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## MISSOURI MILITARY ACADEMY TO HOST ALL CADET REUNION

By L. Deschane

Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, Missouri will again host the ALL CADET REUNION on their campus 28-30 September 2007. Echo Company has been invited and representatives will be on hand to help celebrate and represent Kemper Military School.

The ALL CADET REUNION was initiated by MMA to provide a rally point for former cadets whose schools have closed. Other schools which have been represented in the past include, Augusta Military Academy, Castle Heights Military Academy, Western Military Academy, and Christian Brothers Military Academy.

"We have a common tradition and share a great heritage, said Echo Company Secretary, Captain John Downs. MMA has the 'gold football' which for years was the ultimate symbol of our two school's rivalry. Today it can be seen in the trophy display area of their athletic complex.



CPT JOHN DOWNS

Some Kemper alumni have questioned what connection MMA can offer to Kemper Old Boys and that can best be summed up by saying that they offer the opportunity to remain connected.

You can enjoy a cadet full dress parade, meet other Kemper Old Boys, and even see a great football game. The question of 'I didn't go to MMA, how will I fit in there?' has been asked and answered. Kemper Old Boys are welcomed and cherished as members of the MMA community. We share a common history of competition through athletics and academics.

It is not unusual for MMA Alumni to approach a 'Yellowjacket' and ask, 'What year did you go to school at Kemper?' and follow up the question with an observation of mutual interest. Always the conversation is concluded with, 'We are glad that you are here!'

This year MMA will host the event and invites Kemper Old Boys from all years to attend. The drive is a short one from St Louis and Mexico, Missouri is located only a few miles north of I-70. Look for information on accommodations and room availability as well as a schedule of Echo Company events in this issue of the ECHO.

So, what are you waiting for? Get off your butt and make your reservations, don't forget to let us know at Echo Company that you will be there! We look forward to seeing you.

Echo Company has the largest single collection of Kemper memorabilia in the world.

## FOOTBALL RULES!

By M Fischer

I love football. I always have. Not professional football, that looks more and more like some kind of bad wrestling TV show. I'm talking about the good old kind of high school Friday night football which goes on all over the USA. It's West High School v. Montgomery or some other such rivalry, that's football.

When I went to Kemper I played football for HB Davis and I thought that I'd play in college and perhaps beyond. You know? Those tavern league type games where a bunch of guys get together on a Saturday afternoon and play a pick up game with five or six on each side. That's what I thought.

HB Davis told us, "Boys, this is football. You are privileged to play this game, it means you are healthy and have a desire to compete and to win. Someday you will not be able to play football because you are either too old or too worn out. Play hard today, play hard while you can. This game only lasts one hour and we will only play ten games this year. If you give it 100% then years from now you can look back and say, 'I did the very best I could!'"

It was a great experience and one I remember well. Coach Davis was sure football was as much a lesson of life as any social science taught in the classroom, he was right!



COACH H B DAVIS  
Head Coach, High School  
Football Kemper Military School  
1968

I am not sure where HB Davis played football or went to college, it did not matter then and it matters less now. We loved him as players and students, respected his leadership skills and his honest talks with us.



Here is the Kemper Military School, high school Yellowjacket football team for 1968. Coach HB Davis can be seen at the far left of the photograph. I don't remember that year's record but we did manage to beat Wentworth! You would have thought we won the State Championship because HB Davis treated us with great kindness and respect. As I was going through the roster on this photograph it brought back many memories of the players. Coach Davis kept a framed copy of this team picture behind his desk for years afterward.



This is the 1968 game against the Boonville Pirates and I am not sure who the ball carrier is (Dave Nicholas?). However, Paul Snell is #80, Roger Peterson is #50, Roger Vaughan is #41, John Gorrell is #40, and Louis Evans is #82. We lost this game 21 / 27 and it was the last time Kemper ever played Boonville.

Boonville has developed a tradition of football excellence and is always a contender for conference honors. Boonville has made several trips to championship games since 1968 and I would like to believe that playing tough teams like Kemper helped mould their team, build their pride, and create a winning tradition.

Today I work as a consultant for an international marketing firm. It's a fancy title with not as much money as you might think, but I enjoy my job. I have often thought of my days playing football and of Coach Davis. He was dead on target! I have looked back and I have never played football since high school, not even flag football for the YMCA! However, I can look back and honestly say to myself, "I did the best I could!" Thanks Coach Davis, you inspired us, lead us, and taught us.

## ECHO LISTED WITH LOC

The Library of Congress, Washington, DC has requested that it be placed on the mailing list for copies of the ECHO. Editor Linda Deschane announced to the Board that current and archived copies of the ECHO have been forwarded to the Library for inclusion in their records.

## KEMPER'S GREATEST FOOTBALL COACH OF ALL TIME

By Dr. SF Allworth

I was asked by my very good friend, Linda Deschane to write an article for her magazine "ECHO". She was once a student of mine at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. I would have thought that I had been a better teacher than to allow a student to convince me to do homework for them!

I set about researching the files of Echo Company and was modestly impressed by the information stored there. The files are arranged with some regard for contemporary methods of historical document preservation. Humidity and foreign substance contamination being of primary concern.

There are no electronic means of document retrieval making all searches manual in nature. The information is not cross collated requiring the researcher to limit search values by year rather than subject. However, since this is not an assessment of the archive ability of this organization, I tasked Linda to provide me with certain pieces of data from the records. This is the resulting composite of that search.



LT C A CLINGENPEEL

Charles A. "C A" Clingenpeel received his degree in Mathematics from Central College of Missouri in 1917. He came to Kemper the following year and accepted the position of instructor of mathematics with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant. The next year he was relegated the additional duty of coach of the football team.

Kemper's football teams had twice captured the title of "state champion" in the years leading up to the new coach's appointment and much of Clingenpeel's future success at Kemper would depend on a winning season. Clingenpeel delivered not one winning season, but six consecutive winning seasons with an overall record of 43 -5!

Clingenpeel's football squads proved to be nearly invulnerable and continuously delivered wins. The new coach was catapulted to success and the school rewarded his work with two promotions. Now a Captain, Clingenpeel found it increasingly difficult to deliver wins game after game, year after year. However, the young Missourian did just that and won two more state championships. The Coach subsequently assumed duties as the baseball and basketball coach. So successful were his programs that he was discharged of his teaching duties to devote himself full time to the pursuit of athletics.



In the early days of football, equipment was generally a padded shirt and a leather cup to protect against groin injury. Clingenpeel added new equipment, new strategies and redesigned the game of football. He did not select senior student officers for key positions simply because of cadet rank.

The resulting innovations caused coaches from other schools and colleges to visit Kemper with increasing frequency. Included among these visitors were the entire football coaching staff from the University of Missouri.



Shown above is the undefeated KMS football team of 1924. Clingenpeel is pictured at far left.

Clingenpeel fell from favor with KMS administration as the athletic department consumed more and more of the schools finite budget.



This 1919 photo shows Clingenpeel with his championship football team wearing state of the art football gear for the first time. Clingenpeel is pictured at top right.

When Kemper's administration installed CPT HC Johnston as the new Athletic Director (presumably to control costs) Clingenpeel resigned from his post at Kemper. For years afterward Clingenpeel returned each year during October to watch his beloved Yellowjackets play football.

As late as 1970 Clingenpeel is said to have returned one last time for a Kemper visit to remind himself of the former glory days and Kemper's football majesty.

### BUTT PACK

Here is where we print your letters, comments, and questions. If you're lucky we might even print an answer!

Clyde H. Oregon - "I just got the ECHO. Echo Company makes us proud and I for one wish to thank you all for your effort."

ECHO - You are welcome Clyde.

Ben B. Oregon - "I'm getting married!"

ECHO - Good luck Ben! May you celebrate many happy anniversaries in the years to come. Note for Ben's wife to be: Learn to tolerate Kiwi shoe polish, smell of Brasso and penchant for march music!

Richard R - Glenn Mills, PA "Thank you for your efforts to keep Kemper's memory alive...if there is anything I can do to help Echo Company please let me know."

Frosty H - Missouri "My copy of the ECHO arrived damaged and torn, just thought you should know."

ECHO - Representatives of Echo Company have met with US Postal Service personnel in Milwaukee, WI to investigate several complaints on damaged mail. We believe that this problem has been addressed and resolved. Hopefully this ECHO arrived in good shape! Laura W - AR "We (The KMS AA) are where alumni turn to when they need to know info about transcripts etc., or if they are trying to find a former classmate."

ECHO - The KMS AA is an empty shell of an organization which only serves to impede the good works of Echo Company and confuse Old Boys. They have squandered resources and allowed Kemper artifacts to be lost and destroyed.

Jim E - Texas "We all say hello! I would like to nominate Clarence Darrow Jr for membership in Echo Company."

ECHO - Thanks for the greeting, the Board has acted on the nomination. Echo Company only grows in membership through nominations of those interested in Kemper.

Jim E - Missouri "In the last issue, was that James Herring in the Butt Pack who said that Downs was Napoleon?"

ECHO - Messages to the ECHO are logged and recorded in the order in which they are received without formal notation as to who made the remark.



Kirby Lockard KMS '47

Word reached the Headquarters concerning the death of loyal Kemper son, Kirby Lockard of Tucson, Arizona. Kirby was a devoted brother to Echo Company and a renowned member of the faculty at Arizona University.

After attending MIT he studied architectural engineering for the science industry and made many important contributions to the development of modern technology.

Kirby has been posthumously awarded the KEMPER CROSS and promoted to First Lieutenant. Our thoughts and prayers are with Peggy Hamilton Lockard and family.

### Prayer of Passing

By Fr. W.K. "Bill" Dewatch

Heavenly Father we ask that you receive the soul of our departed and beloved friend, Kirby Lockard into your celestial realm. We ask that you look over his family and Peggy, protecting and comforting them in their loss. Please give us the power of wisdom and the strength to do your will while keeping your divine word holy.

Kirby was a faithful, loyal son of Kemper and devoted himself to the truth of learning and knowledge. He touched many lives and nurtured the good in people by helping them attain the fullest measure of your gifts within them.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Kirby's life. While his time among us was short, he used the utmost of his God given abilities and in so doing made the lives of his fellow man better for all. Amen.

Echo Company are the true sons of Kemper!



### ECHO COMPANY STAFF OFFICER CALL

Recently the staff of Echo Company, Kemper Military School met in Ft Smith, Arkansas to discuss future plans and pay tribute to Colonel Denver Jones, the Commander and founder of Echo Company. The staff held an information meeting with question and answers as well as enjoying a Cajun style dinner prepared under the direct supervision of Louisiana gourmet chef "Damon". The occasion ended on a perfect note as the participants sang happy birthday to surprised Echo Company Vice President, James Kelley.

In photo #1 above Dr. Ed Ridgely discusses the future of Echo Company and Kemper Military School with Dr. Warren Long. Photo #2 shows a thoughtful J. Nelson Wood, Photo #3 is a partial group photograph of staff gathered at the Commander's residence (L to R: Long, Harris [partially obscured], Murdock, Wood, Kelley, Ridgely, Downs, seated is Colonel Denver Jones and Richard Bruning). Photo #4 Downs explains parachute deployment while Wood looks on. Photo #5 The Commander, Denver Jones holds court for staff. Photo #6 Warren Long and Martha Ridgely contemplate driving plans. Photo #7 Birthday celebrant James Kelley displays his cake for the camera. Photo #8 Fred Harris enjoys a relaxing afternoon telling stories. Photo #9 Charley Murdock provided an update on the Kemper Campus.



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Missouri Military Academy continues to rise above all other contemporary military schools it is compared to. If Kemper were still open these two schools would be great rivals. Instead, our brothers at MMA have extended their hands and opened their hearts to Kemper Old Boys offering a \$5000 scholarship to the son or grandson of any Kemper cadet who otherwise meets admission requirements. Call, write, or e-mail Missouri Military Academy and find out for yourself what tradition this school has.

*Missouri Military Academy – Leading the Way to Success!*

## RACINE MILITARY ACADEMY Racine, Wisconsin



This military academy existed for nearly forty years from around 1880 until about 1920 when the school divested itself and was sold to the City of Racine, Wisconsin. Other than its location and the accompanying slanderous name of cadets as "wood tics", it is of little note. However, a group of veteran civil war cavalry soldiers endeared themselves to the school, loaning horses and even offering to teach cadets to ride during its early years.

One advertisement of Racine Military Academy during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century boasted "horsemanship taught by experienced instructors". These same instructors could well have been veterans of Wisconsin's 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry which was very familiar with Missouri's interior – including Boonville. Damn Yankees! Today the former academy is home to the Racine Community Arts Council and high society functions are frequently held in its former halls.

### ECHO COMPANY LENDS SUPPORT

Echo Company has provided legal assistance and direct financial aid to a local group of high school students seeking to establish a memorial recognizing a classmate killed in a car accident. Echo Company used the resources available to help the students establish the memorial fund and insure its eventual placement. **We showed them how it is done!**

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Butt Pack (continued.)

LTC Hill –Wentworth "I will give credit to Echo Company on the [www.cadetsexp.net](http://www.cadetsexp.net) web site but tell me what the difference is between Echo Company and the KMS AA?"

ECHO – You have to ask?

MAJ Mullineux – Wentworth "I can't find any reference to a totem pole at Wentworth although one was portrayed in a recruiting brochure."

ECHO – It's probably because the capture of the totem pole was an embarrassment to Wentworth. Although it cannot be confirmed, it seems logical that the totem pole would have been destroyed by Wentworth upon its return since it bore the names of Kemper Cadet Commanders.

Jeff G – Missouri "The less than complimentary remark about the Smith brothers in the last issue was uncalled for."

ECHO – The ECHO stands behind our story and invites you or anyone else to provide information which contradicts the facts of this piece. We pledge a willingness to publish a full retraction and apology if the assertions made in this story can be disproved.

Jim E – Ft Worth "Hey, I was wondering if I could have a copy of the 'History of Kemper' Echo Company won on E-bay?"

ECHO – Here is your copy of the 'History of Kemper' at no charge to you, enjoy.

Robert G – MI "I watched the slide shows and the movie and realized it does not matter when you went to Kemper. We are all connected to Kemper through its history."

ECHO – Welcome to Echo Company Bob!

Ray K. OH – "it always seems to be the same people stirring things up in that Echo Company."

ECHO – Oh thank you! But there are many people behind the scenes who contribute ideas, time, and money. Each day Echo Company grows stronger as we work diligently to keep the values and traditions of Kemper Military School alive. No one person deserves all the credit.

Laura W. AR – "Wentworth is participating in a benefit shoot for the alumni association."

ECHO – That speaks for itself. Pathetic. Simply pathetic!



### Kemper Military School May 1897

Here's one for the books! We so liked this picture that it is printed here for your consideration. The Kemper Corps of Cadets is shown here in full parade dress uniform on the west lawn of the school, for Sunday inspection. "D" barracks does not yet exist, "B" barracks has but one floor, Math Hall is planned but not yet built, Will Rogers will be enrolled the next year.

The Corps numbers nearly 110 cadets and will graduate 8 from the school in June. COL T A Johnston will share Sunday dinner with the Corps of Cadets along with his wife and their impish daughter Bertha who will not meet Captain A M Hitch for another twelve years. Johnston lives with his family at the school.

The school's total annual payroll for "servants and workers" is a little over \$800. America will enter the Spanish American War the following year. Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii are not yet states. The American flag has only 45 stars. The Standard of Honor is not yet considered. William McKinley is President of the US and T A Johnston does not care for him – McKinley is the last Union veteran of the civil war to serve as President and Johnston has difficulty letting go of old memories.

The parade is a local highlight for Boonville residents who have already begun to gather on Third Street some carrying picnic baskets. As the Corps marches onto the field it will play Dixie and hundreds of Confederate Veterans will cheer jubilantly as they do each week for the grey clad cadets. Even the MK&T passenger train will make a "delaying stop" as it approaches Boonville so passengers might catch a glimpse of the cadets marching in timed precision.

It will take another five years for the Wright brothers to launch their powered airplane at Kitty Hawk, NC. Almost one hundred years later the colors of the school will travel aboard the Endeavor space shuttle and orbit earth. Over the course of the next century nearly 600 cadets will earn their pilots license while attending Kemper.

### UNsung HEROES



Herman Herfurth's Ford model A (right)  
Lester Haas (center)  
Leroy Pennington (left)

For nearly seventy five years of recorded pictorial history there is no credit given to the janitorial / custodial staff known in contemporary times as the "Rawhidars" of Kemper Military School. Above are three members of the custodial staff who were exceptionally well known at Kemper during their tenure.

Lester Haas ruled the Rawhidars from the Rawhide shack and loved Kemper so much that he enrolled his own son when he could finally afford to. Herfurth immigrated to the United States at age ten in (Continued on pg 6)

## Unexplained Supernatural Phenomenon At Kemper Military School

By Benjamin Richards

This paper examines unexplained phenomenon particularly what is referred to as "supernatural or para normal" as it occurs on the campus of Kemper Military School. No detailed explanation of the school's history is provided since most readers of this venue are familiar with the school and its background.

There have been, over the years, a total of eleven (11) cadets who had died while actively enrolled at Kemper during the school year. Three (3) of these deaths were thought to be suicidal, six (6) were the result of medical complications not associated with misconduct, two (2) were homicidal. These death reports do not include civilian casual employees, faculty and staff. An estimated total of thirty four (34) cadets expired while school was not in session during the summer months or on leave from the school.

These figures are consistent with the average mortality rates for adolescents within the general population given the time periods for which the deaths occurred. This is to say that 45 deaths in a population total of 31,650 (total of all cadets enrolled at Kemper from 1844 until 2002) is at or below the expected norm.

Generally, deviations from established, known values stimulate speculation on causation and this is true with death as well. If an unexplained number of deaths occur on a particular stretch of highway it might become known as "dead man's alley" as a means of associating some rational explanation as to why these deaths occurred.

In the case of Kemper Military School there are no such negative superstitions. I can find no evidence to suggest that cadets ever felt unsafe anywhere on the campus or, that certain activities required a "hex" breaking function to counter bad luck. Still, stories persist about Kemper and I have defined these here.

**THE WINDOW** This window on "D" barracks 2<sup>nd</sup> floor became known as "jumper's portal". Some students reported that on a certain date each year the body of a cadet could be seen as it passed by the window. There is no evidence to support this story although one of the three suicides previously reported was a cadet who jumped from an open window on the top floor of "D" barracks.

A more likely explanation for the origin of this story might be the very real phenomenon of electro photo engraving which actually did take place. It seems a cadet pressed his face against the glass of his window during an electrical storm. Lightning struck the metal hardware in the frame of the window causing the cadet's image to be permanently etched into the glass like an early daguerreotype.



Here Cadet Mike Ivers stands by the glass window of D2 which was photoengraved with another cadets image from a 1963 electrical storm. The glass from this window is in the Echo Company collection.

**"C" BARRACKS** Almost all cadets who lived in either B or C barracks have reported odd sounding creaks

and noises approximating footsteps. This building is nearly 160 years old and a single report by an adolescent student would normally not be taken with any degree of confidence. However, the reports of footsteps persisted for nearly 75 years and on one occasion were recorded by cadets anxious to verify their experience. Although the existence of the recording has been authenticated it has never been explained.

**MURDER** Around 1995 a white female cadet entered into a misogynistic affair with a negro student who subsequently murdered her when she denied his further advances. This tragedy gave rise to reports of her ghost walking about the campus. Although, for this report there exists no corroborating statements to authenticate that anyone has ever actually seen an apparition.

**DRUMS** Periodically local Boonville residents have reported that they hear drum rolls and bugle calls from the former campus of Kemper Military School. Although no source of the activity have been found and no witnesses have come forward, Boonville Police records do support "suspicious activity" reports.

### UNKNOWN CADET



This photograph and the accompanying inset depict one of the most unusual and easily authenticated cases of paranormal activity at Kemper. In this picture, taken by Superintendent A M Hitch in July 1936 an unknown figure can be seen seated on the window ledge. Hitch investigated since the building was supposed to be closed and locked. The room was indeed closed and secured, no one was found in the room and the window was pulled down and latched.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Whether real or imagined, reports of supernatural events seem to have accompanied the cadet experience at Kemper Military School. Nearly all of the reports can be dismissed as childish fear of the unknown. However, a body of unusual data does exist to encourage further study.

Even if largely fabricated, the reports support good tales especially in time for Halloween.

### Cranberry Sauce By Susan Kemper

Editors Note: A collection of recipes was discovered in the personal papers of Susan Kemper, wife of Professor F T Kemper and, from time to time the ECHO will publish one of these for your consideration.

#### Ingredients

14 lbs cranberries  
1 gallon apple cider  
12 ripe pears, cored and sliced  
1 lb raisins

#### Instructions

Combine all the ingredients in a large kettle, and bring the pot to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let cool.

The recipe concludes with the notation, "...Boys (cadets) like this when it is served with sugar over the top"

### ENCORE CLUB



Matt Keetle 1976



George S. Keetle 1944

Above are two cadets who have quite a bit in common, aside from the fact that they both went to Kemper! Matt is the son of George!

George Keetle passed away in February of 1994 after devoting his life to the service of his fellow man and serving Kemper on the Board of Directors. David Keetle is shown below on left and was a stand out varsity athlete at Kemper he is George's other son and brother to Matt! Oh and one more for the record...George Keetle Sr!



David Keetle 1973



George S. Keetle 1919

You got it right! Three generations of Kemper Old Boys and we are proud to announce that Both George Keetle Senior and George Keetle Junior have been added posthumously to Echo Company. Our thanks goes out to the entire Keetle family for helping build a great tradition at Kemper Military School and helping to make Echo Company even stronger!

### ANOTHER WINNER

Our September winner for a great prize from the ECHO is:

Jim Thal  
Fredericktown, Missouri

Jim gets a whole page of metallic Kemper labels and just in time for the holidays! Jim we hope that you enjoy the labels and that they are a welcome addition to your Kemper collection.

### US POSTAL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

Make sure to take just a minute when you move and let us know your new address so we can keep in touch with you. The US Postmaster has made several suggestions for improving our service.

## The Supply Room

By Del Lombard

I have to admit that I was shocked when I found out Linda is expecting. I didn't know anything about it. I would never desert her just because she is with child. I love her and I am glad the Sergeant Major is back. It is a lot better here now. We will be married in August.

The supply room is like I remembered it. There are shelves of books and old papers, five or six trunks of uniforms and clothing, tons of shirts and other Kemper stuff. One Old Boy's wife sent in a jacket which we had embroidered with the Kemper crest and she gave it to him for his birthday - cost \$15.

I think I am being punished because the Sergeant Major has me polishing the Kemper trophies with silver polish and I have black junk all over my hands.

If you want something from the supply room drop us a line and we'll get it out to you.

## TAPS

Word reached the Hq of the death of **W Kirby Lockard**, a devoted and loyal son of Kemper. Lockard was posthumously awarded the **KEMPER CROSS**.

### Promotion Orders

By direction of the Commander, Echo Company and, under the authority granted in the charter, and, recognizing the special skills, abilities, and diligence of those so named, the following individuals are advanced to the rank indicated and such promotion is effective upon receipt of this order:

To 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
Hashagen, Clyde  
Sharpe, Harold A  
Ragsdale, Richard A  
Lockard, Kirby W

To 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant  
Darrow, Clarence Jr  
Suhumskie, John

## "Go A Little Further"

By Colonel T A Johnston

From the original presentation given by Colonel Johnston on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1910 to the assembled Kemper Corps of Cadets. Abbreviated

and edited by the  
**ECHO**



I want to speak to you today about a subject which many of you might think too great to consider, that the human family of which we are all members has certain duties and obligations arising from the fact that we are humans. I will try to be brief so as not to bore you!

I am guessing that the human family was a rather sorry thing at the start, probably not much different from other animals. I know there exists a lot of poetry and romance surrounding Adam and Eve but, when it comes right down to it, they were probably just ordinary animals who didn't even wear clothes.

Just think of them without speech, mainly grunts and gestures and living in caves. The improvement in the living condition of man took many years, it was a gradual thing. The early people did not know what fire

was and the Greeks have an elaborate fable about Prometheus stealing fire from heaven.

Fire was so difficult to get that organizations were created and dedicated to keeping it like the vestal virgins at Rome kept the eternal fire of Vesta.

The early people knew nothing of metal. They didn't know what steel was. Weapons they made had points of flint or were simply clubs made to fight with. Marriage by capture was a recognized institution. There is the Roman rape of the Sabine women to populate their new city as an example.

The point I want to make is that the human family had a very sorry start. It has progressed a long way from its early beginnings around the Mediterranean Sea to a point where man has now conquered the entire world.

For 2000 years the only fact that was known about electricity was that if a substance called amber was rubbed with a dry cloth it would attract light bodies to it. Today we have wireless messages using electricity and the steam age has been upon us and is passing.

In the last ten years our skies have filled with airships and airplanes of all kinds. We have learned how to build even smaller engines which can conquer ever more distances.

In return for all that has been done for us, it becomes our obligation to better the human condition. We have got to do something more and advance the knowledge which we have been given.

Will you do this? Will you better things? Will you advance mankind in the world and make things better? I hope that you are inspired to act, I call on you to be so.

**UNSUNG HEROES (cont. from pg 3)**  
1889 and worked at Kemper for nearly 40 years. It is said that he plumbed nearly the entire school and was the primary (albeit unlikely) architect of the Kemper swimming pool. This photo, of Herfurth's model A ford parked beside the power plant speaks volumes regarding his devotion to keep the school running.

Leroy Pennington was the last custodian of Kemper and worked single handed to maintain the facilities often putting in 18 and 20 hour days. On one occasion Pennington drove 200 miles on a Christmas Eve to get boiler parts and then install them on Christmas morning. Pennington's quiet demeanor and devotion to Kemper resulted in his saving the "Kemper Seal" which was subsequently donated to Echo Company.

## Sergeant Major's Chair

By SGM A. McTavish

I can see why Delbert left Echo Company! This place went to hell while I was gone! What was the staff thinking?

I got home and found out that Linda's pregnant, crying day and night, Delbert is the father and he's nowhere to be found. Their wedding plans went out the window when he left. Apparently she did not tell him she is pregnant. Downs managed to get suspended because of dirty tricks by the KMS AA. Mail is piled up all over the place. No deposits have been made to the Echo Company accounts in six months. Hell! I'm going back to Iraq! The picture below is when we brought Saddam in. I'm



standing in the back giving the thumbs up. I put an arrow on Saddam and this was before he got cleaned up, he smelled like a wet dog!

First things first, I found Delbert in Pawnee, Illinois working at Casey's General Store. He was out of money and out of luck. He's back at Echo Company now and he's going to get his act together. The wedding is back on and scheduled for August.

The staffers stole my chair while I was gone and burned a hole in it with a cigarette! But they're too chicken to say who took it. As for Downs?! He's a good officer and we'll figure out a little payback for the mischief brought upon him. The winter offensive is about to begin!

## ECHO Changes Format

The **ECHO** has gone to [six full pages](#) of information and stories as a result of recommendations by the US Postmaster General's office.

## ECHO Welcomes New MMA President

On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 Major General Robert Flanagan, USMC, became the newest President of Missouri Military Academy and assumed duties there. Echo Company has extended our congratulations to MG Flanagan and offered to assist him in any way we can.

Dr. Ed Ridgley made this statement concerning MG Flanagan's selection to head MMA, "Major General Flanagan is about to embark on one of the most difficult, challenging, and rewarding assignments he likely will ever face! We must stand ready support him in any way we can."

## Last Word

By LT Clyde Hashagen

I was saddened to learn of the death of Kirby Lockard. He was my roommate at Kemper the last year I was there. We have stayed in touch over the years and I was just about to call him. He was a fine gentleman, a really good guy, and someone who truly loved Kemper and his cadet experience.

I will miss Kirby and I extend my sympathy to Peggy, his wife.

**SO SAY YOU CLYDE HASHAGEN, SO SAY WE ALL!**