



# RAMBLINGS OF THE IRISH RIFLE

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## Different Month, Same Story

The Sons National Encampment has already been cancelled and is now being replaced with a virtual Encampment. Remembrance Day activities at Gettysburg including the parade and SVR activities have for the most part also been cancelled. Captain Lamphere is monitoring the situation in Gettysburg and the state of Pennsylvania to see if a trip to Gettysburg with a reduced agenda might be possible. We have reserved some rooms and are holding them pending a final decision on a Gettysburg trip.

We will report back as soon as we have a better picture of what will be possible. Currently some activities at the Visitors Center are on-going on a limited basis and others such as the author book signing are cancelled. Some restaurants are open with limited service and distancing restrictions, General Pickett's Buffet, however, is closed.

Some of the shops (Horse Soldier and Regimental Quartermaster) are open with reduced hours

Until we meet again,  
**Be well and stay safe!!**

## Armstead Funeral Ceremony at the Great Lakes National Cemetery

An article was submitted to both the *Michigan Messenger* and the BANNER. Both were submitted well in advance (a few days) of the deadline albeit a close deadline. The Messenger was received today and the Armstead Article did not appear. The BANNER is currently in production.

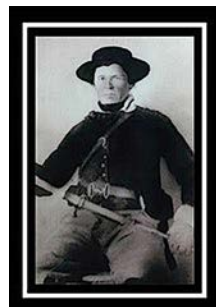
So that this article doesn't become old news and also to honor and show appreciation to our Brothers who attended and were active in the Armstead Service the Article is being presented here as it would have appeared in the *Messenger*.

Our thanks to: Joe Bickley, David Kimble, Ed Dowd, Ron Shull, Lloyd Lamphere, *Sailor* Bob Boquette, Howard Lloyd, Duaine *The Badger* Phillips, and John Minor for their dedication and service at this event.

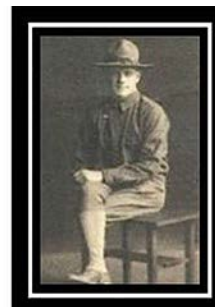


## Unique Interment Service: Great Lakes National Cemetery

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan, and Company A of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve, all from various Camps within the Department of Michigan, on August 26, 2020, participated in a very special interment at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



Peter Armistead



Earl Armstead



Robert Armstead

Civil War Veteran Peter Arm(i)sted, served in Company H, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He enlisted at Port Huron, Michigan on September 25, 1861 at the age of 30. He mustered in on October 12, 1861. Peter participated in battles at New Madrid, Missouri, March 26, 1862, and Island Number 10, Tennessee, April 1862 and was captured on July 20, 1862 at Rienzi, Mississippi. He was pardoned on September 7, 1862 at Vicksburg, Mississippi and rejoined his unit and participated in battles at: Corinth, Mississippi, October 3 and 4; Iuka, Mississippi, September, 19, 1862; Hatchie's Bridge, Tennessee, October 5, 1862; Hudsonville, Tennessee, November 16, 1862; Lumkins Mill, Mississippi, November 30, 1862; Oxford, Mississippi December 2, 1862; Coffeerville,



## The 14<sup>th</sup> Funnies

This is a story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job that needed to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. Consequently, it wound up that Nobody told Anybody, so Everybody blamed Somebody.

Mississippi December 5, 1862; and, Jackson, Mississippi, June 13, 1863. Peter was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability at St. Louis, Missouri on March 29, 1864. Peter is the Great Great Grandfather of Robert Armstead.

Great Lakes National Cemetery Assistant Director Christopher English said this was a very special service as it is the first time a Civil War Veteran has been buried in the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Earl Armstead was a veteran of World War I. Earl is the Great Uncle of Robert Armstead . Robert Armstead served in World War II. Robert was drafted in 1944 and served in Company B, 80<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion. Robert is the Father of Robert Armstead.

Their decedent, Robert Armstead, arranged to have all three of his ancestors re-interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery where they could reside side-by-side.

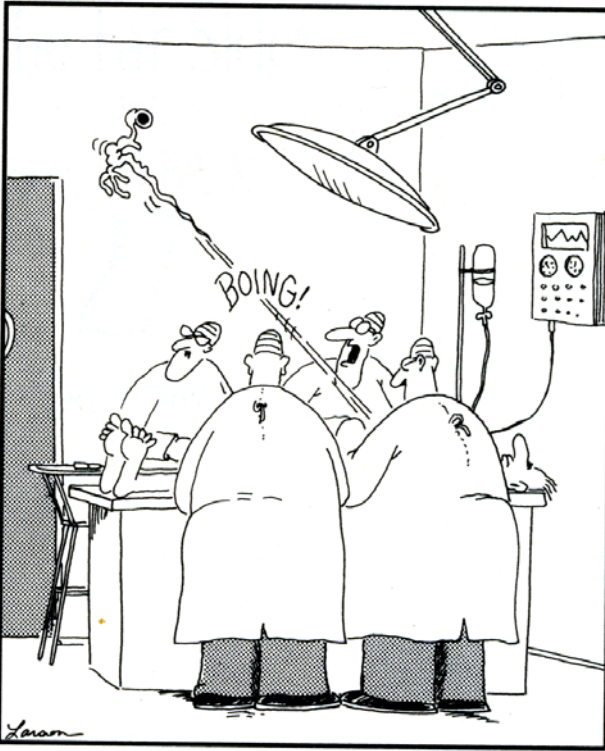


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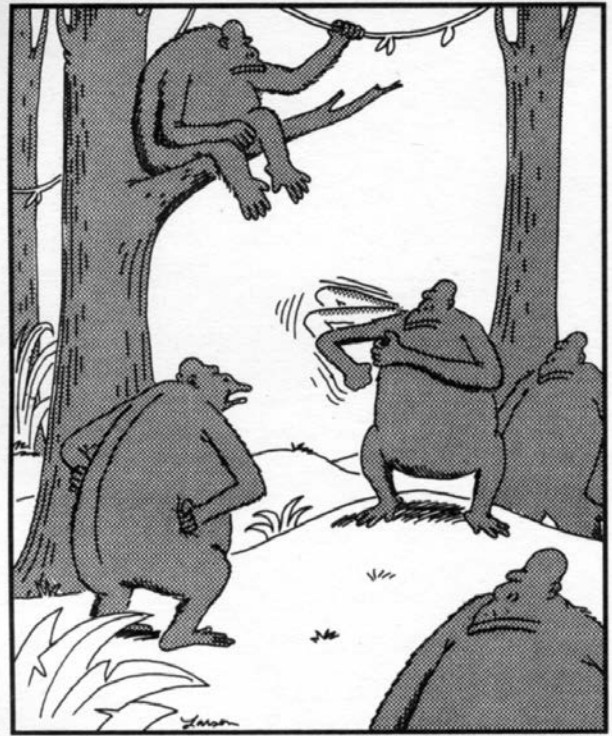


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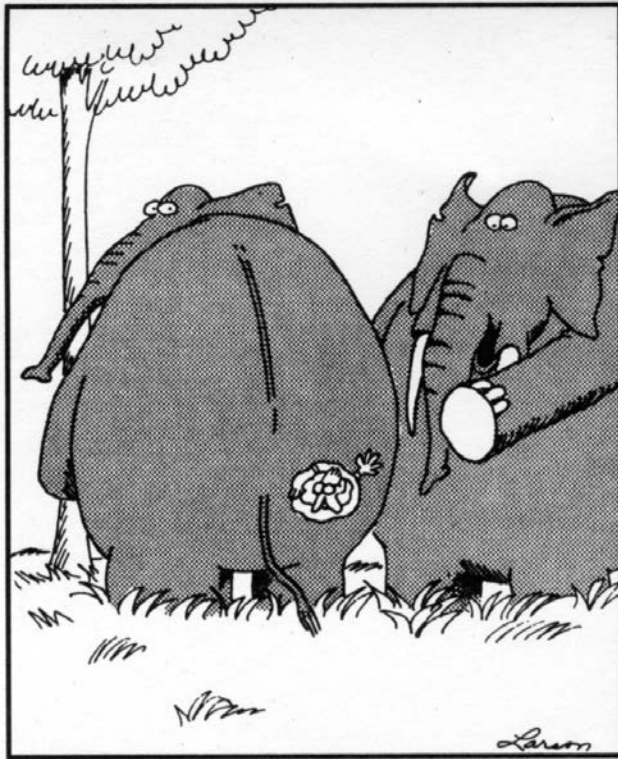
Remember All Veterans Past and Present and thank them for their service especially on this day



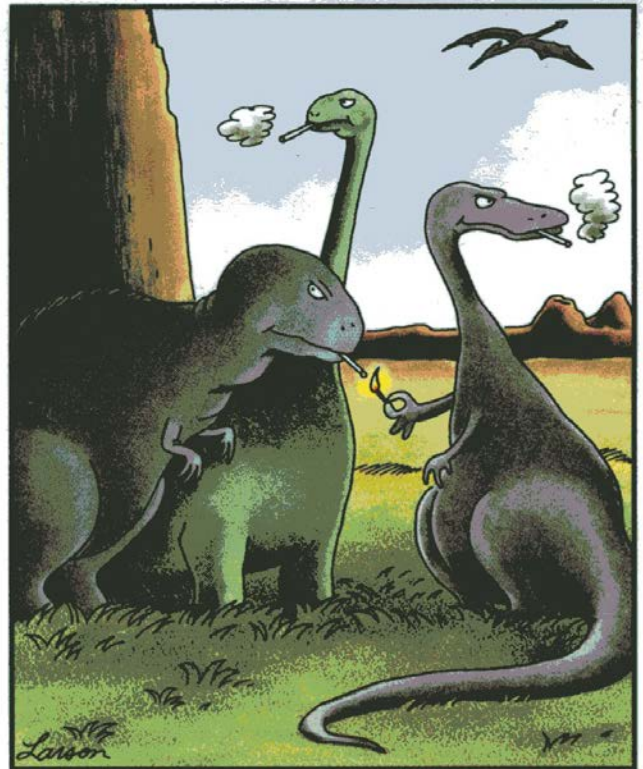
"Whoa! Watch where that thing lands— we'll probably need it."



"For crying out loud, Warren ... can't you just beat your chest like everyone else?"



"Whoa, Frank. ... Guess what youuuuuuuuu sat in!"



The real reason dinosaurs became extinct

