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COMMANDERS CORNER:

Hi Ya'll

I must say it is great to be the Commander of the Department of Florida, the best Department and group of guys, in the whole darn SUVCW.

I do hope you are all enjoying the summer with your families and I hope to see you at all the coming events this year.

I've been very busy traveling around the State. I have visited Tampa, New Smyrna Beach and Casselberry just to name a few spots. I heard that Brother Custer and Brother Linscott attended the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Bull Run. They tell me it was 112 degrees in the shade. Wow, now that's HOT!!!

The Department has a new project; Brother Marshall Polston found some Civil War Veterans graves in Casselberry that need headstones and some restoration work. Also I planned a Civil War Pancake Breakfast as a fund raiser, Brother Custer will be cooking while I serve-up the orders. It's a good cause and it should be fun when Brother Skip (aka) Abe Lincoln shows up to give a speech. Most of the time I've spent working on the upcoming Civil War Sesquicentennial events around the State of Florida. Sesquicentennial Medals will be available for \$6 at each of the events and the Passport books will be stamped there. I want to thank my Officers for helping me learn this job it sure is a challenge. And I do love a Challenge, so keep your Challenge Coins handy.

M. FARRELL

SCHEDULED MEETING and EVENTS:***National Encampment******August 11-14 2011****Nat'l Web-Site* <http://www.suvcw.org>***(Check your Banner for Details)******Dept. Mid-Year Conference******December 17th 2011****Dept. Web-Site* <http://www.dofsuvcw.org>***(Check your Dispatch for Details)******Department Fund Rasier******September 17th 2011******St. Cloud Senior Center******Civil War Pancake Breakfast****Dept. Web-Site* <http://www.dofsuvcw.org>***(Check your Dispatch for Details)******Civil War Sesquicentennial******Signature Event******October 9th 2011******Attack on Ft. Pickens******Santa Rosa Island, Pensacola****Dept. Web-Site* <http://www.dofsuvcw.org>***(Check your Dispatch for Details)******UNION DEFENDERS DAY******February 12th, 2012****Dept. Web-Site* <http://www.dofsuvcw.org>***(Check your Dispatch for Details)******Battle of Olustee******February, 2012****Dept. Web-Site* <http://www.dofsuvcw.org>***(Check your Dispatch for Details)******Department Encampment******June 16th 2012****Dept. Web-Site* <http://www.dofsuvcw.org>***(Check your Dispatch for Details)***

Editors Ancestor Spotlight:

My Great Great Grandfather, was Private John Sharman. He was from Hamburg, Germany originally. On June 6, 1861, the day after his twenty second birthday, John enlisted in Co. E 3rd MO Vol. Infantry (3 month volunteers). In July of that year, he along with several comrades were transferred to Battery A of Maj. Franz Backoff's Artillery Battalion. This was done to replace several men who had come to the end of their enlistments. With this unit, John fought at Dug Springs, MO on Aug 2, 1861 and at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, MO on Aug 10, 1861. At Wilson's Creek, he was shot three times. Once in each hand and once in the right side. After recovering from his wounds, he reenlisted in Capt. Martin Welfly's Independent Battery. This unit became Battery B of the 1st Regt. MO Vol. Lt. Artillery. With this unit, John fought at the Battle of Pea Ridge, the Siege of Vicksburg and several skirmishes in Louisiana. His unit also did occupation duty in Brownsville, Texas. On Sept. 30, 1864, John Sharman was discharged, having completed his three year enlistment. He passed away on April 26, 1904, in St. Louis, Missouri from kidney disease.

John M. Vaughn III, DSVC, PCC Dept. of FL
SUVCW 1861-1865

Editor Note: Civil War Round Table

MEMBERS or NOT: Honor those that preserved the Union. If you have time why not write an article about a battle, regiment, soldier or anything about the Civil War. We would love to read about it in the Camp Communicator. Also, if you have Civil War ancestors we would like to know. Send articles to:

Civil War Round Table
854 Hibiscus Street
Boca Raton, FL. 33486

Thanks!!!

J. M. Vaughn III

Editor Note: Members Birthday's

JUNE and JULY

Best wishes and Happy Birthday to:

Brother James A. Thielen, Camp #1
Brother Nickolas L. Culbreth, Camp #25
Brother Bartholomew Erit, Camp #25
Brother Robert B. Strayer, Camp #25
Brother Larry J. Calhoun, Camp #3
Brother Billy R. Devine, Camp #3
Brother Bernard Sonnenblick, Camp #3
Brother Gary Guinan, Camp #4
Brother Marshall Polston, Camp #4
Brother Clair D. Whitlam, Camp #4
Brother Daniel W. Hans, Camp #5
Brother Harry F. Hollien, Camp #5
Brother William P. Hopkins, Camp #5
Brother Larry D. Reese, Camp #5
Brother Charles W. Potter, Camp #5
Brother Bradley B. Baker, Camp #7
Brother Anthony E. Chavez, Camp #7
Brother Robert H. Joynt, Camp #7
Brother Michael A. Slavin, Camp #7
Brother Gene L. Thompson, Camp #8
Brother John M. Vaughn III, Camp #8

Information provided by the Dept. Secretary:

Editor Note: New Members

JUNE and JULY

Welcome to the Department of Florida:

NONE REPORTED

Information provided by the Dept. Junior Vice:

Editor Note: Sick Call

JUNE and JULY

Join us in prayer for these Brothers:

Brother Daniel J. Spellman, Camp #4
Brother Phillip R. Hinman, PCC, Camp #4
Brother Ronald H. Criswell, PCC, Camp #4
Brother Dick H. Bickford, PCC, Camp #7
Brother William R. Cavins, PCC, Camp #8

Information provided by the Dept. Chaplain:

CAMPS Activity Report

CAMP 1: Attended Department Encampment.

CAMP 3: June 1, meeting postponed to June 8. June 8, Camp 3 meeting did not have a quorum. June 18, 4 Brothers attended the Department Encampment. July 6, it was decided not to have a meeting in the month of July.

CAMP 4: Hosted Department Encampment. July 4th, Brother Whitlam, as "President Lincoln", was the keynote speaker at the Saint Cloud Independence Day opening ceremony lakeside. Security was provided by Brother Phil Hinman, a "Pinkerton Detective." A Union security detail of Brothers Farrell, Jeff Chandler, and Ward, escorted President Lincoln. All of which was preceded by refreshments at Crabby Bill's Restaurant. Brother Skip's talk was well-received. Brother Farrell resigned as Camp SVC, then as DC installed Brother Humker as Camp 4 SVC. The next Camp 4 meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2011 in Saint Cloud (scheduled to avoid Labor Day Weekend conflict).

CAMP 5: Sent 6 Brothers to the Department Encampment

CAMP 7: No meetings as camp has taken summer off. Camp officers attended the Department Encampment on June 18. They set up a camp display there which included a handmade 'general's chair'. The CinC sat in this chair and liked it. It is the intention of the camp to set up a display at the Broward County Library in the fall, though no exact date has been set.

CAMP 8: At the Department Encampment, there were several members present. Next meeting will be the third Saturday in September.

Information provided by the Camp Commanders

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Brothers,

It is my honor and privilege to have been asked to serve as the Department Chaplain. I will endeavor by the grace of God to serve you in that capacity to the best of my ability. I am in the process of moving my web-hosting service to a local base and will re-establish the Department Chaplain's Page, for information and encouragement for our members. For those of you who are e-mail capable, my e-mail address is skipwhitlam@tealah.com. For those of you who are not on line my Postal address is: 2078 Live Oak Blvd. St. Cloud, FL 34771-8441 My residential phone no. is 407-957-9587 My cell phone no is 407-873-4322 All of us, members of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Have taken an oath on the Bible when we joined and I quote from "The American's Creed"; I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

As Lincoln stated in his Gettysburg Address, it was eighty-seven years since the founding of our Nation and the blood of thousands of Americans, both northern and southern soaked the grounds of the Gettysburg battlefield. Because somehow in those eighty-seven years, our peoples lost track of the goals and aims set by the founding fathers and established in our Constitution and became obsessed with their self-interests and concerns. The brotherhood of the GAR took on the job of serving Civil War Survivors and the hope of restoring the unity of our Nation.

Today our Nation teeters on the edge of great divisions resulting in economic stress felt in every spectrum of American life and again our peoples have lost the vision of our founding fathers.

Do we, stand and defend our nation and the vision of our founders? Or are we like the actors of Jesus' day playing a role. When he called them hypocrites.

Let us by living the principles of our Order be examples to our communities and peoples of what our Nation is meant to be.

God Bless,
C. D. "Skip" Whitlam, FL Dept. Chaplain

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS MESSAGE:

My Brothers All;

As we celebrate another 4th of July, in this year of our Lord 2011, I took the time to look backward in time ... back to my great-great grandfather, Christopher 'Kit' Hardesty, Sergeant in Company K, 6th Regiment of the Illinois Cavalry. He was quite a man, providing his own horse, saddle, and guns. He was part of the famous Griersons' Raid from LaGrange, Tennessee down through the heart of Mississippi in April 1863.

My family has a proud history of service in the military ... my father during the Second World War served in the South Pacific, I served in Korea in 1952-1953, and Vietnam in 1966-1967. My brother served in the Navy during the Vietnam war, and today, one grandson served with the 2nd Infantry, U.S. Army at Arlington National cemetery, another grandson served in Iraq and is currently assigned to Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan. My granddaughter served in the U.S. Navy and is now settled in as an old married lady living in Utah.

I hope you took time during this past holiday to reflect on your own family ... your own service time, if you served, and take time each day to pray for the safety of our military personnel that are deployed around the world. We took on the responsibility of being somewhat the worlds' police ... we have troops on the ground at the 38th parallel in Korea and have been entrenched there since the Truce was signed in 1953 ... a fact most Americans don't even recognize ... we never won that war, but only fought to a stand-still in June of 1953.

Our fighting in Iraq will come to an end this December, barring any unforeseen circumstances, and we begin the draw-down of troops in Afghanistan this year, and hopefully withdraw totally by the end of 2012. It would be a wonderful experience to see peace in our lifetime, and that's certainly something worthwhile praying for.

Yours, in Faith, Charity, and Loyalty,
Richard Hardesty, Patriotic Instructor, Department of Florida

PHOTO RIGHT:

144 YEARS AGO

PDC Bob Jones addresses a crowd of some 300 patriotic citizens on Memorial Day. He spoke about what the country was like on the first Memorial Day and a war with 620,000 American casualties.



DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

16th Annual Dept. Encampment



L/R: Dept. Commander Robert Chandler Awards Camp 4 brother, Skip Whitlam, for all the work he has done in the Dept.

16th Annual Dept. Encampment



Mayor Rebecca Borders of the City of St. Cloud presents a proclamation to C-in-C Schall reminding us of the GAR men who founded the Soldier City.

16th Annual Dept. Encampment



Discusses SUV CW troubles in filing as a Non-Profit Organization, with Federal Government IRS.

16th Annual Dept. Encampment



Department Officers are sworn into their respective Offices by C-in-C.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Bro. Richard Hardesty, Camp 1
Bro. Lloyd B. Monroe Jr., Camp 1
Bro. James G. Ward, Camp 4
Bro. Robert V. Chandler, Camp 8
Bro. John M. Vaughn III, Camp 8

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

The Commander of Camp 3, Brice Scalley conducted the Department nominations of Officials. The following are your new dept. officers.

Dept. Commander Michael Farrell
 Senior Vice Cmdr. John M. Vaughn III
 Junior Vice Cmdr. David Hoover
 Seretary /Treasurer Charles D. Buck Custer
 Council 1 Dan W. Hans
 Council 2 Harvey K. Linscott
 Council 3 Robert M. Jones

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| Counselor | Lloyd B. Monroe Jr. |
| Chaplain | Clair D. Skip Whitlam |
| Patriotic Instructor | Richard Hardesty |
| Civil War Memorials | Dan J. Spellman |
| Historian | Donald Burris |

16th Annual Encampment of the Department of Florida

Commander-in-Chief Brad Schall seated in front. L/R: Holding Nat'l Colors Ronnie McCracken, PDC, C4; Robert Jones, PDC, C7; Donald Burris, C7; Robert Chandler, PDC, C8; John Farrell, C25; Edward Manak, C3; Phillip Hinman, PCC, C4; Buck Custer, PDC, C4; Harvey Linscott, PDC, C5; John Vaughn, PCC, C8; Roy Greenfield, C4; David Hoover, CC, C8; Michael Farrell, DC, C4; Dan Hans, PDC, C5; Brice Scalley, CC, C3; Ronald Irons, C5; Don Johnson, C5; Larry Oppenhiemer, C1; Paul Pardee, C5; Lloyd Monroe, C1; John Pardee, C5; Guy Bachman, C3, PCC; Richard Shaffer, CC, C7; Chris Maniaci, guest; Jeffery Chandler, C4; Skip Whitlam, PCC, C4; James Ward, CC, C4;
 Not Shown: Brother Richard Hardesty, PCC, C1; And Brother Robert Humker, C4.

ROUNDTABLE

150 YEARS POST CIVIL WAR: Reflections of 30 years ago on this historic day

Had a restless sleep...woke up and making my way in the dark I went into the family room of my residence here in Palm Bay, Florida. As I felt my way through the room I noted the time from the LED display on the Cable TV box, like a beacon in the darkness it read 5:53AM...I walked into the kitchen to start the coffee brewing, doing my morning ritual as I get ready to go to work at a company called Harris Corp.

Suddenly the sound of a loud explosion shook my home. I heard the dog growl; I walked back into the family room to calm her. As I sat there petting the dog I thought about what might make such a noise...the space shuttle popped into my head. I turned on the TV and saw immediately a view of the runway from a camera mounted on the Space Shuttle. The view now shifted to a camera on the ground taking a shot of the Bird gliding over the runway. It was still dark and the images were shadows of gray, outlining that majestic man made Bird, the Space Shuttle ATLANTIS. My thoughts reflected back to the first Shuttle, because I knew this would be the last time a Space Shuttle would go on a mission.

At the time it was 1981, I was working at a company named Fairchild in Commack, New York. The company was named after Sherman Fairchild a captain of industry from the early 20th Century.

Commack, New York

The director of Engineering called the Engineering group into the Proto-Type Lab where a television mounted into an equipment rack was rolled into the room and hastily hooked up to an antenna. We didn't have High Definition then and TV was Broadcasted on VHF Radio Waves. All of us in the Engineering Dept. stood there in awe as the first Space Shuttle COLUMBIA landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

The tires hit the ground, trails of smoke formed in swirls behind the Shuttle. Suddenly the room bust into a round of applause and cheers. We all felt very proud to be Americans, I was 27 years old at the time.

Thirty years later it's July 21st, 2011 and I'm now 57 years as the National Space Shuttle Program is about to have its final conclusion. I am alone standing in the family room with only the light of my flat screen High Definition TV illuminating the darkness. A tear rolls down my cheek as I reflected on the fate of the COLUMBIA. I watched as the tires of the Space Shuttle ATLANTIS touched down in Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, Florida. On camera the swirls of smoke could not be seen in the darkness. I was struck by the silence, no applause, my mood was sad and quite the opposite from that first time. Yet, I'm still proud to be an American. We the *PEOPLE* have been pioneers for a very long time, and I'm sure we'll continue in that spirit.



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