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## **Commander's Comments**

*By Donald Shaw*

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In the last issue of the Messenger, I told you of my goals for the Department of Michigan. I noted that we were already a pretty good department and that it would be a pretty tall order for us to get a whole lot better. The goals that were set were designed not only to keep us a good department, but to make us a better one. I now have the privilege of reporting to you on the progress we have been making in fulfilling those goals, as well as a few other interesting things that have been happening along the way.

Our first goal was to make sure we keep up with our reporting duties and take care of any issues or problems that might put our "house" out of order. This was the housekeeping goal. I can happily report that we have been doing quite well in this area. Our reports have all been filed, it appears our correspondence is up to date, questions and requests are being answered as they come in, and the bills are paid. We even fielded a respectable delegation to the National Encampment in Kansas City. In short, as of this writing, our house is in good order.

Our second goal had to do with the vast quantity of records the department had accumulated and seeing to their proper care and cataloguing. I can report substantial progress on this front. This has been a Full Department Effort, with support coming from the Department Council, the Treasurer, the Secretary and various others on the staff. True thanks however go to Matt Adair and those working with him. Thanks to their efforts, the great bulk of our records have now been sorted, catalogued and placed in archival folders, which will stop the deterioration of those records. For the past few Department Encampments at least, there has been concern expressed over the safety and proper storage of our records. I can now report that we are well on our way to finally addressing the concerns that have been voiced in this regard in the past.

Our third goal had to do with revitalizing the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee so it may pursue the very necessary work of helping us to properly perform the rituals of the Order. While there has been less activity on this goal than the previously mentioned areas, there has, nevertheless been progress.

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A committee has been formed, the purpose of which is to prepare instruction on the proper performance of our ceremonies and rituals, such that it constant reference by the individual camps. There will be more on this as the work of the committee progresses.

Our fourth goal had to do with promoting communications between the camps. To this end, a complete listing of contact information has been prepared and is being distributed to Camp Commanders. I have been trying to get personal visits in to all of our camps. I have presently visited over half of them. When I go, I have been giving out a copy of this list with the admonition that it be used in group projects with other camps in a particular area. In that fashion we hope to promote the idea of our camps working together. Any Camp Commander who presently does not have a copy of this list but would like one, need only ask and I will send one out without your having to wait for me to visit with your camp. Of course, I will do the visit anyway just because I really enjoy seeing all you guys, but this may allow you to start making your contacts sooner.

Our fifth goal has had little progress so far, but only because the need for it will not be great until after camp elections which are generally toward the end of the year. That goal has to do with training for our incoming camp secretaries. More on this as we come closer to needing to fill the aims of this goal.

Our sixth goal had to do with updating our web sites. Department Orders No. 2 recently went out requiring all Camp Commanders to review and update their web information. The assistance of the department was offered for any camp in need of assistance in getting this done. A deadline for reporting the completion of this work was set for October 1, 2010. Our Camp Commanders have already begun to report the updated status of their camp web sites. Any who have not yet reported in are urged to do so. And just to let you know that the department is not excluding itself from this directive, I have already personally reviewed the department site and arranged for necessary changes that put it up to date and will keep it up to date. Since I am not infallible however, if anyone sees any changes that need to be made to the department site, let me know. I'll take a look at all corrections submitted.

Our seventh goal centered on a mid term meeting to be held in connection with an activity of department wide significance. Such an activity has been identified as the Detroit Veterans Day Parade, to be held on November 6, 2010. Information on the parade is contained elsewhere in the Messenger and I won't repeat it here. Suffice it to say that this will afford the brothers of the department the opportunity not only to turn out to honor Michigan's veterans, but to get together with other brothers from across the state for fellowship and a good time. Please plan on attending.

Our eighth and final goal had to do with the formation of a Michigan Committee to support the National Committee supporting a Canadian Union Veteran's Monument. I can report that this Committee has been formed and has begun its work.

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While at the National Encampment last month, a major proponent of the monument, Brother Heath from Alberta, Canada, even remembered the conversations he had had with members of the Michigan Committee and the excellent suggestions as to how to raise the necessary funding to bring this dream into reality. To the members of this committee, good job guys. Your efforts are being recognized and appreciated.

There are a couple other items that I need to bring to your attention. Two items specifically arose out of the recent National Encampment. First, congratulations to all my Michigan Brothers on the Department of Michigan winning the Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award for the greatest numerical increase in new brothers of any department in the Order. We inducted 72 new brothers last year, making Michigan the second largest department in the Order. That was the good news. **A tougher piece of news coming out of the Encampment is that the National Organization found it necessary to increase its per capita requirements by \$5.00.** That's less than a typical trip to McDonalds but still, no one likes an increase. More on this will go to the Camp Commanders, so they can discuss it with you in your individual camps. Just so there is no doubt in your minds about where your Michigan Delegation came down on this question, Michigan men spoke against any increase at this time, and the delegation, to a man, voted against the increase. I bring it to your attention now, as it is only right to keep you apprised of what is going on in your Order.

Well, that's it until the next Messenger, when I will give you further update on our progress in filling the goals we set out this year with. As we go into the fall, I wish you all a Happy Halloween, a good Veteran's Day, (Hope to see you at the Detroit Parade), a good Remembrance Day and a Happy Thanksgiving. I'll look forward to reporting again to you in December.

## Final Muster

### JOHN G. HANSEN

John passed away Monday evening, August 2, 2010 at his home (37320 22d St., Kalamazoo,, MI 49009) with his family at his side. He was born January 18, 1934 in Rockville Center, NY. John served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War. He retired from General Motors in 1993. John joined the Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, SUVCW in 2006 as an Associate so his grandson, Johnny Brewster, could join as a junior member. He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Mattawan, the U.A.W., and the Sons of Norway - Askeladden Lodge, Kalamazoo. John's wife, Marlene, survives. Also surviving are three step-children, four sons, two daughters, 17 grandchildren, and a sister. Family will receive friends Sunday, (August 8) 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, 11 AM at St. John Bosco Church, Mattawan with Rev. Fr. Mathew Illikattil celebrant. Memorial contribution may be directed to the family. Share a memory or condolence on-line at: [www.timeformemory.com/adams](http://www.timeformemory.com/adams).

*“Who shall have this?” The Sergeant pointed to the portions of coffee sitting on a blanket. No matter how they tried, it was impossible to divide the coffee equally, or it's accompanying allotment of sugar, as the Company had no scales. In order to distribute the rations, the Sergeant faced away from the men and the rations and called out a name from the muster roll. A Private stepped forward to claim this most important part of his weekly mess.*

*From “Feeding Billy Yank: Union Rations between 1861 and 1865 by J. Britt McCarley*

*Department Orders #2**Series 2010 – 2011*

*Donald Shaw, Commander  
Headquarters, Flint, MI  
15 August 2010*

1. On behalf of the Department I offer the thanks of all of the brothers of this Department to the thirteen Michigan men who took the time and went to the expense of representing us at the National Encampment in Kansas City this month.
2. I commend the brothers of this Department on their recruiting efforts over the past year. Those efforts have resulted in our winning the Augustus P. Davis - Conrad Linder Award. That is an award given by the National Organization each year to the Department that had the most new members. The plaque accompanying the award will be proudly displayed at our Department Encampment next May.
3. Camps need to start thinking about when they will do officer installations for next year. The Department is already getting requests from Camps to reserve time on my schedule to do installations. As many requests as can be honored, will be honored, but there are 23 of you, only one of me, and a limited period in which to get this done. Times will be given away on a first come first served basis, so get your request in as soon as you are able. If a conflict exists such that I am unable to perform this service for your Camp, I will consult with you and may send another Department Officer. As in past years, any Camp requesting a special officer from the Department, other than the Commander, to do the installation for them, will be accommodated if possible. Such requests still need to be made through the Department Commander however.
4. Each Camp Commander is directed to review the web site for his camp. If it is up to date as regards officers, their contact information, Camp meeting times and places, and any factual information about the Camp that you should choose to include, you need do nothing more. If any of those areas are in need of correction, make the corrections. If you require assistance in this regard, we have volunteers who can help bring your web sites up to date. Please report the status of your Camp's web site, either up to date or in need of assistance, to me no later than October 1, 2010.
5. The Department will be participating in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade. Please save the date of Saturday November 6, 2010 for this event. This is a Department level event in which we expect to not only honor the Michigan men who have served this country in the armed forces, but to provide the opportunity for brothers from around the state to get together and visit with one another. We will also have the use of the barracks at Historic Fort Wayne to allow any brother who chooses to do so, to overnight at the Fort, and practice drill before going out to do the parade. More information will follow by special communication with each Camp.
6. Remembrance Weekend in Gettysburg is coming up. It will be November 19-21, 2010. The Department always mounts a presence for this event. The event includes the opportunity to honor the fallen at the Gettysburg National Cemetery, the soldiers from this state at one of the several regimental monuments on the battlefield, the chance to march in the largest Civil War parade in the world, to enjoy camaraderie with several of your Michigan brothers, and the opportunity to tour this field upon which a pivotal battle of the war was fought. If you wish to go but are concerned about transportation, the Department will assist in setting up carpools and providing such other advice or coordinating assistance as we may be able to give in allowing you to make this trip. Contact me should you want any such assistance. My e-mail is [p31713@aol.com](mailto:p31713@aol.com). Please use the words, "Gettysburg - 2010," on the subject line to help me identify what you are writing about.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Attest:

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Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/  
Paul Davis  
Department Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Senior Vice Commander's Quips

By Paul David Arnold

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, & offer my congratulations in reference to the Department of Michigan winning the **Augustus P Davis/ Conrad Linder Membership Award** – at the 2010 National Encampment in Overland Park Kansas. The Department of Michigan finished first nationally with an increase of (72 new Brothers). Your hard work in the area of increasing your Camp Membership is to be commended and is certainly a tribute to you all. Great Job, and keep up the good work!

During the Department Encampment in April, we discussed getting 50 to 100 Brothers together to March in a parade within the State of Michigan to promote the up coming Civil War Sesquicentennial and SUVCW. We have selected the **Detroit Veterans Day Parade** as that signature event. Your camps should have recently received a flier by e mail with preliminary information on the parade, to be forwarded to the general membership. (We will forward additional information as it becomes available). The following information is what we currently have available in regards to the event.

**Event:** Detroit Veterans Day Parade  
**Date:** Saturday, November 6, 2010  
**Staging:** Begins at 10am at Woodward and Temple in downtown Detroit.  
**Parade Kickoff:** Parade begins at Noon. (Unit Position #'s will be assigned in late September)

### (SUVCW

**Meeting Location:** (Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit Michigan, 48209) We will be **departing at 9am on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will be car pooling from Historic Fort Wayne to the parade staging area at Woodward & Temple. **Historic Fort Wayne is a secured facility with private security on site.**

**Overnight Accommodations:** For those of you driving from a distance. We have made arrangements for SUVCW members to stay in the heated barracks at Historic Fort Wayne. There are a limited number of bunks located in the barracks. **(It is strongly suggested that you bring a Sleeping Bag, Cot or Air Mattress, Pillow and shaving kit, if you are going to stay overnight.)**

### OTHER INFO:

**Attire:** **Civilian:** Blazer, Suit, Sack Coat, Shirt & Tie, Slacks, Dark Shoes, also Kapi, white gloves (if you have them.) with Membership Badge.  
**Uniformed:** Sons of Veterans Reserve, Camp Guards and other Uniformed Members please bring white gloves (if you have them) along with your membership badge. Being November please remember to Dress for the weather with warm cloths, appropriate rain gear if needed.)

**Flags & Banners:** We will be marching under the United States Flag & Department of Michigan, Flag and Banner.  
**If your Camp has a Camp Flag, Please Bring It,** to march behind the Department Flag & Banner. **(The more Camp Flags the better)**

**Fife & Drum:** If your Camp has a Fife & Drum Unit they are certainly welcome & encouraged.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your Civil War ancestor & showcase the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Also to promote the Civil War Sesquicentennial coming up in 2011. **Please Contact:** Dept of Mich, Civil War Sesquicentennial Chairperson, **PCinC Keith Harrison, if your camp is going to participate in the parade,** with an approximate number of brothers that will be marching at [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net)

Also, just a reminder to forward events that your Camp will be organizing or participating in for the **2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial**, to Civil War Sesquicentennial - Chairperson , Keith Harrison. [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net) so they can be included as Official Sesquicentennial Events on the State of Michigan website.

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In closing. There were a number of changes to the National Organizations, Constitution & Regulations at the 2010 National Encampment, held August 12th-15<sup>th</sup> in Overland Park, Kansas. Your Department of Michigan Bylaws Committee is currently reviewing those changes to see if they will affect your Department or Camp Bylaws, and will forward any changes if appropriate.

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### ***Highlights of the 2010 National Encampment Submitted by PCinC Jim Pahl***

D. Brad Schall of the Department of California/Pacific is our new Commander-in-Chief. He was Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief coming into the Encampment.



*The Michigan Delegation ; l to r – Donald W. Shaw, DC; Max L. Newman, PCC; Paul T. Davis, Dale Aurand, Paul D. Arnold, PCC; Gary L. Gibson, PDC; Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC; Keith G. Harrison, PCinC; James B. Pahl, PCinC; Dennis C. Derr II, PDC, Dennis C. Derr; Gary A. Granger, PCC and George Boller (not shown)..*



*Michigan's Allied Orders with PCinC Leo Kennedy.*

Senior Vice Commander in Chief is former National Secretary Don Palmer of the Department of Missouri. Junior Vice Commander in Chief is Perley Mellor from the Department of Massachusetts. Perley's dad, Clark Mellor, was a Past Commander-in-Chief. So potentially, this could be the second father/son combo, if Perley moves up (I see no reason why he would not at this point). Perley was a member of the National Council of Administration, leaving one year left of his three year term.

Rich Orr was re-elected National Treasurer. National Secretary is Gene Mortorff. Gene was Chief of Staff for CinC Charles Kuhn. He is a dual member with both Department of Maryland and Department of Pennsylvania. He lives in Adams County, PA (Gettysburg is the county seat), but works in Maryland. He is currently Department Commander of the Maryland Department.

Bob Petrovic (Missouri) and Bill Vieira (Rhode Island) were both re-elected to three year terms on the Council of Administration. Perley's unexpired year was filled by Alan Russ, PDC from Kansas. Alan was a key player in the formation of the Department and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of that Department. Alan was also a member of the National Program and Policy Committee. When the chair of that committee ceased activities, Alan was appointed acting chair and did a wonderful job. This is a busy National Committee and Alan again proved he was worthy of that gold star.

I served as the Encampment Parliamentarian. I am continuing to serve as Assistant National Treasurer, Assistant National Counselor-Blue Book (Don Darby PCinC from Ohio is the current National Counselor). I was also the installing officer for CinC Brad. Keith Harrison is Assistant Webmaster and also Liaison with MOLLUS.

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Next year's National Encampment is in Virginia, very close to the Manassas Battlefield. 2011 will be in Los Angeles, California. No decision for 2012 yet. Other Departments who have submitted bids for future Encampments include Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Missouri.

The delegates from Michigan were Donald W. Shaw, DC; Max L. Newman, PCC; Paul T. Davis, Dale Aurand, Paul D. Arnold, PCC; Gary L. Gibson, PDC; Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC; Keith G. Harrison, PCinC; James B. Pahl, PCinC; Dennis C. Derr II, PDC, George Boller.

Michigan Auxiliary sister Linda Kromberg was elected National Patriotic Instructor of the Auxiliary. (She was National Chaplain, so sat at the head table during the banquet so she could offer the benediction.).

WRC Past National President Marcia Butgereit was also present, doing her final duties as National President in bringing the greetings of the WRC. Barb Knopke of Kansas was re-elected as their National President.

The down side to report is National per capita was raised \$5.00 per year. Rich proposed a budget that was looking at \$40,000 in the red. This is primarily due to our investment income being so low. Special committee are being formed to research other investments and longer term solutions.

Sesquicentennial - Established criteria for sesquicentennial SUVCW "signature events" and authorized the concept of a badge, with attachments or devices for each signature event a brother may attend.

Patriotic Instructor was named Director of Memorial University, to be assisted by the National Committee on Americanization and Education.

Authorized the formation of a committee to plan and hold ceremonies in or near Decatur, Illinois on or about April 6, 2016, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To continue to pursue commemorative stamp(s) and coin(s) with appropriate officials of the U.S. Government

The concept of purchasing property and building a new National Headquarters was tabled. The special committee was discharged.

Lincoln Tomb - Pursuing participation by other organizations, including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, who will receive a special patch for participating. Will also contact other organizations. Hope to expand the parade and someday develop a fund raising ball.

Web - Work was proposed on the Graves Registration data-base and to move it to the same server as the National web site. A programmer will be retained to do needed work to make some repairs and to provide annual maintenance. Work will also be done by the national web master to make the national web site more accessible. There were times when so many were trying to access the web site, it tied things up and became unavailable for a short time.



*Past Commanders in Chief who attended the Encampment were l to r ; Jim Pahl, Bud Atkinson, Andy Johnson, Steve Michaels, Don Darby, Ed Kreiser, Keith Harrison, Bob Grim, George Powell, Danny Wheeler, Charles Kuhn, and Rich Orr. Seated are: C Leo Kennedy, and Richard Greenwalt – the "empty chair" is in memory of Chuck Corfman.*

### **Department Patriotic Instructor**

*By LTC Max Riekse (RET), PCC*

The time to start thinking of lobbying to return Memorial Day to its traditional date is now. In the past, United States Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) has introduced a measure (bill) to do that, but his bills have just languished in the United States Senate Judiciary Committee year after year. Senator Inouye is a highly decorated World War II veteran. He needs our help. I think now is a good time for each and every member of the Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and also our various Auxiliaries, including the Daughters of Union Veterans, to write both of our Michigan U.S. Senators on this issue.

For your use, their addresses are ; U.S. Senator Carl Levin, 269 Russell Senate Offices Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510-2202; U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, 133 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Also write your U.S. Congressman; your Michigan State Representative and your Michigan State Senator and ask each and everyone of them to write back to you.

In a 2002 Memorial Day address, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) stated: "Changing the date merely to create a three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public nonchalant observance of Memorial Day." Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5th, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington, Virginia National Cemetery. It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 to ensure a three-day weekend for workers). Oliver Wendell Holmes called Memorial Day "our most sacred holiday" and he urged that "we not ponder with sad thoughts the passing of our heroes, but rather ponder their legacy - the life they made possible for us by their commitment and pain". Along with that I might add, the death of so many fine men, including two of my ancestors in that 'Civil' War. Abraham Lincoln, in his Gettysburg Address in 1863 said that "The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here". I have three Civil War ancestors buried in the Coopersville Cemetery; two of which died in service; the one that lived was my Great, Great Grandfather; my mothers Grandfather; my mother had fond memories of him. When I think and remember of Memorial Day, I think of the both of them. Write those letters now. Don't put it off.

Michigan has 83 counties and many of them have Civil War Medal of Honor winners buried in them. Obtain the book: "Michigan's Own - The Medal of Honor: Civil War to Vietnam War" by Stanley J. Bozich. This is 'homework' for each SUVCW camp in Michigan. Each and every one of Michigan's counties that have a Civil War Medal of Honor veteran connection needs to recognized that veteran with a bronze plaque memorial. Lets all work on that.

Muskegon County, where I live, had one Civil War Medal of Honor veteran and the county just below it also had one Civil War Medal of Honor winner. His grave is recognized as such. I'm working on expanding that recognition for him, i.e. the one from Ottawa County and also having a bronze plaque erected for the one in Muskegon County. The above book will help your SUVCW camp see if your county has one or more Civil War Medal of Honor winners who either entered service from your county; Retired to your county after the war; and or is buried in your county. The rest is up to you. If you do something in this regard, please put it in your year-end PI report. Besides general fundraising events to raise the money for the above plaque's, you might want to contact your local veterans organization such as the VFW, DAV, American Legion, etc. They like to support things that support community service and Americanism. The VFW for instance, has a 'clause' in its bylaws to perpetuate the history and memory of our deceased (war) veterans.

God Bless the (United States) of America.

***“The nation that forgets it's defenders will itself be forgotten”***

***Calvin Coolidge***

*Submitted by Brother Howard Fite, Camp 427*



## Department Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, CC

Our prime window for graves registration field work is drawing to an end this year. As I reported at our September Meeting, the database now contains 62,889 records, some of which are those of veterans of "other wars". We hope that soon we can split the records into two individual files – one for Civil War and one for Other Wars.

Representing the Department, I presented the Department Graves Registration Program to the Calhoun County Genealogical Society in June, and to the Eaton County Genealogical Society on September 15. Members also included the program at the Dearborn Homecoming and at the Jackson Muster. In October I have been asked by the Michigan genealogical Council to make a presentation at the Michigan Library and Historical Center for the Archives Family History Month Program.

A highlight of my summer has been receiving the great work of Brother Chuck Harthey. Chuck is not an "official" member of the Committee, but since he moved to Grand Haven this past year, he has walked, researched, and submitted hundreds of records for Muskegon, Oceana, Mason, and Ottawa Counties – many in an area that previously was virgin territory as far as registrations. Other major contributions have come from friends outside the Order.

I have only received one request to review a VA Headstone Application. Remember, if you as a SUVCW Member and are submitting the Application, then you must send a copy to me for review. Brother GRO Alan Teelander from Camp 1 sent one to me via scanned documents, and I was able to return it to him within hours. That may not be possible in all cases, but I still need to review it. My s-mail address for this review is 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, 48124. Make sure that you give me an e-mail or phone number that I can reach you at. If you are submitting the application with a descendent or cemetery official's signature, I do not need to review it. **This is a National Policy now, and must be followed.**

In other areas of this Messenger – under Camp Reports – you will read about two Camps cleaning headstones using two different chemical methods. Although not the only chemicals that can be used for this type of cleaning, along with others used by other Camps, they have been tried and proven by our Brothers and can be recommended by this Committee. Please do not use other methods for cleaning headstones! If you need advise about recommended products ask – if you use the wrong cleaning agent, you may damage the headstone.

We still have a lot of nice weather coming, so get out there and read some headstones!

### **Future Michigan's Messenger Publications Submittal Dates and Publication Dates**

**Spring - March 1 for a March 15 Publication**

**Summer – June 1 for a June 15 Publication**

**Fall – September 1 for a September 15 Publication**

**Winter – December 1 for a December 15 Publication**

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**ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME**

**Please do not send me photos without the names of persons in the photo and a suggested caption.  
Thanks for your support!**

### Henry E. Plant Camp #3

By Daniel Grable, Secretary/Treasurer

The Henry E. Plant Camp #3 of Grand Haven had a very busy summer. First we welcomed our newest member to the Camp. Our newest Brother is John Rufus Scott of Park Township just south of Lake Macatawa in the Holland area. His Civil War Ancestor was Rufus Scott who served in the 130<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry renamed 19<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry renamed 1<sup>st</sup> New York Dragoons. Rufus' rank was Lt. Col. (brevet Brigadier General) serving 27 August 1862 to 30 June 1865. Of all the membership ancestors of our members Rufus Scott is the first ancestor with such a high rank.

In June we presented a Civil War veterans memorial program during the Spring Lake Heritage Festival. This year we conducted a cemetery walk in the Spring Lake Cemetery. The program started with Camp Commander Richard Scott gave a presentation on general Civil War facts. The cemetery walk to the graves of the Spring Lake Civil War veterans Eugene Gardner, Orange McClure, and Martin Walsh followed the presentation. Camp

Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Grable conducted this walk. Then at the original local Memorial Day Ceremony platform Patriotic Instructor Ronald Bellenger talked about the Grand Army of the Republic and the posts in Ottawa County, along with showing a portion of his GAR collection. Senior Vice Commander Donald Ogden then showed and explained a portion of his Civil War artifacts collection.

The following Weekend the Camp honored our departed Charter member Paul MacDonald, from the Fremont area, by having a group of our brothers John Baldus, Daniel Grable, Jon Scott and Richard Scott attend the MacDonald memorial family get together held in Brother MacDonald's honor. Meanwhile brothers Ronald Bellenger, Michael

Boschaert, Clifford Owen, Max Riekse and Richard Rieskie manned a recruiting table at the Holland Civil War Muster held at the VanRaalte Farm Park in the City of Holland. Also present was a representative from the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 of Kalamazoo. During the event we obtained three names. We initiated John R.

Scott as a new Member. Joining us was our Honorary Member Maj. Perry Bennett USA of Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia who was the expert on the Battle of Utoy Creek during the muster and who made a presentation on the battle. The Muster was shorted to a one-day event due to weather conditions.

In July Camp #20 conducted a dedication of a memorial to the veterans from Hopkins Township in Allegan County. Brother Bellenger represented the camp at the dedication.

At our August meeting we had the pleasure of the attendance of the Department of Michigan Commander Donald Shaw and Senior Vice Commander Paul Arnold.

During the meeting we heard a presentation from Linda Haney, one of the leaders from the Pillars of Honor organization. She explained the organization and how she got involved with them. She also explained their procedure on how they obtain and replace Federal Government tombstones for Civil War veterans.

Later in August Brother Daniel Grable of Spring Lake suffered the loss of his oldest sister Celia. Three Brothers representing the camp attended her funeral. Please keep Brother Grable and his family in your prayers.

*Editor's Note: Why Michigan's Messenger is now distributed electronically:*

*In 2005 the Department was faced with rising printing and mailing costs for the nationally recognized Michigan's Messenger. Very few options were available to Department Officers, so the issue was put on the floor at the Department Encampment.*

*The Members voted to publish Michigan's Messenger in an electronic format, with each edition being forwarded to one person in each Camp (thereafter called a Camp Signals Officer), who would then distribute the newsletter to Camp Members.*

*As a result of this action by the Membership, dues have not been raised.*

***I believe that the Camps have the responsibility to report changes, so that we can continue to serve you, you must provide me with a current contact for electronic mailing.***

*I have tried to include every article that was sent to me prior to publication, so that all future issues will be timely. I welcome all constructive suggestions, and encourage all of you to submit relative news about your committees, your Camps, and your ancestors. This is your newsletter, and its success depends on you. Rick Danes, Editor [mimessrd@aol.com](mailto:mimessrd@aol.com).*

## Robert Finch Camp 14

Submitted by Wm. E. Skillman, Patriotic Instructor ~ Signals

Camp 14's roster as of September 1, 2010 shows 49 Brothers present. 40 are Members and 9 are Associates. Our March meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge, 625 Bay St. (intersection Grandview Parkway/Division) in Traverse City. Camp 14 would like to welcome new Brothers; Richard Garman of Petoskey; Anthony Bonecutter of Thompsonville and Skip Bryant from Kewadin.

Camp 14 was active during the Independence Day celebrations throughout the region. In Traverse City, Brothers talked with visitors about the original volunteers from the Grand Traverse Region, while others manned computers to reunite them with their long-lost Civil War ancestors.



*Bill Skillman, Robert Clark, Skip Bryant, Josh Kuchmuk, Joe Conger, John Dyle, Neal Breagh, Alan Werdehoff Jr., Dale Aurand and Tom Jenkins take a break from their duties with the public for a photo in front of the Camp 14 'pavilion'.*

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, fifteen Brothers of Camp 14 traveled to the shore of Lake Charlevoix to participate in the Klein-Looze family's remembrance of their ancestor; Private John Baptiste Looze; who served with the 14<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry and homesteaded the land on which he is buried (now Eveline Township cemetery).



*New headstone and memorial plaque*



*Alan Werdehoff, Tom Jenkins, CC Dale Aurand and Judy Jenkins*

On Saturday August 14, 2010 Camp 14 joined the American Legion and VFW for the dedication of the Leelanau County Veterans Memorial. Attending were Brother Neal Breagh, Frances Finch Auxiliary President Emily Breagh and Chaplain Judy Jenkins. GRO Tom Jenkins was Officer of the Day; the Honor Guard comprised of Brothers Ted Mattis, Jim Morse Jr., Skip Bryant, and Alan Werdehoff. Camp 14 contributed a commemorative brick for the Memorial walkway.

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GRO Jenkins salutes after giving roll call



Bros. Jenkins, Breagh, Mattis, Bryant, Morse Jr. & Werdehoff

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, GRO Tom Jenkins, Brother Jerry Grieve and Judy Jenkins of the Frances Finch Auxiliary Chapter gave a presentation to the Kalkaska County Genealogical Society. The program featured an overview and history of the Sons followed by a slide/video feature of the Sgt. John Sinclair grave re-dedication last fall. The Kalkaska County Genealogical Society has been working with Brother Grieve in accumulating the locations and names of the Civil War veterans buried in that county for the Camp grave registration project.

September promises to be a busy month for Camp 14. We have been invited to attend a ceremony at the Grand Traverse Pavilions on September 11<sup>th</sup> to honor 'Patriots Day'. On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Commander Aurand and Honor Guard comprised of Brothers Ribby, Werdehoff, Dyle and Skillman will be joining the Londo Camp and other veterans groups to commemorate a new headstone for Private John H. Waters, Co B, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters (a comrade of Robert Finch). Guest speaker is Ray Herek, author of These Men Have Seen Hard Service.



Camp 14 created a display for the Grand Traverse District Library; Brother Al Pifer generously donated many artifacts from his collection.



"It ain't all work1" CC Dale Aurand and PCC Neal Breagh "discuss" history with National Cherry Queen Maria LaCross and her court – l to r – Laura DePonio, Angela Saylor, Makenzie Tremp, and Natalie Hollabaugh.

**George W. Anderson Camp 58**

*By L. Ray Lake*

On Saturday June 19, 2010 the members of George W. Anderson Camp 58 from DeWitt were asked to give Pvt. Benjamin Park his final rites in a rededication ceremony at Bailey cemetery in Alma , Michigan. Pvt. Park was mustered in Company E of the 10th Minnesota Infantry on August 15, 1862 for three years. discharged on May 29, 1865.

It is unknown why his grave had been unmarked for so many years. His descendant, Greg Park, of Seattle, Washington had found the omission while doing a genealogy research at Michigan State University and then contacted the DeWitt camp to get the headstone and ceremony underway. Along with Greg Park, also a member of the SUVCW in Seattle, were his two cousins from Kalamazoo, Jane Chappell and Nancy Chappell Kolle, both members of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.



left to right, Craig Whitford, Cmdr. L. Ray Lake, Mark Pangburn, Dick Williams, SVC Doug Alexander and Dennis Felton. Herald photo by McCrossin.

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**U. S. Grant Camp 67**

*By Paul Davis, CC*

Brother James Petrimoulx, Graves Registration Officer, U. S. Grant Camp No. 67 has located two previously unmarked gravesites in Elm Lawn Cemetery. Adolphus Fritsch, 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Company F and Stephen Ryan, Detroit Provost Guards, Company A are buried next to each other at Elm Lawn. Fritsch and Ryan are, incidentally, relatives of Brother Len "Irish" McInerney and Junior Member Jonathan McInerney, U.S. Grant Camp No. 67. Adolphus Fritsch married Elisabeth (Ryan) Stegris in 1867. Elisabeth was Solomon Stegris widow and sister to Stephen Ryan. Headstones have been ordered and a ceremony will be conducted once the stones arrive.



Junior Member Jonathan McInerney with a photo of his ancestor Solomon Stegris.



Solomon Stegris, 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, Co. C.

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Brothers from U. S. Grant Camp No. 67 presented a living history encampment for 18 students participating in the Frankenmuth Historical Society's Summer Education Program. The program included lecture and history lessons as well as numerous hands-on activities. Students experienced the life a soldier including the set-up of a dog tent and enjoyed the accommodation typical of a soldier and his pard. School of the Soldier and basic drill instruction was conducted with each student shouldering a wooden musket. Students also had the opportunity to experience firing demonstrations for a small cannon and muskets using blank charges. This is the second year Grant Camp has offered this educational experience.



Bob Boquette speaks to 19 students participating in the Frankenmuth Historical Society's Summer Education Program.



Grant Camp Brothers Duaine Phillips, Paul Davis and Bob Boquette

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### **Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427**

*By Rick Danes, CC*

*Camp 427 spent a large part of the summer months doing the work of the Order.*

*Activities included: holding a fund raising garage sale; attending the Dearborn Flag Day Ceremony; holding an annual Camp Picnic; participating in Saint John's Episcopal Church's Civil War Days Celebration. Camp Members also worked with the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Inc. re-enactors to clean, replace, or refurbish Civil War Soldier's headstones at three Livonia Cemeteries; co-coordinated History Hill at the Dearborn Homecoming, where over 1600 volunteer hours were realized; a Camp Member was present at the National Encampment; and participated as re-enactors of several different groups at the Jackson Muster.*

*Members represented the Camp by attending a talk about Pvt. Royal Potter, 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry which benefited the effort to re-open and clean up the Potter Cemetery in Monroe; by joining Department Commander Shaw at an informational display at Fort Wayne's Civil War Days; by participating in the Saint Clair Shores Veterans Encampment;.*

*As a member of the Historical Guild of Dearborn, the Camp supported the Dearborn Historical Museum at their second annual Garden Party and other service projects.*

## Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85

By Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC

Like most Camps, the Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85 struggles to increase their membership and to get all their fellow Brothers to attend meetings at the same time. They are also active within their communities but could do more in Grave Registration and Civil War Memorials. Often, and again like other Camps, how much of the work of the Order is accomplished is directly connected to membership and attendance.

When I served as Department Commander, I enjoyed visiting every Camp within the Department because it gave me a chance to hear about the good work being done by each Camp that didn't always make it to the Department newsletter, the *Michigan's Messenger*. Such was the case for Camp 85 – they participated in programs and ceremonies but rarely shared that through the newsletter. I've written this story for the newsletter because I believe that several recent events the Camp has been involved in deserve to be shared.

In March of this year I received an email from SVC Rex Dillman of Camp 85 asking if I would assist them in a rededication ceremony for a Civil War 100-pounder cannon in Niles, MI. Always interested in assisting my fellow Brothers, I agreed to assist. In the meeting that followed with Brother Rex and Camp Commander Glenn Palen, I also learned that the Brandywine High School History Club was interested in conducting a ceremony of sorts for Brigadier General Henry A. Morrow; buried in Silverbrook Cemetery in Niles.

After a short conversation, we drove to Niles to view the cannon and the Morrow memorial. I immediately saw that before we could conduct a couple of rededication ceremonies, we were going to have to restore the cannon and clean the Morrow memorial.

### The Cannon –

From a letter to the City of Niles from Department Civil War Memorials Officer Brother Doug Armstrong:

*The Memorial Cannon is a Model 1861 6.4-inch (100-pounder) Army Parrott Rifle. The gun was invented by Robert Parker Parrott, who graduated third in the West Point Class of 1820. It was cast at the West Point Foundry in New York on June 1, 1863 (Foundry #717, Registration #128) and was inspected by Ordnance Officer Alfred Mordecai Jr. before being placed into service. The 100 pdr. was used by the US Army primarily as a siege and fortification weapon. It was also used aboard ships of the US Navy during the Civil War. It could fire a 100 lb. solid shot or long shell at ranges of about 6900 yards at a 28 second time of flight. Of the 233 accepted by the Army between 1861 and 1865 only 53 remain today as part of veterans' memorials across the country. The cannon in Niles is one of these 53 and weighs 9747 lbs. Markings on the muzzle and trunnions of the cannon represent the above information.*

*The Frank Graves G.A.R. Post 64 in Niles petitioned the U.S. Ordnance Department and was granted donation of the cannon for their veterans' memorial. It arrived in Niles on May 15, 1898 from the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois along with 20, 10-inch shells from the Allegheny Arsenal in Pennsylvania. Record of the donation appears in the 1899 Annual Report of the U.S. War Department's Chief of Ordnance.*

After arriving in Niles, the cannon was placed on the grounds of the Niles Central School. It remained there until sometime in the late 1950's or early 1960's when the school thought it now was a hazard to students exiting the building during a fire drill and removed it. What is most interesting about this action was that they didn't seem to tell anyone about; the cannon just wasn't there any longer.

The cannon was "found" in the early 1960's when a Boy Scout Troop leader was walking near the local dump and saw it laying among other pieces of scrap. Efforts were soon made to retrieve the cannon and it was loaned to the American Legion Post No. 26. They mounted the cannon on a new concrete base in 1962 and there it remained until 2009 when the Post returned the cannon to the City when the Post was moving from their meeting location. In 2009, the City of Niles installed the cannon near their veterans' memorial in Riverfront Park near the intersection of East Main (US12) and Front St. (Old 31).

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Original mounting at  
Niles Central School  
1898 to ?



From a 1920's Niles Central  
Tattler Yearbook.  
(Students sitting on and  
standing in front of cannon.)



New location at the  
American Legion Post 26  
1962 to 2009

### Restoring the cannon –

Inspection of the cannon revealed that it was in need of restoration and a new coat of paint. The base on which it rested also needed some improvements. A call to the City and Neil Coulston, Director of Public Works, got things started after I shared some information on the ceremony we would conduct and our desire that the City restore the memorial. Over the next four weeks, Neil and I would communicate only through email and in that short period of time, not only did they completely restore the cannon but we obtained a commitment from the Mayor, Neil, and the local historian Donna Ochenryder as to their attendance at the rededication ceremony. Excitement about the project was not limited to Niles because when I called the Sherwin Williams technical department to ask about a paint they could recommend, they enthusiastically provided their recommendations and thought it was great that a piece of history was being restored.

For those of you who might find this information helpful for your cannon projects, here is their recommendation –

For primer –

Corothane® I Mio-Aluminum Primer/Topcoat  
Product # B65S00014 Available in gallons

A single component, VOC compliant, moisture curing, aluminum and Micaceous Iron Oxide (MIO) filled, urethane primer, intermediate coating, or finish. It has excellent surface wetting properties and provides extended recoatability. Excellent adhesion to most substrates. Low temperature application - down to 20 F. Excellent durability - Outstanding abrasion resistance - Excellent corrosion and chemical resistance

For top coat –

Corothane® I Aliphatic Finish Coat Safety Black  
Product # B65B00030 Available in gallons

A single component, VOC compliant, moisture curing urethane designed for low temperature or high humidity applications while providing UV resistance and chemical resistance equivalent to two part urethane coatings. Low temperature application - down to 20 F. Excellent resistance to yellowing, chalking, or degradation by sunlight. Excellent adhesion to most surfaces. Superior abrasion resistance. Excellent adhesion directly to clean concrete. Outstanding chemical resistance.

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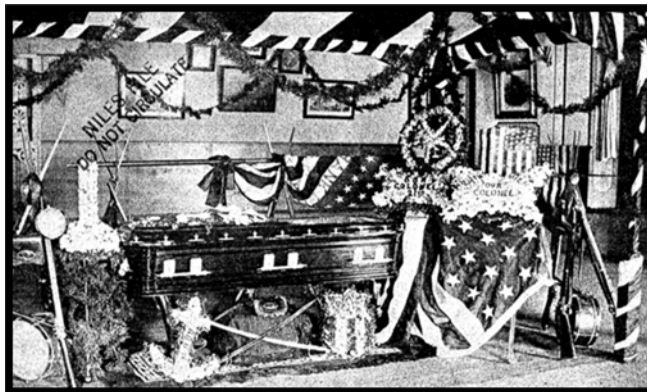
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### The gravestone of Brigadier General Henry A. Morrow –

Henry A. Morrow  
 1829-1881  
 Private, Mexican War, 1846  
 Colonel, 24th Michigan Infantry, 1862-1864  
 Brevet Brigadier General of Volunteers, 1864  
 Lt. Colonel, 36th U.S. Infantry, 1866  
 Brevet Colonel, U.S. Infantry, 1867  
 Colonel, 21st U.S. Infantry, 1879  
 Wounded at Gettysburg, Wilderness, and Petersburg



The Morrow gravestone memorializes Henry and also his father-in-law William Graves (Col., 12<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry) and his brother-in-law Frank Graves (Lt. Col., 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry). The local history room at the Niles Library had a great vertical file on Morrow that included a photo from his funeral. It also had several photos of different groups that have conducted ceremonies at the gravesite, however, none ever appeared to have cleaned the stone.



### Cleaning of the gravestone –

Annually, the students of the Brandywine History Club help sponsor a Civil War reenactment. In order to gain some publicity for the event, teacher Dave Roeder had requested Camp 85 to conduct a ceremony the week before the reenactment. Given the extremely dirty condition of the memorial, I recommended that we clean the stone first and then we conduct a recognition ceremony.

Having recently found a new cleaning product, called D2 Biological Solution, made by Sunshine Makers, Inc. (makers of Simple Green) and sold exclusively through Cathedral Stone Products, Inc. of Hanover, MD, arrangements were made to test the product and clean the stone on Friday, May 7 the night before the ceremony. Joining us would be students of the History Club, Brothers of Camp 1 and 85, a Sister from the Champlin Corps No. 41 and members of the Friends of Silverbrook Cemetery.

The process went better than expected although we did alter the instructions a bit by allowing the chemical to work for 10 minutes before scrubbing versus the 2 or 3 minutes suggested. Friends were made and partnerships established that will help Camp 85 in future projects.



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Before



After

### **The ceremonies –**

Saturday, May 8 dawned with cloudy skies but we were able to get both the Morrow and the cannon ceremonies complete in between the rain. The events leading up to and during the ceremonies were covered by four different media sources – the Benton Harbor Herald-Palladium, South Bend Tribune, the Niles Star, and the Berrien County Record.

At the Morrow ceremony, participants included: Brothers from Camp 1, 17, 85, and 135 including Past Department Commander Chuck Worley; Sisters from Corps No. 41 including National President Marcia Butgereit; MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison; 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Reenactment group; Boy Scouts; Dave Roeder and students from Brandywine H.S.; Friends of Silverbrook Cemetery; and Reverend James Slack of Trinity Episcopal Church of Niles (where Morrow had attended and been married).

This recognition ceremony, a program designed to honor the services of a soldier who had served in the Civil War but did not have a flag holder at his grave, was attended by close to 75 people.

Close to 125 people attended the ceremony to rededicate the restored cannon. Participants included: Camp 1, 17, 58, 85, and 135 including Past Department Commander Chuck Worley; Sisters from Corps No. 41 and 232 including National President Marcia Butgereit; MOLLUS Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison; 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Reenactment group; Niles Mayor Michael McCauslin; Niles Public Works Director Neil Coulston; and local historian Donna Ochenryder.

All in all, the City of Niles, area residents and students and the Brothers of Camp 85 did themselves proud in honoring the memories of those who wore the Blue. I was most honored to assist the Camp in these efforts.

### **Flag Day in Three Oaks, Michigan –**

The Brothers of Camp 85 annually participate in the Flag Day parade in Three Oaks, MI. This year, they extended an invitation to other Camps to join them in what is reportedly, the largest Flag Day parade in the United States. After participating in the parade, I must say that I am most impressed upon the turnout by area residents. The City of Grand Rapids has a population of 191,000 more people than Three Oaks and yet, the turnout for the Flag Day parade had numbers that Grand Rapids can only dream of for their Memorial and Veterans' Day parades.



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Joining Camp 85 was PC-in-C Keith G. Harrison and Department SVC Dave Arnold from Camp 17 and Brother Chet Trybus and myself from Camp 1 as well as Sisters Jeannine Trybus and Marcia Butgereit of Corps No. 41. For each of us, this was our first Flag Day parade and although a warm day, the experience was tremendous.

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### **8th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment**

*Submitted by James B. Pahl, PCinC*

The next regiment to take the field was the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

Gathered together August 12, 1861 in Grand Rapids were the following companies: A. Fenton Light Guard, Flint; B. St. Johns Volunteers, St. Johns; C Gratiot Rangers, Alma; D. Grand River Guard, Grand Rapids; E. Elder Zouaves, Lansing; F. (unknown company name) Hastings; G. Excelsior Guard, Flint; H. Greenville Guard, Greenville; I (unknown company name) Owosso; K, (unknown company name) Jackson. The regiment was ordered to report to Col. William M. Fenton of Flint, who had been appointed to command the 8<sup>th</sup> from the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment. On August 21, the regiment was ordered to move to Ft. Wayne in Detroit, arriving on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They were mustered into federal service on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The regiment has been designated in the reports as the "Wandering Regiment" of Michigan, having been engaged in South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Maryland in 1862, Mississippi and Tennessee in 1863.

Moving from Detroit on September 27, 1861 to Washington DC and went into camp at Meridian Hill October 10. They were assigned to the "Expeditionary Corp" under General T.W. Sherman and embarked on the steamship Vanderbilt and transported to Hilton Head, South Carolina.

The 8<sup>th</sup> was engaged in several skirmishes, guard and picket duty around South Carolina and Georgia until July of 1862. They traveled back to Maryland and then Virginia, arriving in time to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> battle of Bull Run. They were then heavily engaged at Chantilly on September 1.

The 8<sup>th</sup> was also heavily engaged on South Mountain and then also fought at Antietam. The regiment crossed with the army to Fredericksburg but sustained no losses in that battle.

The 8<sup>th</sup> moved to Louisville, KY in March of 1863, remaining in Kentucky into June. The regiment then moved to Vicksburg and became part of the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp. The regiment was stationed at Millville and then Flowerdale Church until July 4. They moved with the Corp towards Jackson, participating in various encounters between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July, without serious loss.

In August, the 8<sup>th</sup> moved back to Kentucky, via Cairo, Cincinnati, and Nicholasville. They then marched via the Cumberland Gap to Knoxville, Tennessee, arriving on September 26. They were engaged at Blue Springs and then moved back to Knoxville. Early November found them encamped at Lenoir Station, East Tennessee. The rebels under General Longstreet began their advance on Knoxville and after some engagements, joined into the retreat to Knoxville, being engaged during the retreat with some losses.

The regiment endured several hardships during the siege of Knoxville, including lack of food and proper clothing. Once the rebels abandoned their siege on November 5, 1863, the 8<sup>th</sup> participated in the pursuit as far as Rutledge, but returned to Blain's Crossroads.

283 member of the regiment reenlisted on January 8, 1864, they began their march through the Cumberland Gap, heading towards Detroit. They finally arrived on the 25<sup>th</sup> and were immediately furloughed for thirty days. Having received a large number of recruits, they left Flint on March 9 and rejoined the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp, now assigned to the Army of the Potomac at Annapolis.

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On May 4, 1864, the commenced the campaign with the 9<sup>th</sup> Corp under General Burnside, crossing the Rapidan at Germania Ford on the 5<sup>th</sup> and participated in the battle of the Wilderness on the 6<sup>th</sup>, losing 99 killed, wounded and missing, including their commanding officer. They then marched through Chancellorsville to Spottsylvania Court House, taking part in an assault on the enemy's entrenchments on the 12<sup>th</sup>, losing 49 officers and men.

May 28<sup>th</sup> saw the regiment cross the Pamunkey and move to Grove Church, to assist in the attack on the enemy's lines on June 3 at Bethesda Church, near Cold Harbor, losing 52 killed, wounded and missing.

They cross the Chickahominy at Jone's Bridge on the 13<sup>th</sup> and by forced march, reached Petersburg on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup>. They participated in attacks on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, losing another 49 men.

They were engaged in the erection of fortifications and being in the trenches, were almost under constant fire, losing men every day. On July 30, the participated in the engagement following the explosion of the mine, but lost only one killed and 12 wounded.

The 8<sup>th</sup> was moved to the Weldon railroad and assisted in the repulse of an enemy attack on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, losing 30 in killed, wounded and missing. The regiment continued on trench and picket duty into 1865. They were part of the attack on Fort Mahon on April 2 and assisted in carrying the works at that point, reportedly to be the first regiment to plant their colors on that rebel stronghold. On April 3, the marched into Petersburg and along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, was assigned to guard and patrol duty. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, they began movement through City Point to Alexandria and then finally to Washington on May 9, where again they were engaged in patrol and guard duty. The regiment remained there until August 1, leaving for Michigan, where they arrived on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and way paid off and the regiment disbanded.

The total enrollment was 1,792, losing 9 officers and 131 men killed, 3 officers and 64 men died of wounds, 2 officers and 195 men died of disease.

*This Flag, which we honor and under which we serve is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute these choices, whether in peace or war. And yet, though it speaks to us--speaks of us in the past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it. We celebrate the day of Its birth and from Its birth until now it has witnessed a great history, has floated high the symbol of great events, of a great plan of life worked out by great people.... Woe be to the man or group of men that seek to stand in our way in this day of high resolution when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nation. We are ready to plead at the bar of history and our flag shall wear a new luster. Once more we shall make good with our lives and fortunes the great faith to which we were born, and a glory shall shine in the face of our people.*

*President Woodrow Wilson in 1917*

*Submitted by Department Chaplain Bill McAfee*



**I WANT YOU  
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OF THE CIVIL WAR**

**ON SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 6, 2010  
AT THE**

**DETROIT VETERANS' DAY PARADE**

**The Department of Michigan SUVCW is looking for Camps and 50 to 100 Brothers to march in the Detroit Veterans' Day Parade on Saturday, November 6, 2010.**

**Camp Commanders - If your Camp has a Camp Flag -- bring it! The more Camp Flags, the better!!**

**Please Contact:**

**"Civil War Sesquicentennial Michigan Department Chairman," PCinC  
Keith G. Harrison at [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net)**

**if your Camp might be able to participate and an approximate number of participants.**

**Help us as we march to commemorate the Civil War soldiers who served and to memorialize the Grand Army of the Republic!**

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## **Attire**

Civilian (blazer, suit or sack coat) shirt, tie, slacks, dark shoes with kepi and white gloves (if you have them) **and your Membership Badge**

If your Camp has a distinct attire, that also is fine  
Civil War military uniforms also permitted

## **Anticipated Parade Formation**

**Sons of Veterans Reserve**

(and other fully uniformed and accoutered Brothers)

**Fife and Drum**

(If we have any)

**Michigan Department Flag, United States Flag**

**Michigan Department Commander**

**Camp Flags**

**Brothers**

## **General Information**

The parade begins at Noon on November 6th. Staging for the parade begins at 10 AM; however, for those who need to drive a distance, overnight (November 5th) accommodations at Historic Fort Wayne ( 6325 Jefferson, Detroit, MI, 48209 ) have been arranged. **(Please bring a sleeping bag, cot or air mattress as bunk space is limited.)** We will be carpooling around 9AM from the Fort to the parade staging area (Woodward and Temple).