



Frederick H. Hackeman CAMP 85

January 2018

A Message From the Commander

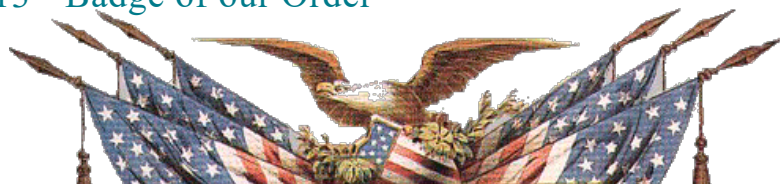
It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful and merry Christmas with family and friends. And that we all will be wide awake to ring in the New Year. For those of us who are away from home and might be traveling soon, please take care and keep an eye on the weather no matter where you may be.

Now on another note. At the next meeting, we will begin discussion on a possible shift to some of the camp's meetings. That is, a possible shift to having a meeting shifted - or added - into the summer month(s). This would help us support any community activities such as parades, ceremonies, and presentations that we should be notably visible. Being part of these types of community activities raises the public's knowledge of our Camp and the overall knowledge of the Michigan Department and the SUVCW National organizations. Part of this 'outreach' into the community is specifically our members attending the Civil War Roundtable meetings - and in any recognizable regalia - as well as perhaps having a table to the side with brochures and someone accessible to answer queries.

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Next Camp Meetings

March 18, 2018 - 6 p.m.

Location - 10329 California Road, Bridgman

Camp Communicator

Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War

Commander-in-Chief's message to the membership #3/2017-18

Brothers,

I apologize for not communicating with you in October. I began to put together a message several times but set them aside to deal with the business of the Order or travel for an event.

Let me begin by talking about this coming weekends Remembrance Day events. Remembrance Day is perhaps the single most important event that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Allied Orders participate in yearly. It is the day we take time to remember the Boys in Blue who went off to preserve our great nation, Abraham Lincoln our greatest President, and the men of the G.A.R. who set the example of dedication to the preservation of our history for the Allied Orders of the G.A.R to follow.



Remembrance Day is also a time when many decedents of the men who fought at Gettysburg come to pay their respects to their valiant ancestors by visiting the various monuments and memorials that dot the landscape or to walk the ground over which their ancestors fought and sometimes paid the ultimate sacrifice. Throughout the weekend there will be many ceremonies and events that will at times challenge our ability to cope with, but we will somehow manage and on Sunday afternoon we will once again feel the pride which comes from having done our duty to honor and remember.

Remembrance Day is organized and put on by the Sons Veterans Reserve under the leadership of Major General Robert Grim and his excellent staff. I remind all who attend to work with the Sons Veterans Reserve and to obey the directions of the Sons Veterans Reserve Provost Marshall, Major David Hann as we conduct the Woolson Monument Ceremonies in Ziglar's Grove at 11:00 am and later in the day the annual parade, which will have a slightly modified route this year. Perhaps some of you have heard of the recent article in the Gettysburg times that is related to Remembrance Day and have concerns. I want to ensure you that the Sons Veterans Reserve Leadership is working in close cooperation with the Gettysburg Police, the National Park Police, and many other law enforcement agencies to ensure that we have a safe and successful weekend. Barbara and I will be arriving on Friday evening at the Eisenhower. I am truly looking forward to seeing and speaking with as many of my Brothers and Sisters in the Allied Orders as possible and hope they will take the time to seek me out.

Now a few other items that need to be noted for the benefit of the membership.

1. It has come to my attention through the National Headquarters staff, that we have members in each department who while active members in their respective Departments and Camps are not receiving the Banner because they do not appear on the active membership role maintained at National HQ. This discrepancy appears to be caused when a member is brought in to a Department or Camp and for some reason his application is not forwarded to National HQ. To rectify this discrepancy, I request that Departments and Camps audit or review their rosters for Brothers who are in this situation and provide the required paperwork to the National HQ as soon as possible.

2. This past week, I issued a ruling on a question, which was posed to myself and the National Counselor on the payment of Department and Camp Dues by Life Members. This ruling went out as General Order #6 and I invite you to read it. You can find it on the National Website by clicking the Governance Link at the top of the Home Page and then looking on the left-hand side of the governance page for the General Orders of the CinC. I encourage all Brothers to be familiar with the National Website's Governance Page as that is where most of the important information and documents of the order is located

3. I have been actively traveling in support of the SUVCW. Among the more significant events were an invitation to speak to the Sons of Veterans Spanish American War Congress in



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Steven Williams

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Wreaths Across America

Their mission, Remember, Honor, Teach, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as veterans cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. They also organize a week of events including international veteran's tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Maine and Virginia where we stop along the way to spread a message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

What is Wreaths Across America?

501(c)3 non-profit organization formed in 2007 as an extension of The Arlington Wreath Project, with over 700 participating locations in all 50 states, and 24 national veteran cemeteries on foreign soil.

What began in 1992 with a trailer load of wreaths, decorated by volunteers and laid at the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery has now become a national organization with over 900 participating locations - all focused on the mission to Remember - Honor - and Teach.

Wreaths Across America™ wreath sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Funds are collected by each participating group. \$5 of each \$15 will be returned to the registered fund-raising group on a 30 day reimbursement cycle.



Crewe, Virginia, an invitation to attend and speak at the Central Region Allied Orders of the G.A.R meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, an invitation to attend and speak at the Military Order Loyal Legion of the United States Congress in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and an invitation to attend the Testimonial Dinner given in honor of Sister Ramona Greenwalt, President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Alliance, Ohio.

4. Arrangements have been made to hold the Spring meeting of the Council of Administration near Nashville, TN on March 23rd and 24th

5. I would ask that you continue to pray for those Brothers in Texas, Florida, and California who experienced hardship because of Natural Disasters.

6. I want to thank all the Departments and Camps who have responded to my request that they assist the Department of Illinois's Stephenson Memorial Plaza Project with donations. I am currently having the streamers designed and intend to begin awarding them in the new year. I also apologize for not stating that a brick in the Memorial Plaza cost \$150.00 in my earlier message. I understand however, that in some cases local SUVCW Camps and ASUVCW Auxiliaries have worked together purchase a brick, and I find that a heartwarming indication of our cooperation and joint belief in honoring the founder of the G.A.R.

7. I would ask that you be diligent in completing your annual reports and remind the Camp and Department Secretaries that we now have an official membership card, which contains proprietary information, and is available from the Quartermaster. Instructions for printing the cards can be found on the National Website under Forms on the Governance page.

8. Previously, I made you aware of the efforts of the Brothers of the Department of Tennessee to preserve historic Fort Negley in Nashville from commercial development. That effort continues and has now received the backing of several State and National Preservation experts and organizations. If you would like more information, I am sure the Brothers in Tennessee would be happy to answer your questions.

9. Chief of Staff, Brother Faron Taylor, theoverlandgroupplc@gmail.com and I have almost completed the CinC Department Encampment Visitation Schedule. There are a few dates left but it is my hope to finalize the schedule and assign representatives to those Department Encampments, I cannot attend by the CofA meeting this coming Sunday in Gettysburg.

10. Recruiting new members remains everyone's job. I would also continue to ask for your diligence with new members and process their applications expeditiously. Nothing is more damaging to our efforts than holding up the processing and initiation of new members, and once you have new members get them and yourselves involved in activities that promote our motto of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

As always, it is my hope that these CinC messages help in keeping the membership aware of the activities of your national officers and the important events / projects that are being conducted by our Camps and Departments. I encourage each Camp and Department to keep me informed on their activities and needs by emailing me at CinC@suvcw.org or if it is something needing immediate attention calling me at the number listed on the National Website.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Mark R. Day

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Civil War Time line

January in the Civil War



1861 - **Jan 2**, President Buchanan received letter from So Carolina Commissioners demanding he remove Maj Anderson (Ft Sumter's commanding officer) which Buchanan refused to officially receive. **Jan 3 - 14**, Southern states (AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, LA) start seizing Federal installations. **Jan 9**, Mississippi became 2nd state to secede. First shots at Ft Sumter. **Jan 10**, Florida is 3rd state to secede. **Jan 11**, Alabama secedes. **Jan 19**, Georgia secedes. **Jan 21**, Southern Senators, Yulee & Mallory(FL), Clay & Franklin (AL), J Davis (MS) withdraw. **Jan 26**, Louisiana Secedes. **Jan 29**, Kansas admitted to the union.



1862 - **Jan 1**, Federal ships bombarded Ft Barrancas - Pensacola FL. **Jan 3 - 5**, Gen Stonewall Jackson forays into western VA. **Jan 14-16 & 22**, Federal gunboats operate on Mississippi and Tennessee rivers., **Jan 15**, Edwin Stanton confirmed as Sec of War. **Jan 19**, Battle of Mill Springs, KY. **Jan 27**, Pres. Lincoln issues General War Order #1 which orders land and Naval forces to begin aggressive actions. **Jan 30**, *USS Monitor* launched from Greenpoint L.I., NY. **Jan 31**, Pres Lincoln issues Special War Order specifically to the Army of the Potomac. Queen Victoria declares it her purpose to maintain neutrality in the American Civil War..



1863 - **Jan 1**, Emancipation Proclamation issued. Galveston TX surrenders to Federal forces. **Jan 2-5**, Battle of Murfreesboro continues. **Jan 6**, British blockade runner captured off Mobile. **Jan 11**, Confederate Ft Hinman AR captured. *CSS Alabama* defeated *USS Hatteras* off Galveston. **Jan 13** Federal officials authorized the raising of Negro troops for the SC Voluntary Infantry. **Jan 22** Burnside's second attempt at Fredericksburg failed due to weather. **Jan 25** Gen Hooker replaces Gen Burnside. **Jan 27** Proprietor of Philadelphia's *Journal* arrested for printing anti-Northern material. **Jan 29**, Confederate Government borrowed \$15, 000, 000 from French financier Emile Erlanger. **Jan 31**, Confederate gunboats attack at Charleston SC.



1864 - **Jan 1**, Extreme cold - below zero - as far south as Memphis and Cairo, IL. **Jan 6**, Federal troops under Kit Carson attack the Navajo in Canon De Chelly and send captured Navajo to Bosque Redondo. **Jan 10 -31**, Blockade runners continuously captured from NC to TX. **Jan 19**, Arkansas assed new Constitution with anti-slavery measure. **Jan - Throughout the month**, President Lincoln suspended many executions.



Meeting Schedule

Our meeting schedule is Alternate months between September through April meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month except as noted. At 6:00 PM.

Location -

Currently

10329 California Road, Bridgman



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1865 - **Jan**, Opened with little activity. **Jan 5**, Pres J Davis worrying over dissension over the draft, manpower problems, and supplies. **Jan 9**, Tennessee passed amendment to abolish Slavery. **Jan 11**, Missouri passed an ordinance abolishing slavery. **Jan 13-15**, Federal Attack on Ft Fisher (NC) begins. Gen Hood resigns. **Jan 19**, Gen Sherman orders march from Savannah through So Carolina. **Jan 23**, Confederate Congress creates General-in-Chief of the Confederate Armies. **Jan 25**, *CSS Shenandoah* reaches Melbourne Australia. **Jan 30**, Three Confederate Commissioners pass through lines for peace negotiations. **Jan 31**, US House passes the 13th Amendment 119-56 after a full month of debate. It became



part of the Constitution on Dec 25th. Davis appoints Lee as General-in-Chief.

Source: *The Civil War Day by Day, An Almanac 1861-1865*, E B Long, 1971, Doubleday. Source: *The Civil War Day by Day, An Almanac 1861-1865*, E B Long, 1971, Doubleday.



Civil War Trivia

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI

Please come to our Annual Civil War Trivia Night hosted by our own LeAnn Krokker! This has always been a very fun evening with lots of friendly competition! Please join us!

Commander - From Page 1 As someone much wiser than me once said, you can't sit by your door and expect people to come knocking to join you. In other plainer words, we have to get 'out there' and be seen in order for men to take notice of us and ask the leading question(s): Who are you, who do you represent, and why are you here? Wherever 'here' is.

This is not to suggest that every one of us has to spend every waking moment doing recruiting or public speaking. What it does suggest is that there are things that each of us can do to promote the SUVCW where we live. And, when an opportunity comes up for public participation bring it forward so that the camp might attend - and get us recognition.

Each of us should be able to provide a Press Release to the local newspapers whether it's the Herald-Palladium or, as in the case of Brother Veit and myself, the Tri-City Record. This can be as simple as a notice of our meeting(s) with contact information for further information regarding joining. So think about these ideas and come to the January meeting ready to have a good time and good discussion. See you all there.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
Steve Williams, Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85 Commander



National Graves Registration Project



The goal of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Grave Registration Project is to locate the final resting places of all Union Civil War Veterans, and enter that information into the National Graves Registration Database. This undertaking is rather large and needs as many interested people to assist as possible.

As with any project such as this, considerable fieldwork will be needed to obtain the information that will eventually be placed into the National database. Individuals who wish to assist the SUVCW may obtain a Grave Registration packet (consisting of a set of instructions, list of abbreviations and a Graves Registration form) at the end of this Web page. Each completed form will represent one Union soldier's grave. Upon completion of the form, it can then be mailed to the National Grave Registration Officer for inclusion in the National database.

For those individuals who wish to register a large number

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Upcoming Events

National

Lincoln Tomb Observance: April 13 - 14, 2018. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center

Department

October 2017

14 October - Michigan Commandery MOLLUS Meeting - Michigan's GAR Hall and Museum, Eaton Rapids.

November 2017

09 November - Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250 Officer Installations.
13 November - Austin Blair Camp No. 7 Officer Installations.
14 November - Sgt. John Cosbey Camp No. 427 Officer Installations.
18 November - Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony - Gettysburg.
20 November - Alexander French Camp No. 28 Officer Installations.
23 November - Thanksgiving.

December 2017

01 December - Deadline for submissions to Michigan's Messenger. Articles should be forwarded by email to editor@suvcwmi.org.
02 December - Albert and James Lyons Camp No. 266 Officer Installations.
07 December - Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 Officer Installations.
11 December - LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 Officer Installations.

January 2018

09 January - March-to-the-Sea Camp No. 135 Officer Installations.
13 January - Robert Finch Camp No. 14 Officer Installations.
13 January - Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp No. 20 Officer Installations.
13 January - Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Officer Installations.
17 January - U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 Officer Installations.
18 January - Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 Officer Installations.
22 January - Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180 Officer Installations.
25 January - Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp No. 2 Officer Installations.
30 January - Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 Officer Installations.

February 2018

12 February - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
22 February - George Washington's Birthday

March 2018

1 March - Deadline for submissions to Michigan's Messenger. Articles should be forwarded by email to editor@suvcwmi.org.

April 2018

6 April - Founding of the Grand Army of the Republic 1866
15 April - Lincoln Death Day

May 2018

27 May - Memorial Sunday
28 May - Federal Holiday - Memorial Day
30 May - Memorial Day



The SVR roots date back to 1881 with the "Cadet Corps" of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – the largest Union Veterans organization which formed in 1866 after the Civil War. The members of the GAR encouraged the formation of their sons as the SUVCW in 1881. These units eventually became known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve, when the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War moved toward a more patriotic and educational organization in design.

Many of the Sons of Union Veterans Camps (local organizations) formed reserve military units which volunteered their services during the Spanish – American War, World War I, and with the National Guard. Just prior to World War I, over 5,000 men wore the blue uniform of the SVR. As late as the 1930's, several states regarded their local SVR units as a military training component. Since World War II, the SVR has evolved into a ceremonial and commemorative organization. In 1962, the National Military Department was created by the SUVCW and consolidated the SVR units under national regulations and command. Since 1962, there have been five SUVCW Brothers that have held the SVR rank of Brigadier General and have had the honor to serve as the Commanding Officer of the SVR.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the members of Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85 of activities and events related to the mission of the SUVCW and its interests.

If you wish to place a civil war article or SUVCW item please submit to the Editor at sarwilliamssa@gmail.com

The Editor reserves the right to censor and/or edit all material submitted for publication to the Camp Communicator newsletter without notice to the submitter.

Camp Website

Be sure and visit our Camp Website at <http://www.suvcwmi.org/camps/camp85.php>.



Sutler Links

Link to list of vendors for any items to fill out your uniform and re-enactor accessories.

<http://www.fighting69th.org/sutler.html>

<http://www.ccsutlery.com/>

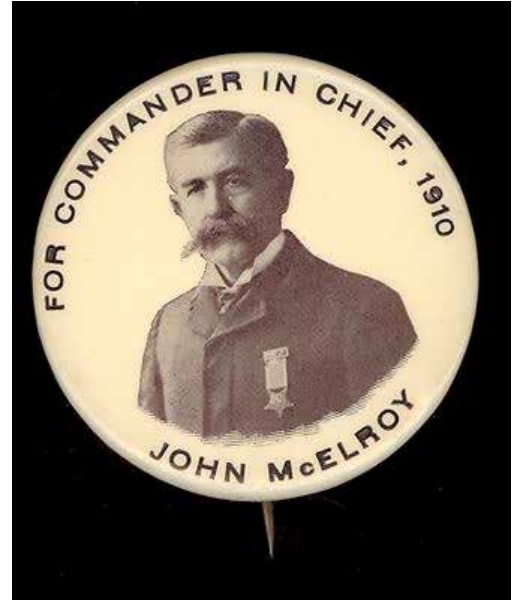
<http://www.crescentcitysutler.com/index.html>

Department of Michigan Officers

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John McElroy

John McElroy (1846–1929) was an American printer, soldier, journalist and author, known mainly for writing the novel *The Red Acorn* and the four-volume *Andersonville: A Story of Rebel Military Prisons*, based upon his lengthy confinement in the Confederate Andersonville prison camp during the American Civil War.



McElroy was born to Robert and Mary Henderson McElroy in Greenup County, Kentucky. When his father died, he traveled to St. Louis to become an apprentice in the printing business.

As a sixteen-year-old in 1863, McElroy enlisted with the Union Army as a private in Company L of the 16th Illinois Cavalry regiment, having earlier served with local Union troops in operations near St. Louis. In January 1864, he was among dozens of men captured in a skirmish near Jonesville, Virginia, by Confederate cavalymen commanded by William E. Jones. According to his book, *Andersonville: A Story of Rebel Military Prisons*, McElroy was first sent to Richmond, then to Andersonville in February 1864. In October 1864 he was moved to Savannah and within about six weeks was sent to the new prison in Millen, Georgia (Camp Lawton); thence to several other camps before the war ended.

After the war ended, McElroy was released from captivity and transported back to the North. He settled in Chicago and resumed the printer's trade. He became a local reporter and newspaperman before relocating to Toledo, Ohio, to become an editor of the *Toledo Blade*. He married Elsie Pomeroy of Ottawa, Ohio, and raised a family. In 1879, he wrote *Andersonville: A Story of Rebel Military Prisons*, a non-fiction work based on his experiences during his fifteen-month incarceration. It quickly became a bestseller and remained popular for the next twenty years.

In 1884, he relocated from Toledo to Washington, D.C. to become editor and co-owner of the newspaper *National Tribune*. He was active in the local Grand Army of the Republic, serving as commander of the Department of the Potomac during 1896. In 1908, McElroy published *The Economic Functions of Vice*. The next year, he published *Struggle for Missouri*, a history of the controversy concerning slavery that resulted in armed conflict in Missouri. In 1910, he published a Civil War novel entitled *Si Klegg: His Transformation from a Raw Recruit to a Veteran*.

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of grave sites, please contact the National Graves Registration Officer for assistance.

Updated or additional information for Civil War veterans previously registered should be marked "UPDATE" and sent to the above National Graves Registration Officer.

In order to complete this project, it will literally take an army of volunteers. Within the SUVCW, many Departments and Camps are currently working on the project. However, additional help is needed. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to assist in the project. For instance, individual descendants of Union veterans can register their ancestors' graves and organizations can adopt entire cemeteries for registry.

The key to the success of the project will be based on how well the data is collected and recorded. Incomplete Grave Registration Forms or databases (in the case of the entry databases) that contain incomplete information do neither the volunteer nor the veteran whose grave you are trying to register any service. It is important that you ensure that all the available information is obtained and recorded before you turn your work in to the National Graves Registration Officer.



Monument & Memorial Project



As legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), preservation of GAR memorials is one of the most important purposes of the SUVCW. The purpose of this program is to physically search out, inspect, and catalog each and every GAR memorial that can be found.

Our American tradition of Memorial Day, being founded by the GAR in 1868, has been celebrated each year with many communities focusing part of their ceremonies at or near a GAR monument. With proper care, these monuments will continue to stand in tribute to those who saved the Union from the conflict of 1861 to 1865.

With the help of our Departments across the country, and the local Camps within them, the SUVCW will physically search out and inspect each and every memorial that can be found. We hope to identify any professional restoration work that may be necessary due to the effects of nature or vandalism. We also hope to regularly inspect memorials so that our data remains current. Occasionally public authorities and private property owners tied to the sites that these memorials stand on need to be informed of the GAR – SUVCW Deed of Conveyance. Notice of the SUVCW's legal interests should put an end to the removal and/or sale of Civil War memorials.

This is a very large project and we can use your assistance. If you know of a GAR monument or Civil War-related memorial (of any size/design) near you, we invite you to share this information with the SUVCW. You can download and print a copy of the form for your use by accessing the following link: [GAR Monuments / Civil War Memorials Assessment Form \(CWM #61\)](#). Questions regarding the SUVCW's GAR Monuments/Civil War Memorials program and assessment form may be directed to the National Civil War Memorials Committee Chairman:

Walt Busch
1240 Konert Valley Dr
Fenton, MO 63026
314-630-8407 / webusch@hotmail.com



Grave Marking

A recent article in the Herald Palladium related the 'adoption' of a Three Oaks cemetery by a DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter with their intention of re-mapping the grave locations and creating a written history of the cemetery. AT the present time there are 6 veterans buried there - 5 Civil War and 1 from the War of 1812.

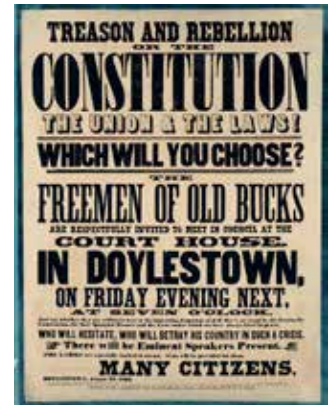
A project that Camp 85 could undertake is to verify those Civil War veterans by name and location. Then possibly at some future time have a grave Marking ceremony for each of those veterans. Knowing their names would enable the camp to print - and publish in the newspaper - the names of these soldiers.



Civil War Posters

Or the Social Media of those Times

While most of our attention is placed on our ancestors - Who they were, where they lived and in what unit(s) they served, one might ask, "How and Why did they serve?" Part of that can be answered by looking at what passed for Social Media in the 1860's - Posters. It wasn't enough to have newspaper articles describing the political ins-and-outs of the atmosphere. What was needed, urgently needed as the war progressed, was large numbers of men volunteering to serve. What we will see next are only a minute portion of recruiting posters used across the North.



Posters exhorting men to volunteers in varying numbers - 100 or 25 - (Clockwise from top left) For Michigan, Pennsylvania, Camden NJ, Doylestown PA, New Albany IN.



(From Top left) Posters for specific units: Navy, Irish Regiment, Army or Navy, NY State Light Artillery, 7th Indiana Cavalry, 2nd NJ Cavalry, then a unit to defend Philadelphia, one to repel an invasion of Pennsylvania, and one for a Virginia Brigade that was formerly the 71st NY State Militia.

DEFENCE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA



Office of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.

ALEXANDER HENRY,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

TO REPEL INVASION!!

The citizens of the several townships are required to assemble at suitable places within their limits, and organize military companies under the act of 1858, to aid each other in repelling invasion of the county. Such organization to consist of the enrollment of 40 men, rank and file, and the election of a captain, and 1st and 2d lieutenants, to enable the companies to procure arms.

By order of the public meeting,

JOHN EVANS, President;
ROBERT J. FISHER,
P. A. SMALL, Vice Presidents.

YORK, Sept. 8, 1862.

Printed at the "Gazette" Office, nearly opposite the Court House, York, Pa.



WANTED

Abraham
"HONEST ABE"
Lincoln,
16th President of
the United States

1st RULER
and TYRANT
of the
AMERICAN
EMPIRE

For WARCRIES and **TREASON!**
Suspension of
the writ of **HABEAS CORPUS!**
Suspension of the U.S. **CONSTITUTION!**

Murder, False Imprisonment, and numerous
HEINOUS crimes against the SOUTHERN States
and AMERICANS in general!

Posters dealing with
President Lincoln:

- One WANTED poster for Treason
- One for capture of the conspirators Surrat, Booth, and Harold.

War Department, Washington, April 20, 1865.

\$100,000 REWARD!

THE MURDERER

Of our late beloved President, Abraham Lincoln,
IS STILL AT LARGE.

\$50,000 REWARD

\$25,000 REWARD

\$25,000 REWARD

Posters appealing to the public for 2000 horses published in Madison Wisc. Horse to be wild, broken, in good condition, from 5 to 9 years old and of dark color, 15 hands tall.

2000 ARMY HORSES WANTED!

I want to purchase immediately at the Government Stables at this station.

TWO THOUSAND ARMY HORSES!

For which I will pay the prices named below, IN CASH. Horses must pass inspection under the following regulations, and will be adapted in every way to Cavalry purpose-price.

160 DOLLARS!

FOR HORSES

OF DARK Color, sound in all particulars, strong, quick and active, well broken, sound rectors in harness, in good flesh and condition, from six (6) to ten (10) years old, not less than thirteen and one half (13 1/2) hands high, weighing not less than ten hundred and fifty (1050) pounds each, and adapted to Artillery service.

170 DOLLARS!

N. B. VAN SLYKE,
CAPT. U. S. A.

Artillery Quartermaster's Office, Madison, Wis., March 31, 1877.

Posters calling for recruits to fill military units from the South West to Boston. Pay ranging from 18 to 26 dollars per month in the SW to 13 dollars per month for the 54th MA Regiment. The 54th was the Regiment featured in the movie *Glory* with Matthew Boderick, Denzel Washington, Morgan Freeman. Poster at left asked for men to be able to read & Write and be men of Intelligence. Note the inducements for recruits to the 54th - State Aid to families, good food & clothing.



Berrien County in the American Civil War

The following Michigan units had most or some Berrien County men on their rosters. In the next issues of the Camp Communicator, each unit will have a brief history of its participation which should include battles, discharge date, commendations, and a listing of known Berrien County soldiers. The initial unit covered in this issue will be the 1st Michigan Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment - African-American, later 102nd Regiment United States Colored Troops

Source: *History of Berrien and Van Buren Co's Michigan*, D. W. Ensigen & Co. 1880

Infantry

- 1st Michigan Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment - African-American, later 102nd Regiment United States Colored Troops
- 6th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- 9th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- 12th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment - Stone-wall Regiment
- 19th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

- 25th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- 28th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment

Sharpshooters

- 1st Regiment Michigan Volunteer Sharpshooters Cavalry
- 1st Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- 2nd Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- 3rd Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- 4th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- 7th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- 9th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment
- 11th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment

Artillery

- 1st Regiment Michigan Light Artillery

Engineers

- 1st Regiment Michigan Volunteer Engineers and Mechanics

1st Michigan Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment - African-American,

This regiment was first known as the 1st Regiment of Michigan Colored Infantry, but its name was changed by the War Department to the one given at the head of this sketch. It contained about fifty men from Berrien County and twenty from Van Buren, scattered through all the com-

panies, the largest number being in Company G. The regiment was raised in the winter of 1863-64, and left its rendezvous at Detroit on the 28th of March, 1864. It joined the 9th Army Corps at Annapolis, but on the 15th of April was detached and embarked for Hilton Head, S. C., where it arrived on the 19th. For a month it guarded in detachments various points on the coast of South Carolina, and was then concentrated at Port Royal. On the 1st of August it proceeded by sea to Jacksonville, Fla., but only remained in that State during that month. It made several long marches, but was only once engaged with the enemy. Some rebel cavalry attacked it on the 11th of August, but they were easily repulsed. During the last days of August the regiment returned to Beaufort, S. C., where it was employed on picket and fatigue duty in that vicinity until the 30th of November. Three hundred men then joined Gen. Foster's command at Boyd's Landing. It was engaged with the enemy at Honey Hill, on the 30th of November, at Tullifinny, on the 7th of December, and at Devereaux Neck, on the 9th, having during the three conflicts sixty-five officers and men killed and wounded out of the three hundred.

The whole regiment was concentrated at Devereaux Neck on the 24th of January, 1865. It moved to Pocotaligo, and remained there until the 7th of February. It then took part in various operations against Charleston, and the 27th of that month took post on Charleston Neck. On the 9th of March it went by sea to Savannah, Ga., and on the 1st of April returned to Georgetown, S. C.

On the 9th of April the right wing landed in Charleston, S. C., and on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of that month marched to the Santee River, driving back the enemy's cavalry, which annoyed it on the last day of the march. It also had a skirmish with the enemy on the 18th while marching towards Camden. The left wing having marched from Georgetown on the 5th of April, under Gen. Potter, reached Manning on the 9th, after heavy skirmishing with the enemy, and then proceeded towards Camden. On the 16th it skirmished with the Confederates at Spring Hill. It reached Camden on the 17th, and the next day returned towards Manchester. About five miles out it met the enemy in force, but with the 54th Massachusetts (colored) it drove them back towards Stateburg.

On the 19th, the two wings having united, the regiment et the Confederates near Singleton's plantation, where it made a flank movement which compelled them to retire in great haste. On the morning of the 21st of April, while Company A was on picket, it was attacked by some two hundred of the enemy, who were handsomely repulsed. The same day the Confederate commander sent a flag of truce stating that Gens. Sherman and Johnston had ceased hostilities. This virtually closed the war, and Company A of the 102nd fired and received almost if not quite the last shots in the conflict.

BERRIEN COUNTY SOLDIERS IN THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS.

Company A.

Stephen Busbee, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
 Joshua Emmons, Died of Disease in South Carolina, July 4, 1864
 Anthony Nash, must. out Sept. 30, 1865.
 Robert Ogden, Died of disease in South Carolina, Feb. 6, 1865.

Company B.

John Battles, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
 James T. Battles, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
 George Brown, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
 Ezekiel Harris, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
 William Linsey, disch for disability, Aug. 11, 1864.
 Levi Mitchell, disch. by order, May 24, 1864.

Company C.

William Adams, disch. for disability, June 16, 1865.

Company D.

Henry Harris, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
 Abner A. Mitchell, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.



Book Report

For those looking to occupy the long winter evenings, consider these two books by Edward H Bonekemper III: *How Robert E Lee Lost the Civil War* and *The Myth of the Lost Cause-Why the South Fought the Civil War and Why the North Won*.

Each of these books refutes the accepted legends of RE Lee as the superior Civil War General by laying out his flaws in strategy and generalship using in-depth research into documents of the period.

In the second book, the author demolishes the myth created by self-serving ex-Confederate Generals and politicians to explain away their defeat.

Both books quote reputable current historians who have extensively used the official military reports of the time from both sides in detailing the author's hypothesis the the South did, in fact, secede precisely because of the slavery issue and not 'state's rights'.

Both may be obtained by Inter-Library loans.

Badge of our Order,



To the left is a picture of the Badge of our Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. When initiated, we learn what it means. But sometimes those words can be forgotten if not repeated often enough. Following are those words regarding our Badge as taken from the SUVCW Ritual for the initiation of new members:

“I now show you the Badge of our Order.

The inscription, ‘Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,’ reminds us of our high estate and our duty to our Country. We are the Sons of Union Veterans. May we prove ourselves worthy of this title.

The ribbon is a union of red, white, and blue, the colors of our Country’s Flag.

The red signifies the unstained streams of blood, shed that the blessings of a free government might be our heritage, and that our own blood is pledged to preserve the freedoms and responsibilities we so gladly received.

The blue tells us of that true faith and allegiance which our forefathers held to their Country and to each other, and charges us to be mindful of their example.

The white represents peace, which with honor, may our Country always enjoy.

The motto, ‘Preserved by the grace of God,’ reminds us that without the over-ruling hand of an all wise Providence the sacrifices of our forefathers could have afforded nothing, and that God’s favor alone can secure the preservation of our liberties. Like the eagle, may we be quick to discover our Country’s needs, strong in its defense and swift to carry out the objectives of our Order.

May you wear your badge long and proudly, and may it always be a guiding star to you, in the discharge of your duties in private life and as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War.”



Company E.

Sergt. Eli Smith, Niles; enl. Nov. 30, 1863; absent, sick, at muster out
Nathan Hall, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
William P. Minnis, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.

Company F.

George Vincent, Must. out Sept. 30, 1865.

Company G.

Sergt. Wm. Powers, Niles; enl. Oct. 28, 1863; must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Sergt. Harrison Johnson, Niles; enl. Dec. 26, 1863; must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Corp. John Lett, Sodus; enl. Jan 2, 1864; died of disease in South Carolina, June 24, 1865.
Corp. Benj. T. Coleman, Sodus; enl. Jan. 24, 1864; died of disease in New York, Jan. 6, 1865.
Corp. Miner Rivers, Niles; enl. Dec. 26, 1863; must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Wm. Buchanan, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Benj. J. Cozzens, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Jos. Dickinson, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Andrew Farmer, disch. for wounds, May 26, 1865.
Lewis Gibney, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Washington Gibney, must. out Sept. 30, 1865.
Ashberry Hackley, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Marcellus Hackley, must. out Sept, 30, 1865.
Edward Hicks, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Needham Miller, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Samuel McLean must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Geo. W. Patterson, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
John Stephens, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.

Company H.

Corp. George Jackson, Chickaming; enl. Dec. 31, 1863; must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Thos. Buck, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Steph. A. Douglass, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Geo. H. Hicks, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Willis Littleton, must, out Sept. .30, 1865.
Jacob Steele, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Benj. A. Woodruff, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.

Company I.

Sergt. Edward Firiley, Niles; enl. Jan. 21, 1864; must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Corp. John Wright, Niles; enl. Jan. 13, 1864; must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Edwin Crowder, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
Abram Love, died of disease at Detroit, Feb. 13, 1864.
Wm. Norman, died of disease in South Carolina, Feb. 4, 1865.

Company K.

Wm. Bailey, absent, sick, at muster out.
Isaac Horden, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.
John Metchum, must, out Sept. 30, 1865.

