

# The Haversack

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



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## Commander's Comments

Greetings Brothers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Military District,

It is my privilege to address you for the first time as your District Commander. I am both excited and humbled by this appointment and will do all things possible to serve and promote our SVR and the 7th Military District.

Our thanks to Major Eric Peterson for his long service to the SVR and to the 7th Military District. We all wish him well in his retirement.

Over the next few weeks, I will be making staff appointments. My congratulations to our current Public Information Officer, 2nd Lt George Huttick on his appointment as Chief of Staff and promotion to the rank of Captain. Congratulations are also in order for 2nd LT Gary Burke on his reappointment as District Chaplain.

We now begin the search for a new Public Information Officer. The candidate must have a good working knowledge of computer publishing and be willing to make a commitment to publishing a quarterly newsletter and perform other duties as may be assigned by the District Commander. Captain Huttick will be more than happy to mentor the person selected as he learns the ropes. If you are interested in this position, please contact me via e-mail.

The appoint process for other staff positions will be completed in the near term. Please keep in mind I am new to the job, so I ask you for your support as I "learn the ropes" myself.

As the New Year approaches, we can say goodbye to 2020 which has not been a kind year. We have suffered through the COVID pandemic which has curtailed many of our activities. With the arrival of a vaccine, we should return to normal. This will allow us to increase our activities and raise our visibility thus allowing us to return to honoring the Boys of '61.

Please accept my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, keeping in mind the reason for the season. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. May God's Blessings be with you this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Captain David DuBrucq  
 7th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve  
 Commanding



## Senior Commander's Greetings

Greetings!

The year 2020 is almost over. In one way or another we have all experienced situations because of the COVID 19 pandemic that no one could possibly have dreamed of or imagined. Almost all the events and ceremonies that the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) normally participate in have been canceled. Very few Memorial Day ceremonies were permitted this year, and most of the living history programs were canceled. The National Encampment along with many of the Department Encampments were Zoom events this year which of course eliminated the need for SVR units to post the Colors or serve as provost.

For the first time since 1956 when the GAR Albert Woolson Memorial was placed in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield, we had to cancel all our Remembrance Day activities; no SVR Breakfast; no Woolson Monument ceremony; no parade; and no SVR Military Ball this year. Hopefully, things will return to normal in 2021 and we can all resume the SVR activities we all enjoy. In the meantime, despite the environment we now live in, I ask everyone to continue to promote our Civil War heritage as we all strive to keep the memory of the Boys in Blue green. Enjoy the holiday season, remain safe and provide a helping hand to those in need.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Robert E. Grim  
Major General, SVR



### OTHER CANARD...

Private Clyde Getmann has been elected by the Major General Samuel P. Carter Company. While Samuel P. Carter's troops were known to deploy throughout East Tennessee, the Company is currently in the Memphis and West Tennessee area.

Corporal Timothy Campaign relieved Captain James Gearey Ward as Commander of Harmon Company at a change of command ceremony with Sergeant Urell (Department of Florida Commander, SUVCW) and other Harmon Company members attending

It is understood that the appropriate paperwork is in process to secure the proper rank and commission of the new unit leaders.

### Public Information Officer

Gentlemen,

This is the thirtieth (30) edition of the Haversack that I have had the honor of assembling. I am hoping it's the last. It has been fun, but it is time for a new flavor and perspective. This is not a hard job, but it is a consistent service to the District. Once you get into cadence, it marches along pretty well. You'll notice, I've written little in seven years, this is a role that assembles. If you feel called, please step up!

I remain your humble and faithful servant,

George Andrew Huttick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant  
Chief of Staff  
Public Information Officer  
7<sup>th</sup> Military District  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

## SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDERS

03 April 2020

SVR General Order 2020-01

1. It is with deepest regret and sorrow that the Commanding General, SVR, announces the passing of Major Steven Betschart, 6th Military District Commander.
2. All SVR membership badges will be draped with black ribbon effective this date, 3 April 2020, for a period of 30 days.
3. Please take time to remember Brother Betschart's family in your thoughts and prayers.
4. 6th Military District Chief of Staff, Captain Wayne Eder, will be in charge of the 6th Military District until a new Commander can be appointed.

By Order

Attested

Robert E. Grim  
Major General,  
Commanding

Donald E. Darby  
SVR Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

1 October 2020

SVR General Order 2020-02

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Council hereby promote Captain Wayne Eder to the rank of Major to serve as such until the 16th Day of November 2024. Major Eder is assigned as the Commander of the 6th Military District.
2. Also effective this date, the Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Council promotes Captain Jerome Kowalski to the rank of Major, to serve as such until the 16th day of November 2024 or until properly relieved. Major Kowalski will continue to act as Chaplain for the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Robert E. Grim  
Major General,  
Commanding

Donald E. Darby  
SVR Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

3 November 2020

SVR General Order 2020-03

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Council hereby promotes Captain Kevin Tucker to the rank of Major to serve as such until the 16th Day of November 2024. Major Tucker is assigned as the Commander of the 1st Military District. By Order

Robert E. Grim  
Major General,  
Commanding

Donald E. Darby  
SVR Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

01 December 2020

SVR General Order 2020-04

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve accepts the request for transfer to the SVR Inactive Reserve of Major Eric Peterson, Commander of the 7th Military District SVR. The Commanding General wishes to express his gratitude for the service and dedication of Major Peterson to the SVR and the Boys in Blue. Major Peterson will be transferred to the Inactive Reserve at his current rank.
2. Effective this date, the Commanding General of the SVR appoints Captain David DuBrucq to the position of Commander, Seventh Military District, SVR. Captain DuBrucq will maintain the rank of Captain. Captain DuBrucq will appoint his staff in the near term.

Robert E. Grim  
Major General,  
Commanding

Donald E. Darby  
SVR Colonel, SVR  
Adjutant General

# SAVE OUR UNION!

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## VOLUNTEER WANTED

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TO FILL *THE* RANK OF

PUBLIC INFORMATION  
OFFICER

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All able bodied men will be accepted and sent into camp immediately for the term of ~~two~~ years, unless the war closes sooner. The regiment will be commanded by

### Cpt. David DuBrucq

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OUR COUNTRY NEEDS US NOW!



## "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)



# Historical Regulations ...

## FROM CASEY'S INFANTRY TACTICS Article II

### PART THIRD.

**319.** When the recruits are well established in the *principles and mechanism of the step, the position of the body, and the manual of arms*, the instructor will unite eight men, at least, and twelve men at most, in order to teach them the principles of alignment, the principles of the touch of elbows in marching to the front, the principles of the march by the flank, wheeling from a halt, wheeling in marching, and the change of direction to the side of the guide. He will place the squad in one rank, elbow to elbow, and number the men from right to left.

### LESSON I.

#### ALIGNMENTS.

**320.** The instructor will at first teach the recruits to align themselves, man by man, in order the better to make them comprehend the principles of alignment; to this end, he will command the two men on the right flank to march two paces to the front, and having aligned them, he will caution the remainder of the squad to move up, as they may be successively called, each by his number, and align themselves successively on the line of the first two men.

**321.** Each recruit, as designated by his number will turn the head and eyes to the right, as prescribed in the first lesson of the first part, and will march in *quick time two paces forward*, shortening the last, so as to find himself about six inches behind the new alignment, which he ought never to pass: he will next move up steadily by steps of two or three inches, the arms extended, to the side of the man next to him on the alignment, so that, without deranging the head, the line of the eyes, or that of the shoulders, he may find himself in the exact line of his neighbor, whose elbow he will lightly touch without opening his own.

**322.** The instructor seeing the rank well aligned, will command:

FRONT.

**323.** At this, the recruits will turn eyes to the front, and remain firm.

**324.** Alignments to the left will be executed on the same principles.

**325.** When the recruits shall have thus learned to align themselves, man by man, correctly, and without groping or jostling, the instructor will cause the entire rank to align itself at once by the command:

*Right (or left)—DRESS.*

**326.** At this the rank, except the two men placed in advance as a basis of alignment will move up in quick time and place themselves on the new line, according to the principles prescribed No. 321.

**327.** The instructor, placed five or six paces in front, and facing the rank, will carefully observe that the principles are followed, and then pass to the flank that has served as a basis to verify the alignment.

**328.** The instructor, seeing the greater number of the rank aligned, will command:

FRONT.

**329.** The instructor may afterward order *this* or *that* file *forward* or *back*, designating each by its number. The file or files designated, only, will slightly turn the head toward the basis, to judge how much they ought to move up or back, steadily place themselves on the line, and then turn eyes to the front, without a particular command to that effect.

**330.** Alignments to the rear will be executed on the same principles, the recruits stepping back a little beyond the line, and then dressing up according to the principles prescribed No. 321 the instructor commanding:

*Right (or left) backward—DRESS.*

**331.** After each alignment, the instructor will examine the position of the men, and cause the rank to come to ordered arms, to prevent too much fatigue, and also the danger of negligence at shouldered arms.

## Civil War Factoids

- At Gettysburg's Wheat Field, a member of the 148th Pennsylvania had one especially vivid memory. "I was struck," he said, "by the way ears of wheat flew in the air all over the field as they were cut off by the enemy's bullets."
- Capt. Frank Holsinger of the 19th U.S. Colored Volunteers noted that nerves became unstrung as men waited in silent tension for the beginning of a battle. "Breathing a silent prayer, our hearts having ceased to pulsate," he wrote, "someone makes an idiotic remark. There is a laugh, it is infectious, and we are once more called back to life."
- Builders of the USS Monitor equipped the first federal ironclad with a battery of hoses. They were linked to the boilers of the warship, and when a valve was turned, sealing water was spouted out. Members of the crew had planned to use their hoses to repel Confederate boarders, but an attempt to board was never made.
- Desperately seeking officers to command his hastily assembled fighting forces, Jefferson Davis made Albert Sidney Johnston a full general. That action on August 30, 1861, was taken with the full knowledge that Johnston had never commanded troops in battle.

Submitted by Capt. D. DuBrucq

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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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**NEXT ISSUE March 2021!** (hopefully)