We Found Within His Haversack
By Kate Brownlee Sherwood

We broke the bread, and as I live
It seemed the Lord was there to give,
The morsels were so magnified
By love of him who just had died;
Whose spirit lingered round us there,
To solace us in our despair;
And fling a ray of splendor back
To rest on memory’s haversack.

O glad am I for dream that brings
So many half-forgotten things,—
The comradeship that closer grows
When sorrow darkest shadow throws;
The comradeship that until death
Is breathed with every soldier’s breath;
That shares its crust in joy, or wrack,
From that old Army haversack.

This photo depicts the April 6th, 1862 Battle of Shiloh where
PVT Stucker and the Grand Army of the Republic fought.
Private Zachariah M. Stucker
1845 – 1914

Musical Prelude – The 133d Washington Army National Guard Band

Presentation of Private Zachariah M. Stucker – Bob Patrick, Missing in America Project & Patriot Guard Riders

Presentation of Colors – South Kitsap Jr Navy ROTC

National Anthem – The 133d Washington Army National Guard Band

Invocation – Ron Hempel, Chaplain, Washington Veterans Home

Guest Speakers
Gary Condra, Deputy Director, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs
Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos, Director, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs
Bob Patrick, Missing in America Project

Remembering Private Stucker – Jim Dimond, Historian, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Amazing Grace – Sharon Acton

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Ceremony – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Benediction

Military Honors

Taps

Presentation of the Flag – Washington Army National Guard Honor Guard

Background on Private Zachariah M. Stucker

Born in 1845, Zachariah Stucker grew up in Illinois. He joined the Union Army as a musician in 1861 at the age of 16, re-enlisted in 1864, and mustered out as a private after the end of the war in 1865.

As a member of Company A, 48th Illinois Infantry Regiment, Stucker fought in every major battle under Generals Grant and Sherman.

After the war, he worked as a laborer in the West, including Bremerton, until 1910, when he was physically unable and entered the Washington Veterans Home on March 11.

Zachariah M. Stucker died on June 28, 1914, at the age of 69. Stucker's body was sent to Seattle for cremation, but his remains were never returned.

Missing in America Project volunteer P.J. Braun discovered Stucker in a list of names of unclaimed remains in temporary storage at Lake View Cemetery in Seattle. From about 1,100 people, the group verified 85 veterans and spouses who are eligible for burial benefits.

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