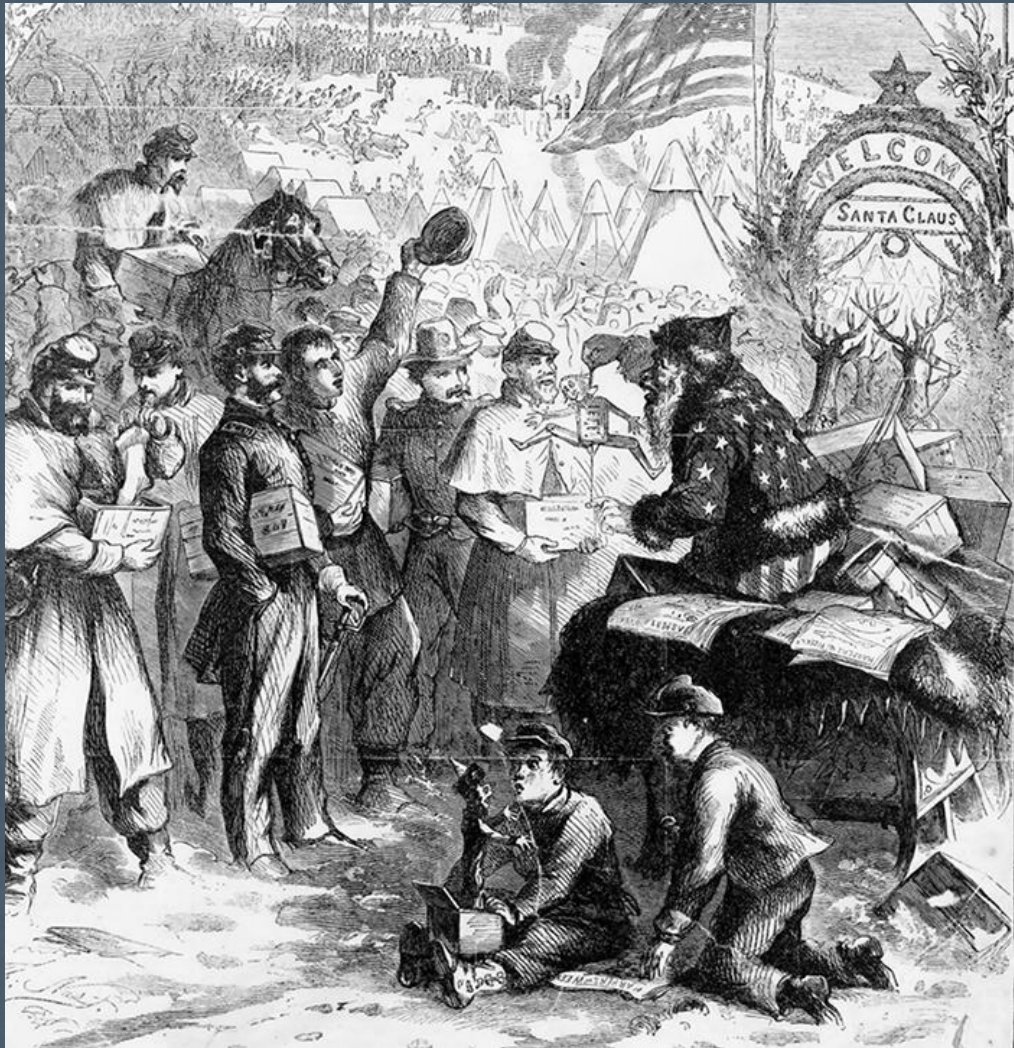
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# Santa Claus



Detail from Thomas Nast's illustration "A Christmas Furlough" for the front page of a 1863 issue of Harper's Weekly.



Illustration from the 1864 edition of Clement Moore's poem *A Visit from St. Nicholas* (ed. Note: decolorized for consistency)



Another Thomas Nast's illustration circa late 1860's



# Around the District



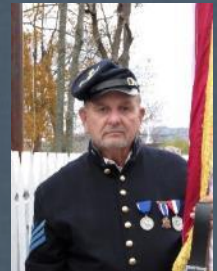
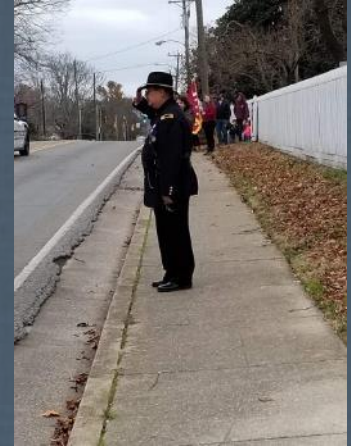
Battle of Hernando Reenactment – September 2018



Campbellsville Heritage Festival – October 2018



Annual Mosey to Carter House



154th Battle of Nashville



Chaplain Burke got published!



## "Christmas Bells"

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime  
A chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black accursed mouth  
The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent,  
And made forlorn  
The households born  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

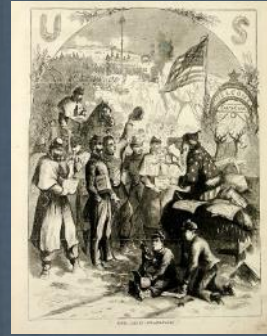
And in despair I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,

With peace on earth, good-will to men!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

## Harper's Weekly (1861-1865)



# Historical Regulations ...

## FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

### Article II

### PART SECOND

### LESSON II.

### MANUAL OF ARMS.

### INSPECTION OF ARMS.

235. The recruits being at ordered arms, and having the bayonet in the scabbard, if the instructor wishes to cause an inspection of arms, he will command:

*Inspection—ARMS.*

*One time and two motions.*

236. (First motion.) Seize the piece with the left hand below and near the upper band, carry it with both hands opposite the middle of the body, the butt between the feet, the rammer to the rear, the barrel vertical, the muzzle about three inches from the body; (should the rifle musket be used, the muzzle will be about eight inches from the body); carry the left hand reversed to the bayonet, draw it from the scabbard and fix it on the barrel; grasp the piece with the left hand below and near the upper band, seize the rammer with the thumb and fore-finger of the right hand bent, the other fingers closed.

237. (Second motion.) Draw the rammer as has been explained in loading, and let it glide to the bottom of the bore, replace the piece with the left hand opposite the right shoulder, and retake the position of ordered arms.

238. The instructor will then inspect in succession the piece of each recruit, in passing along the front of the rank. Each, as the instructor reaches him, will raise smartly his piece with his right hand, seize it with the left between the lower band and guide sight, the lock to the front, the left hand at the height of the chin, the piece opposite to the left eye; the instructor will take it with the right hand at the handle and, after inspecting it, will return it to the recruit, who will receive it back with the right hand, and replace it in the position of ordered arms.

239. When the instructor shall have passed him, each recruit will retake the position prescribed at the command inspection, return the rammer, unfix the bayonet, and resume the position of ordered arms.

240. If, instead of inspection of arms, the instructor should merely wish to cause bayonets to be fixed, he will command:

*Fix—BAYONET.*

241. Take the position indicated No. 236, fix bayonets as has been explained, and immediately resume the position of ordered arms.

242. If it be the wish of the instructor, after firing, to ascertain whether the pieces have been discharged, he will command:

*Spring—RAMMERS.*

243. Put the rammer in the barrel, as has been explained above, and immediately retake the position of ordered arms.

244. The instructor, for the purpose stated, can take the rammer by the small end, and spring it in the barrel, or cause each recruit to make it ring in the barrel.

245. Each recruit, after the instructor passes him, will return rammer, and resume the position of ordered arms.

### REMARKS ON THE MANUAL OF ARMS.

246. The manual of arms frequently distorts the persons of recruits before they acquire ease and confidence in the several positions. The instructor will therefore frequently recur to elementary principles in the course of the lessons.

247. Recruits are also extremely liable to curve the sides and back, and to derange the shoulders, especially in loading. Consequently, the instructor will not cause them to dwell too long at a time in one position.



# SVR Regulations

## Article XI

### Discipline

8. (a) The party preferring charges and the accused may challenge for cause the membership of the hearing council and may request the Hearing Council to remove one or more members of the Hearing Council.  
(b) The challenge must be in writing and filed with the Council Chairman no later than ten (10) days from the date the accused received notice of the challenged members' appointment to the Council.  
(c) The party making the request must show actual bias and a likelihood that the Hearing Council member cannot fairly hear and decide the issues. A vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Hearing Council is necessary to remove a member from the Hearing Council.  
(d) If a member of the Hearing Council is removed or resigns, then the District Commander shall select another member of the SVR to replace the removed/resigned member. After resolution of the composition of the Hearing Council, the Hearing Council shall proceed within ten (10) days their hearing or hearings.
9. Upon convening of the Hearing Council, the Hearing Council shall immediately elect a chairman. If the Hearing Council fails to elect a chairman within twenty-four (24) hours of convening then the District Commander shall appoint the chairman from among the Hearing Council members. The Hearing Council shall then proceed and shall give at least ten (10) days notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by certified mail, and shall state in such notice the time and place for the hearing. The Hearing Council shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue. A party to the issues may submit his evidence and argument by written statement, rather than personally attend a hearing.
10. The Commanding Officer, SVR, shall be tried for alleged offenses only on the request of three members of the National Military Affairs Committee and on such request; the Hearing Council shall consist of the appointed members of the National Military Affairs Committee, convened by its Chairman.
11. (a) The Hearing Council shall conduct the hearing in an informal manner so as to do substantial justice between the parties, according to the rules of substantive law. The Hearing Council shall not be bound by the statutory provisions or legal rules of practice, procedure, pleading, or evidence, except provisions relating to privileged communications.  
(b) The sole object of the hearing is to dispense expeditious justice between the parties. The Hearing Council shall conduct the hearing in conformance to the Constitution, Regulations, policy and any orders as may be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW or the Commanding Officer, SVR or other competent authority.  
(c) In the absence of the accused, after due notice of the time and place of hearing has been given him, Hearing Council may proceed in all respects as if he were present and had pled not guilty.
12. (a) All members of the SVR when summoned, shall attend as witnesses before any Hearing Council and their testimony shall be taken on their honor as brothers. Their testimony may be provided by written deposition if the brother lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the brother is otherwise unable to attend in person.  
(b) The evidence of persons not members of the SVR shall be taken under oath or affirmation. Their testimony may be secured by written deposition, submitted under oath or affirmation and certified by a notary public (or other like official) if the individual lives over 100 miles from the site of the hearing or the individual is otherwise unable to attend in person.  
(c) The Hearing Council need not make a transcript of the proceedings, provided a clear audio record of the proceedings is made. Any party submitting exhibits or affidavits to the Hearing Council shall also provide exact copies of the same to the opposing party.  
(d) The Hearing Council shall then make specific findings of fact and issue their decision as either guilty or not guilty as to each specification, 2/3's affirmative vote necessary to convict.  
(e) If a guilty verdict is determined, the Hearing Council shall then determine an appropriate penalty as to the matter.
13. No sentence of dishonorable discharge from the SVR shall become effective, until the whole proceedings shall have been forwarded to the Commanding Officer, SVR, with the recommendation of the District Commander attached, for his confirmation or disapproval. This section is not applicable when the Hearing Council is convened by order of the Commanding Officer, SVR.
14. (a) When charges are preferred against any member holding office, the Commanding Officer, or the District Commander, in his respective jurisdiction, may suspend the accused from office. During the suspension of an elected or appointed District or National officer, their place shall be filled temporarily by the next officer in rank.  
(b) During the suspension of an appointed officer, the authority making the original appointment shall appoint someone within thirty (30) days to fill the office during the suspension.  
(c) If the accused is a District Commander, then only the Commanding Officer, SVR, may suspend the accused from office. When the accused is the Commanding Officer, SVR, an affirmative with two-thirds (2/3) vote of the National Military Affairs Committee to suspend with approval of the Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW is required.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah (belated), and Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who took time to contribute to *The Haversack* this year! It is by your efforts and reporting that we are able to put out (in my humble opinion (and very biased)) the best newsletter in the SVR!

I look forward to the upcoming year! And as I have relocated to the greater Shiloh area, perhaps there may be some content from there!

Best Wishes!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

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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

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