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2017 Division Reunion

The Reunion started Friday night April 21st at the headquarters of the Gates Camp in Auxvasse Missouri . The event was well attended and the venue was very educational. The guest speaker was our own Travis Archie that was well received by all.

Saturday April 22nd we kicked off the reunion in the Gates Camp Headquarters. Topics discussed were creating a history of the Missouri SCV Camps by Division Historian Gene Dressell. Commander Dressell asked that each Camp send him as much history of their Camps founding, newsletters and accomplishments.

House Bill 53 was a lengthy topic. We as a body decided to put together a committee to put together a 1 page flyer that could be distributed around the state telling how important it is to get behind this and get it introduced and passed to protect our monuments in 2018. The committee comprises of Neil Block, Jim Bushart, Tim Borron, Jason Coffman, Bob Painter and Larry Yeatman. (This flyer is included on the last page of this newsletter.)

It was voted on the Sedalia will be the location of the 2018 Reunion and the dates will be April 6- 7 2018.

Later we met in Fulton that evening for dinner and our guest speaker Jack Dyess, Commander of the TX MOS&B Society and Col. W.H. Griffin Camp #2235 of Haltom City, Texas.

- Keith Daleen *Missouri Division Commander*

Division Awards

Ladies Appreciation Medal that is awarded by the Commander-in-Chief went to Diane Casteel.
Col. John Q Burbridge- Best Camp Award: Campbell's Company Camp #2252
Major John Newman Edwards- Best Newsletter Award: " The Governors Guard " of Gen. Mosby
Monroe Parsons Camp #718
Col. Joseph C. Porter- Outstanding Missouri Division Member Award : Travis Archie
Lindsey J. Whiteside- Most New Members Award: Major James Morgan Utz Camp #1815
Most graves marked: Col. Elijah Gates Camp #570
- Keith Daleen *Missouri Division Commander*

Confederate Memorial Day



Thank you to all who turned out Saturday, June 3rd for Confederate Memorial Day at Higginsville's Confederate Cemetery. It was a beautiful day and we had a great turnout from the camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the two local chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the William C. Quantrill Society, and the Confederate Memorial Friends Association. It is always an honor to walk upon these hallowed grounds and have the opportunity to pay tribute to our soldiers.

Picture by Wes Franklin - Campbell's Company Camp

Camps

While yall are waiting for your submitted pictures to show in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine send them in to your Division newsletter. Take a camp picture at an upcoming meeting and we'll get them all added to this section. Email or text them to modivscv@yahoo.com.

Each of Missouri's sixteen camps have their meeting details listed below. Get out there and visit if nearby:

First Sunday of each month 2pm – 4 pm Joseph O. Shelby Camp #191 Meeting
Where: Warrensburg Elks Lodge #673, 822 E Young Ave, Warrensburg MO

First Wednesday of each month 6pm – 8pm Elijah Gates Camp #570 Meeting
Where: Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society, 513 Court St., Fulton MO

Second Thursday of each month 1pm – 2pm John Woodside Camp #203 Meeting
Where: West Plains Library meeting room, West Plains MO

Second Thursday of each month 7pm – 9:30pm John T. Hughes Camp #614 Meeting
Where: Kross Lounge & Ernie's Restaurant, 605 N Sterling, Sugar Creek MO

Second Tuesday of each month (Except Jul and Aug) 5:30pm – 10pm Sterling Price Camp #145 Meeting
Where: Syberg's-Dorsett; 2430 Old Dorsett Rd.; Maryland Heights MO (NE corner of the I-270 and Dorsett Rd. interchange)

Third Thursday of each month (except Dec) 6pm – 8pm M. M. Parsons Camp #718 Meeting
Where: Frenchie's Antique Mall & Café in the Apache Flats, 5505 US 50 Bus, Jefferson City MO

Third Friday of each month 5:15pm – 8pm J. H. McBride Camp #632 Meeting
Where: Cedars Restaurant-South, 3322 S Campbell Ave, Springfield MO

Third Wednesday of each month 7pm – 9pm James J. Searcy Camp #1923 Meeting
Where: Boone County Historical Society, 3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia MO

Third Wednesday of each month 7pm – 9pm Campbell's Company Camp #2252
Where: Republic/Greene Co Library, 921 N. Lindsey Ave., Republic MO
Every third month at same time camp meets at Matthew H. Ritchey Home, 520 Mill St., Newtonia MO

Second Saturday of each month 1pm – 3pm James Morgan Utz Camp #1815 – Florissant
Where: Community Commons/Spencer Road Library, Room 240, 427 Spencer Rd., St Peters MO

Third Monday of each month 7pm- 9pm Surgeon John Craven Camp #2276 – Gallatin
Where: Friends of Christ Church, 402 North Main, Gallatin MO

First Tuesday of each month 7pm- 9pm Joseph C. Porter Camp #2055
Where: Sharpsburg Church, Hunnewell MO

John T. Coffee Camp #1934 – Osceola Meeting Location Not Listed- Contact Richard Reed
M. Jeff Thompson Camp #2277 – Farmington Meeting Location Not Listed- Contact John Bates
William T. Anderson Camp #1743 - Huntsville Meeting Location Not Listed- Contact Neil Block
Edmund Thomas Wingo Camp #2213 – Salem Meeting Location Not Listed- Contact Garrett Gabel

Chaplain's Pulpit



We need to pray and ask God to show us the things we need to change in our lives. We need to pray for the salvation and change of our enemies, if God in his plan changes their focus from themselves and evil, to Jesus Christ they will want the truth. God has the power to do anything and we worship him by praying and seeking a relationship with him. When things seem so wrong and overwhelming we need to call out to him for guidance and wisdom, but we also need to petition him with our concerns he knows our hearts. We need to have faith that he is in control. Do you know where you will be for eternity? Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Our Father we are thankful for your mercy and never ending love. We ask, that you examine us that we might see those things that are not pleasing to you. Let us glorify you in our daily deeds. We ask that you give us strength and courage to address these things and ask for your forgiveness. Change us and direct us to do know your will and to focus on you.

We ask that you protect us from evil and that you render it harmless against us. We pray that we do not wavier or fail in the face of this evil but honor you, give us courage to stand up for you and the truth.

We pray for our enemies. We lift up those that do not know you and ask that as only you can do, change their heart that they might find salvation, peace and see the truth. We pray for a revival that will bring a focus you and not on self and this world. We pray that none be blind and be trapped in their blindness, that they are transformed.

"You are the power and glory for ever and ever," we pray in Jesus Name. Amen

- Bob Painter Missouri Division Chaplain

Graves Registry

As previously announced at Reunion, Neil Block and Travis Archie are combing through the Division website's Master Graves List looking for records that show Death Certificate in their Reference field. Many men in this list only have their certificates historically tying them to service. The hope is to track down service records for each man for which this applies and turn this information over to the nearest camp to confirm a headstone. This could turn out some easy pickings for VA headstone applications if all pans out. Please stay tuned for their next report.



Way Down in Missouri

<https://www.facebook.com/Way-Down-In-Missouri>

Exploring Missouri's connection to Southern history, culture and identity from pre-statehood to present with emphasis on the War for Southern Independence.

July 25 1861: The Crittenden- Johnson Resolution is passed by the US House of Representatives by a vote of 119-2 in Washington DC. The plan declared the war was waged for the reunion of the states and not to interfere with the matters of the South. The text read:

That in this national emergency, Congress, banishing all feelings of mere passion or resentment, will recollect only its duty to the whole country; that this war is not waged on their part in any spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of conquest or subjugation, or purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or established institutions of those States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, and to preserve the Union with all the dignity, equality, and rights of the several States unimpaired; and that as soon as these objects are accomplished the war ought to cease.



The US Senate passed the resolution three days later by a vote of 30-5 and was approved by Lincoln.

119 Northern Representatives of the US House and 30 Northern US Senators declared the war was about preserving the union.

Credit goes to Mr Patrick McCullough, Commander of Archibald Gracie Camp #985 New York, N.Y. by bringing to the forefront this event in an article he wrote at <http://scv.nyc/when-congress-officially-declared-that-the-civil-war-was-not-about-slavery>

PROTECT MISSOURI VETERANS MONUMENTS

Veterans' monuments and historical markers are under attack all over the country. Our Veterans' sacrifice and honor must be protected.



(above) Viet Nam Memorial, L.A.

A bill was introduced in December 2016 to protect our Veterans monuments and historical markers:

H.B.53, THE MISSOURI HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT.

The Speaker of the House, **Representative Todd Richardson** (phone: 573-751-4039, email: todd.richardson@house.mo.gov) refused to assign the bill to committee. The bill never saw the light of day despite repeated urgings by the Sponsor of the bill to assign it to the Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill will be reintroduced for the 2018 General Assembly with a new bill number.

Contact Speaker of the House Todd Richardson and tell him to assign and support THE MISSOURI HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT. Call **Governor Eric Greitens** (phone: 573-751-3222) and tell him you want our Veterans' Monuments protected. Call your district State Representative and State Senator and ask/tell them to sponsor and support the bill. Be sure to tell them if you are a Veteran, spouse or relative of a Veteran!



Missouri Veterans' monuments deserve our respect and protection!

(at left) Robert E Lee Memorial, New Orleans