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Commander's Comments

By Donald Shaw

As I write this report, we are at the beginning of June. A lot has happened since the last time I wrote for the Messenger. We have held our Department Encampment, kept our Memorial Day obligations, and set our Department's course for the future. We are now off and running into the next year for the Sons in Michigan.

For those of you who went to the Department Encampment at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, thank you for having attended, for celebrating the achievements we have made over the past year, and for helping to set the course for the Department in the coming year. By what I saw, and the accounts I have heard, the Encampment was a success. National Commander in Chief Brad Schall attended, brought us greetings and news from the National Organization, and swore in our officers for us. Awards were made to those camps in attendance sending marchers to the Detroit Veterans Day Parade, those filling various Department offices, and to our highest growing camps, both numerically and by way of percentage growth. Your brothers in attendance also passed a number of resolutions to carry the Department forward through our next year, which we are in the process of putting into action right now. Our thanks go to all those who worked so as to make this Encampment happen. To our sisters in the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who coordinated the overall encampment activities including dealing with the hotel, college, producing the Encampment Program, and organizing the Friday night hospitality night, please accept our thanks. To our credentials committee, Chaired by Brother Jack Frost and ably assisted by Brothers Matt Adair and Bob Boquette, good work guys. Thank you. To Economy Printing of Flint, which donated, (yes guys, we got them for free), our Encampment ribbons and Flag Streamers, we thank you. Finally and most importantly, to all those brothers who went to the time and expense to travel to the Encampment from all parts of the state, you are the ones who showed up to make the decisions. We couldn't do it without you.

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Memorial Day. All of our camps, I know, have been preparing ceremonies, parades or other ways of marking this important day. Memorial Day has now come and gone for 2011, and I hope the activities you brothers sponsored were well attended and meaningful. This is at the center of what we are all about as an organization. This year, as in past years, I was privileged to see well done and inspirational services of remembrance for those soldiers of 1861 to 1865. I saw parades, memorial services, grave rededications and all manner of ways of marking the sacrifices and contributions of those who fought and gave their lives in the American Civil War. I know these activities were meaningful not only to you putting them on, but also to those in attendance who do not belong to our Order. I am reminded that we do not mark Memorial Day as a time of loss for those who died, as much as we do a celebration of the fact that at a time when the nation badly need the qualities of courage, tenacity and loyalty, these people stepped forward to serve this nation in its darkest hours.

We now go into the next year of Department work. Our Encampment gave us a number of resolutions that it would like to see acted upon. I have already begun the review process to organize how we can best try to achieve those goals. In some aspects we have already begun to form the committees that will actually do the work. If called on to work on one of these committees, I would ask you to give the request serious consideration. If you wish to volunteer for committee work so as to accomplish some of the goals we have, give me a call or write me an email at P31713@aol.com. You brothers are the ones who actually make things happen. The more of us working on the projects we have, the easier it will be on all of us and the better results we will have. On another note, I will try to visit with as many of you brothers at your camp meetings or at your activities as I can over the next few months. Not only do I like doing this because it allows me to meet with all you fine folks, but it gives you the chance to ask me questions, and hopefully get answers to problems you may be experiencing in the camps. When I make a visit, I don't do it to make a speech so much as I do to listen. I hope to be listening to as many of you as I can over the next few months.

I'll see you at your camps. Until then, have a good summer.

Found the following on a placemat at a local restaurant:

LONG MAY IT WAVE!

People across the country celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the U.S. flag and to commemorate the adoption of the "Stars and Stripes" as the official flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by the Continental Congress. The American flag, nicknamed "Old Glory" and "Star-spangled Banner", consists of 13 horizontal stripes of red (seven) and white (six) plus a blue rectangle bearing 50 white five-pointed stars. Flag Day falls within National Flag Week and is a Time when Americans reflect on the foundations of our nation's freedoms. During this week many communities hold flag-raising ceremonies, Flag Day services, street parades and give awards for special recognition. Many honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. It reminds us our nation's belief in truth, liberty and justice for all.

Ed Dowd, Color-bearer, Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW

Department Orders #1*Series 2011 – 2012**Donald Shaw, Commander**Headquarters, Flint, MI**5 June 2011*

In order to allow for the smooth implementation of Commander in Chief Schall's General Order No. 20, concerning filing requirements for Sesquicentennial Signature Events, the Department of Michigan will require all Camps within the Department applying for this designation, to submit applications for this status at least 40 days before the event.

Note: I am requiring an extra 10 days because we need to be sure that the processing on our end is done, and thus our Camps will not run afoul of the General Order. The mode of transmittal of this paperwork is largely by use of the U S Postal Service. If your paperwork goes into the U S mail, it takes time to get the application to Department Headquarters. Once I get it, I can have it reviewed and into the mail on the next business day, but it will take the Post Office a little more time to deliver it. This extra ten days is meant to make sure that your submission will not be rejected because of the time it takes to get things through the mail. You are putting a lot of effort into these events. I don't want anyone to loose their chance for this designation because the mail made them run afoul of the General Order.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/

Donald W. Shaw

Department Commander

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: /s/

Paul Davis

Department Secretary

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Past Commander-in-Chief (CinC) James B. Pahl (center) was made an Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Honorary Sister at the May 20-21 Allied Orders. He is shown with outgoing ASUVCW Department Linda Kronberg (left) and with National ASUVCW President Virginia Twist of New York who pinned his official ASUVCW badge."He has served the ASUVCW faithfully and diligently since 2007 when the ASUVCW officially became the Department of Michigan ASUVCW," Kronberg said, adding: "We are very pleased that he has worked with us and has worked to strengthen the bond between the SUCVW and the ASUVCW."

Pahl is a member of the SUCVW Curtenius Guard Camp #17 -- since 1982 -- and is great, great-grandson of Private John Boyer, Company A, 29th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, who was wounded at Chickamauga and saw action at Shiloh and Stone's River.

He and wife, Carol, have been married for almost 37 years. They have three children, James (also member of Camp #17), Rebecca and Susannah. Carol, Rebecca and Susannah are all former members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Pahl has served as SUCVW Department Counselor and Counselor to Michigan Department of the Auxiliary.

On the National level he serves as: SUCVW Assistant National Treasurer, Assistant National Secretary--Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer; and, Assistant National Counselor-Blue Book.

He is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR); corporal, Co. A, 14th Michigan SVR and Lt. Col. - Judge Advocate General on the National Headquarters Staff. (PHOTO/ASUVCW Press Correspondent Helen A. Granger)

Senior Vice Commander's Quips

By Paul David Arnold, PCC

Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

Our Department of Michigan encampment has recently concluded.

I would like to thank all of you, for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your Department of Michigan, Senior Vice Commander during the past year

I am humbled that you have chosen to elect me to a second term, and I will do my best to fulfill the trust you have placed in me.

I would like to thank Department Commander Don Shaw for his tireless efforts in leading the Department during the past year, and congratulate him on his re election, as well as running a successful Department Encampment.

In the SUVCW Rituals & Ceremonies it states:

It is obligatory upon every Camp to participate in Memorial Day ceremonies, either with other patriotic organizations, or as Camps, in memory of the honored dead of our country.

Each member has a special obligation on and to Memorial Day.

He shall use his influence in every possible manner for the proper and general observance of this day, that Memorial Day, instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic, shall ever be held sacred by the people of our country.

On behalf of your Department of Michigan leadership, I would like to thank everyone who took time out of your busy schedules to organize or participate in Memorial Day activities in your local communities. I am sure that if our ancestors belonging to the GAR could speak they would be saying "Well Done My Comrades, Well Done"

I would also like to thank those that represented the Department of Michigan SUVCW at the Civil War Sesquicentennial Kickoff event on April 16th at the State of Michigan Historical Complex in Lansing.

Although the weather was a bit on the inclement side in regards to rain, it was nice to celebrate the beginning of the Civil War Sesquicentennial and honor those that served.

We had some wonderful examples of camp life in the open field just west of the State Museum courtesy of various reenacting groups from around the state.

Neighborhood residents, got a Big Bang (literally) out of watching the artillery demonstration, drills & firing demonstrations as reenactors participated in what will go down as the "Battle of Lansing" to those living in the area. Abe Lincoln also addressed the crowd.

Inside, there were approximately 20 tables set up in the museum rotunda from various organizations from around the state promoting Michigan's Civil War history. Attendee's were also treated to concert by the 5th Michigan Band.

The Department of Michigan SUVCW was well represented. A table display was set up promoting our organization, as well as having brothers on hand to share information about the Department Eagle Scout program.

Assistance was also given folks in locating information on their Civil War ancestors through the Graves Registration Committee's data base display.

One person shared that when he was a young lad in the early 1960s, he attended an event commemorating the the 100th anniversary of the Civil War. He said it brought the Civil War alive for him and impacted him so deeply, that it caused him to become a lifetime student of its history.

In closing, during the next four years we have an incredible opportunity to honor those that served during the Civil War, as well as bolster the membership of our Camps and Department like never before.

Consider hosting an event to celebrate Michigan's Civil War history within your community. You never can tell, maybe you or your camp will be the one to spark a child's imagination and bring Civil War history alive for them.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

Secretary's Scribes

By Paul Davis, Department Secretary

Brothers of The Department of Michigan:

I would like to take this opportunity to first thank you for your confidence in my services to the Department during the 2010 – 2011 term and voting to have me continue again as your Department Secretary for the 2011-2012 term.

During this past year we have worked diligently to ensure timely and accurate reporting for all Department reports and records and provided aid and assistance to Camp Commanders and Secretaries to ensure their compliance in the reporting process.

The Department has greatly improved the level of participation with the use of the electronic forms reporting required by the National Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War as well as mandated by our Department Commander Don Shaw.

The use of the electronic forms and Email communication goes a long way to improve the speed and lower the costs our communication process. It is extremely important that each Camp designate one person as a contact for the receipt and transmission of electronic communication. If neither the Camp Commander nor the Camp Secretary are able to fill this role, please ensure that each Camp designates a focal point to satisfy this need and notify the Department Secretary of same.

At the 122nd Department Encampment, we launched a new program designed to assist Camp Secretaries in the performance of their duties and responsibilities for managing and meeting deadlines and accuracy in using and filing the various reports required of the Camps. This program includes concise instructions, a list of deadline dates, parties to whom forms and documents should be sent. A set of approved electronic files which includes the nine most commonly used Camp Forms including Forms 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 22, 27a, and 30 have been supplied on a CD along with samples of each Form to illustrate how they should be completed.



During the Department Encampment, all Camps in attendance received an envelope with all of the program components. Those Camps who were not in attendance will receive their program via regular mail shortly.

Please embrace the desires of Commander in Chief Schall and Department Commander Shaw and use the Forms and training program provided.

If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Sons of Veterans Reserve of Michigan
2nd. Lt. L. Dean Lamphere Jr., Commanding Company

The Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve Company finished 2010 with a bang and has begun what is shaping up to be a busy 2011

This past November a detachment of the SVR Company traveled east to participate in the annual Remembrance Day weekend activities in and near Gettysburg, PA. On Friday the Company was fortunate enough to have taken part in a tour of the fields at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville as presented by our National Park Service guide. The Brothers marveled at his knowledge and insight of these actions and were lucky to have seen many of the more obscure places not usually open to park visitors. Saturday is always the busiest day for the Wolverines. The first formal activity of the Company was joining with our fellow SVR Brothers and representative members of the other Allied Orders at the Albert Woolson Monument for a brief service. We then rallied at the Parade staging area where we joined with members of the 27th Indiana, a fellow Company of the 3rd District, and participated in the very lengthy parade through Gettysburg onto the grounds of the National Park. After breaking ranks we formed at the Michigan Sharpshooters Monument on Little Round Top to support the Department's memorial service. Shortly afterwards our own Jentery Farmer was initiated into the Order on Little Round Top and became a Brother of the Company. We then made our way to what has become an annual gathering at General Pickett's Buffet. There we joined with family members, fellow Sons and members of the other Allied Orders of Michigan and MOLLUS. Some of us made the observation that when we first started participating in this activity the restaurant staff pushed together a couple of tables for us to eat together. 2010 found us occupying a wall of tables and then some. It was a true testament to the desire of the Wolverines to do honor to those of Michigan who fought and fell to preserve our Union. On Sunday the Company again rallied and visited several points of the Gettysburg Battlefield seeing some of the more difficult to find often overlooked areas of the park before beginning the long trip home on Monday.

2011 has brought some interesting activities for the membership. In April the Company conducted its annual training weekend for our newer troops and a few folks new to the reenacting hobby. This year's session was unique in that it was conducted in a state park on the shores of Lake Huron. The troops were billeted in a primitive state cabin on the grounds.

Also in April representative members of the Company again travelled to Springfield, IL where it took part in the annual Lincoln Program.

In May a few members of the Company supplemented the Camp Guard of the Robert Finch Camp No. 14 during a unique headstone dedication program for two Native American soldiers who were laid to rest at Boyne City, MI.

Upcoming activities include assisting the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 of Mayville, MI with a service honoring Orlando LeVelley, Michigan's last American Civil War Veteran on July 23. We are preparing for a headstone dedication service for the ancestors of one of our own members. The Company is looking forward to participating in the September 19th memorial service honoring the last Civil War Veteran of Northeast Lower Michigan and his father, both of whom enlisted and served together in the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry and were laid to rest near each other at Lincoln, MI. It appears probable the Company will again support the Department with the Veterans Day effort in Detroit on November 5th. The November 18th -20th Remembrance Day journey is expected to also include tours of the fields of Spotsylvania and North Anna River.

The adverse impact of the increasing cost of travel is emphasizing the need to expand the Company's membership base. The Brothers of the company bear the own travel costs driving from their homes to function. For example, one ceremonial activity in Michigan in 2010 had the assisting Brothers driving from between 100 and 450 miles to support a program that lasted about an hour. The Brothers freely do this without complaint but there are just so many such things they can support every year. Not everyone is expected to attend every available activity. Increasing our membership with an ever larger pool of trained and equipped members, more representative of the area we serve will make supporting our Camps and Department at their functions a load far easier to bear.

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Membership in all Sons of Veterans Reserve elements is opened to all Brothers of the Order in good standing, be they Members, Associates, Juniors or Junior Associates who are interested in the military aspect of our Order. Our basic mission is to engage in activities intended to help "...keep green the memory..." of those that fought and fell to preserve our Union. Where possible we will endeavor to also support functions of the Department, its Camps and the other Allied Orders. Dues remain at the bare minimum.

Please direct your requests for Company support or for further information about membership in the Company to the Company Adjutant.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
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Attest
William Morris, Company Adjutant
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Brothers,

I regret to inform you of the passing of another Michigan brother, 91 year-old Dick Haver:

Brother Richard ("Dick") F. Haver, LeValley-Husted Camp No. 255 at Mayville, MI, died Sunday, March 27, 2011 in Caro, MI. He was a member of the SUVCW by virtue of the service of his grandfather, Pvt. Edward Haver, Co. H, 1st Michigan Cavalry. Born Dec. 16, 1919 in Saginaw, MI, Dick was a member of the camp's GRO Committee. A veteran Marine, he was also active in the American Legion and VFW as well as the F&AM (Past WM & Life Member), Shrine, Eastern Star, IOOF, Rebekahs and the Fostoria United Methodist Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Maxine, Dick is survived by several nieces and nephews, a sister-in-law and a brother-in-law.

Burial took place April 2, at the Watertown Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice or the Rebekah Lodge #120 of Fostoria, Order of Eastern Star #390 of Millington, Caro MT Moriah #226 F & AM, or the Fostoria United Methodist Church.

Friends may share an on-line condolence at www.avramfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Avram Funeral Home, 6028 Lincoln St., P.O. Box 130, Mayville, MI Telephone 989-843-5441. Department Condolences are posted on the Guest Book under Brother Dick's obituary.

God Bless the USA!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William "Bill" B. M^cAfee, PCC, Chaplain

General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2

Submitted by Bruce Miller, PCC, SVC



The brothers of General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 had a busy and fulfilling Memorial Day 2011. The City of Birmingham is home to the Oakland County Civil War monument and the camp is an active participant in that city's Memorial Day Service. The SUVCW was highly visible with Commander Bill Nash's address on the origins of the day; Department JVC Kevin Lindsey's dissertation on the Gettysburg Address and SVC/PCC Bruce Miller acting as master of ceremonies and speaking about the sesquicentennial. As always, the camp placed a wreath at the Civil War monument.

At the conclusion of the service the camp moved to historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac and the grave site of namesake General Richardson. The memorial service was highlighted by the stirring biography of the general delivered by Brother Chip Tischer and the placing of appropriate floral tributes.

Memorial Day 2011 was our duty and honor and we had fun doing it.

Henry E. Plant Camp 3

Submitted by Daniel Grable, Secretary/Treasurer

This Spring the Henry E. Plant Camp #3 has become a very busy camp. We have started a couple of big outside projects. One is working on naming the US 31 bypass (US 231) after our namesake Medal of Honor Recipient Henry E. Plant of the Nunica area, whose farm at 120th Avenue and Leonard is on the US 231 route. Camp Commander Richard Scott has appointed a three member committee of John Scott (Chairman), Daniel Grable and Max Rieskie to work on this project.

Our camp's second project is working on the replacing of the Noah Perkins Post #279, Grand Army of the Republic monument in the Spring Lake Cemetery that was vandalized in 1989-1990 and replaced with a tombstone monument with the same information as the original monument. Currently we are trying to find a picture of the original monument.

Meanwhile the brothers of the camp has donate an engraved fundraising memorial brick to be placed at the base of the Fallen Veterans Monument in Grand Haven's Central Park. The Fallen Veterans Monument covers fallen veterans from the area north of the Grand River/M-45 in northern Ottawa County since World War II. Two brothers of our camp Ken Kelly and Max Rieskie chair the Monument committee. Along with our Camp Commander Richard Scott as a committee member. The engraved statement is "To our heroes, Camp #3, SUVCW."

On Friday May 6th the camp conducted a Civil War School Presentation for the 8th graders in the Harbor Light Middle School, West Ottawa School District in the Holland area. We had the President Abraham Lincoln re-enactor appear who works at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn and appears at the Holland Museum's Civil War muster as part of the presentation. President Lincoln gave a presentation on his life. Also appearing during the presentation was U. S. Congressman Robert Dale Owen of SW Indiana ancestor of Henry E. Plant Camp's brother Clifford Owen who portrayed the Congressman. Along with the President and Congressman the camp provided a Presidential Honor Guard for the event. The Honor Guard members consisted of Captain Richard Scott, Jonathan Scott and Daniel Grable.

Memorial Day Weekend found the camp very busy. On Saturday the Camp attended the dedication of the Muskegon County Medal of Honor Recipients plaque located in the Veterans Memorial Park in Fruitport. The Plaque placement was Co-Chaired by our PCC Max Rieskie, Commander of the VFW Polar Bear Post #3734 of Fruitport. The Medal of Honor recipients included Civil War veteran Corporal Alexander U. McHale of Company H, 26th Michigan Infantry and Korean War veteran Corporal Duane Dewey of U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Co. E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced). Both of the veterans served from Muskegon.

During the ceremony Brother Max Rieskie read the citation of Medal of Honor Recipient Dewey. Mr. Dewey, one of two living MOH recipients in the State of Michigan, then spoke on his actions in Korea. Later LTC (Ret.) Max Rieskie in his military uniform put on his VFW cap and explained the fact that the Post started as a Post of the Polar Bear Veterans Organization. Later he put on his SUVCW kepi and read McHale's Citation on capturing of a Confederate flag at Spotsylvania Court House. Rieskie then explained the significance of the flag in battle.

Cub Scout of Pack 4023 and Henry E. Plant Camp #3 Junior Member Richard Rieskie had the honor of unveiling the plaque during the ceremonies.

The whole event was filmed for showing on a local low power TV station. The camp also took a picture of the brothers present along with Medal of Honor recipient Duane Dewey surrounding the Muskegon County Medal of Honor Recipient plaque. Brother Rieskie hopes to get this picture in SUVCW's The Banner.

On Memorial Day Sunday Brothers Daniel Grable and Kenneth Kelly attended the Tri-Cities Memorial Worship Service held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grand Haven. Kenneth Kelly is the Adjutant for the Grand Haven Memorial Day activities. The sermon was entitled "What Do We Remember?" It was based on Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and the Minister talked about when and how the Bible tells us to remember God and Jesus and he connected it to the remembering of those military personnel that never returned from the wars the United States fought in.

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The camp also participated in the Parade and Ceremonies in Spring Lake. Brothers Daniel Grable (American flag), Ronald Bellenger (Camp Flag) and Jonathan Scott (Color Guard) formed the color Guard for the entire Parade. They were followed by a group of Veterans with a portion riding their motorcycles along with Parade Marshall 90 year old World War II veteran Martin Czinder.

The parade went from downtown Spring Lake to the Spring Lake Cemetery where the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee conducted the local ceremonies with the Camp's assistance. After the introduction of Mr. Czinder the Camp flags were officially placed on the platform. Later in the program Assistant Chaplain John Baldus read General John Logan's General Order #11 and Brother Grable placed the memorial wreath in honor of the deceased veterans.

The Gun Salute during the ceremonies were conducted by our camp Brothers Donald Ogden (who used a actual Civil War rifle), Jonathan Scott and John Baldus under the command of Camp Commander Richard Scott. At the end of the service Brother Grable raised the cemetery's American and MIA-POW flags from half staff to full staff.

Then due to the fact that Mr. Czinder was born on Memorial Day 90 years ago those in attendance sang Happy Birthday.

The Camp concluded our Memorial Day activities with our annual camp picnic. It is in honor of our 18 years of existence. It was held at Central Park next to the cemetery. We had eight brothers and relatives in attendance. We all had a very enjoyable time.

Robert Finch Camp 14

Submitted by Wm. E. Skillman, PCC, Patriotic Instructor, and Signals Officer

Camp 14's roster as of June 1, 2011 shows 50 Brothers present. 42 are Members and 8 are Associates. Our next gathering will be the Camp 14 Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 23rd. It will be held in Lake Ann at the local historical society grounds.

On March 29th, Chris Czopek gave his presentation: "*General Grant's Indian Sharpshooters*" at the Charlevoix Public Library. The event was well attended by the community and members of the Ogitchedaw Warriors Society from Saginaw. Commander Aurand answered questions about the SUVCW and handed out Camp 14 brochures.

On April 11th, the Traverse City Record Eagle newspaper began running a series of articles written by Loraine Anderson, a former Mayville classmate of PDC Rick Greene, about Traverse City's role during the Civil War.

Commander Aurand, Sec. Jenkins and Brother Jim Ribby traveled to Lansing to participate in the 'kick off' Civil War Sesquicentennial festivities on April 15th.

Camp 14 has been extremely busy throughout the month of May.

On May 7th, the long awaited grave dedication ceremony to honor Company 'K' warriors, John Jacko and William Isaacs was conducted under sunny skies. The ceremony commenced with the steady drumming and songs from the Grand Traverse Band Medicine Lodge Singers. Immediately following Cindy Patek and Doris Winslow performed their own tribute to their ancestor, John Jacko. Tom Jenkins, serving as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed family and friends of the veterans, as well as the Boyne City American Legion Post 22, and Peshawbetown's Eagletown Post 120. Representing the Dept of Michigan; Commander Don Shaw and Senior Vice Commander Dave Arnold were in attendance. Lt. Dean Lamphere and 6 members of the 14th Michigan SVR joined the Camp 14 Honor guards; under the command of Major Fred Leyh. Over 40 Brothers and associated order members participated, in addition to 100 descendents, tribal members and guests. Chris Czopek described his efforts to locate the graves of the veterans. He complimented the staff of the Boyne City Clerk's office who assisted him sorting thru the historical and Maple Lawn cemetery records until they successfully located the graves that had lain unmarked and forgotten for over a century. MC Jenkins turned the event over to CC Aurand, who ordered the bugle to sound the '*Attention*' and for the GAR ceremony to commence.

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Following the ceremony descendents and visitors alike stepped forward to compliment all of the participant's for their "professionalism, dedication and deeply moving presentation". Immediately following the GAR ceremony, Major Leyh and

Lt. Lamphere led the Honor Guard to the grave of William Isaacs, where Chris Czopek gave a brief description of Isaacs service, followed by a 3 volley salute and "Taps".

The May (14th) meeting was devoted to the 'After Action Report' of the Jacko-Isaacs ceremony. Everybody was very pleased with the complimentary coverage of the event by the Record Eagle and other community papers. We were informed that news of the ceremony had circulated to an even wider audience through the 'moccasin telegraph' via our new friends from Peshawbetown. Bill Skillman's topic was entitled: "*Special Service-Civil War 'Snipers'-North and South*". Bill described the various tactics developed by Civil War sharpshooters that have evolved into U.S. military sniper doctrine today. He showed an original 1858 target rifle with a telescopic sight (the same used by Union specialist-sharpshooters) and the various special tools needed to make it deadly out to 1000 yards. He then presented the Confederate's counterpart-a Whitworth rifle (imported from Great Britain and costing \$1000, only 36 were issued to the very best shots in the Army of Northern Virginia).

Despite \$4 a gallon gas, 6 Brothers drove to Lansing to participate in the 122nd Department Encampment on May 20– 21. Delegates were Commander Dale Aurand, PCC Neal Breaugh, SVC George Goodrich, Secretary Tom Jenkins, and Brother Jerry Grieve. Commander Shaw appointed members to the Committees on Bylaws, Officers Reports, and Resolutions; Brother Skillman assisted PDC Gary Gibson on the Resolutions Committee. Camp 14 Brothers elected or appointed to Department Offices include CC Aurand (as Department Guide) and Sec. Tom Jenkins as Department Council member.

On Saturday May 28th, CC Aurand, Sec. Jenkins and Brother Jerry Grieve carried the National, State and Camp colors during the opening session of the National Soccer Administrators Conference at the Grand Traverse Resort. The next day, Brother Jenkins also presented a history of Memorial (Decoration) Day to the congregation of Williamsburg United Methodist Church. Brother Jenkins recited the poem, "*A Soldier Died Today*" that deeply touched all of those present.

Camp 14 was active throughout northwest Michigan on Memorial Day. SVC Goodrich was in Honor, while the Morse family led ceremonies in Lake Ann. A large contingent of Brothers and Francis Finch volunteers traveled to the tip of the Leelanau peninsula to participate in Northport's Memorial Day ceremonies. George Anderson and Neal Breaugh had been working together since 2005 to enlist Camp 14's participation in the annual event. Each year the community devotes recognition of the veterans of one of America's wars who are buried at the Leelanau Township cemetery. This year's theme was the Civil War. Keynote speaker, Jerry Dennis, attired in a Confederate cap, (in honor of his Arkansas ancestors), did an excellent job of describing the economic and social pressures that finally dragged the country into armed conflict in 1861. He then provided a synopsis of the War through surrender of Robert E. Lee and the assassination of President Lincoln. Neal & Emily Breaugh, Dale & Lorraine Aurand, Tom Jenkins and Bill Watson manned the Camp 14 information tent; while Don Gray, Jim Ribby, Paul Timmerman and Chris Skillman comprised the Honor Guard.

Camp 14's Photo Gallery: May 2011



CC Aurand, Dept. C. Shaw and DSVC Arnold enjoy a break



Scott Swander and his son play 'Amazing Grace' on Native flutes
(Jan White photos)



DSVC Arnold, Lt. D. Lamphere, Ken Martin, Len & Jon McInerney, Don Londo, Jim Pahl, DC Don Shaw and CC Aurand pay tribute to William Isaacs, Co. 'K' 1st MI SS. (Jan White photo)



Brian White makes a tobacco offering to John Jacko



Colors: Jan White, Skip Bryant, Anthony Bonecutter, Front rank: Fred Leyh, John Dyle, Chris Skillman, Brian White, Paul Timmerman, and Dean Lamphere. Rear rank: Jim Pahl, Ken Martin, Len McInerney, Dan Wambaugh and Jim Ribby (WES photo)



Medicine Lodge Singers honor the memory of John Jacko



Memorial Day in Northport: Front Rank: Chris Skillman, Paul Timmerman, Don Gray, Jim Ribby, Bill Skillman, Rear Rank: Tom Jenkins, Bill Watson, Dale Aurand, Gary Clark (who traveled from Alto, MI), Neal Breugh (photo by L. Aurand)

Nash - Hodges Camp 43
Submitted by Butch Miller, PCC, Secretary



The Macon Michigan Memorial Day Program held on May 22.
right PCC Butch Miller, JVC Kim Frye, Commander Gary Naugle, Bob Elliott, PCC Gary Holmes and Tim Ernst.



The Blissfield Michigan parade and ceremony L to R JVC Kim Frye, PCC Butch Miller, Tim Ernst, Dakota Hill and PCC Gary Holmes.



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While some members were in Tecumseh for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony, some others marched and took part in the Palmyra, Blissfield and Riga parade and ceremonies.

U.S. Grant Camp 67

Submitted by Paul Davis, Camp and Department Secretary

U.S. Grant Camp 67 Goes To School

As part of its Adopt A School Program, members from U.S. Grant Camp 67 presented five living history presentations to eighth grade history classes as Freeland Middle School in Freeland Michigan.

Approximately 150 students from Mr. Phil Schwedler's history classes participated in demonstrations and hands on activities concerning the Civil War and its importance in life today.

In addition, local ABC television affiliate TV-12 attended the day long presentations and video taped a 2 minute segment which they broadcast to announce the beginning of the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Civil War.



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U.S. Grant Camp 67 Keeps Green The Memory

Members of U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 along with the Bay City Boy Scout Troop 108 performed a Rededication Service for Corporal Edwin Buzzard 16th New York Heavy Artillery at the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Bay City, Michigan.

In attendance was Edwin's relative, Earl Clarey of Midland, Michigan.

Earl is pictured standing between Rev. Charles Buckhan, U.S. Grant Camp 67 and Paul Davis, Department of Michigan Secretary.



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On Memorial Day, U.S. Grant Camp 67 also honored Civil War Veterans by laying a wreath at the G.A.R. monument in the Oak Wood Cemetery in Saginaw, Michigan in remembrance and to also keep green the memory of those who served.

Henry F. Wallace Camp #160
Submitted by Gary A. Granger, Chaplain



THE Civil War was represented Monday, May 30, at the Vernon and Owosso Memorial Day parades by members of the SUCVW Henry F. Wallace Camp 160, Corunna. Monday morning was the Corunna parade and the Owosso parade was held beginning at 6 p.m. that evening. Gathered here with a flag draped limber dressed in Civil War uniforms just before the start of the Vernon parade are, from left: David Hilliker, Gary Granger, Max Newman, Les Curtis and Greg Huckins. Huckins is the current camp commander. (Courtesy Photo)



HENRY F. WALLACE Camp #160, Corunna, Michigan was represented at the May 19-20, 2011 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Michigan 122nd Encampment held at Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing. Gathered here are SUCVW Department of Michigan Commander Don Shaw; Henry F. Wallace Camp Commander Greg Huckins and Henry F. Wallace Past Camp Commander and current Chaplain Gary A. Granger. At the Encampment Brother Granger was appointed to serve as SUCVW Department of Michigan Patriotic Instructor. (Courtesy Photo)

Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427

By Rick Danes, CC

2011 shows 33 events already scheduled, including three headstone dedications (we helped order over a dozen headstones last year) – this does not include Eagle Awards Ceremonies and other “add-ons”. The Camp awarded two eagle Certificates this past quarter, and has one scheduled for June.



On May 14th, Camp Members escorted Brother Jack Underwood to the headstone re-dedication of his ancestor, Corporal William Hardin Wells, Company D, 5th Tennessee Infantry in Maryville, Tennessee. The event was conducted by the Major William Anderson McTeeter Camp Number 39, Department of Tennessee. Other participants included representatives from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Tent Number 3 - Knoxville; the Captain W. Y. C. Hannum Chapter 1881, United Daughters of the Confederacy; the General James Longstreet Chapter, Children of the Confederacy; the Daughters of the American Revolution. Brother Underwood is shown here addressing the attendees.

In May, Camp 427 welcomed our 42nd Member. John H. McGill is a 2nd Great Grandson of James McCartin (McCarty), who was a Private in Company D, 2nd Vermont Infantry. His mother is Elizabeth McGill, a member of the Sarah M. W. Sterling Tent #3, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We welcome John and Elizabeth to our family!



Camp 427 continues to serve the Order and the Wayne County area, providing Eagle Certificates, marching in parades, and holding public ceremonies, and educating the public about the Civil War

Department Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Your Department Graves Registration Committee met on June 11 at the Capitol Area Library in Lansing. Those attending were Jerry Jacobs Camp 427, Dick Williams Camp 58, Jim Petrimoulx Camp 67, Chris Czopek and Gary Copenhaver Camp 17, George Allen and Dick Hutchins Camp 120, Gary Christianson Camp 462, Jim Jackson Camp 22, Tomj Jenkins Camp 14, and Charles Waters Camp 7.

I hope that even if you cannot attend our quarterly meetings, you and your Camps are starting or continuing the work started by our forefathers in documenting the last resting places of the heroes of the War of Insurrection 1861 - 1865.

What better way to honor them and bring attention to the work of the Order!

Stay Safe!!

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.

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Linda Kronberg Receives ASUVCW 'Bridget Award'

Submitted by Helen Granger, ASUVCW Department of Michigan Press Correspondent

At the May 20-21 2011 Allied Orders Department of Michigan Encampment and Conventions Sister Linda Kronberg was presented with the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 'Bridget Award.' Each year the ASUVCW Bridget Award is given to the Sister who has served with commitment and dedication to advance the ASUVCW goals and who assists the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with its goals.

Kronberg, who has served the ASUVCW in several capacities over the past 15 years, is a member of ASUVCW Nash-Hodge #43 and ASUVCW Austin Blair #7. She is a very active member and has held the offices of President (Nash-Hodge for seven years), Vice President, Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, Secretary and Guard.

At the ASUVCW Department of Michigan level she served as vice-president and for the past six years.

On the National ASUVCW level she is currently serving as the ASUVCW Patriotic Instructor, prior to that she served as National ASUVCW Chaplain. "As a member of the ASUVCW I am dedicated to preserving the history of the Civil War and in the patriotic history started by the Grand Army of the Republic," she said when interviewed for this article.

Kronberg is also an Honorary Member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Juliette E. Stevens Tent #14.

Kronberg is also a Civil War re-enactor. She is a member of the General Ulysses S. Grant Contingent our of Corunna, Mich., and is a member of the 4th Michigan Company G/8th Georgia re-enactors and another group – the 18th Michigan/2nd Maryland. As part of her re-enacting she participates in several annual Civil War events:

Memorial Day Parades and events:

Coldwater, Michigan – The 18th Michigan hosts the annual Civil War Days at the county fairgrounds. There is a School Day presentation held Memorial Day weekend. She portrays a Civil War nurse.

On Father's Day weekend is the annual Will Carlton Poorhouse Civil War Days event in Hillsdale, Mich.,. The event is held on the grounds of the historic Will Carlton Poorhouse. She has helped coordinate this event with the 18th Michigan again portraying a Civil War nurse.

For a number of years she participated in the annual Curwood Festival, Owosso, as part of its Pioneer Area display with the General Ulysses S. Grant Contingent.

In August is the annual Jackson Civil War Muster. At this event she assists members of the SUVCW and the ASUVCW. In September she serves the annual Grand Rogue Historic Timeline event held in Grand Rapids. She participates in its annual Friday School Day presentation and during the Saturday, Sunday event. She portrays a Civil War camp civilian. In October is the annual President Rutherford B. Hayes Civil War Muster event, Freemont, Ohio. I portray a Civil War civilian at that event with the 4th Michigan re-enactor group.

She has traveled throughout Michigan and Ohio and to Gettysburg, Pa., among other states to participate in various Civil War events and re-enactments and has done Civil War presentations at schools, libraries, museums and cemetery tours. "It has been a great honor to serve as ASUVCW Department of Michigan President for so long. However, I am really looking forward to serving on the ASUVCW Department Council now and turning things over to the new President! I look forward to working with her, and helping out in whatever way possible," she concluded.

Kronberg will also continue to serve on the Department of Michigan Encampment/Allied Orders Conventions Committee.



Linda M. Kronberg
ASUVCW Past Department President
ASUVCW National Patriotic Instructor

KAREN HAMANN ELECTED ASUVCW MI PRESIDENT

*Submitted by Helen Granger, ASUVCW Department of Michigan
Press Correspondent*



**New Department President
Karen Hamann**

Karen Hamann of Adrian has been named 2011-2012 Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans (ASUVCW) Department of Michigan President. Her nomination was confirmed at the May 20-21 Allie Orders Encampment and Conventions held in Lansing.

Hamann has been an ASUVCW member since 2003. She has dual membership. She originally joined Austin Blair #7 (in 2003) and became a dual member of Nash-Hodge #43 (since 2009).

Over the years she served as Patriotic Instructor and the President of Austin Blair and Secretary and President of Nash-Hodge.

At the department level she has held positions of Patriotic Instructor and Vice-President and now President.

She is married to Dan Hamann. Children include: daughter Heather Britton, son Daniel Watkins (current Patriotic Instructor for Austin Blair #7) and Kyle Publitz a junior member of Austin Blair and Nash-Hodge.

Commenting on her election, Hamann said: " I am honored to be elected President of the ASUVCW Department of Michigan for 2011-2012. I realize I am following in some pretty large footprints, and will do my very best to support our Brother organization the SUVCW in whatever way possible. And, to continue the very close relationship the auxiliary shares with all our Brothers. I look forward to the challenges this year will bring, my first trip to the National Encampment, and working with all the Allied Orders in our common purpose to "keep green the memory" of our Boys in Blue as well as Patriotic and Charitable activities for our current Veterans."



NEW Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Department of Michigan Officers were elected at the May 19-20, 2011 Encampment/Conventions held in Lansing at Great Lakes Christian College. Gathered here (from left) are: Treasurer Vicki Weiss of Austin Blair #7, Secretary Karol "KZ" Bolton of Nash-Hodges #43, Patriotic Instructor Mary Rose of Frances Finch #9, President Karen Hamann of Austin Blair, PDP/Council 1 Linda Kronberg of Nash-Hodges and Austin Blair, PDP/Council 2 Dorothy Lowe of Austin Blair and Council 3 Judith Jenkins of Frances Finch. Not shown is Counselor 1 PC in C SUVCW Jim Pahl. Lowe also serves as Counselor 2. Emily C. Breaugh (not in photo) of Frances Finch serves as Department Chaplain. Helen A. Granger (also not shown) continues another year as Department Press Correspondent. Kronberg and Marilyn Kay Smith of Nash-Hodges serve as Department Historians. (Courtesy Photo/Helen A. Granger)

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Brothers,

I regret to inform you of the passing of another Michigan brother, 88 year-old Dr. Weldon Petz:

Dr. Weldon Petz. Weldon died April 28, 2011, in Farmington Hills, MI, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, two children and four grandchildren. He was a member of the SUVCW by virtue of an uncle who was in the 5th NY Art. Band. The musical gene was passed down to Weldon who served in the 8th USAAC Special Services Band during WW II, then as a musician in the Jimmy Dorsey Band. He recorded with such notables as Ella Fitzgerald and Glen Miller.

Although a teacher and school principal in Farmington and Detroit, he is best known as an eminent Lincoln scholar, collector of Lincolniana, writer and lecturer. His enthusiastic stories about touring Michigan and collecting pictures and histories of Lincoln-related sites and monuments fascinated all who heard him speak. His efforts were put into book form in "Seeking Lincoln in Michigan" and "Michigan Remembers Lincoln". He donated his extensive collection of Lincoln memorabilia to the Plymouth Historical Museum prior to his death.

Brother Petz was a Life Member of Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp No. 427, having transferred there after US Grant Camp No. 101 disbanded. He was also an Honorary Companion of MOLLUS. Interment took place May 3 in the Franklin (MI) Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin, MI 48025 God Bless the USA!

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William "Bill" B. McFee, PCC, Chaplain'

Department of Michigan SUVCW

