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Newsletter of the Order 2002, 2007, and 2011*

**Department Commander**  
*Robert R. Payne, DC*



Brothers, I would like to thank all the brothers for their support and look forward to it in the coming year. As we look toward this upcoming year, we have a lot to be proud of. Our own Brother, Donald Shaw, is up for Commander-in-Chief, the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gen. John A Logan's General Order No. 11, and the 135<sup>th</sup> year of our Order in Michigan.

Since our Department Encampment I have participated with Robert Finch Camp #14, on 19, in the Dedication of 11 graves of our fallen brothers. On May 26, I was with Curtenius Guard Camp #17 in Lansing, where I was joined by ASUVCW Department of Michigan President June Lloyd and Connie Horning, National Chaplain and President, Auxiliary to Austin Blair Camp #7, at their Memorial Day ceremonies. On May 28, I represented the Department in the Eaton Rapids Memorial Day Parade. I am looking forward to future participation with other camps including celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry Plant Camp #2 on June 9. Already on the schedule is the National Encampment in August and Remembrance Day in November. As we move forward this year and into the future, I would ask all brothers to remember their solemn oath when they joined the Order, pledging Fraternity "That characterized the comradeship of the men who fought for the holy cause of justice and humanity", Charity, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on", and Loyalty "as exemplified by the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Soldier, Sailor or Marine of the War of the Rebellion, should always stir our hearts to greater love of country. Their sacrifices have no parallel, and we, their flesh and blood, would be ungrateful sons of noble ancestors should we fail to revere their sacred memories."

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,  
Robert R Payne  
Commanding

***In this Issue: Officer's Reports, Department Orders, Camp News, The Final Bugle  
Call, Event Announcements And much more***

**2018 - 2019  
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**Guide**

Nathan Tingley

**Graves Registration**

Richard E. Danes, Sr., CC

**GAR Records**

Gary L. Gibson, PDC

**Civil War Memorials**

John H. McGill

**Chief of Staff**

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**Aide de Camp**

Paul T. Davis, PDC



**Department Orders #26 Series 2017 – 2018  
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**

**6 March 2018**

**Senior Vice Department Commander**

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – It is with great sadness that I must inform the Department that Senior Vice Department Commander Robert Griggs has resigned his Office effective 12:01AM (Eastern), Tuesday, 06 March 2018.

**Section 2** – With much reservation I have accepted his resignation per the date and time requested. Brother Griggs has done an exceptional job serving the Department in his roles as a member of the Department Council, Junior Vice Department Commander, and Senior Vice Department Commander. His work on behalf of the Order, his kindness, and his friendship are greatly appreciated by me and others that have worked with him over the years. His efforts and experience as a Department Officer will be heavily missed.

**Section 3** – Brother Griggs wanted to convey the following message to the Brothers of the Department of Michigan: *“my thank you to all of them for their support over the last five years that I have served as an elected officer for the Department of Michigan SUVCW. I pray that I will continue to receive that support and their understanding as to why I have made this very difficult decision.”*

**Section 4** – Filling the vacancy of a Department Elected Officer falls within the responsibilities of the Department Council. Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, CHAPTER II – DEPARTMENTS, ARTICLE V – Eligibility of Officers, Section 2.: *Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Department shall be filled by a majority vote of the Department Council for the period until the next regular meeting of the Department, when an election is held. In the event the term of office is normally for a period longer than one (1) year, the person elected by the Department Encampment shall serve the unexpired term.*

**Section 5** – More information will be forthcoming regarding the vacancy.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,


ATTEST:

/s/

David S. Smith, LM, DC  
Commander, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans Sons of  
the Civil War

/s/

Richard Denney, CC  
Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the  
the Civil War

**Department Orders #27**  **Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**28 March 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

### Nominations for 2018-2019 Department Officers

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – Letters of intent for candidates seeking Department elective office for the 2018-2019 administrative term are now located on the Department website at: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/nominations/>.

**Section 2** – If additional letters of intent are sent in by the 02 April 2018 deadline, they will be included on the webpage at the aforementioned link.

**Section 3** – Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Encampment.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/  
*David S. Smith, LM, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

ATTEST:  
 /s/  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

### SVC CORNER


By Terry McKinch, Senior Vice-Commander

The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Department Encampment was a great success. PDC David Smith and the new Department Commander Robert R. Payne along with many other brothers kept the encampment moving smoothly. Without the brothers that worked so diligently behind the scenes, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Department of Michigan could not exist. It was also the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of General John A. Logan's General Order #1.



I want to thank those brothers who put their faith in and elected me Department Senior Vice Commander. Since I run unopposed, I guess I do not have any campaign promises to fulfill other than promising to do my best while I am in office. Governor Crapo Camp #145 Commander Lloyd Lamphere and I visited many camps around the state and we will visit a bunch more over the next year. We want to make sure that all brothers in all camps feel like they are part of the SUVCW. My shingle is always out and I am available for questions or assistance. It may be a couple of days before I answer, since I travel a bit, but I will get back to you as soon as I can. My email is [dsvc@suvcwmi.org](mailto:dsvc@suvcwmi.org) and my home phone number is (810) 553-3509.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

**Department Orders #28**  **Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**31 March 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

### Department 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – Per the 133<sup>rd</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment on 06 May 2017, a new Strategic Direction Plan was recommended by the Department Chief of Staff, and subsequently approved by the Encampment.

**Section 2** – In fulfillment of the approved recommendation, a 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan was generated for the Department. The plan evaluates current risks and opportunities for development of long-term growth. Other areas of importance are addressed within the plan also. The 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan should be annually reviewed for progress on targets and major goals.

**Section 3** – The 5-Year Strategic Direction Plan can be found at the Headquarters Menu on the Department website at: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/hq/>

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

*/s/*  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*  
*War*

**ATTEST:**  
*/s/*  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil*

### Troop 144 Lapeer Michigan Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Submitted by By Terry McKinch, Senior Vice-Commander

Governor Crapo Camp #145, Department of Michigan members and officers attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for 7 new Eagle Scouts on June 2, 2018. The Eagle Scouts are Robert Barron, Gavin English, Spencer Farrington, Nathan Farrington, Christopher Hom, Tyler Morys, and Austin Zwiez from Troop 144, Lapeer, Michigan. The Court of Honor was held in the original courtroom of the historic Lapeer County Court House, which was built in 1847-48. Commander Lloyd Lamphere, presided over the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ceremony assisted by Department Sr. Vice-Commander Terry McKinch and Jr. Vice-Commander Nathan Smith, National Color Bearer Ed Dowd, and the Roy Richards, the newest Governor Crapo Camp member. Roy who had been at a Church Retreat in Paducah



Kentucky rode almost 600 miles to attend this momentous event. Karen Morse Greene, passed PDC Rick Greene's wife, Meagan (Greene) Lyle and Lochlans Lyle were also in attendance.

**Department Orders #29  Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**

**11 April 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

**Senior Vice Department Commander Vacancy Filled**

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, CHAPTER II – DEPARTMENTS, Article X – Department Council, Section 1 (d): The Department Council shall fill the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Council any vacancy which may occur in the elected Department office.

**Section 2** – The Department Council has notified this Office that they have filled the vacancy of Senior Vice Department Commander for the remainder of the unexpired 2017-2018 term. The Department Council has named Past Department Commander Dale Aurand to serve as the Senior Vice Department Commander.

**Section 3** – Great appreciation is given to the Department Council and PDC Aurand for their efforts and service to the Department in this matter.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*  
*War*

ATTEST:  
 /s/  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil*  
*War*

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

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

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

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


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

**Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at [editor@suvcwmi.org](mailto:editor@suvcwmi.org) or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3204**

**ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME**

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



  
**Department Orders #30 Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**12 April 2018**  
 David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

### Recommended Education & Additional Duties for Department Officers Document

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – As part of their assigned directives, the Operating Guidelines Special Committee (2017-2018) was tasked with generating a document to aid and provide guidance to Department Officers in their new roles on items that may not be covered within the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations.

**Section 2** – At this time, the document includes the Department Commander, Senior Vice Department Commander, Junior Vice Department Commander, Secretary and Treasurer. It is recommended that additional Department Officers are added, as well as reviewing the current list and adding new items of note.

**Section 3** – The document shall reside at the Camp Training Aids page located in the Headquarters menu on the Department website. This can also be found via the following link:  
<http://www.suvcwmi.org/hq/ctaids.php>

**Section 4** – Much gratitude is extended to the Operating Guidelines Special Committee, PDC Wallace, PDC Davis, and SVCinC Shaw for their efforts in bringing this initiative to fruition.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

/s/  
 David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC  
 Commander, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
 War

ATTEST:  
 /s/  
 Richard Denney, CC  
 Secretary, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

*Editor's Note: Why the 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 all 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@suvcwmi.org](mailto:editor@suvcwmi.org).*

**Department Orders #31**  **Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**15 April 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of General Logan's General Orders No. 11**

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – At Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Washington, D.C. on 05 May 1868 Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan ordered General Orders No. 11, establishing 30 May as Decoration Day, and obviously later came to be known as Memorial Day.

**Section 2** – On 05 May 2018 at the Department Encampment in Lansing, the Department of Michigan will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of General Orders No. 11 to the exact day. During the Encampment, the reading of General Logan's General Orders No. 11 will take place. Additionally, there will be ribbons provided to the Camps commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that can be worn on Memorial Day.

**Section 3** – During this 150<sup>th</sup> year of observance of Memorial Day (observed and traditional), may we "...at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor..."

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

/s/  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*  
*War*

ATTEST:  
/s/  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil*

**Graves Registration**

*By Department Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes*


At the June 9<sup>th</sup> Graves Registration Committee I announced that the Department database now contains 70,788 Civil War and 3,857 Other War records.

Special recognition should be given to Dick Williams and Ed Houghtaling (Camp 58), Mark Hoffman (Camp 17), and Charles Waters Camp 17) for their submissions.

Mark also gave us a compilation of some resources for researching Marines and Navy personnel.

At the meeting we discussed the Michigan Provincial Cavalry Brigade, and their experiences out West after the War was over and the progress of the Last Soldier Project (Last Soldier living in each County).

As you meet during the summer months, think about taking one cemetery in your area of responsibility, and walking it, seeking Civil War Soldiers' burial places. After all, if not us, who will keep their memory?

  
**Department Orders #32**      **Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**30 April 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

### Change of Department Headquarters

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – Effective on and of the day of Saturday, 05 May 2017, the Headquarters of the Department of Michigan shall be transferred to the Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Highway, in Lansing, Michigan, to allow for the transaction of business by the 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment. Thereafter, it shall revert to the address prior to this transfer, or to another location as designated by the Department Commander within his Department Orders.

**Section 2** – Brothers are reminded that registration begins at 8AM (0800), with the Encampment beginning at 9AM (0900).

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

/s/  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

ATTEST:  
/s/  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

### Real Daughter, Sister Patricia Albertson


Submitted by Liz Grossman, Tent 58 President DUVCW

Sent: Wed, May 30, 2018 10:34 PM  
Subject: With a sad heart

Dear Sisters,  
It is with a sad heart that sister Sally has just informed me that one of our own has passed on. Real daughter, Sister Patricia Albertson passed away yesterday morning. Her visitation is from 4-7pm on Friday at Betzler Life Story funeral home 6080 Stadium Drive here in Kalamazoo, MI. Her funeral will be on Saturday at 1pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 936 Lake Street also here in Kalamazoo, MI. We want to do a service for her on Friday so I will keep you posted on times. I, unfortunately will not be able to attend but we would love to have as many of you there as possible.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty



  
**Department Orders #33**      **Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**30 April 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

### Department Checking Account Signers

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – To ensure continuity of business transactions for the Department of Michigan if or when the Department Treasurer is incapacitated or unavailable, two additional elected Department Officers are to be placed as signers on the Department's checking account to serve as signers in reserve.

Section 2 – This matter was brought before the Department Council for their advice and consent on selection of the two reserve signers. Upon their concurrence and recommendations, Department Secretary Richard Denney was selected to serve as the first signer in reserve, with Department Council Charles Worley designated as the second signer in reserve.

Section 3 – With regards to PDC Worley as the second reserve signer, only Council members Brother Lindsey and Brother Maillard voted and approved the matter.

Section 4 – To avoid any potential conflicts of interest, PDC Worley shall not sign any checks that are payable to him. Additionally, PDC Worley shall not sign any checks in which he voted for approval of the corresponding payment.

Section 5 – All signers that are no longer elected Department Officers shall be removed from the Department checking account effective immediately.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this second day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

*/s/*  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

ATTEST:  
*/s/*  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

### 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment



**Department Orders #34**  **Series 2017 – 2018**  
**Headquarters, Traverse City, MI**  
**4 May 2018**  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*

### Department Awards

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1** – The following Department awards as established in the Department Bylaws are presented as follows:

Austin Blair Award (Greatest Membership Numerical Gain) – Robert Finch Camp No. 14 (6 new members)

Orlando LeValley Award (Greatest Membership Percentage Gain) – Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462 (17% new member gain)

Abraham Lincoln Award – Brother Scott Schwander, Robert Finch Camp No. 14

**Section 2** – The Abraham Lincoln Award Panel of Chaplain Buckhahn, Chaplain McAfee, and Brother Boller are thanked for all of their efforts and review for this award, as well as their continued service to this Department.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen, the one hundred and fifty-second year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

/s/  
*David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC*  
 Commander, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:  
 /s/  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
 Secretary, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### More 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment



## April 2018

One of the tasks assigned to the Department Operating Guidelines Special Committee (2017-2018) was to create a document to aid and provide guidance to Department Officers in their new roles on items that may not be covered within the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations. The document is considered to be a living document that should be added to through time, as well as reviewed for any changes or additions that need to be included. Additional Officers should be added in the future as time allows.

A very large thank you is given for the Operating Guidelines Special Committee's work on this guide. Their efforts in moving this initiative ahead is highly appreciated.

The Operating Guidelines Special Committee for 2017-2018:

David Wallace, PDC, Chair Paul Davis, PDC, CoA  
 Don Shaw, PDC, SVCinC  
 In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, David S. Smith, LM, PCC  
 Commander – Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

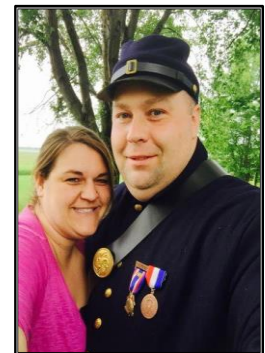
David S. Smith, LM, PCC  
 Commander – Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### ***JVC Quips***

By Nathan L. Smith, CC, Junior Vice Department Commander

Greetings fellow brothers,

I want to thank everyone for their support in my election to JVDC at our May department encampment and I look forward to working with you all in support of our mission to preserve the memory of our ancestors. As many of you know, part of responsibilities of the JVDC are to assist in the recruitment and retention of new members. I understand that like many organizations ours has also struggled to recruit and retain new members. Over the next few months I will be exploring ideas and ways to assist each camp with recruitment and retention and ask that those camps who have had great success in such areas please share what has worked for them.



I want to mention that on Saturday, June 2, 2018 I had the pleasure to assist Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 with honoring seven young men who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Camp Commander Lloyd Lamphere of Camp #145 did a stupendous job in overseeing the SUVCW portion of the court of honor and he should be commended. I would encourage camps who have not participated in presenting Eagle Scout awards to please reach out to Eagle Scout Coordinator Nathan Tingley who can assist you. Honoring Eagle Scouts is a great way to honor the young men for their great accomplishment and may assist our organization with recruitment of not only the Scouts but their family members.

Great Job Gov. Crapo Camp and thank you for allowing me to take part!

#### **ATTENTION CAMPS:**

If you need recruitment pamphlets I do have some available. Please email me with the amount you need and an address where they can be sent.

In Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity,

**Department Orders #1**  **Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**5 May 2018**  
*Robert R. Payne DC*

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. Headquarters is hereby transferred to 3940 Keller Rd, Holt, MI 48842.
3. General correspondence to the Department should be sent to Department Secretary Richard Denney, 30090 Orla Engle Road. Colon, MI 49040, or e-mailed to: [secretary@suvchwmi.org](mailto:secretary@suvchwmi.org)
4. Correspondence to the Commander should be sent to Robert R Payne, 3940 Keller Rd, Holt, MI 48842, or e-mailed to: [commander@suvchwmi.org](mailto:commander@suvchwmi.org)
5. We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude of the Department to all of the outgoing officers who served the Department so well and so faithfully for the previous term.
6. We offer the thanks of the Department to all those brothers filling elected and appointed offices for the 20178-2019 term as well as all of those who are currently serving the Order on committees.
7. The Department all extends our appreciation and gratitude to the Allied Orders. We thank C in C Mark R Day for attending our Department Encampment and installing our officers for the 2018-2019 term.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



*Robert R Payne, DC*  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

ATTEST:

*/s/*  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil*

More 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment



  
**Department Orders #2 Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**5 May 2018**  
*Robert R. Payne DC*

1. In order to assure a smooth transition for planning the Annual Michigan Department Encampment.
2. I am appointing J. Douglas Park PDC, as chair, Chuck Worley PDC, Gary Gibson PDC, David Wallace PDC, and James B Pahl, PcinC, to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Selection Committee.
3. This committee shall report to the Department Commander by September 1, 2018.
4. The report shall include recommendations including Date, Location, Hotel, Food, and/or Entertainment.
5. A second time and date shall also be decided upon for the 2020 Annual Michigan Department Encampment. This will emulate the National organization in planning for more than one year in advance.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne, DC  
 Commander, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/  
 Richard Denney, CC  
 Secretary, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

### **Teaching the Next Generation**

*Submitted by David "T" Wallace PCC, Governor Crapo Camp 145*



For several years now I have made a Civil War presentation to a group of West Bendle Elementary 5th graders. This year on May 3rd was 96 students. I have a power point presentation as well as artifacts and other items that give a view into the life and history of a civil War soldier. Parts of the presentation deal with recruiting, enlistment, pay, battles, weaponry, uniforms, battles, camp life, identification of headstones and Camp Thomson. Thank you to Brother David "F" Wallace PDC for his loan of artifacts and uniforms that make this presentation complete. The 5th grade students and staff at West Bendle Elementary are very appreciative of the presentation.

Yours in F, C, & L,



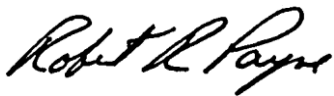
**Department Orders #3**  **Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**20 May 2018**  
*Robert R. Payne DC*

**Memorial Day**

This being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the origination of Memorial Day, then known as Decoration Day, let us be vigilant in our commemoration of our forefathers in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Revenue Cutter Service. These brothers sacrificed all, in the defense of our Nation. We can do no less than honor them with our time, with flowers, in parades, and in reverent services, at their graves, in Memorial Parks, and in Houses of Worship. Let us honor them on Memorial Day (observed) in every town and hamlet where we reside giving them due respect in public displays of honor.

More importantly, let us also honor them on May 30, the true Memorial Day, as directed 150 years ago, by Gen. John A. Logan in his General Order No. 11.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



ATTEST:

Robert R Payne, DC  
 Commander, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/  
 Richard Denney, CC  
 Secretary, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

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**Department Orders #4  Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**31 May 2018**  
*Robert R. Payne DC*

**Passing of Real Daughter Patricia Albertson**  
**Kalamazoo Tent, Kalamazoo, MI**

On May 29, 2018, our Sisters in The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861- 1865, lost Real Daughter, Sister Patricia Albertson to the annals of history. She was a Daughter in The Kalamazoo Tent. With deepest sympathies we join our Sisters in their heartfelt loss of Sister Albertson.

It is hereby ordered: The Department Website, Department Charter, all Camp Charters in the Department of Michigan, and all Membership Badges of the Brothers in the Department of Michigan shall be draped in black for the next 30 days, in memory of our departed Sister, Real Daughter, Patricia Albertson.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne, DC  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

ATTEST:

/s/  
*Richard Denney, CC*  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil*

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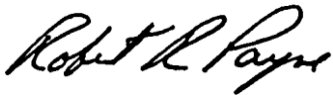
  
**Department Orders #5 Series 2018 – 2019**  
**Headquarters, Holt, MI**  
**8 June 2018**  
*Robert R. Payne DC*

**FLAG DAY**

On June 14, 1777, The Continental Congress adopted the **First Flag Act**: “**Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.**” On Memorial Day 1916, President Woodrow Wilson, inspired by decades of celebrations, issued a Proclamation establishing Flag Day as June 14. Further, President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress on August 3, 1949 establishing June 14 as National Flag Day. As descendants of those brave men, who so willingly fought and died for “Old Glory”, we, as Sons of Union Veterans, shall also honor and commemorate our National Standard.

It is therefore urged, this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2018 that all brothers in Michigan shall, to the best of their ability, display and otherwise honor the Flag of the United States of America on Flag Day, June 14, 2018 and during the week of June 14, known as National Flag Week. This shall be done by flying the Stars and Stripes from our homes and other appropriate places. We should also strive to continually remember all who have given so much that this flag could remain a beacon of freedom to the entire world.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



Robert R Payne, DC  
 Commander, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/  
 Richard Denney, CC  
 Secretary, Department of Michigan  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil

More 134<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment



## Friedrich Wilhelm Richmann

By Chaplain Buckhahn

While not a "blood" relative of mine, Friedrich Wilhelm Richmann is a "spiritual" brother to me; in more ways than one. Friedrich was born on November 9, 1820, in Hartum, Westphalia, Germany. At the age of 18, he landed in New York and settled in Lancaster, Ohio. He enrolled in Capitol University at Columbus, Ohio, graduating in 1843. He was licensed to preach the following year and accepted a call to serve several German parishes near Lancaster. Thus Friedrich is a brother of mine in the Holy Ministry. In 1847, Pastor Richmann was present at the organization of the Missouri Synod in Chicago. At that convention, he became an Advisory Member of the Synod. Thus, he is a brother of mine in the Pastoral Ministry of the Missouri Synod.

In the early fall of 1858 Pastor Richmann was installed at St. Peter Lutheran in Schaumburg, Illinois. In March, 1862, he received a call as chaplain to the 58<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Ohio Volunteers of the U.S. Army. A leave of absence was granted to him by the congregation. Thus, Pastor Richmann became the first Missouri Synod Pastor to become a military chaplain. Chaplain Richmann wrote the following on his service as Chaplain; "By the grace of God and the protection of His holy angel I reached my regiment on the 26th of this month [May 1862] and was received with great joy. On the following day [27 May] already I had to bury a soldier who had died suddenly, and I had to speak in English, since the deceased was an American. I preached on 1 Sam. 20:3, especially on the last part. I conducted the burial according to the rite of the Lutheran Church, of course, and it seemed indeed that the Word of God made a deep impression on my hearers.

"I will have conduct services regularly in both languages, since between three and four hundred men are not familiar with the German language. .... The moral condition of my regiment seems to be good comparison with others; at least, one does not hear as much cursing here as elsewhere and sees no drinking and card playing. I find it remarkable in this my call that not only almost all German officers, the staff, but also the largest part of the German companies, as I only now learned to my surprise, consist of members of the [Roman] Catholic Church. Now may all Lutherans help to pray that Lutheran preaching of the pure Word God fall on fruitful ground and bring forth fruit an hundredfold. . . .

"Yesterday [1 June] we had services twice, at six in the morning in English and at six in the evening in German. I preached on Mark 16: 15, 16. The singing, accompanied by brass instruments, sounded magnificent through these dark forests."

Richmann continued: "Gen. Halleck [in command of the Army of the Tennessee] had just issued a command that all army chaplains should be held to take command on the battlefield over the men who were ordered to bring the wounded out of the battle lines. ... Many of the chaplains, on account of the impending battle, had "gone over the hill," so that therefore scarcely half the army here is served [by chaplains].

"The sickness of the soldiers is increasing at an alarming rate. We must evacuate six to eight incurables from our field hospital every day in order to make room for the new ones who report sick each morning. ....

"I have been entrusted with the forwarding of letters because this, they tell me, is the custom, and the other chaplains also took care of the mail. Now at least a hundred letters are dispatched from our regiment every day and almost every five minutes a letter is posted, which I must then designate as a soldier's letter and affix my signature to each one, which causes me no little trouble, distraction, and loss of time."

After three months, at the beginning of August 1862, Pastor Richmann returned to his congregation, worn out by the hardship of war and sickness. He resigned his commission on October 27, 1862.

On August 1, 1869, he was called to St. John, Elgin, Illinois, where he served from 1869 to 1875. St. John Lutheran is my home congregation; thus, we are tied together by that congregation! In 2014, I portrayed Chaplain Richmann at St. John Lutheran as part of their 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

In 1883 Pastor Richmann became the chaplain of the Lutheran Hospital and Wartburg Old Folks' Home in Brooklyn, NY, where he died on November 7, 1885, ending a life of faithful service to God and to his fellow man.

## Dot Dot – Dash Dash

By Department Signals Officer Dave Wallace, PDC

The Department has maintained an online presence for many years through its website, and more recently, through a Facebook Group page. They can be found on the Internet at the following links:

Website home page: <http://suvcwmi.org/>

Facebook Group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129349770478186>

The Department website home page is organized to include section links to the Department Menus, Special Projects and Miscellaneous sub-pages of the website. There are many pages within the Department's website, but for this discussion, I'd like to call your attention to the following pages as a source of information about the operations and governance of the Department of Michigan under the Department Menus links.

Headquarters page: <http://suvcwmi.org/hq/>

The Headquarters page lists the Department Officers and Committees, including contact email addresses, and the USPS addresses for Department headquarters and general correspondence. There is also a link to Department Orders, both current and previous years, on the Headquarters page. In addition, there is a link for the current General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Another feature of the Headquarters page includes links to governance documents such as the current Department Bylaws, Department of Michigan Encampment proceedings, the Department's Operating Guidelines document, and other various SUVCW governance links.

Camps and Membership page: <http://suvcwmi.org/camps/>

The Camps and Membership page provides information and links about the Camps that form the Department of Michigan. It contains an alphabetic listing of the Camps with links to their individual pages, plus an interactive map of Camp locations. The page also includes links to "Membership Requirements" and "How to Join" the SUVCW. Some Camps maintain their own websites, but for the ones that don't, the Department maintains a page with at least minimal contact and meeting information for the Camp.

Events Calendar page: <http://suvcwmi.org/calendar.html>

This page is a listing of events and happenings within the Department. Submit relevant event information to the Department Signals Officer for this page.

"Michigan's Messenger" page: <http://suvcwmi.org/messenger/>

The "Michigan's Messenger" page contain the current edition of the publication, along with links to previous editions. There is also a guideline for submissions of articles, and the Editor's contact information.

Department Merchandise page: <http://suvcwmi.org/store/>

The Department Merchandise page contains merchandise that the Department has for sale along with ordering information and forms.

Nominations page: <http://suvcwmi.org/nominations/>

The Nominations page contains the information for review provided to the Department Nominating Committee by candidates seeking elective office within the Department.

Hopefully, this information will help you with finding information regarding Department Officer and Committee contacts, Department governance documents, the locations and information for the Camps within the Department, and events that are happening within the Department. In upcoming issues of "Michigan's Messenger," we'll discuss the information contained within the "Special Projects" and "Miscellaneous" sections of the website.



## **The Final Bugle Call**

*Submitted by Department Chaplain Charles Buckhahn, PCC*



### **Dennis Durwood Zank**

May 25, 1961 - January 8, 2018

Dennis Durwood Zank, 56, of Charlotte, died unexpectedly on Monday, January 08, 2018 in Detroit. Dennis was born May 25, 1961 in Midland, MI, the son of Karl Durwood and Norma Joy (Gross) Zank. As a child, his family moved from Big Rapids to Charlotte, where he graduated high school in 1979. He received a mechanics license from Lincoln Technical Institute in Indiana before working several years as a heavy machinery mechanic in various places, including EATRAN, Spartan Motors, and DENSO Manufacturing. Most recently he worked as a well inspector and sold real estate with Location Realty in Hastings.

Dennis earned the rank of Eagle Scout and stayed involved in scouting with his sons. He took great pride in carpentry, crafting many beautiful woodworking pieces for his family and friends. Dennis also enjoyed Civil War reenacting, participating in many reenactments as a member of the Sons of the Civil War Veterans and the Seventh Michigan. He was also a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3552 in Charlotte. Above all, Dennis cherished time spent with his family.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Sandra Zank; sons, Brian Zank, Mike (Lindsey) Zank and Dustin (Samantha) Zank; grandchildren, Kelly, Avry, Kayleigh, Meihla, Lainey, and another on the way; great-granddaughter Sheila; his parents, Durwood and Norma Zank; siblings, Dennise Zank - Devries, Jeff (Kelly) Zank and Jodie (Chris) Vieau; grandmother Nondis Zank; mother-in-law, Marge Pilbeam; and 8 nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 12, 2018 at Nashville United Methodist Church in Nashville, MI with Rev. Karen Kinney officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the church, just prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dennis on his Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

## **Real Daughter, Sister Patricia Albertson**

Submitted by Liz Grossman, Tent 58 President DUVCW

Sent: Wed, May 30, 2018 10:34 PM

Subject: With a sad heart

Dear Sisters,

It is with a sad heart that sister Sally has just informed me that one of our own has passed on. Real daughter, Sister Patricia Albertson passed away yesterday morning. Her visitation is from 4-7pm on Friday at Betzler Life Story funeral home 6080 Stadium Drive here in Kalamazoo, MI. Her funeral will be on Saturday at 1pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 936 Lake Street also here in Kalamazoo, MI We want to do a service for her on Friday so I will keep you posted on times. I, unfortunately will not be able to attend but we would love to have as many of you there as possible.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

**Robert Finch Camp No. 14**

Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

The month of May has been a busy one for Camp No. 14 with Memorial Day services, cleaning of headstones, and placement of GAR markers on the graves of our ancestors. Brothers of Camp No. 14 and Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 participated in Memorial Day ceremonies across the region including but not limited to: Traverse City – Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial Park, Kaleva – Bear Creek VFW Post 6333, Linwood Cemetery – Long Lake Township, Lake Ann – Almira Township Veterans Memorial, Leelanau County Veterans Memorial, Fife Lake, etc.

In addition to the activities of the season, Camp 14 held a dedication ceremony for 11 Union Veterans in Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City on 19 May. Through the diligent hard work, research, and community outreach of Graves Registration Officer John Sawyer and Civil War Memorials Officer Scott Schwander, 10 gravestones were acquired from the VA along with the movement of the 11<sup>th</sup> gravestone to the correct location after it was discovered that it was misplaced in the wrong GAR plot many years ago within the cemetery. Department GRO Danes is thanked for his support in obtaining the headstones for these men.

The 19 May ceremony for the "Oakwood 11" included participation and support from many organizations from the community, including, but not limited to: Camp No. 14, Frances Finch Aux. No. 9, Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry – SVR, United States Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City (honor guard and helicopter flyover), 182<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Company – U.S. Army Reserve (providing a Humvee and a Truck), American Legion, American Legion Riders, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Auxiliary, Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition, Traverse City Police Department (honor guard with Gr. Traverse County Sheriff members), Traverse City Fire Department (ladder truck with a huge U.S flag extended on high across from the cemetery entrance, and rescue personnel on standby), Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department, Michigan State Police, Children's House Montessori School – Traverse City (choir for the event), City of Traverse City (Oakwood Sexton Branden Morgan and crew), Devan DePauw (instructor of the NMC Welding program for his efforts in repairing GAR markers), TC Towing and Great Lakes Golf Carts providing golf carts for the elderly or in need, David Schock and his documentary crew (known for Road to Andersonville documentary), Peggy Zinn (served as official photographer), John Russell (AP and Detroit newspapers photojournalist), TV 7&4 for ceremony coverage, the Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums (for marching the rifle detail and honor guards into the GAR plot and later playing Amazing Grace), Bugles Across America Bugler Thelma Paul, and the Keynote Speaker U.S. Congressman Jack Bergman (who is also a Lieutenant General, USMC retired).

Media coverage of the 19 March ceremony for the Oakwood 11 included front page coverage in the Detroit News on Memorial Day. Links to some of the coverage is found below:

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2018/05/28/civil-war-soldiers-forgotten-no-more-traverse-city/637129002/>

<http://upnorthlive.com/news/local/eleven-civil-war-vets-finally-honored-with-headstones>

[http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local\\_news/restoring-honor/article\\_23cb22a9-5d6c-54b3-ab69-8e09bd2b0984.html](http://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/restoring-honor/article_23cb22a9-5d6c-54b3-ab69-8e09bd2b0984.html)

<http://www.9and10news.com/2018/05/29/northern-michigan-man-gives-back-civil-war-veterans-unique-way/>

At the Department Encampment in Lansing on 05 May, Camp 14's David Smith completed his term as Department Commander, welcoming in his successor newly elected DC Robert Payne. PDC Dale Aurand served out the term of Senior Vice Department Commander, and Camp Commander Ted Mattis finished the term as Department Guard. Camp 14 received two awards at the Encampment. Camp 14 received the Gov. Austin Blair Membership Award for adding the most members over the term. The second award given was the Abraham Lincoln Award, which was awarded to Camp 14's CWMO Scott Schwander for his extensive work in honoring our Union Veterans within area cemeteries.

For more information on Camp 14 activities, please visit our website [www.robertfinch14.org](http://www.robertfinch14.org), where our archived newsletters can be found, as well as our facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/robertfinchcamp](https://www.facebook.com/robertfinchcamp)

Camp14 Continued



Above: Coast Guard MH-60T flyby from USCG Air Station Traverse City signaled the beginning of the ceremony.



Above: PDC Davis and Grand Traverse Pipe & Drums lead the honor guards and rifle detail into the ceremony. (photo courtesy of Peggy Zinn)



Above: US Congressman Jack Bergman (Lt. Gen. USMC Retired) giving the keynote speech. (photo courtesy of Peggy Zinn)



Above: PDC Smith presents the Department of Michigan Abraham Lincoln Award to CWMO Scott Schwander at the McPherson GAR Post 18 Plot 241 in Oakwood Cemetery shortly after the Department Encampment. (photo courtesy of PDC Davis)



Camp 14 Continued



Above: Brother tributes – Camp 14 with Aux. No.9, TCPD/GTSD Honor Guard, USCG Honor Guard . (photo courtesy of Peggy Zinn)



Above: Rifle detail in action. (photo courtesy of Peggy Zinn)

**Camp 17 Marches in Eaton Rapids**  
Submitted by Mark Hoffman





## Multiple Camps Prepare for Memorial Day

*Submitted by Paul Davis, PDC*

Soldiers Rest Cemetery, formerly known as Pine Ridge Cemetery Bay City Michigan was abandoned a number of years ago. The cemetery interred a number of Civil War Soldiers including such notable as past Department Commander James Van Kleeck. Co. D, 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. His grave was unmarked and so Grant Camp and the SVR, Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan placed a stone and performed a dedication ceremony for his family. Volunteers and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, U.S. Grant Camp 67, the current iteration of the original GAR Post in Bay City rescued the cemetery.

On April 28, 2018, in preparation for upcoming Memorial Day ceremonies, members of Grant Camp #67, LeValley-Heusted Camp #255, and Governor Crapo Camp #145, washed headstones, raked leaves and cleaned the GAR Grant Post #67 burial area.

Grant Camp and the SVR, Co A 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan routinely performs services at the GAR plot in Soldiers Rest. Annually before Memorial Day we try and do a clean up and plan a Memorial Day service for the Civil War Soldiers buried in Soldiers Rest.

Jim Petrimoulx our GRO deserves a lot of credit for the efforts here as he is a walking encyclopedia.

*Back Row: Left to Right*

Dustin Oswald, Bill Hanusik, David Neese, Unidentified Vet who just stopped by to help, Nate Smith, Len "Irish" McInerney, Terry McKinch, Jack Frost and Keith Markstrom.



*Front Row: Left To Right: David Reid, Jan Davis, Old Fart (Paul Davis), Jim Petrimoulx, Jerry Crow*



## General Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20

Submitted by John R. Keith, PCC, Signals Officer

### Camp 20 Happenings

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 we at the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 held a very different camp meeting. We held our April meeting at the Dr. Nathan Thomas in Schoolcraft.

Dr. Thomas opened his practice and home to runaway slaves heading for freedom! When asked he gladly accepted to help hiding slaves, even though it was against the law and he risked everything to be a stop in the Underground Railroad.

US 131 Highway that goes through Schoolcraft, it's official name, changed to The Underground Railroad Highway a few years ago. This was spearheaded by Kalamazoo County's then State Senator Thomas George.

After a short meeting headed by Camp 20 Commander Mike Culp, we were honored to have Mr. Don Sanborn talk about Dr. Thomas, and the Underground Railroad, he was joined by 4 other Historical Society members.

Much to our delight at Camp 20, We had attendees from Camp 145, Camp 135 and our Camp 20. What also made the night special, Brother Comer Skinner, who also heads up the Hopkins Chapter FFA MI0090, brought with him 15 FFA members with him. We all toured the house before we left!

On April 21<sup>st</sup> we joined the FFA at Poplar Hill Cemetery to help with their annual clean up there! then after lunch, most of us met at Maplewood Cemetery, in Hopkins Township, in Allegan County to set the last Civil War gravestone in that cemetery. This was solely done by FFA members, with verbal help from Camp 20 members.

Teach the youth to carry on the task we at the SUVCW are doing for our forefathers!

Over the last 4-5 years we have placed 11 new military gravestone there. Here are the names of the soldiers who received new stones.

ANDREW E. BATES SERGEANTCOMPANY D 1st MICHIGAN E & M Born 1834 Died 1922

JOSEPH CARROLL PRIVATE COMPANY E 138th PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY Born 1844 Died 1901

THOMAS CARROLL PRIVATE COMPANY I 10th PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY Born MAY 10,1835  
Died AUGUST 9, 1904

JAMES DELONG PRIVATE COMPANY E 103rd OHIO INFANTRY Born 1828 Died OCTOBER 8,1880

JOSEPH DOUGLASS PRIVATE COMPANY D 1st MICHIGAN E & M Born 1833 Died FEBRUARY 14, 1893

DANIEL GARBERSON PRIVATE COMPANY K 6th MICHIGAN INFANTRY Born OCT. 9, 1826  
Died JANUARY 15, 1907

ORVILLE A. GROMMON PRIVATE COMPANY B 4th MICHIGAN CAVALRY Born 1846 Died DECEMBER 24, 1923

SETH M GUNNETT PRIVATE COMPANY A 1st INDIANA HEAVY ARTILLERY Born JANUARY 5, 1828  
Died SEPTEMBER 16, 1878

JAMES LEWIS PRIVATE COMPANY 9th 1st NEW YORK SHARPSHOOTERS Born 1819 Died AUGUST 13, 1885

ANTHONY PERKINS PRIVATE COMPANY D ILLINOIS CAVALRY Born 1846 Died SEPTEMBER 12, 1889

SYLVESTER SKINNER PRIVATE COMPANY B 16th UNITED STATES INFANTRY Born ABT.1844 Died JUNE 24, 1899

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, The Hopkins Chapter FFA and the Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 combined and hosted a Civil War Gravestones Dedication at Maplewood Cemetery (mentioned above). Speakers were Ms. Mary Whiteford State Representative for Michigan's District 80, Mr. Gale Dugan, Allegan County Commissioner for District 7, Hopkins Township Supervisor Mr. Mark Evans and Sister Patti Townsend of Tent 58 DUVCW read a poem. Also we at Camp 20 want to thank Company A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR for their support. Special thanks to Captain L. Dean Lamphere for forming the circle of honor after the ceremony, allowing us to salute our dead! Many FFA members were involved in the ceremony also! A good and educational time was had by all!

Camp 20 was invited to the FFA Annual Banquet, those who attended did not leave hungry, what a spread of food.

Camp #20 Continued



Comer Skinner, Camp 20 giving the Invocation



Junior Member James Davis saluting the soldier



Hopkins FFA



Sister Patti Townsend, Tent 58, DUVCW



FFA Member Lexi Wilson



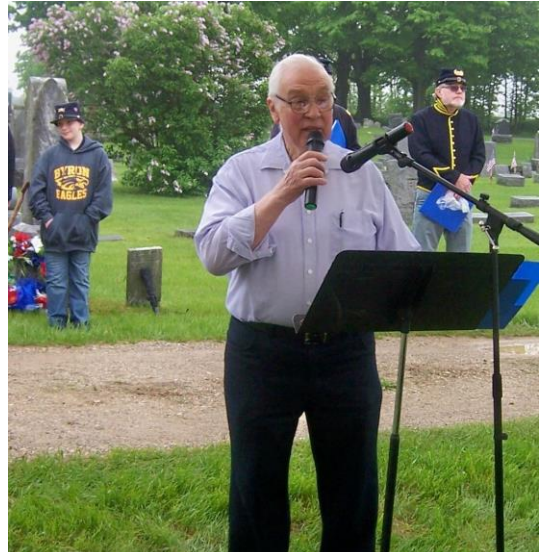
FFA Member Ethan Gilder



## Camp #20 Continued



FFA Members Haylie Kiraly, Trumpeter Laura Velderman, and Olivia Coffey



Lee Dale Arnsman, Hopkins Township Cemetery Historian

We marched in the Allegan Parade on May 28<sup>th</sup>, and attended the ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan. A very large crowd witnessed the proceeding there as usual. After the ceremony we went to the Pritchard House for what seems to have been become an annual event. Rick and Diane Lloyd, owners of the Pritchard House, graciously open their house to all who want a tour and they put out an amazing lunch for all to share. They are very special people and we are so glad they bought his house. Over the years they both have studied up on Benjamin Pritchard and share what they learned to all!

On the real Memorial (Decoration) Day, May 30<sup>th</sup> Camp 20 carrying on a tradition, held a ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic lot in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo. A good turnout helped make this event special.

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

*Submitted by Rick Danes, CC*



Members of Colonel Joshua Howard Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution join Camp members at a traditional Decoration Day Ceremony in Dearborn on May 30.

## Company A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve On The March

The men of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan, SVR have had a busy year so far. In April we were called to duty for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield Illinois. The 14<sup>th</sup> served as Color Guard for the ceremony. Senior Vice Commander in Chief Don Shaw served as master of ceremonies.



Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan, SVR, at Springfield



Color Guard at Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies

Following the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, the 14<sup>th</sup> traveled to Petersburg, Illinois and attended the services at the Stephenson Monument there.

During our travels to Illinois, we took in two side trips the first at the GAR Hall in Aurora, Illinois.



14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Continued



GAR Hall in Aurora, Illinois



GAR Hall SVR Visitors



14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Continued

Our next stop, New Salem, where Lincoln spent his early days in Illinois



New Salem, Illinois

During the week before Memorial Day, the 14<sup>th</sup> was very busy at both ends of the state on the same day, May 19. One of our platoons traveled to Traverse City to support a major event hosted by Robert Finch Camp 14 to honor the placing of headstone for 11 Civil War Soldiers who had previously not had their resting places marked.



SVR Detail at Traverse City in support of Robert Finch Camp 14



14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Continued

Meanwhile the Second Platoon was in Wayland, Michigan performing services there in support of Benjamin Pritchard Camp 120.

Memorial Day (the 28<sup>th</sup>) the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR spent the morning in Bay City, Michigan for ceremonies for the original 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Michigan soldiers buried there in Soldiers Rest (Pine Ridge Cemetery).



Graves of 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Soldiers in Soldiers Rest, Bay City



14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Salute Detail at Soldiers Rest

14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Continued



Jack Frost with 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Guideon



Firing a three round musket salute



*14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR Continued*

In the afternoon, it was on to Flushing, Michigan for Memorial Services there in support of the Crapo Camp 145. The 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan SVR also fired a three round musket salute during the ceremonies there at the City Cemetery



On Memorial Day proper, additional services were also conducted in Flint, Michigan at Aventine Cemetery and Forest Lawn Cemetery in Saginaw, Michigan



## U.S. Grant Camp 67 and LeValley-Heusted 255

Submitted by Paul Davis, PDC

### U.S. Grant Camp 67 and LeValley-Heusted 255 Honor Men of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

The Brothers of U.S. Grant Camp 67 and LeValley-Heusted 255 performed a Memorial Day Remembrance Service for several soldiers from the 14th Michigan Infantry. The 14th was recruited from several men living in the Saginaw and Bay City area. Many of these men returned to the area after the war and several are buried in Soldiers Rest in the Pine Ridge Cemetery in Bay City.

The names of the men of the 14<sup>th</sup> buried there was read during the ceremony as well as the names of those men who served in the 14th who have relatives who are currently members of the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These included Sgt. Thomas Crane, Co. K (Jim Crane); Cpl Henry Beaubien, Co. H. (Paul Davis) and John Webster, Co. K (Robert Payne).



U.S. Grant Camp Commander Nathan Smith and Senior Vice Commander Paul Davis read the names of the soldiers of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan buried in Soldiers Rest



Grave sites of the 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan men. Frank Berdan, Francis Duchine, Leonard Jewell and Ransom Randall Photos courtesy Jeff Caverly



A gathering formed a healing circle to honor ancestors, friends and all veterans



Firing a salute to honor all soldiers buried in Soldiers Rest