



# RAMBLINGS OF THE IRISH RIFLE

The Official Newsletter of the 14th Michigan Company A  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

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## Newsletter Back On Schedule

It has been some time since we published a Newsletter due to a variety of circumstance. As we revive the "Ramblings of the Irish Rifle" hopefully we will be beyond those circumstances that limited us and in some cases restricted what we were allowed to do. Be sure to look at the proposed schedule of events for 2022 and provide your support for "Keeping Green" the memory of those who have gone before us.



Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Color Guard Posted National Colors  
Lincoln Tomb Services 2022



Sailor Bob Dignitary Escort



## Commander's Corner

### Brothers and Comrades:

I hope this message finds you well. We have a busy Spring and Summer Schedule of Events planned and likely many more great opportunities yet to come. Please review the list of events we have so far and indicate those in which you can support with your

attendance and support Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully your servant,  
Capt. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr  
Commanding  
Co. A – 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry "Irish Rifle"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

## 2022 Schedule of Events

**Saturday, May 21st** at Noon (Form Up 11:15am) - Please plan to attend Brother Derr's memorial service at the Davison Cemetery, 10080 E. Potter Rd., Davison. If you plan to attend the dinner with the family at 2PM at Italia Gardens 1141 S State Rd, Davison, MI 48423

Attending:  
Dean Lamphere  
Lloyd Lamphere  
David Kimble  
Edgar Dowd  
Ron Shull

\*If you plan on attending please let Dean know.

Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Saturday, May 21st** at Noon (Form up 11:15am) - Brother John Keith Memorial Service. If you are interested in attending please reach out to Gary Swain Department Sr. Vice Commander at [dsvc@suvevwm.org](mailto:dsvc@suvevwm.org)

**Sunday, May 22nd** at Noon (Form Up 11:30am) - Glenwood Cemetery Memorial Rededication. The Camp is participating in the rededication of Flint's oldest Civil War memorial, the urn at the entrance to the cemetery. This memorial was originally placed by the "women of Flint" in 1866 (according to a newspaper article from the time), The Glenwood Cemetery support group has reorganized and been busy working on the grounds. They will have placed flags at all veterans' graves before Memorial Day. It's also our understanding that a descendant of COL Thomas Stockton will be present. Parking will be provided to us near the office as when we participated in previous years, down and behind the care-takers house.

The Honor Guard should be prepared to fire a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Monday, May 30th** at 11:00am - Pine Ridge Cemetery Soldiers



**Stephenson Monument Ceremonies**



Following the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, The 14<sup>TH</sup> Traveled to Petersberg to participate in the Stephenson Services. At “General Grant’s bidding, the 14<sup>th</sup> took the usual drink and left a drink. General Grant whole heartedly approved of the first but not of the later.

Rest (Form Up 10:30am) 198 Ridge Road Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, 48708 USA We will be participating with the Brothers from Camp #67

The Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Monday, May 30th** - Aventine Cemetery Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony, 4 PM (Form up 3:15pm). As Traditional Memorial Day and the observed Federal holiday fall on the same day this year, the Camp is going to hold its Aventine Cemetery ceremony at 4 PM. Following the ceremony and grave decoration, it will allow time for those who want to participate in the Flushing Memorial Day ceremony to drive to it together.

The Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Monday, May 30th** - Flushing City Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony, 6 PM (Form up 5:30pm). The Camp will "form-up" at the Flushing City Cemetery around 5:30 PM. It is planned for the Camp and Corps to lay memorial wreaths at the main monument and the WRC monument.

The Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Monday June 20th 2:00PM** (Form Up 1:15pm) - North Star Cemetery 3181 E. Johnson Road, Ithaca, MI 48847 Headstone dedication of Civil War Veteran William Barton of 9th Michigan Infantry. The Barton family will be traveling from Arizona to attend the service. It is not the final resting place of William as his place of final resting is not known but the Family Plot is in the North Star Cemetery and he is on the marker there.

The Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Saturday July 16th 2:00pm** (Form Up 1:15pm) - Winegar Cemetery Martin J. Warner 1845 - 1945 Last Kent County Civil War Soldier Dedication. Winegar Cemetery is located on Homerich Avenue between 92nd Street and 100th Street on the east side of the road - Byron Center, Michigan 49315 (South of MI-6 and West of US-131)

The Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Thursday August 11th, 11:30am "ish"** (Form Up 10:45am) - Greenwood Cemetery - Charles Belknap - Section F, lot 57 - Headstone Dedication - ancestor of David Hann a former National Secretary. Part of the Tour for Thursday at National Encampment

The Honor Guard will be firing a salute. Please bring rain poncho should the weather be inclement.

**Friday August 12th** - National Encampment, Presentation of the Colors and Guards for our Meeting Room

**Saturday August 13th** - National Encampment, Guards for Meeting Room, Presentation and Retiring of the Colors at the Banquet Gettysburg Remembrance Day & Tour

**Thursday Nov 17th** - Drive to Gettysburg

**Friday Nov 18th** - Possible setup of flags; Tour The Battle of

Gettysburg - Pivotal Point of each Day - Battlefield Guide Led Tour

**Saturday Nov 19th** - Remembrance Day Activities

**Sunday Nov 20th** - COA in the Morning; Tour and then Dinner at the Farm

**Monday Nov 21st** - Drive Home

## 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Replica Regimental Flag Project



The 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Regimental Flag project is well under way. We have contacted vendors who make flags and requested high definition photos from the actual restored flag in the collection managed by Mat VanAcker. While there has been substantial progress we still have a long way to go. The issue is to have a digital file that is of sufficient resolution to make a flag that is 5 feet by 5 feet. A few attempts have been made to create the file and we are getting closer but the resolution is still not sufficient for our needs.

We have learned of a possible solution and that involves locating a high resolution digital scanner that we can use, borrow or rent as they are *extremely* expensive. The State of Michigan may have such a scanner and we are exploring that as well as a rental. We have considered both embroidery as well as applique. At this point it appears that a combination of treatments may be best. And finally, we actually will have to make two sides to be stitched together to make one flag. Originally these flags were probably hand painted on silk. We will be using fabric dyes and probably nylon as opposed to silk.

### Flag Fund Raiser

Lloyd Lamphere has donated the plaque shown below as a fund raiser for the flag. It measures 18 1/4" Wide x 10" High and 1-1/2" Thick made from solid wood. The design and lettering are etched into the wood. Lloyd is accepting bids for the plaque. The highest bidder will be the winner of the plaque. Send your best bid to Lloyd.



Email: [Wanda60@lentel.com](mailto:Wanda60@lentel.com) with your bid

Please send in your *\$150 per person first come first served for places in the vehicles by August 11th, 2022.* You may mail to L. Dean Lamphere, Jr 1062 Four Seasons Blvd., Aurora, IL 60504. Make checks payable to L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

December 10th - 4:00pm Camp Meeting - 6:00pm Gov. Crapo Christmas Dinner \$15 per person

### Lincoln Tomb Service 15th April 2023

April 14 - Drive to Springfield  
April 14 - Dinner with Group  
April 15 - Lincoln Tomb Service  
April 15 - Dr. Stephenson Service

**April 15 - April 23, 2023** (Leaving from post Springfield, IL events) Deep South Western Theater Tour Highlights: New Orleans, *USS Alabama*, World War II Museum, *USS Kidd* and a few others depending on direction taken.

If interested in this trip please identify your interest *no later than July 31, 2022.* Committed attendees should send \$100 per person first come first served for places in the vehicles *by November 18th, 2022.* You may mail to L. Dean Lamphere, Jr 1062 Four Seasons Blvd., Aurora, IL 60504. Make checks payable to L. Dean Lamphere, Jr.

**August 2023** Date to be determined - Lincoln Statue Dedication Kalamazoo, Michigan

Please let me or any of the officers know if you will be able to attend any of the events listed. Please note special requirements for those specific events needing confirmations and deposits.

Respectfully your servant in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
Capt. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC  
Commandin  
Co. A - 14th Michigan Infantry Regt.  
3rd Military District  
Sons of Veterans Reserve



Sergeant Scars and Stripes would like to suggest an interesting and fun project/contest named: "Stump The Chumps"

If you are interested in having a little fun, send a photo of yourself as a baby, youngster, teen, military, etc. and let's see if your Brothers can identify you. See a typical example below. Send your photos to:

[pdmarmcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarmcomm@aol.com)



We will publish them in the next Newsletter