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Commander's Comments

Paul "Dave" Arnold DC

Department of Michigan , Brothers and Camps:

With the Memorial Day Holiday now behind us. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of your hard work in regards to holding or participating in Memorial Day events in you local communities.

I think a passage from the address "The National Day of Memorial" given by a post commander in 1917 says it best, and reminds us of our duties on and to Memorial Day.....

"This is the national day of memorial - the time when in mind and thought our glorious past is made to live again, and the noble men who molded and shaped its destiny, though dead, are to memory once more instinct with life and being. It is the hour when a nation awakes to the remembrance of deeds of heroism performed in its defense; the day when a loyal people grateful for service rendered to their country, unite to honor their patriot dead, to enrich and ennoble their own lives by recalling a public valor and a private worth that are immortal, and to encourage, by their solemn services, a more zealous and abiding patriotism in the heart and life of every American citizen."

Gentlemen: You can be proud of your efforts of "Keeping Green the Memory" of the Grand Army of the Republic, our ancestors and all those that have served our country and are now departed.....

It has been a busy time since the Department Encampment. The most important issue to arise is that of charitable donations to subordinate groups of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This includes Departments, Camps and SVR units operating within the Department of Michigan. In brief, the IRS has ruled that although still holding 501 C (4) tax exempt status, that charitable donations to subordinate groups of the SUVCW are no longer tax deductible regarding the public or private sector donations.

That expenses incurred by Department and Camp Officers, Camp Members and Sons of Veterans Reserve Units are no longer tax deductible. This includes mileage, vehicle and travel expenses, hotel rooms, uniforms, meals and other associated expenses.

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We were also instructed by the National Organization to place a disclaimer on all Department and Camp Websites. *"Although having 501 c (4) Tax Exempt status. Donations to the Department of Michigan – Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, its Camps or Sons of Veterans Reserve Units operating within the Department of Michigan. (Are Not Tax Deductible)"*.

If your camp website is managed by the SUVCW Department Web master, this has been done for you. For those Camps managing their own websites. A directive was sent out instructing camp signal officers to post this as soon as possible. A more in depth summation of the IRS ruling was sent out to all camp commanders & secretaries, requesting it be distributed to all members either electronically or by conventional mail, as well as covered in the next camp meeting. Please refer to Department Correspondence of April 20, 2012 and National Counselors Opinion IV of 4-19-2012. This issue is being vigorously addressed by the National Organization in regards to finding a resolution. As of this writing I have received no other updates from the National Organization. As updates become available they will be sent out to all members.....

I am excited to announce that the New Department Membership Brochure has been printed and is now available for distribution. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up a high quality, 2 sided color brochure, printed on 80 lb glossy paper at an incredible price of approx 11cents per brochure. They will be shrink wrapped to assist with storage. This is the same brochure that was distributed at the Department Encampment or sent to your camp to share and view with your membership.

(I might add that the final copy turned out even better than the proof that was furnished to you).

Gentlemen, to put it in perspective. This is within a penny of the price that many big box printers charge for a one sided, black and white copy. Our intent was to make this as affordable as possible so camps, no matter what the size or budget could afford to purchase and distribute these. They will be offered for sale in quantities of 100. At this incredible price, why not order at least 100 and give it a try. If it is not within your Camp budget, maybe a *Pass the Hat* would be appropriate.

The cost will be, \$11.00 per hundred brochures, plus shipping. As mentioned they will be shrink wrapped.

Shipping costs will be as follows;

100 brochures = \$5.15

300 brochures = \$9.50

500 brochures = \$11.35

Orders and Payment should be sent to:

**Bruce Gosling
20388 E. US, Hwy 12
White Pigeon, Mi
49099**

An email was sent out to Camp Commanders containing the promotional flier and order information.

A flier is also included in this months Michigan's Messenger.

There is an order form attached to the lower part of the Flier

(Please fill it out and include it when sending in your order to Bruce Gosling).....

An update regarding House Bill 5404 - Access to Land Locked Cemeteries. The bill would prohibit a land division or plat that isolates a cemetery so that it is not accessible and instead require that cemeteries be served by easements that provide vehicular access." As of this writing, the bill has passed the Michigan House of Representatives and now is being forwarded to the Michigan Senate for further action.

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Department Orders #1

Series 2012 – 2013

Paul "Dave" Arnold, Commander

Headquarters, Lansing, MI

2 April 2012

- 1) Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
- 2) Department Headquarters is transferred to 710 Mitchell Ave, #10, Lansing Michigan, 48917.
- 3) **General correspondence regarding Department issues should be sent to Department of Michigan Secretary, Dennis Fyke, 4966 Pelham St., Dearborn Heights Michigan 48125.**
Email correspondence the same at: suvcw-secretary@comcast.net
- 4) I would like to congratulate our new slate of elected and appointed officers, and sincerely thank the outgoing officers for the time and energy that they have devoted to our Order during their terms in office..
- 5) I would like to thank outgoing Commander, Donald Shaw for the superb job he has done in guiding our Department over the past two years. I would also like to thank all of the Department of Michigan brothers, who took time out of their busy schedules to attend and carry out the work of the order at the 123rd Department of Michigan Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan on March 31st, 2012.
- 6) A reminder of the 56th annual **Lincoln Tomb Ceremony**, sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS commemorating the 146th anniversary of President Lincoln's death. The ceremony will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield Illinois at 10am on **Saturday, April 14th, 2012**. Further information is available on the National website under SUVCW National Events.
- 7) The **2012 National Encampment** will be held **August 9th - 11th, 2012** at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, in Los Angeles California. Registration is now open. Further information is available on the National website under SUVCW National Events.
- 8) In closing, **Memorial Day, (May 30th, 2012)** will soon be upon us. I would like to encourage all camps and brothers to participate in events and ceremonies in your respective communities, "Keeping Green the Memory" of our Civil War ancestors, the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as other service members who are now departed.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

Paul D. Arnold

Department Commander

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: Dennis Fyke

Secretary,

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Orders # 2



Series 2012 – 20133

Paul "Dabe" Arnold, Commander

*Headquarters, Flint, Mi**5 May 2012*

1) Department of Michigan, Brothers and Camps. At the 123rd Department of Michigan Encampment held in Lansing on March 31st, 2012, a Bylaws change was approved creating a position of Department Aide in regards to ceremonies, protocols and procedures. **The new Article XX, section 6 reads as follows. "Section 6. The Department Commander shall appoint a Department Aide who has knowledge of Civil War infantry drill and of the various ceremonies used by the Order wherein uniformed Camp Guards participate. The Department Aide shall serve as a coordinator between various Camp Guards as they participate in Department functions and shall serve as Commanding Officer of the combined Camp Guards at Department functions. The Department Aide shall also coordinate uniformed activities with any SVR units participating in Department activities and shall place himself under the authority of the senior SVR officer present at such events. The Department Aide may offer instruction to the various Camp Guards in practices, protocols and procedures in conducting public ceremonies of all types."**

I would like to announce the appointment of Keith Harrison, PCC, PDC, PCinC to fill this position. Brother Keith's experience in major leadership positions within the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Veterans Reserve and also in the area of military procedure, protocol and drill will serve the Department well as we move forward this position.

2) As you know, one of the most important holidays that we as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War participate in, is that of **Memorial Day, on May 30th** of each year. Created by General John Logan with the issuance of General Order #11, our ritual book is quite clear in regards to our responsibilities as members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

" 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."

I would encourage Camps and Members to honor those that have served our country and have gone before us, by participating in Memorial Services in your local communities. An address that puts things in crystal clear perspective of the true meaning of Memorial Day is located on our Department website. It is entitled "**The National Day of Memorial**" I would recommend highly, that you take the time to read this address and share it with others.

3) Just a reminder that submissions to **Michigan's Messenger** for Department Officers, Camps and Members are due June 1, 2012 for a June 15th publication date.

4) The next **Graves Registration Meeting** is on June 9th at 10am at the downtown branch of the Capitol Area District Library located at 401 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing Michigan.

5) The new **Department Membership Brochure** is finalized and has been sent to the printer. As soon as it arrives and is available for ordering and distribution, information will be sent out in the form of a Department Correspondence as to the final price, shipping costs etc, as well as who to send your order information to.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty:

Paul D. Arnold, PCC, Commander
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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Dennis Fyke
Secretary
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Senior Vice Commander's Quips
By Paul Davis

Brothers of the Department of Michigan. I would first like to express my appreciation to you for your confidence in selecting me to be your DSVC.

We have hit the road running.

Department Commander Arnold has given me several assignments already and we are busy fulfilling his requests and representing the Department at events where he has been otherwise obligated.

Among the projects assigned, is the development of a training program for Camp Guards to ensure the accuracy and consistency of execution during the various activities of the Order where Camp Guards are utilized.

As your DSVC, we have attended a number of events representing the Department of Michigan. Among these were the Memorial Service on Sunday, May 13th at the Cambridge Cemetery adjacent to the St. Michaels and All Angels Church which dates to the Civil War era. We remembered and honored 15 Civil War soldiers interred there. The salute was rendered by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, 14th Michigan Company A and re-enactors participating in the Walker Tavern event that weekend in Brooklyn, Michigan. Gary Naugle, Commander of Nash-Hodges Camp 43 presided.

On Saturday, May 19th, we attended a Headstone Rededication Service for William Meaker, 5th Michigan Infantry and Abram Polley, 6th Michigan Cavalry at the Fairview Cemetery in Linden. The ceremony was organized by the Daughters of Union Veterans and performed jointly with the Daughters and Brothers of Crapo Camp 145, Robert May, Camp Commander. The SVR was also present to fire a musket salute.

If I may be of assistance to any Camps, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Yours in F. C. & L.

Paul Davis
DSVC
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Junior Vice Commander
By Dale L. Aurand

As your Dept. Jr. Vice Commander one of my responsibilities is promoting Camp membership. At the 2012 Encampment the Dept. authorized the printing of a blanket brochure for use of the camps. The new brochure has already been distributed to some of the Camps for their use at various functions. I urge all Camps to pursue getting this new, helpful and affordable item for their use.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the course of this next year

*Editor's Note: I have included all officer's and Camp reports in this volume. Because of the wonderful interest in providing articles to publish, not all items that were sent could be printed. I will include them in future editions of Michigan's Messenger as space allows.
Thank you for your interest. RD*

Civil War Memorials

By Bruce B. Butgereit, PCC, PDC

At the dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 17, 1885, Major Charles W. Watkins of the 10th Michigan Cavalry spoke the following words –

“...Most nations erect monuments to their great leaders; but today in this memorial we recognize no one above the other, and in ages hence, when every person here has been laid in his final resting place, the stranger within the city's gates, or the prattling child, as they pass by, may ask, Whose monument is that? And the response will be – That monument is erected in honor of the soldiers of Kent County, whose valor made it possible for us to live today in this beautiful, peaceful and prosperous city, under the stars and stripes, fitting emblem of a Union of States and a Nation's authority....”

...that so long as grass grows and water runs, the deeds of the soldiers will be kept fresh and green in the hearts of the people....”

One can imagine that similar words were spoken at each of the countless dedication ceremonies for other Civil War Memorials that occurred across the United States.

As a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the words of Major Watkins and others are a challenge to each of us to ensure that we are fulfilling the duties of the Memorials Officer – locating and assessing the Memorials erected in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic and those that helped preserve the Union in 1861-1865 and when necessary, notifying local authorities of the need for restoration or preservation.

To assist each Camp Memorials Officer, I have created a Handbook of Instruction that will be sent out in June. This handbook is not the definitive answer to every question but created to serve as a “help” in the duties of the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer.

As in all things, effort must be applied for its success. The content of this handbook should not be read as another demand on your time, but a guide to what can be done as a Memorials Officer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In assessing where the Department is in regards to our CW Memorials program, we have some work to do and together we will accomplish it. I will be sending out email communication to each Camp Memorials Officer and Camp Commander as it is the Commander's responsibility to ensure his Memorials Officer is fulfilling the duties of his position. If your Camp does not have such an officer, it is the Commander's responsibility to assign one per our Ritual.

In case you need a refresher as to the Job Description of the Camp Memorials Officer, here they are:

Purpose -

The purpose of the Camp level Civil War Memorials Officer is to coordinate the locating, physical examination of, and recording of all memorials dedicated to Union Civil War soldiers and sailors (outside the care of the National Military Parks, and the U. S. Departments of Defense, or Veterans' Affairs) within their respective geographic boundaries. This includes all sizes of monuments (with or without sculpture), those with Civil War era cannon and inert ammunition, memorial fountains, memorial buildings, memorial windows (stained glass), historical markers, and even small plaques.



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Activities -

To prevent a duplication of effort on the part of a Camp's membership, the Camp Civil War Memorials Officer should: 1) coordinate the search for, physical examination of, photographing of, and recording of Civil War Memorials (as described above) located within the confines of the Camp's geographical boundaries; 2) maintain observation of care and upkeep for "local" Civil War Memorials - and bring any shortcomings to the attention of the property owners and community government where the memorial is located; 3) provide documentation of location and condition of Civil War Memorials (via SUCVW Form CWM 61) to the Department Civil War Memorials Officer.

Note: As these Job Descriptions have not been updated for many years, I am requiring **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS** of each memorial rather than hardcopies or photocopy images. The quality we will need for the online database requires digital images.

I will be updating the description and purpose of the Memorials page on the website in the next several weeks.

I look forward to working with you in this worthy and necessary project. Thank you.

Please direct any questions, concerns, or ideas to me at:

1691 Summerfield St. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508-6499
(616) 827-3369
civil-war@comcast.net



The SVR at Walker's Tavern

Chaplain's Corner**By Bill McAfee PCC**

PDC Paul Hughes first appointed me Department Chaplain in 1997. I have been honored that succeeding Department Commander-candidates have also asked me to be their chaplain. Each one, when asking the question, got basically the same answer, "Unless you have an ordained minister who wants the job, I'll be honored to serve.", or words to that effect. Fifteen years is a long time for anyone to serve a Department position. It has been a privilege to participate in all the activities in this capacity. Some of the highlights of my service include the camp installations for Dearborn, Monroe, Centreville and Litchfield, funerals for (first) PCC Jack Patch, Camp 7, True Sons PDC Thane La Banta and Ed Blakely, then PDC Jim Lyons and the (re-)marriage of Howard "Rocky" & June Lloyd at the Jackson Muster, etc.

Now it is time for me to retire from this position, at the end of the current fiscal year. Therefore, I am reaching out to someone who might be interested in working with me for the rest of this year as Assistant Department Chaplain with the intent of making himself more eligible for appointment in 2013.

You may ask, "What does the Department Chaplain do?" Well, here's what he IS SUPPOSED TO DO:

Camp Chaplain . The activities of the Camp Chaplain should include: (1) Conducting prayer at all meetings; (2) Conducting grave site services for Brothers and important dignitaries; (3) Conducting memorials for grave dedication or rededication ceremonies of veterans - especially Union veterans; (4) Serving as custodian of the Camp Bible unless assigned to another Camp officer; (5) Preparing an annual necrology of Camp Brothers and submitting the list to Department Chaplain; (6) Serving as coordinator for the Camp's Memorial Day ceremony; (7) Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Rituals and Ceremonials.

Department Chaplain. In addition to the duties of the Camp Chaplain, the activities of the Department Chaplain should also include: (1) Conducting annual memorial service at Department Encampment for deceased Brothers; (2) Providing each Camp Chaplain with information pertinent to their position; (3) Composing articles for Department newsletters as desired by the Department Commander; (4) Preparing an annual necrology of Department Brothers and submitting the list to National Chaplain; (5) Conducting memorial services for current and past officers of the Department; (6) Becoming familiar with the duties of the office as set forth in the Order's Ritual and Ceremonials.

I can't say that I have done all of them. If you are interested in the above-mentioned appointment, please send me an e-mail (thistleis@sprynet.com) or letter (9080 Dorado Ct., Milan, MI 48160) stating your reasons and qualifications. I will make a recommendation to the Department Commander for the appointment.

Bill M^c Afee, Chaplain,
"Serve the Lord with gladness."

**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**

Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at mimessrd@aol.com or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3204

ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME



TAPS

By Bill McAfee PCC, Department Chaplain

Brother Robert "Bob" Mulvihill, D.D.S., died at home (10501 N. Meridian Road., Pleasant Lake, MI 49272) on May 21, 2012. He had been hospitalized since mid-April following a fall at home. Born in Chicago April 11, 1936, Bob attended Kalamazoo College and WMU before receiving his degree at the University of Detroit. While at Kalamazoo, he met and married his life-long friend and companion, Roxie Lou Linderman. They have four sons, eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Not only did he perform in many community theaters, barbershop choruses, quartets and his church choir, he and Roxie performed living history as Gen. (and President) U.S. Grant and Julia Dent Grant. They were familiar personae at many area Civil War activities.

Bob joined Austin Blair Camp No. 7 March 11, 1998, by virtue of his Great Grandfather Pvt. Charles F. Mulvihill, Co. B, 110th New York Vol. Infantry, who served August 13, 1862-August 28, 1865.

Much can be written about Bob including his service in the U.S. Navy, his work as a dentist at the Southern Michigan Prison and his volunteering at Allegiance Health (formerly Foote Hospital) in Jackson. But his pleasant, hale-fellow-well-met personality made him stand out in any crowd, no matter what role he happened to be playing at the time.

A memorial service will be held later this summer.

<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?n=robert-william-mulvihill-bob&pid=157826126> and <http://www.austinblaircamp7.com/> and [Robert Mulvihill, beloved area stage performer and singer, dies at 76 | MLive.com.](#)

Department Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Your Department Graves Registration Committee met on June 9 at the Capitol Area Library in Lansing. Those attending were, Dave Arnold DC, Matt Adair Camp 145, Chris Czopek, Dick Hutchins and George Allen from Camp 120, Jim Jackson Camp 22, Charles Waters Camp 7, Tom Bruce, Camp 20, Tom Jenkins of Camp 14, Jim Petrimoulx Camp 67, Jerry Jacobs of Camp 427, Bruce Butgereit PDC, Dick Williams of Camp 58, and Gary Copenhaver from Camp 17. At that time I reported that the current database contains 63,529 records, including 60,148 Civil War and 3,381 other war entries.

Of special note was a discussion about changes in the requirements established by the VA in ordering headstones.

Future 2012 meeting dates are set for September 8 and December 8. 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!!

General John A. Logan Camp No. 1

Submitted by; Bruce B. Butgereit, Secretary

The Purpose and Objects of our Order state in part: "To perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the men who saved the Union 1861 to 1865...to cooperate in doing honor to all who have patriotically served our country in any war; to teach patriotism, and the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and the love and honor of our Flag..."

In aligning ourselves with that charge, the members of our Camp have participated in or sponsored the following events –

January 14 – Civil War Saturday. Sponsored by the Public Museum of Grand Rapids. Event included displays from Camp 1, the WRC Champlin Corps No. 41, and the Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS and living history interaction as provided History Remembered, Inc.

January 21 – The Civil War in Person. Sponsored by History Remembered, Inc. Event at the Michigan Historical Center included displays from Camp 1, WRC Champlin Corps No. 41, Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS and the Department of Michigan SUVCW. Living history interaction provided by History Remembered, Inc and members of the 7th Michigan, Co. B, Inc.

February 27 – In Their Words – The Story of Annie Etheridge, Civil War Nurse. Program sponsored by Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17. Presenters included members of Camp 1 and Corps No. 41.

March 3 – In Their Words – The Story of Annie Etheridge, Civil War Nurse. Program sponsored by West Michigan Genealogical Society. Presenters included members of Camp 1 and Corps No. 41.

April 12 – The Michigan Soldier in Our Civil War. Living history program sponsored by the Cub Scouts of Woodcliff Elementary School. Presenters were members of Camp 1.

April 14 – Lincoln Death Day. Program sponsored by the SUVCW and MOLLUS. Attended by Bruce B. Butgereit of Camp 1.

April 16 – In Their Words – The Story of Annie Etheridge, Civil War Nurse. Program sponsored by West Michigan Genealogical Society. Presenters included members of Camp 1 and Corps No. 41.

May 4 – The Michigan Soldier in Our Civil War. Living history program sponsored by the City of Grand Rapids Sister Cities Committee. Presenters were members of Camp 1 and shared information about the 102nd USCT with representatives from Ghana.

May 10, 16, & 17 – Junior ROTC Presentations. One cadet from Union, Creston and Ottawa Hills High Schools received the SUVCW JrROTC award. Commander Truss presented two awards and Memorials Officer Bruce B. Butgereit presented the other.

May 23 – Flag Placement. Sponsored by the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Over 5,000 graves are decorated with a flag by hundreds of Boy and Girl Scouts in less than 15 minutes. Each headstone receives a salute from the youngster. Commander Truss and Brothers Chet Trybus and Bruce B. Butgereit were joined by Sisters Wenda Fore, Jeannine Trybus and Marcia Butgereit in placing flowers at the Civil War monument in the cemetery and posting a Color Guard. The kids enjoy having their photo taken with the "soldiers." It is an emotional moment when at 7 PM, Taps from multiple trumpets echoes across the grounds.



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The Grand Rapids Home for Veterans
Over 5,000 soldiers buried there; 2,412 from the Civil War



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May 28 – “Keeping Green the Memory” Memorial Tour. Memorial Day found the Camp conducting 5 ceremonies in 4 cemeteries with assistance from Corps 41 and the Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS. Each man had never before received a headstone. Linda Haney of Pillars of Honor conducted the research for Olive Township.

Blain Cemetery –

Pvt. John Isaac Cutler (3rd Michigan Infantry, Co. G) Following the Third's stint in Troy, NY to guard over the draft, John Cutler wrote an open letter to the citizens of Troy, dated September 16, 1863. The part I thought the most defining of the man was as follows: *“We came cheerfully to your city, and you are well aware we came cheerfully away; we are now going cheerfully to the field of battle; and, led by our noble commander, I trust we will, if need be, go cheerfully to our graves in defense of our much afflicted country.”*

Olive Cemetery – (Participant photo below)

Pvt. Enoch L. Rhoades (4th Michigan Cavalry, Co. K) I never knew that the entire Fourth Michigan Cavalry went after Confederate President Jefferson Davis but the Col. Benjamin Pritchard hand-picked 128 men to take on this task. Enoch Rhoades was one of them.

Pvt. Lewis D. Rhoades (1st Michigan E&M, Co. E) The maximum age of enlistment in the Union Army was 44 years. Lewis Rhoades enlisted at the age of 52.

West Olive Cemetery –

Pvt. George Hyde (9th Michigan Cavalry, Co. E)

Pvt. Cornelius Claus (1st Michigan Lt. Artillery, Co. E)



Oakhill Cemetery –

Pvt. Richard Soy (106th New York Infantry, Co. A) This man claimed his age was 36 at the time of enlistment although he was 49 years old. The record stated gray hair and gray eyes. (Photo to the right).

Pvt. Orrin Potter (Dixon's Regiment, Captain Jonathan Prentis Jr.'s 2nd Co. of Infantry, Vermont Detached Militia, War of 1812) The Stephen Preston Chapter of the United Daughters of 1812 participated in this ceremony.

Cascade Cemetery –

Pvt. Thomas Henefrey (3rd Michigan Infantry, Co. B)

Pvt. William Henry Marr (44th Illinois Infantry, Co. B) At the time the Michigan regiments had reached their quota of enlistments, over 220 men from southern-middle Michigan went to Chicago to enlist. Companies B and H of the 44th Illinois were men from Michigan.

Pvt. Charles M. Nobbs (21st Michigan Infantry, Co. B and 14th Michigan Infantry, Co. I)



May 28 – Memorial Day in Poplar Hill and Monterey Cemeteries. Near Hopkins, two members of Camp 1, Chaplain Comer Skinner and Cleon Duryea participate in these community ceremonies.

May 30 – Memorial Day in Grand Rapids. Camp 1 conducted the traditional GAR Memorial Day ceremony at the Kent County Civil War Monument. Following this, the Allied Orders of Grand Rapids – the Camp, Corps 41, and Eva Gray Tent No. 2, DUVCW – marched in the parade. The evening closed with a service in Veterans Memorial Park. Past National President of the WRC, Marcia Butgereit is annually called upon to give the benediction and to keep the Civil War connection alive.

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Other business –

The Camp serves as a stakeholder on the City of Grand Rapids committee that oversees **Monument Park** and **Veterans Memorial Park**. Commander Truss and Bruce B. Butgereit represent the Camp at the meetings. We have just begun a series of meetings to rehabilitate these two Memorial parks. While it seems there is support for keeping these historic parks sacred and respectful, one member of the Grand Rapids Historical Commission made the statement that, "...*These parks should not be elevated to such a high status.*" Amazing how ignorant some people can be.

The Camp also serves on a committee to protect our **cemeteries** from being turned into playgrounds, dog parks and green space. We have our work cut out.

We have renewed our efforts in compiling the history of Camp 1 as well as our work in the Civil War Memorials project. We are also still involved in the restoration of one Civil War plaque and the design for two new Civil War/Veteran related memorials in Byron Center and Dutton, MI.

The next several months will be busy ones.

NEW DUVCW PRESIDENT RECEIVES GAVEL



GAVEL TRADITION – On April 4, 2012 David Hilliker of Corunna (far left) continued a 10-year tradition by presenting a new wooden gavel and knocker to Daughters of Union Veterans of The Civil War incoming president Theresa Graves of Owosso. Hilliker has made the presentation twice before in the past decade to Nancy Newman of rural Owosso (second from right) and to his wife Carol Hilliker (far right). All three are members of the DUVCW Juliette Stevens Tent 14, located in Corunna.

Hilliker has also been experimenting with different woods. His wife's gavel set was made using walnut while Graves' set is made from bubinga wood and Newman's is from zebra wood. Those woods come from Africa. It took him approximately two days to complete each set including finishing. (Courtesy Photo)

General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2

Submitted by Bruce Miller, SVC/PCC

Michigan's Camp 2 presents Annual ROTC Award

The General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recently recognized a local U. S. Army Junior ROTC cadet with the presentation of the ROTC Award, given for outstanding achievement. The recognition came at a March 8, 2012 awards ceremony for Abe's Battalion at Lincoln High School, Warren, Michigan. This year's award winner was Cadet Colonel Joshua Henning of Warren, a junior at Lincoln High and the most decorated cadet in school history. Cadet Colonel Henning is the Battalion Commander, a member of the drill team and both an exceptional leader and student. In addition to the SUVCW award, Cadet Henning has also many additional awards this year including the VFW Achievement Award, Scottish Rite Patriotism Award and the Daughters of the War of 1812 Award for scholastic and military excellence.

SUVCW Camps selectively present the award to deserving cadets that **"show a high degree of patriotism to his/her Nation and has demonstrated a high degree of academic performance and leadership."** The General Israel B. Richardson camp, a longtime proponent of this program, surveyed several local high school level ROTC programs and has made its award to a member of "Abe's Battalion" at Lincoln High, one of the areas finest organizations.



U. S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet Colonel Joshua Henning displays the SUVCW ROTC Award he received from the General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2. The award was presented by Camp 2 ROTC Awards Committee member Jim Harris (left).

The Brothers of General Israel B. Richardson Camp #2 had a busy and fulfilling Memorial Day. 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 CC Bill Nash's address on the origins of the day; SVC; PCC Bruce Miller delivered a dissertation on the Gettysburg Address; and Chaplain Don Koch delivered the invocation.

At the conclusion of the service, the Camp moved to historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac and highlighted the grave of Camp namesake General Richardson. The memorial service was highlighted by a stirring biography of the general delivered by PCC Kevin Lindsey, taps played by Kevin's daughter Lisa, and the placing of floral tributes.

Memorial Day 2012 was our duty and honor and we had fun doing it!



Henry E. Plant Camp 3

Submitted by Daniel Grable, Secretary/Treasurer

For Memorial Day this year Brother Daniel Grable attended the Memorial Worship service sponsored by the Grand Haven Memorial Day Association. It was held at the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. Rev. Daniel Anderson of the church preached on "Who is my neighbor?" based on the story of the Good Samaritan and how good can come out of dislike of others and bad situations.

On Memorial Day the camp participated in the Spring Lake parade and Memorial Day ceremonies. In the parade the camp was the color barriers for the entire parade. We were assisted by the honor guard of the Sgt. Alvin Jonker VFW Post 2326 of Grand Haven. The VFW Post also had their military ambulance and trailer in the parade. During the parade from downtown Spring Lake to the cemetery on the east side of the village the combined Honor Guard stopped periodically and the VFW played taps from their trailer. This was a very nice touch. We marched right behind the Grand Marshall Porter Fletcher.

During the ceremonies coordinated by the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee at the Spring Lake Cemetery the camp posted the camp's flags on the platform following the welcoming and introducing of the Grand Marshall. Later Asst. Chaplin John Baldus read GAR Commander-in-Chief Gen. Logan's order #11 which started Memorial Day in 1868. Then Brother Daniel Grable officially placed the memorial wreath on the speaker's platform in honor of the deceased veterans.

Following the reading of the list of the local veterans who died in the last year the camp's Honor Guard of John Baldus, Donald Ogden, Jonathan Scott and commander Richard Scott fired the gun salute. This was followed with taps played by trumpeters from the Spring Lake High School Marching Band.

After the ceremonies the camp held their annual Anniversary Picnic for our brothers and their family members. It was held in the nearby Central Park. We had nine brothers and family members who enjoyed our good food and camaraderie.

Also we had members of Camp in the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Memorial Day Parade. They were PCC Max Riekse (Past Commander of Fruitport VFW Polar Bear Post 3734) and Jr. Member Richard Riekse.

Our next activity is a Civil War Presentation on June 16th, which includes the life stories of several Civil War veterans from the Spring Lake area. The presentation is part of the Spring Lake Heritage Festival in June. Meanwhile our Camp Commander Richard Scott has had a rough year so far. On Christmas Eve his Mother-in-law died. This was followed by his wife Karen having conjunctive heart problems and wound up in the hospital. She was there for a long time. Since her arrival home Commander Scott and his son Brother Jonathan Scott have been taking care of Karen. The camp requests that you please keep Commander Scott, his wife Karen and their son Jonathan, a brother of our camp, in your prayers. We were pleased that she was in attendance at the camp's Memorial Day activities.

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 mimesrd@aol.com.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Submitted by L. Dean Lamphere, Commander

The SVR....At Your Service



The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) is the uniformed, ceremonial military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). The SVR consists of seven geographical Military Districts across the nation. SVR Units participate in SUVCW ceremonies and rituals, other Civil War related ceremonies, parades, and living history programs.

In the Department of Michigan, our SVR Unit is known as the 14th Michigan Infantry, Co. A, the Irish Rifle. We are part of the SVR 3rd Military District that includes the Departments of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is available to assist any Camp within the Department with regard to presenting a uniformed military presence for activities such as Honor Guards, displaying the Colors and rendering salutes using blank rounds fired from Civil War replica muskets during memorial, dedication or rededication ceremonies. This type of support may be especially beneficial to Camps that do not have a Camp Guard. SVR members are trained and drilled in the proper performance of their duties and the safe handling and use of firearms. Camps may, if they desire, maintain their own independent military organization as a Camp Guard for parades, services and ceremonies under the auspices of the Camp with which the unit is associated.

The SVR is available to perform services upon request by a Camp Commander or other elected Camp Officer to support any given Camp's activities desiring a military presence. The SVR does not take it upon itself to attend an event or ceremony without an invitation or request for support from proper Camp authority.

The SVR supporting the Department of Michigan is a very active organization providing support services for Camps located throughout the state. The SVR also participates in ceremonies, programs, and parades such as the Annual Remembrance Day in Gettysburg, the Lincoln Birthday, Memorial Day, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois.

Membership in the SVR is open to Sons who are also members in good standing of the SUVCW.

For more information or to request support for your event or activity, please contact:

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Austin Blair Camp 7

Submitted by Robert Griggs, PCC



Left to right Rexine Cockroft, Howard Lloyd, Brenda Walters, Bob Griggs, June Lloyd, Ron Tyrl, Mike Maillard

March was a very busy month for members of Camp 7. On the 19th members were at East Jackson Memorial Elementary School where they spoke with 2nd graders about the Civil War. PCC Ron Tyrl worked with part of the students on making a poster for the Adopt the Eagle program at Potter Park Zoo. Camp 7 and the second grade classes at Memorial have done this since 2002. Members of the Auxiliary talked about what ladies and children wore during at the time of the war and the men talked about communications in the 1860's and how it has changed since that time. Both the ladies and men answered many questions about the war and the men and women who fought in it.

On the 24th Brother Chris Cox put on an excellent Power Point presentation at the Carnegie Branch of the Jackson District Library. He presented this show two different times. He also had many displays on hand for visitors to look at and answered questions about his presentation and displays.



Brother Cox talking about his displays



Dept Officers; Chris is 3rd from left. Photocourtesy of Jim Pahl PCinC.

At the Department Encampment on the 31st, Brother Cox was appointed to a second term as Department Guard and PCC Bob Griggs was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Award. Camp 7 was also awarded the Austin Blair Award for the Camp with the most new members. Congratulations to all.



PCC Griggs with Abraham Lincoln Award.



Sister Liz Lloyd with Mrs. Thelen's 5th grade class.

Moving right on into April we did not slow down at all as on the 10th members of the Auxiliary visited Mrs. Thelen's 5th grade class at Explorer Elementary School in Williamston where the class signed and decorated squares for *Comfort Quilts*. These squares are sewn together and sent to hospitals as part of care packages for wounded U. S. Soldiers.



SVC Howard Lloyd & Sister Lloyd at Lincoln's Tomb

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Four days later members were in Springfield where they took part in the 56th Annual Ceremony at Lincoln's Tomb.



Matt VanAcher (center) showing us the Battle Flags

Moving right into May, the Austin Blair Camp did not slow down at all. Starting with the first Saturday when members, along with members of the Auxiliary and the George W. Anderson Camp No. 58 met at the Michigan Historical Museum with Matt VanAcher in Lansing to view the Michigan Battle Flags.

Matt started off by telling us the history of attempts to conserve the flags and then we went into the "vault" where members were able to choose the flags they wished to view.

Our next stop for the month of May was on the 19th where members of both the Camp and Auxiliary gathered at the Historical Grosvenor House in Jonesville for a Civil War living history day. Members were able to speak with many visitors and talk to them about their ancestors and how Civil War soldiers lived.



Auxiliary and Camp members at the Grosvenor House.



Brothers Maillard and Lloyd showing students at Paragon the workings of a rifled musket.

Not taking too much time for a break the Auxiliary and Camp members showed up at the Paragon School the following Monday the 21st. There they set up camp and talked to students from the 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades about how soldiers from both sides in the war got along. The students were able to get a "hands on" experience about what marching was like with full equipment and musket. They were also told how wounded soldiers would have been treated for their wounds. The ladies of the Auxiliary showed the students how to make rag dolls and each girl who attended was given one of these dolls. They also had students sign squares for Comfort Quilts to be given out to wounded soldiers.

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Auxiliary and Camp members at the grave site of "The War Governor", Austin Blair in Jackson.

Even before the Memorial Day weekend started members of Camp 7 were busy cleaning headstones in Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson. One of those cleaned was that of Governor Austin Blair.



Members of the Auxiliary and Camp at the Civil War Monument in Concord.

Over the three day Memorial Day weekend members of Camp 7 and its Auxiliary were at many different locations. Some members were in Greenfield Village to help with the living history there. Some assisted Camp 17 with their Memorial Day celebration while others were in Jackson and Concord to partake in celebrations and parades in those areas.

Grand Army of the Republic Building (Detroit)

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Department Memorials Officer



The restoration of the GAR Building in Detroit is underway. The first task was to remove any hazardous environmental debris (mainly barrel after barrel of pigeon droppings). The next project was to replace any damaged floor joists in the turrets as a result of explorers and the residentially challenged leaving the doors open to the elements. Minimal work to the exterior is required and will be done by an expert in such restoration going so far as to chemically test the mortar to ensure a proper match. Currently, the roof is being replaced and the windows are being restored – not replaced – as they are in good shape. A specially designed safety room has been erected to capture all of the lead paint. The window people were amazed at the quality of the windows.

A logo is being designed to help advertise the building restoration. Other exciting plans include some video to be shown through the building windows.

The current plans are to have the building complete by November 11, 2013. I have suggested several ideas for a rededication.

To follow the progress on the building, please visit:
<http://gardetroit.posterous.com/>

If you have any questions, please contact me:

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Robert Finch Camp 14

By Wm. E. Skillman, Signals Officer

As of June 1, 2012, Camp 14's roster shows 45 Brothers present. 39 are Members and 6 are Associates. Our next meeting will be held on September 8th at the Elks Lodge at 325 Bay Street (at the intersections of Grandview Parkway and Division) in Traverse City.

Despite a late March storm of wet snow and freezing rain that made traveling treacherous, nine Camp 14 Brothers (PCC's Aurand, Breaugh, Skillman; CC Goodrich, SVC Bryant and delegates JVC Conger, Sec Jenkins, WMO Grieve, Don Gray and Jim Ribby) traveled to Lansing to participate in the 123rd Department Encampment. Their dedication did not go unnoticed by departing Commander Don Shaw, who informed the gathering: "*these gentlemen drive over 200 miles, each way*". Early arrival, Brother Skip Bryant, found himself unexpectedly 'volunteered' to man the reception desk to process arriving Brothers. Skip did a fine job bringing 'order out of chaos' to ensure all attendees were processed in a timely manner.



Front rank: SVC Skip Bryant, Neal Breaugh, Jim Ribby, CC Geo. Goodrich, WMO Gerry Grieve, Don Gray. Rear rank: JVC Joe Conger, PCC Dale Aurand, Wm. Skillman, Sec. Tom Jenkins

4 Brothers were asked by Dept. Commander Shaw to serve on committees; Brother Bryant (with Matt Adair) was tasked with reception, Skillman on Officers Reports (Gary Gibson chair). Brothers Gray, Conger, Ribby all stood to voice their opinions during deliberations—their comments reflected their heart-felt commitment to the Order. When proposals were being offered, Brother Breaugh was quick to add a loud and hearty "*Second!!!*" that always drew a hearty chuckle from the assembly.

Among the new Dept officers and staff who will be assisting new Dept Commander Dave Arnold in 2012 are: Tom Jenkins (Dept Council) and Dale Aurand (Junior Vice Commander & Ceremonies and Rituals Committee). Congratulations Brothers!

Camp 14 received one of six Sesquicentennial Awards bestowed by the Department for their tribute to Native American's John Jacko and William Isaacs (Company 'K' 1st Michigan Sharpshooters) with a GAR grave dedication in May 2011. We also received a ribbon to be attached to the colors in recognition for participating in the 2011 Veterans Day parade in Detroit.

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A very busy DCC Don Shaw takes a moment to congratulate CC Geo. Goodrich on Camp 14's Sesquicentennial Award

WMO Gerry Grieve is quickly garnering a reputation as the 'Canon Detective of the North'. In April, he was contacted by the Manistee American Legion Post who had been storing a 6 pounder brass howitzer cast by Cyrus Alger & Sons. The cannon had been on display in front of the Legion hall for many years until some youngsters decided to roll it into the Manistee River. Brother Grieve inspected and photographed the disassembled cannon as a preliminary step to determine what will be needed to restore it to its former glory. The American Legion plans to make it the center piece for their new Veterans park. On March 14th, Gerry stopped in Thompsonville for lunch and discovered a Model 1861 8 inch siege howitzer. Like the Manistee cannon, the howitzer was also cast by Alger and Son's in 1864. Neither cannon is listed on the Dept. Registry. Camp 14 is in the process of talking with Thompsonville officials to learn of the cannon's history and ownership.



GRO Tom Jenkins extended a helping hand to Pennsylvania Brother, Jeffery J. Smith (of Gen. Hartranft Camp No. 15 of Harrisburg). Brother Smith's ancestor was Martin J. Sehl, who served in Battery 'A' of the 1st Michigan Light Artillery. Pvt. Martin and his battery fought in some of the most famous battles of the Western theater: Perryville, Kentucky (1862), Stones River, Chickamauga, and Lookout Mountain, TN (1863). Following the War, Pvt. Sehl moved to the wilds of northern Michigan to homestead a farm and raise a large family. In 1910, at the age of 74, Pvt. Sehl died of kidney failure. 102 years later, Brother Smith located the final resting place of his ancestor; lying in an unmarked grave in a cemetery near the town of Vanderbilt, Michigan. Brother Smith searched the Dept. of Michigan's website and discovered Camp 14 to be the closest to Vanderbilt. He contacted GRO Tom Jenkins, and together they obtained a headstone.

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On April 18th, Brother Jenkins put the grave marker in the back of his truck and transported it the 75 miles to Vanderbilt. He was greeted by sexton, Ron Bus, who with assistance by Larry Sehl (a descendent of Pvt. Sehl) and friend Al Raycroft, they placed the headstone on Pvt. Sehl's grave.



Unmarked no more: Sexton Ron Bush, GRO Tom Jenkins, descendent Larry Sehl and friend Al Raycroft set the headstone for Pvt. Martin J. Sehl of the 1st Michigan Light Artillery

On Saturday, August 18th, we will conduct a GAR grave service for Pvt. Sehl that is scheduled to coincide with the Sehl family reunion. Attending will be Pennsylvania Brother Jeffery Smith and his daughter, Ilsa Mae Smith, (a member of the Daughters of the Union Veterans). Camp 14 extends an open invitation to all Brothers who wish to join us in this unique event.

SVC Skip Bryant is working with the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park to have Camp 14 be part of the annual Port Onieda Fair, (scheduled on Friday & Saturday-August 10 & 11). Camp 14 will be conducting an abbreviated GAR service on Saturday for Civil War veteran-homesteaders buried at the Kelderhouse Farm cemetery in the Rural Historic District. Those Brothers wishing to come up to 'God's country' to join us please contact SVC Bryant.

Our May meeting was a busy one. Brother, John Sawyer was installed by CC Goodrich. Commander Goodrich, who in turn was presented with a 15 year membership pin, while PCC Dale Aurand pinned a 10 year badge on PCC Jan White. Our guest speaker was Mr. Jim Newkirk of Battery 'D' 1st Michigan Artillery. Jim gave a fascinating talk on the role played by both the original and reenacting artillery. He is a nationally recognized expert on cannon safety and has been involved in movies like *Gettysburg* and dozens of regional and national Civil War reenactments.

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John Dyle pins SUVCW badge on new Brother, John Sawyer CC Goodrich and PCC White show their badges

Memorial Day found Camp 14 Brothers participating in numerous observances throughout the region. GRO Tom Jenkins was keynote speaker in his hometown of Hart, Michigan. He gave an address originally presented by GAR Post Commander J.W. Montgomery over 100 years ago. Brother Breough and Leelanau Sherriff Michael Oltersdorf hurried from west to the east side of the county so they could attend ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial in Lake Leelanau and Northport. The Morse family presided over ceremonies in Lake Ann, and Skip Bryant was active in Elk Rapids. PCC Aurand, JVC Conger and new Brother, John Sawyer were present at Traverse City's Oakwood cemetery.

Images of the Department Encampment



U.S. Grant Camp 67

Submitted by Submitted by Ken Martin, Grant Camp SVC

U. S. Grant Camp 67 as part of its Adopt A School Program made five living history presentations to 8th grade history classes at Freeland Midland School on March 14.

At the conclusion of the school presentations, Grant Camp announced an Essay Contest open to all members of these 8th grade classes. Students were to write a 1,000 minimum word essay on the topic: "What Does The Civil War Means To Me And How Does It Affect My Life Today." The contest did not generate the level of participation that was anticipated, but the entries that were received were well written and very insightful.

One student wrote that they were from North Carolina and wondered where they might be and what their situation would be today if the Confederacy had won the war.

On May 24th, three winners and one honorable mention were selected.



As part of its Memorial Day activities, U.S. Grant Camp 67 from Bay City, Michigan performed a Rededication Service on May 28th to keep green the memory of Peter LaChance at the Oak Ridge Cemetery. Peter served in the 14th Michigan, Company G.

After the war, LaChance worked as a ships carpenter at the Ballentine Ship Building Company in Bay City. His residence was at 603 State Street, just a few blocks away from his final resting place at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Grant Camp members in attendance for the ceremony included from left to right: Paul Davis, Department Senior Vice Commander and Grant Camp Commander; Don Shaw, National Chief of Staff and Past Department Commander; Rev. Charles Buckhan, Bob Boquette, Len "Irish" McInerney, Jack Frost, Jonathan McInerney, Ken Martin, Grant Camp Senior Vice Commander; and L. Dean Lamphere, Commander, 14th Michigan Company A, SVR. Not pictured is Grant Camp GRO, Jim Petrimoulx who located Peter LaChance's resting place.



Gov. Henry Crapo Camp 145

Submitted by Submitted by



Camp Thomson was a Civil War training facility occupied by the Tenth Michigan Infantry Regiment from November 1, 1861 until April 22, 1862. Camp Thomson was situated on the east bank of the Flint River from what is now Richfield Road to Robert T. Longway Boulevard, encompassing the areas of both Avondale and Aventine cemeteries. named in honor of prominent Flint citizen and then president of the state military board, Edward H. Thomson, the “camp of instruction” included a drill-ground, barracks, and mess and cook-rooms. A field hospital was established in the area now occupied by the Durant Hotel. The Tenth Michigan Infantry Regiment was reviewed by Gov. Austin Blair at Camp Thomson on February 5, 1862, and was mustered into United States service the next day under command of the following field officers: Col. Charles H. Lum, Lt. Col. Christopher Dickerson, and Maj. James Scarri. At a ceremony on April 22, 1862 Edward Thomson presented the regiment with its National colors on behalf of the citizens of Flint. On April 22, 1862 the Tenth Michigan Infantry Regiment departed Michigan, joining General Pope’s Army of the Mississippi at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. During its winter tme training at Camp Thomson_ six members of the regiment died of disease and were interred in the old Flint city cemetery. Their remains were removed to Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit after the War.



Camp 145 and supporters at a Linen Cemetery Memorial Day ceremony.

Henry F. Wallace Camp 160

Submitted by Mike McMillan, PCC and Helen Granger, ASUVCW Department of Michigan Press Correspondent/Newsletter Editor

FIVE military monuments -- three Civil War, Korean War and Vietnam War -- are tended each year by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 and the Allied Orders of Shiawassee County. Shown above is the Civil War Monument (as of May 26, 2012) that was originally dedicated Memorial Day, May 30, 1916 and in 1996 moved from the City of Corunna Pine Tree Cemetery to the historic Shiawassee County Courthouse lawn and re-dedicated that same year. The monument was erected in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and those from Shiawassee County who served in The Civil War. There are 828 Civil War veterans buried in Shiawassee County cemeteries.



Of note, there were 10 GAR Posts located throughout Shiawassee County. Posts included: 11 Roberts of Bancroft, 117 David G. Royce of Byron, 128 Thomas C. Crane of Henderson, 160 Henry F. Wallace of Corunna, 172 Harlow P. Niles of New Lothrop, 192 Henry Deming of Laingsburg, 205 Louis B. Quackenbush of Owosso, 310 Crawford of Perry, 438 Harlow P. Niles of New Lothrop and 440 Charles F. Beard of Morrice. The last Post closed in 1924.

The GAR Henry F. Wallace Post 160 was reactivated in 1996 as the SUVCW Henry F. Wallace Camp 160. Also in 1996, the SUVCW 160 joined with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) Juliet E. Stevens Tent 14 to assure that flowers were planted annually at the recently moved and very visible monument. The following year, a Grand Army of the Republic (Quackenbush Post) monument -- located on the lawn of the Owosso City Hall, Owosso -- and another large Civil War Monument located in Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, were added to the list of monuments to be tended.

Helen Granger of Corunna coordinates the donations and flower planting. She is an DUVCW Tent 14 Honorary Member, and Auxiliary SUVCW Nash-Hodges 43 member and is currently serving as the ASUVCW Department of Michigan Press Correspondent/Newsletter Editor.

Because two other military monuments -- Vietnam War and Korean War -- were also located on the courthouse lawn, Sister Granger works with the county buildings and grounds superintendent Phil Heavilin to coordinate planting efforts. She and husband, Brother Gary Granger, also donate their time to tend the entrance/historic marker garden and a larger island flower bed at the courthouse.

Donations make the flower planting possible. Meijer, Inc. of Corunna has donated since 1996 as has DUVCW Tent 14. Farmer's Garden of Corunna has also been a longtime donator. (Courtesy Photo)



On the parade float from left: Camp Commander Greg Huckins and members Max Newman, David Hilliker and Gary Granger. (Courtesy Photo by Mike McMillan)

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MEMBERS of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Henry F. Wallace Camp No. 160 of Corunna and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Eva Gray Tent No. 2 of Grand Rapids as well as members of the DUVCW Juliet Stevens Tent No. 14 gathered April 28 at St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery in Owosso to dedicate the headstone of Civil War veteran James Delaney of Shiawassee County. Delaney served from 1864 to 1865 with Company A, 15th Michigan Under Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman. Approximately 40 members of the Delaney family gathered at the cemetery. (Courtesy Photo by ASUVCW Press Correspondent Helen A. Granger)



When Bethany Hoover of Dowling, formerly of Owosso, found out that her great-great-grandfather and Civil War veteran James Delaney did not have a headstone, she began working with the Veterans Administration to obtain one.

Helping Hoover coordinate the event were members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW) Eva Gray Tent No. 2, Grand Rapids where Hoover is currently serving as its president and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Henry F. Wallace Camp No. 160, based in Shiawassee County. Also present were members of the DUVCW Juliet Stevens Tent 14, based in Shiawassee County, including its president Theresa Grace of Owosso and a state-level representative of the ASUVCW. Hoover is also a Civil War re-enactor and several re-enactors attended the service.

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MEMBERS of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 and the Allied Orders of Shiawassee County attended five Memorial Day parades. Attending numerous parades is an annual activity for the Camp and Allied Orders.

This year parades in Perry, Corunna, Vernon, New Lothrop and Owosso were attended by one or more members.

At the Owosso closing ceremonies, held at the Civil War Monument in Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, SUVCW members were part of the Honor Guard and fired a cannon salute. Helen Granger represented the Department of Michigan Auxiliary to the SUVCW and was a featured speaker -- asked to read Logan's Order.

Gathered here (from left) are: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Juliet E. Stevens Tent 14 Secretary and Past President (PP) Carol Hilliker, SUVCW 160 Past Commander (PC) David Hilliker, DUVCW 14 President Theresa Grace, SUVCW 160 PC Max Newman, SUVCW PC and SUVCW Department of Michigan Patriotic Instructor Gary A. Granger, Helen Granger and SUVCW 16 Flag Guard Leston Curtis. Missing from photo is SUVCW 160 PC Mike McMillan. (Courtesy Photo)

Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427

By Jerry Jacobs, Camp Secretary



Camp 427 remains a leader in the east. After a very successful spring, the Camp made an annual visit to the John Dingell VA Hospital in Detroit, making donations of books and personal supplies, and a check. Shown are (from the left) Camp Members Aaron Schrader, Jerry Radloff, Howard Fite (who coordinated the event), Rick Danes, VA Hospital Chief of Voluntary Section Wayne Snyder, and Jon Reed.



In May, the Camp was honored to provide a Color Guard and Eagle Commendation to Scout Tyler Moore of Boy Scout Troop 547 in Monroe. His Eagle Project was helping to clear and upgrade Potter Cemetery, a subject that caused the Landlocked Cemetery Law currently being considered in the Michigan Senate.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans

Submitted by Helen Granger



GATHERED here are the 2012 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans Frances Finch officers (seated from left): President Mary Rose and Vice-President Judy Jenkins. Standing (from left) are: Guide Marcia Burgereit, Trustee Jane Prebble, Chaplain Dorothy Roush, Patriotic Instructor Marian Solem and Secretary Emily Breaugh. Missing from the photograph is Treasurer Karen Goodrich, Treasurer. (Courtesy Photo)

NATIONAL VISITORS – The ASUVCW Michigan Department was visited March 31 by two honored guests: ASUVCW National President Anne Jaster (third from right) and SUVCW

National Commander Donald Palmer (fifth from left).

Gathered here at the March 31 convention held in Lansing are ASUVCW Michigan officers (from left): Chaplain and

PDS Emily Breaugh, PDP/Council #1 Linda Kronberg, Patriotic Instructor Mary Rose, Secretary Karol "KZ" Bolton, Palmer,

Treasurer Vicki Weiss, Department President Karen Hamann, PDP/Council #2 Dorothy Lowe, Jaster, Vice-President Marilyn

Kay Smith, Council #3 Judy Jenkins. (PHOTO: David Sosnowski)



PASSING THE TORCH – SUVCW MI Commander Don Shaw (right) passed the symbolic "torch" to ASUVCW MI President Karen Hamann to signify the ASUVCW will host the 2013 Department of Michigan Encampment scheduled for April 19-20, 2013 at Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing. (PHOTO: David Sosnowski)

JAMES "Sister Jimmy" Pahl (left) who serves as the ASUVCW Department of Michigan Counselor and is a SUVCW member and PDC and who is a faculty member at Great Lakes Christian College welcomed visitors and guests at the March 31 evening banquet. SUVCW MI Commander Don Shaw (center) and SUVCW National Commander Donald Palmer (seated right) joined him at the podium. Pahl was made an honorary "sister" in 2011 as a thank you for all of his work and effort for the ASUVCW. (PHOTO: David Sosnowski)



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ANYONE WANT A VERNOR'S – The five national officers who attended this year's 2012 Encampment and Conventions received gifts of Michigan made products like Vernor's ginger ale.

Gathered here from left are: ASUVCW National President Anne Jaster of Pennsylvania; Women's Relief Corps National President Cindy Norton of Ohio; SUCVW National Commander Donald Palmer of Missouri; Ladies of the GAR National President and Department of Michigan LGAR President Judy Rock of Michigan; DUVCW National President Barbara Stone of Indiana. This is the first time that all five Allied Orders have been together at the Michigan Encampment and Conventions. (PHOTO: David Sosnowski)



DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED - Karen Hamann of Adrian was elected to serve a second term as the 2012-2013 ASUVCW Department of Michigan President. She is a member of the Nash-Hodges and Austin Blair auxiliaries. Sister Karen has served as president of both Austin Blair and Nash Hodges and held several offices within the auxiliaries. She is married to Dan Hamann. She has one daughter and two sons. Both sons are in the SUCVW. Serving with her are the same officers as last year: Treasurer Vicki Weiss, Secretary Karol "KZ" Bolton, Patriotic Instructor Mary Rose, President Karen Hamann, Council Member No. 1 Linda Kronberg, Council Member No. 2, Dorothy Lowe and Council Member No. 3 Judith Jenkins. Officers were elected at the March 30-31 Department Convention held in Lansing. (PHOTO/Helen A. Granger)

ESCORT – Linda Kronberg (right) PDP/Council #1 escorted SUCVW National Commander Donald Palmer (left) for his official visit to the March 31, 2012 ASUVCW convention.

The ASUVCW was also honored with visits by ASUVCW National President Anne Jaster and LGAR National President Judy Rock. (PHOTO: David Sosnowski)



**NATIONAL COUNSELOR'S
OPINION IV
4-19-2012**

I have been asked by the National Council of Administration to examine a letter recently received by the National Treasurer from the United States Internal Revenue Service. And issue a formal opinion as to how this impacts the status of the Order's Departments and Camps. Our National Treasurer was seeking to confirm the status of the Order as an exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, based upon a request from the State of Texas for a copy of our original determination letter issued on June 11, 1941. Neither the IRS nor the Order has a copy of this letter any more. In 1967, then National Treasurer Chester S. Shirver sought to clarify the status of the Order. The Internal Revenue Service responded by letter issued August 14, 1967. This confirmed the Order was indeed tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)(4) and also confirmed that all donations to the Order and it's subordinate units were tax deductible.

The state of Texas was not willing to accept the August 14, 1967 letter. (This letter can be viewed on the Order's web site at: <http://www.suvcw.org/irs.htm>)

Responding to the request of Richard Orr, the Internal Revenue Service issued a letter dated April 5, 2012. This letter confirmed the tax-exempt status of the Order per the original determination letter of June of 1941. The letter went on to state:

"Because you're subordinate organizations are not an organization described in section 170(c) of the Code, donors may not deduct contributions made to them. They should advise their contributors to that effect."

Based upon this letter, it is my formal opinion that gifts made to the Departments and Camps of this Order, including all levels of the Sons of Veterans Reserve are NOT tax deductible on the part of the donor. If anyone has made a donation to any Camp or Department (or any unit of the SVR) where a receipt was issued by the Order, where it is suspected the donor may be desiring the receipt for the purpose of deducting the donation on their personal income tax return within the last three tax years, the donor needs to be made aware of this change in policy on the part of the IRS, so the donor may consult with their tax professional as to the possibility of needing to file an amended income tax return.

It is my opinion that each Camp and Department of the Order, including all levels of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, need to place an affirmative statement on their respective web site, that any donation to the subordinate unit of the Sons of Union Veterans is not tax deductible.

I have done some additional research into the Internal Revenue Code and it is my further opinion that officers and members of the various Departments and Camps of this Order, including all levels of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, may not deduct any of their expenses incurred in supporting the activities of any of the Camps or Departments of the Order, including mileage and other vehicle and/or travel expenses, hotel rooms, uniforms and the like. Any brother who has made such a deduction in the past three tax years should consult with a tax professional as to the possibility of filing an amended income tax return.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

James B. Pahl, PCinC
National Counselor

13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry

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(The account is based upon and quotes frequently from "Michigan in the War" compiled by J. Robertson, Adjutant General.)

Former US Senator from Michigan Charles E. Stuart was authorized to organize the 13th Regiment, with rendezvous at Kalamazoo. The regiment was mustered into service of the United States on January 17th, 1862, with now Colonel Stuart in command.

The regiment was recruited in the western portion of the state as follows: Company A, Galesburg; Company B, Gun Plain Township (Plainwell); Company C, Kalamazoo; Company D, Battle Creek; Company E, Kalamazoo; Company F, Pewamo; Company G, Kalamazoo; Company H, Portage; Company I, Otsego; Company K, Mattawan.

Colors were ordered by the citizens of Kalamazoo, but by the time they arrived, the regiment had already departed for Kentucky. They were presented to the regiment while on dress parade on February 12, 1862. The colors carried the inscription in gold letters, "Presented by the citizens of Kalamazoo to the Thirteenth Michigan Infantry." When the regiment returned to Kalamazoo on veteran furlough in February, 1864, the flags were formally returned to the donors, having thereafter been delivered to the State for deposit with the other flags in the State Capital. These flags were present with the regiment during several battles, baptized with fire at Perryville, in blood at Stone River, glorified at Mission Ridge and riddle at Chickamauga, where three color-bearers fell and over 50% of the regiment.

Before leaving for the south, Col. Stuart resigned and command was given to Col. M. Shoemaker of Jackson. They traveled through Kentucky to Nashville. Assigned to General Wood's division of General Buell's army, they forced marched from Nashville to reinforce General Grant at Shiloh, arriving on the battlefield near the close of the second day's fight. They were thereafter engaged in picket duty.

During Buell's retreat along the line of the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, the 13th was cited as behaving in splendid style, repulsing attacks of overwhelming numbers at Stevenson and Anderson's station and although entirely isolated and exposed to pursuing enemy, accomplished their rearguard assignment in a most creditable manner.

At the battle of Stone's River, the regiment was originally posted on the left of the army, but with the collapse of the Union right, the brigade was moved to the right and took up line with a battery. The other regiments retreated when faced with an assault by two rebel brigades, but the 13th held its ground and with great marksmanship, was able to check the confederate advance. The Union battery was withdrawn and the 13th fell back a short ways, but then charged back to reclaim the lost ground. While fighting desperately, the 13th aided much in turning the tide of affairs in favor of the Union, losing 35% of the regiment in the process.

The regiment engaged in the building of fortifications at Murfreesboro and then moved with the army into Georgia, being in the 1st brigade, 1st division, 20th corps. As the army moved south, the 13th was the first to enter Chattanooga. They participated in the engagements of September 19 and 20 at Chickamauga, losing 14 killed, 68 wounded (of which 11 eventually died), and 25 missing.

On November 5, the regiment, along with the 21st and 22nd Michigan Infantry and the 18th Ohio Infantry, was organized into a brigade of engineers and assigned duty at Chattanooga, being attached to the headquarters of the Department of the Cumberland. They participated in the battle of Chattanooga (or Mission Ridge) on the 22nd, 24th and 25th. In January of 1864, they were stationed at Chickamauga on picket duty and cutting logs for building warehouses.

The regiment reenlisted 173 on January 17, 1864, becoming a veteran regiment. They received orders February 5th to proceed to Michigan for furlough of thirty days and arrived in Kalamazoo on February 12. While in Michigan, over 400 recruits were added to their ranks and they arrived back at Chattanooga on April 20. They continued in their engineer duties until September 25, building military hospitals.

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Relieved from engineer duties, they were assigned 2nd brigade, 1st division, 14th corps, finally joining the corp. and General Sherman at Kingston. They were part of the army that "marched down to the sea", reaching Savannah on December 16. They were engaged frequently during the advance of the army and fought the entire day at Bentonville, with 110 killed, wounded and missing, including their commanding officer, Colonel W.G. Eaton.

Pending negotiations attending the surrender of Johnson's army, the regiment was stationed at the Cape Fear River, 26 miles south of Raleigh. On April 30, they began the trek home, reaching Richmond on May 7 and Washington on the 19th. They participated in the grand review of Sherman's army on the 24th and then went into camp near Washington until June 9. They then traveled via the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to Louisville where they were mustered out July 25. They arrived at Jackson, Michigan on the 27th, were paid off and disbanded.

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