

The Haversack

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Commander's Comments

Season's Greetings!

The holiday season is upon us. It is a time for sharing with friends and family as well as reflecting upon the past year. Our units have engaged in numerous events this past year keeping green the memory of the Boys in Blue. Our units have served as honor guards and color guards at various events from commemorating significant battles, to honoring the dead to assisting our sister organizations conduct their opening ceremonies. You can all look back with pride on this past year's service to the Allied Orders.

Whether you are a Christian, Jewish, or a member of one of the other major religions observing a holiday this winter, the common theme among all these celebrations is the spirit of giving. There are many forms of giving that do not involve an exchange of tangible gifts. They include sharing fellowship or just giving your time and talent to someone in need. I am proud that the 7th Military District has so many members that give of themselves in so many meaningful ways. The next issue of the Banner will feature a page about the 7th Military District. I know much about what our companies have done, but I know that there is also much that I have not seen or heard of. If you have something you would like to see featured please let me know so I don't overlook anything.

For now keep providing that service to the memories of our ancestors who saved the Union and enjoy the holidays with friends and family buoyed by the pride of having done service to our order and our ancestors so well.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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



The Year in Review

10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry



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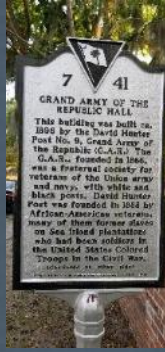
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(pictures are linked to source materials)

XIV Corps HQ Guard



Major General Samuel P. Carter Company



XIV Corps HQ Guard at the Root House

SVR members and staff of the William Root House Museum commemorated the burning of Marietta and the beginning of The March to the Sea on November 2nd with a living history display. Uniformed SVR members engaged the public by explaining what plans were in place at the beginning of the March to the Sea and General Thomas' movement back to Nashville to halt Hood's invasion. The members brought to life the reasoning behind the burning of Marietta and Atlanta as occupying troops embarked on the next phase of General Sherman's plans. This could be a ticklish subject to brooch in Georgia but our SVR brothers did the presentation tactfully, and accurately and it was well received by the public.



While that was going on members of the Root House Staff conducted tours of the house while others were in the cookhouse preparing some civil war favorite dishes and fed the troops that were encamped on the back lawn.

The Root House was built circa 1845 at the corner of Church and Lemon Streets by Hannah and William Root, early settlers of Marietta. Mr. Root was one of Marietta's earliest merchants and its first druggist. He was the first merchant to receive a shipment of goods on the Western and Atlantic Railroad. In 1864 the Roots fled their home and went to Savannah as Federal Troops approached in August. Today the Greek Revival style house stands just two blocks from its original location, at testimony to the fact that the destruction of buildings in Marietta was planned and not wanton. It is one of the oldest surviving frame houses in Marietta, and offers a glimpse of the home life of a middle class merchant and his family. This simple frame house is more typical of its time and place than the grand mansions often on display. Volunteer docents tell the story of the house, the Root family, and life in Marietta in the 1850s. Furnished with period furniture in the fashion of the 1850s, each room shows evidence of middle class life-style. Great effort has been made to bring only authentic pieces to the house. Outside the house people can visit the recreated kitchen and see the working 1850s cook stove. They can walk among the flower beds and vegetable plots planted with plants that were available in Cobb County before 1860.

Historical Regulations ...

FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS

Article II

PART SECOND

LESSON II.

MANUAL OF ARMS.

LESSON IV.

OBLIQUE FIRINGS.

275. The oblique firings will be executed to the right and left, and by the same commands as the direct fire, with this single difference – the command aim will always be preceded by the caution, right or left oblique.

POSITION OF THE TWO RANKS IN THE OBLIQUE FIRE TO THE RIGHT.

276. At the command ready, the two ranks will execute what has been prescribed for the direct fire.

277. At the cautionary command, right oblique, the two ranks will throw back the right shoulder, and look steadily at the object to be hit.

278. At the command aim, each front-rank man will aim to the right without deranging the feet; each rear-rank man will advance the left foot about eight inches toward the right heel of the man next on the right of his file leader, and aim to the right, inclining the upper part of the body forward, and bending a little the left knee.

POSITION OF THE TWO RANKS IN THE OBLIQUE FIRE TO THE LEFT.

279. At the cautionary command left oblique, the two ranks will throw back the left shoulder, and look steadily at the object to be hit.

280. At the command aim, the front-rank will take aim to the left without deranging the feet; each man in the rear-rank will advance the right foot, about eight inches toward the right heel of the man next on the right of his file leader, and aim to the left, inclining the upper part of the body forward, and bending a little the right knee.

281. In both cases, at the command load, the men of each rank will come to the position of load as prescribed in the direct fire; the rear-rank men bringing back the foot which is to the right and front by the side of the other. Each man will continue to load as if isolated.

TO FIRE BY FILE.

282. The fire by file will be executed by the two ranks, the files of which will fire successively, and without regulating on each other, except for the first fire.

283. The instructor will command:

1. Fire by file. 2. Squad. 3. READY. 4. COMMENCE FIRING.

284. At the third command, the two ranks will take the position prescribed in the direct fire.

285. At the fourth command, the file on the right will aim and fire; the rear-rank man in aiming will take the position indicated No. 183.

286. The men of this file will load their pieces briskly and fire a second time; reload and fire again, and so on in continuation.

287. The second file will aim, at the instant the first brings down pieces to reload, and will conform in all respects to that which has just been prescribed for the first file.

288. After the first fire, the front and rear-rank men will not be required to fire at the same time.

289. Each man, after loading, will return to the position of ready and continue the fire.

290. When the instructor wishes the fire to cease, he will command:

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290. When the instructor wishes the fire to cease, he will command:

Cease—FIRING.

291. At this command, the men will cease firing. If they have fired, they will load their pieces and bring them to a shoulder; if at the position of ready, they will half-cock and shoulder arms. If in the position of aim, they will bring down their pieces, half-cock, and shoulder arms.

TO FIRE BY RANK.

292. The fire by rank will be executed by each entire rank, alternately.

293. The instructor will command:

1. Fire by rank. 2. Squad. 3. READY. 4. Rear rank. 5. AIM. 6. FIRE. 7. LOAD.

294. At the third command, the two ranks will take the position of ready, as prescribed in the direct fire.

295. At the seventh command, the rear-rank will execute that which has been prescribed in the direct fire, and afterward take the position of ready.

296. As soon as the instructor sees several men of the rear-rank in the position of ready, he will command:

1. Front rank. 2. AIM. 3. FIRE. 4. LOAD.

297. At these commands, the men in the front-rank will execute what has been prescribed for the rear-rank, but they will not step off with the right foot.

298. The instructor will recommence the firing by the rear-rank, and will thus continue to alternate from rank to rank, until he shall wish the firing to cease, when he will command, cease firing which will be executed as heretofore prescribed.



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...The Boss...



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Well, not all that intentionally.... Good news is, we have gone through all of the SVR Regulations! Yet, that means we won't have that material in upcoming editions. Thank you to the contributors this year for their submissions! It has been nice to see a book review in this edition – we haven't had one in several years. Our ongoing supply of Civil War Facts, Oddities, and back page clips is still strong. Memes have started to show up.

What's missing?

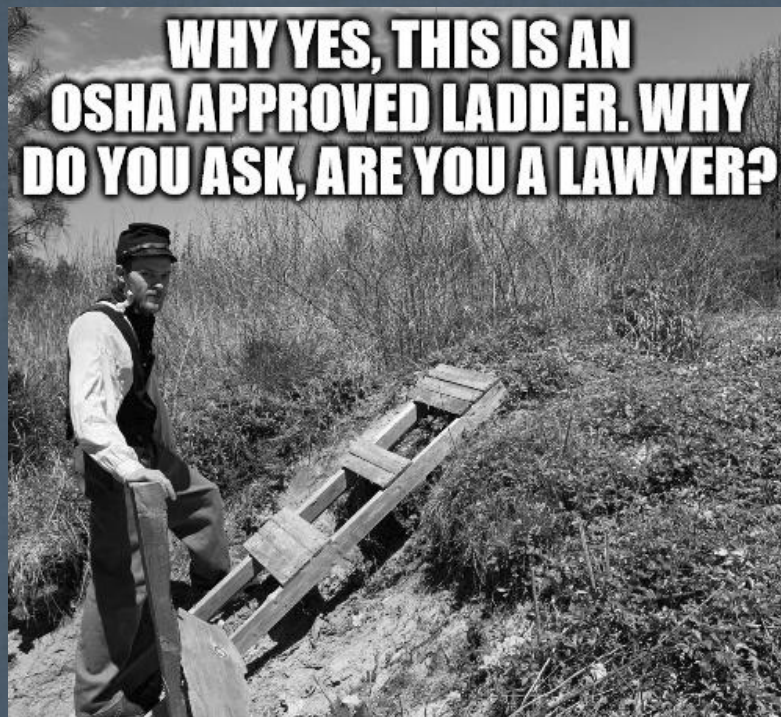
Well, honestly, it's the **articles about your units!** We have four active units within the 7th Military District:

- IX Corps Headquarters Guard
- Amzi D. Harmon Company
- 10th Tennessee Volunteer (U.S.) Infantry
- Major General Samuel P. Carter Company

There are things going on in your units! Photos and articles would be great!

In FC&L,

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(you'll get lots of updates of what is going on!)

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!

NEXT ISSUE MARCH 2020! (hopefully)