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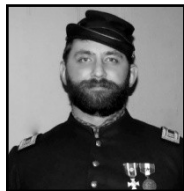
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Joe Marti, David Salyer and Allen Davis, members of Co. A, 49th California Infantry - Sutter Rifles, participated in the laying of wreaths during two ceremonies in Sacramento, CA on Saturday, December 13, 2014. This photo is from the second ceremony held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Sacramento. Corporal Davis laid the wreath honoring the United States Army and Corporal Marti laid the wreath honoring the United States Marine Corps.

COMMAND POST



Greetings My Brothers,
Saying goodbye to the busiest season for us, with our nation's big three events receding into history, I wish to thank all of you who donned the wool and participated in public events on behalf of the SVR. It was a busy time, but it's always a pleasure to witness the reaction the public has to seeing their country's history marching before them. As we largely put our uniforms away until spring, there are still those among us with important work to do.

Those who command or support companies as adjutants, now is the part of you some of you dread, but it needn't be that big a burden. Of course I'm speaking of annual reporting. There are two dates to keep in mind: January 15th and March 31st. That's all. As District Commander, it is my responsibility to ensure that all [Annual Unit Applications](#) are submitted annually to the Adjutant General of the SVR. If you don't recall, this is the one page application - easy. The second is the more laborious of the two, but even that's not too bad if you get right on top of it. That would be Annual Strength Report, Roster, and Dues. As with last year, please submit your rosters *only* in the Excel format. To make it easier, I will email you the roster I have for each of your units so you can make any edits you need to before saving it and sending it back to me. We're getting a lot of undeliverable emails, so please verify the member information for accuracy.

Looking ahead to 2015, expect a few changes that can be compared to a recalibration. As you're all well aware, we are the "ceremonial uniformed military component" of the SUVCW. As such, we ought to be ready and eager to participate in events that have the potential to draw more public to our collective history and to our order. To that end, I am in the process of

drafting orders that will seek to clarify what our district units exist to do and to also emphasize our responsibility to maintain an active and participatory character in each of them. Each unit, from commander on down, should know why they exist, and each unit should document in a statement how it is they seek to justify that existence - but more on that at a later time.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and acts when our daughter died in August. Your many kindnesses helped so much to comfort our hearts. It amplified the words we live by - Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty - in a way that it hadn't before. It was the most profound experience of my family's life, and to those who walked with us in our grief, thank you. Moving forward, I hope to see many of you at Fort Point on January 24th, but until then, please accept the 6th Military District's best wishes as we rocket forward through the holidays, and a Merry Christmas to you all, Happy Holidays, and may this New Year be a better one for all.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

Major J.C. Marti
Commander
6th Military District
Sons of Veterans Reserve

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Chaplain

[2nd Lt. Allen R. Davis](#)
Public Information Officer

EDITOR'S NOTE



Brothers, I offer this autumn 2014 edition of *The Western Dispatch* with the hope that it will remind all of us that the work we do as the Uniformed, Ceremonial Military Branch of the

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is important. This edition specifically calls attention to the work our District did during the autumn to remember our Veterans through parades, ceremonies and other events. If we fall down in our responsibility, how will the generations that follow know the importance of honoring our ancestors and the price of continuing freedom?

Thank you all for everything that you do. The year 2014 has certainly been a very busy, productive one for our District. We have witnessed one of our own rise to the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). We've seen many of our Brothers in Nevada recognized as Kentucky Colonels. Several of our District members hold National Offices in the SUVCW.

Yes, this has been a good year, but I believe that 2015 can be even better! As we close out this year and head into the next, be aware of opportunities to represent the District and get the word out about who we are and why we exist. I look forward to the challenges that will be forthcoming from our District Commander as he continues to lead us all to be the best we can be for the Boys in Blue.

Remember to send pictures, articles and news to me for inclusion in upcoming editions of *The Western Dispatch*.



GENERAL ORDER NO. 11
SERIES 2014-2015

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR
Veterans Day

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Day is "a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."

Section 2: President Dwight D. Eisenhower called upon the nation to "solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain."

Section 3: All Brothers, Camps and Departments of the Order are encouraged to participate in appropriate observances of Veterans Day in their local communities on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Proudly display Old Glory and thank a veteran!

Section 4: All veterans, and especially those members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have in the past, or who are currently serving in the United States Military, are hereby commended for their dedication and willingness to give of themselves for the greater good of our nation. Their service and sacrifices are not forgotten!

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

//s// Tad D. Campbell, PDC
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:

By: //s// Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

RENO VETERANS DAY PARADE

By Private Edward Carson, Battery A, 3rd United
States Artillery

Members of Battery A, 3rd United States Artillery, 6th Military District participated in the Reno Veterans Day Parade held November 11, 2014.

The members marched as a combined group along with members of the Sons of the American Revolution, Northern



Battery A, 3rd United States Artillery

Nevada Chapter

with their sponsored Fifes and Drums of Nevada, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Johanna Shine, Tent 96.

Private John Riggs was selected by the Reno



Grand Marshall John Riggs

Veterans Day Parade Board as the Grand Marshall in recognition of his military service to our country.

Private Ray Ahrenholz was

the official Bugler of the opening ceremonies. Captain Wayne Eder provided a Civil War Howitzer secured to his truck.

The theme of this year's Reno Veterans Day Parade 2014 was: 150 Years of Liberty Through Service. The originator of the

parade's theme was Private Edward G. Carson Colonel, U.S. Army Retired), who is a member of the Parade's Board.

CHAPLAIN'S PULPIT

By 2nd Lieutenant, Rev. Dr. Gary Alan Dickey
Chaplain, 6th Military District



Veterans Day is a reminder for us to take time to offer our respect, give honour, and observe the sacrifices of those who have served our country. Whether Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, deployed or reserve, this is our time to say thank you for honourable service given to country and flag. Too often in our society we take for granted what those before us have given so we might enjoy the freedom of our land. This is our time to say, "Thank you for your service." I will remember the difficult years of the Vietnam War and the total disrespect given to those returning home. I remember the puzzled looks on our veterans' faces as insults were hurled at them for answering the call to serve. I am pleased that this atmosphere has changed and our returning servicemen feel our support and are encouraged for serving. I call all of us to remember with gratitude our veterans on Veterans Day and every day.

May we pray:

"Gracious God, continue to bless our country with those who see the best in what we are and desire to serve to protect our freedom and liberty. May their service well done reflect upon them a sense of the blessings you have given this land we love. May each veteran be blessed with peace of heart and comfort of soul. For those who have suffered physical and emotional damage, may their minds be set at the peace which only you can provide. May we, as a nation, continue to pray, 'God bless America' and each of our Veterans. Amen."

CO. C, 8th CA INFANTRY MARCHES in 96th ANNUAL SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARADE

Company C of the 8th California Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the Sons of Veterans Reserve ((SVR)) participated in the United Veterans Council's (UVC) 96th Annual Santa Clara County, California Armistice Day Ceremony and



Men of Co. C, 8th CA Infantry fire a volley during the parade

Veterans Day Parade. Members of the SVR participated in the annual UVC Parade, reportedly the largest Veterans' Day Parade in Northern California, on November 11th in downtown San Jose. The formation was honored to include the participation of Sons of Union Veterans Department of California & Pacific Commander Timothy Reese as they marched down Market Street and fired a musket volley in front of the reviewing stand as a tribute to all veterans. Newly elected Commander of Company C of the 8th California, Paul Lavrischeff, again led the formation to the cheers of those gathered along the parade route.

WEEPING & REJOICING

By 2nd Lieutenant Allen R. Davis

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15)

The men of the 6th Military District express our heartfelt condolences to District Commander Joe Marti, his wife Kate and their four daughters on the loss of their newborn baby daughter, Lillian Rebecca Agnes Marti on August 18, 2014. We know that this has been a difficult time for the Marti family and we should all continue to keep them in our prayers.

We also heartily congratulate our District Commander on his promotion to the rank of Major, effective November 15, 2014 His vision for and leadership of the District are greatly appreciated and have obviously captured the attention of the Commanding General.

Finally, we congratulate Chief of Staff Wayne Eder and his wife Suzette on the birth of their son, Wayne Ludwig Eder II on October 18, 2014.

49th CA INFANTRY – SUTTER RIFLES

By 2nd Lieutenant Allen R. Davis

On October 13, 2014 Major General Robert Grim, Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve issued General Order 2014-14 admitting Co. A, 49th CA Infantry into the SVR. The formation of this new company took approximately two years of work, starting with a vision by 6th Military District Commander, Major Joe C. Marti.

Co. A, 49th CA Infantry, or the Sutter Rifles, is designed to be active not only as a Color Guard participating in ceremonies and parades, but also in community service projects.

PETALUMA PARADE

By 2nd Lieutenant Allen R. Davis and Private Dean Enderlin



David Salyer, Joe Marti represent the Sutter Rifles at the Sacramento Blue Star Mother's packing party

Before the Sutter Rifles ever officially met as a Unit, two of its members, David Salyer and Joe Marti, participated in the Sacramento Blue Star Mother's packing party at the Roseville Veteran's Hall on November 15, 2014. Approximately 400 care packages were prepared for service members deployed overseas. The company will participate in the Wreathes across America program on Saturday, December 13, 2014.



David Salyer, Terry Brown, Mike Meals Allen Davis, Mike Drouin and Joe Marti conduct the first meeting of Co. A, 49th CA Infantry in Sacramento, CA

The newly formed Company held its inaugural meeting at Fanny Ann's Saloon in Old Town Sacramento on Saturday, November 29, 2014. The meeting consisted of introducing the members, discussing the official Unit uniform, and formulating a plan of action for the upcoming year.

The Sixth Military District is comprised of the following states: Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and submissions from throughout the district, preferably with photos. Please send all submissions, comments or/questions to PIO 2nd Lieutenant Allen R. Davis at allenrdavis@yahoo.com.



Please also be sure to read, discuss, and contribute on our Facebook page: 6th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Remember to hit the LIKE button

A small detachment of Co. C, 8th CA Infantry marched in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Petaluma, California on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Dave Schleeter, Ron Cannon, Mace Gjerman, Jamin Gjerman and Dean Enderlin were joined by Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 member Kyle O'Brien, and ACWA (20th Maine) members Trey Brown and Mason Mize. Camp 23 member Lou Olker also worked to support the marchers, although he is no longer able to march in parades.



Members of Co. C, 8th CA Infantry and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 march in the Veterans Day Parade in Petaluma, CA. Photo by Scott Manchester, published on the Petaluma Argus-Courier website.

Ivy Stiers Auxiliary 23 members in the parade were Katherine Cannon, Elaine Christian, Amelie Brown, and Amelie's niece from Hanover, Germany. There were other Auxiliary ladies stationed at Walnut Park hosting a Christmas card signing table. The Christmas Cards will be presented to residents of the California Veterans Home in Yountville, CA.

RESIGNATION OF SVR ADJUTANT

Brothers,
B

I have served as adjutant of our Sons of Veterans Reserve unit, Company B of the 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry for several years and have been proud to represent the Baker Camp throughout the nation as an officer in the SVR. It has been almost five years since I relocated from Oregon to Northern Virginia and I feel it is time to step aside and allow someone closer to home to fill the position of adjutant. Therefore, I have notified Capt. Steve Betschart that I will resign my appointment as adjutant and my commission in the SVR effective December 31st of this year. I am confident that a suitable replacement will be appointed to carry on the honorable work of the SVR and the Baker Camp.



Lt. Randy Fletcher

I will happily return to the muster roll as a Private in the company and hope to stand in the ranks again at some point in the future. And of course, I will continue to serve as editor of *The Union Volunteer*.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Randy Fletcher, PCC
2nd Lieutenant
Adjutant, Company B
71st Pennsylvania Infantry, SVR

OREGON REMEMBERS!

One hundred fifty-one years after consecrating the graves of fallen soldiers at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln made an appearance in Oregon to perform the same duty at Kilpatrick Post GAR



Members of Co. B, 71st Pennsylvania Infantry commemorate the Gettysburg Address in Newberg, OR. Photo by Kathy Jo O'Neal

Cemetery where a white obelisk stands guard over nearly 100 Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery. Lincoln's appearance was part of Oregon's 9th annual Remembrance Day ceremony which commemorates the Gettysburg Address. The event is sponsored by the Baker Camp and this year took place on Saturday, November 15th.

The role of Lincoln was portrayed by historical actor Stephen Holgate who recited the famous speech on a clear but unusually cold day. The weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants or the small crowd of spectators that gathered to watch the event. In addition to Holgate's recitation of the Gettysburg address, keynote remarks were given by Portland teacher and Civil War historian Shardon Lewis. The invocation and benediction were done by Rev. D.H. Shearer, Chaplain of the Baker Camp and of the Sons of Veterans Re-serve. Military honors were provided by Company B, 71st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, SVR. Following a musket salute, Company B Commander, Captain Steven Betschart played Taps.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

By Corporal Allen R. Davis, Company A, 49th
California Infantry

On Saturday, December 13, 2014 men, women and children gathered together at cemeteries across the United States to place wreaths on the graves of deceased veterans of our Armed Services. The event, coordinated by Wreaths across America, happens on an annual basis on the second Saturday of December.

The National Wreaths across America organization exists to “Remember, Honor, Teach”. Their efforts call upon all of us to REMEMBER our veterans and the sacrifices they make on a daily basis. Wreaths across America calls upon us to HONOR our veterans by saying “Thank you” for the service and sacrifice they make on our behalf and on behalf of freedom and Democracy around the world. Finally, Wreaths across America reminds us to TEACH the importance of passing the concept of freedom to the next generation.

In the words of President Ronald Reagan, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

Our 6th Military District’s newest unit, Co. A, 49th California Infantry – Sutter Rifles,

participated in ceremonies at Sacramento County Veterans Cemetery and St Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Sacramento, California on December 13, 2014. Corporals Joe Marti, David Salyer and Allen Davis joined members of the community, Cadets from Squadron CA 902, Civil Air Patrol and Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets from Rancho Cordova High School in laying wreaths on veteran’s graves. We are grateful to Lieutenant Colonel Pennybaker, Commander of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron, and coordinator of the event, for allowing us to participate.

Corporal Davis laid the ceremonial wreath representing the United States Army and Corporal Marti laid the ceremonial wreath

representing the United States Marine Corps at both cemeteries. This was an unexpected honor for these men and for our District. In addition, these men and Corporal Salyer laid wreaths at various veterans’ graves at the Sacramento County Veteran’s Cemetery.



Ceremonial Wreaths laid in honor of United States Veterans at Sacramento County Veterans Cemetery

The mission of Wreaths across

America coincides with the mission we have been given as the Uniformed, Ceremonial branch of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is our honor and our duty to remember those who have gone before us and to educate those who follow behind us. We must never forget the sacrifices made to make this nation great.

Make plans now for your Sons of Veterans Reserve Unit to volunteer to participate in the National Wreaths across America wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, December 12, 2015. To learn more about Wreaths across America, this wonderful opportunity to honor our veterans and serve our communities click [here](#).

GENERAL ORDERS

6 August 2014
SVR General Order 2014-11

1. Due to the inability to contact officers of the 7th Military District, the Commanding General SVR appoints Lt. Colonel Mark Day, Commander 2nd Military District, as the Provost Marshal for the 2014 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 2014 National Encampment held in Marietta, Georgia.

2. Those interested in assisting either as a Deputy Provost or as a member of the Color Guard please contact Lt. Colonel Day.

3. This appointment will be in effect from 14-17 August 2014.

8 September 2014
SVR General Order 2014-12

1. Lloyd D. Lamphere Jr., is commissioned a Captain, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Captain Lamphere will serve as Commander Company A, 14th Michigan.

2. Bruce Kolb is commissioned a Captain, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Captain Kolb will serve as Commander Company D, 27th Indiana.

3. Wayne Scott is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Lt. Scott will serve as Adjutant, Bridgewater Scouts.

4. William R. Adams is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Sons of veterans Reserve. Lt. Adams will serve as Adjutant, Company D., 27th Indiana

5. Tim Graham is commissioned a Naval Lieutenant, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Lt. Graham will serve as the Commander, Ohio Naval Brigade.



Major General Robert Grim

6. Ken Freshley is commissioned a Naval Ensign, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Ens. Freshley will serve as Adjutant, Ohio Naval Brigade.

7. These commissions are effective this date and will remain in effect until 8 September 2017 or until properly relieved.

8 September 2014
SVR General Order 2014-13

1. Gregory R. Decker is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Lt. Decker will serve as Judge Advocate Company C, 5th Regt. Missouri Volunteer Cavalry.

2. David C. Warren is commissioned a 1st Lieutenant, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Lt. Warren will serve as Commander Company E, 47th Missouri.

3. Richard K. Coplin is commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Lt. Coplin will serve as Judge Advocate Co. E, 47th Missouri

4. These commissions are effective this date and will remain in effect until 8 September 2017 or until properly relieved.

13 October 2014
SVR General Order 2014-14

1. Effective 13 October 2014 the 49th California Volunteer Infantry has entered the ranks of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, 1st Sgt Michael Drouin, Commanding.

26 October 2014
SVR General Order 2014-15

1. Effective this date Thomas G. Hauff is

commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant Sons of Veterans Reserve. 2nd Lieutenant Hauff is Commander Officer of Battery L 1st Illinois Light Artillery.

2. This commission remains in effect until 27 October 2017 or until properly relieved.

15 November 2014
SVR General Order 2014-16

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General, Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee commissions Captain J. Alan Teller, SVR, to the rank of Major.

2. Effective this date The Commanding General, Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee commissions Captain Joseph C. Marti, SVR, to the rank of Major.

3. These commissions will remain in effect until 15 November 2017 or until properly relieved.

15 November 2014
SVR General Order 2014-17

1. On 15 November 2014 the Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve presented the following awards:

a. Distinguished Service Award with Gold Star:

1. Lt. Colonel Jack G. Grothe for services set forth in the following citation:

“For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as Commander of the 4th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve. You served as Commander of the 4th Military District for over twenty years; longer than any district commander in the history of the SVR. During your tenure as commander, the District membership more than doubled reaching

strength of over 300 with more active units than any other District. Reports from your District were always complete and filed on time. Under your leadership the 4th Military District conducted the military component of the Lincoln Tomb ceremony held annually in Springfield, Illinois. For several years you coordinated the annual artillery school conducted by the 4th Military District in conjunction with the National Civil War Artillery Association. This event is held at Jefferson Barrack in St. Louis, Missouri in odd numbered years and at the Boscobel, Wisconsin Sportsman’s Club in even numbered years and attracts approximately one hundred participants each year.

Your accomplishments and your efforts to promote the Sons of Veterans Reserve make you a noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award.”

2. Major Eric J. Schmincke for services set for in the following citation:

“For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as the Sons of Veterans Reserve Provost Marshal.

You have served with great distinction as the Sons of Veterans Reserve Provost Marshal since 2007 and prior to that you served several years as the SVR Deputy Provost Marshal. As Provost Marshal you have been responsible for forming up the Remembrance Day SVR Military Parade held each November in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The assignment requires great leadership skill along with a lot of patience in working with the numerous organizations and thousands of people who participate in this outstanding event. Through your leadership and efforts the Remembrance Day Parade has run smoothly regardless of the weather conditions or other variable occurrences beyond our control. Your efforts in making the Remembrance Day Parade the great success that it is has brought great credit to you and the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Your accomplishments and your efforts to promote the Sons of Veterans Reserve make you a noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award.



3. Captain Jerome Kowalski for services as set forth in the following citation:

“For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as the Sons of Veterans Reserve Chaplain.

Your service as the National Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans Reserve since 2011 has provided the members of our organization with outstanding spiritual guidance. The members of the 4th Military District have enjoyed the benefit of your service as their District Chaplain for several years too. You have been very faithful; in attending the SVR breakfast held annually at Gettysburg as well as the SVR annual at the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. At these events you have provided an inspiring invocation and benediction. You have also assisted with the Woolson Monument ceremony at the Gettysburg Battlefield, the Lincoln Tomb ceremony in Springfield, Illinois and the Stephenson ceremony at Petersburg, Illinois and on many occasions you have provided counseling to SVR members in distress.

Your accomplishments and your efforts to promote the Sons of Veterans Reserve make you a noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award.

b. Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Star:

1. Lt. Colonel Mark Day for service as set forth in the following citation:

“For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as Commander of the 2nd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Your leadership of the 2nd Military District during the past three years has helped make it one of the largest in membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Your style of supervision of the units under your command has been very exemplary. You have been a great help in coordinating Remembrance Day events and you displayed a great dedication to the Sons of Veterans Reserve with the assistance you provided the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission in a ceremony on

26 August 2012 at the Antietam Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland commemorating Michigan at Antietam. Your success in recruiting several SVR members to participate in that event left the Michigan Sesquicentennial Commissioners with a very positive impression of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Your dedication to preserving our Civil War heritage clearly qualifies you as a most noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award and a most noteworthy representative of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

2. Captain David K. Hann for services set forth in the following citation:

“For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as Deputy Provost Marshal of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Your service as Deputy Provost Marshal during the past three years has been outstanding. In addition, you displayed great leadership and dedication to the Sons of Veterans Reserve by your willingness to serve as a Special Deputy Provost Marshal for almost ten years in charge of one of three divisions of the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. Your efforts have helped make the Remembrance Day Parade a great success and an event enjoyed by thousands. For

several years you have also provided invaluable service to the Sons of Veterans Reserve by assisting with the SVR Military Ball held on Remembrance Day.

Your dedication to preserving our Civil War heritage clearly qualifies you as a most noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award and a most noteworthy representative of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

3. Private Nicholas H. Kaup for services set forth in the following citation:

“For exceptionally distinguished service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving as a Private in Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery, 4th Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Your record of over twenty-five years of service in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and your role as an active participant of your Sons Veterans Reserve unit



has set a great example to inspire the other members of your unit. You have personally overseen the placement and re-placement of 228 gravestones at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois. You have served as chairman of the Vicksburg National Battlefield, Illinois Monument Centennial Committee. You are currently serving on the Hanger One Foundation Board that is working to build a Naval Aviation Museum honoring all who trained at the Chicago Naval Air Station during World War II. Your outstanding spirit of volunteerism has brought great credit to yourself and your SVR unit.

Your Dedication to preserving our Civil War Heritage clearly qualifies you as a most noteworthy recipient of this prestigious award and a most noteworthy representative of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

c. Commanding Officer's Unit Citation:

1. Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery as set forth in the following citation:

"For consistently cultivating the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and promoting patriotism through their efforts in commemorating our Civil War ancestors and their respective units. Battery L, 1st Illinois Light Artillery colloquially known as "Mulligan's Battery" has participated in several Civil War sesquicentennial events including ceremonies at the Dr. Benjamin Stephenson Monument in Rosehill Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois; the Ottawa, Illinois Civil War Encampment honoring General Lew Wallace; and a monument dedication in Mount Greenwood Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois. They also provided the artillery for the playing of the "1812 Overture" at the Civic Band Concert in Naperville, Illinois. They have also supported numerous civic, museum and historical society events and Memorial Day ceremonies.

Their strong commitment to the principles for which our Order was founded, clearly distinguishes them as a loyal representative of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and most noteworthy recipients of this distinguished award.

2. Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment for service set forth in the following citation:

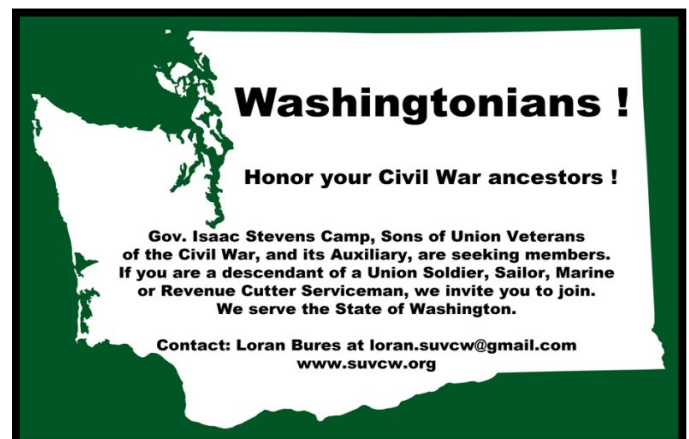
"For consistently cultivating the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and promoting patriotism through their efforts in commemorating our Civil War ancestors and their respective units.

Company B, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment has for many years participated in patriotic and educational projects and programs in several communities along the corridor of the Missouri River. They have worked with units from Nebraska and Central Iowa at dozens of monument dedications, museums tours, living history events, civic celebrations, veteran's events and played a significant role in helping to promote the historic Dodge House Museum – the home of Major General Grenville Mellon Dodge. They have participated in events in 38 Iowa counties and they annually conduct educational programs in two different school districts near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Their strong commitment to the principles for which our Order was founded, clearly distinguishes them as a loyal representative of the Sons of Veterans Reserve and most noteworthy recipients of this prestigious award.

Major General Robert Grim
Commanding Officer
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:
Donald E. Darby
Colonel, SVR
Adjutant General



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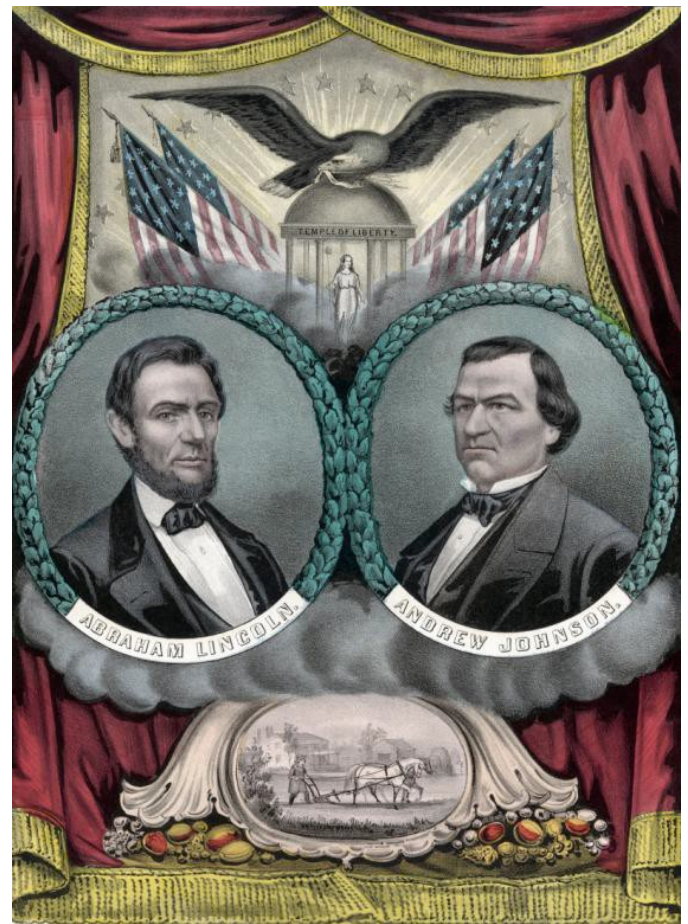
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LINCOLN REELECTED!

News from November 1864

From The Union Volunteer, Vol. 8, No. 11,
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Abraham Lincoln was elected to a second term as President of the United States on November 8th. Lincoln, running under the National Union Party banner defeated Democrat George McClellan by winning 55% of the vote and carrying all but three states. Nine states under rebel control did not participate in the election. The President's running mate and new Vice-President elect is Andrew Johnson of Tennessee.



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