



RAMBLINGS OF THE IRISH RIFLE

The Official Newsletter of the 14th Michigan Company A
Sons of Veterans Reserve

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Lincoln Tomb Ceremony 2018

The 14th started its 2018 campaign in Springfield Illinois for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies there. Once again Compny A 14th Michigan Infantry carried the day. Prior to the Ceremonies, Captain Lamphere presented SVR Unit Citations to those who had not previously earned one. Those who are second recipients of the award received a bronze star to indicate a second award.



Co. A, 14th Michigan Color Guard Posted National Colors



Commander's Corner



Brothers and Comrades:

I hope this message finds you well. We have had a busy Spring and looking toward the remaining Summer and Fall to have some more great opportunities. I would like to thank those members of the unit who participated in the burial service in

Toledo. All of you continue to impress me with your willingness to serve and support the purpose of the Order.

I would like to look at the one day Camp event planned with the Brothers from Camp 135 on October 13, 2018. I would like to consider this an opportunity to do some drill while working with youth with a simulated encampment. I will not be able to make this event as work as tied me up in other tasks on that date but would like to know who could participate in such an event if planned.

This year, Gettysburg offers a unique experience in that we can hopefully serve one of our own as his guard when elected C-I-C of the SUVCW. Whether going seperately or with our caravan it will be a good time during Gettysburg Remembrance.

We have been discussing the Friday tour for 2018 Remembrance Day weekend and thinking about Valley Forge as it has been almost a decade since we have been there and would be good to visit there again.

Those interested in attending the Gov. Crapo Camp Christmas Dinner tentatively scheduled for Dec 8, 2018 should please contact Crapo Camp Commander Lloyd Lamphere at: wanda60@LENTEL.com

Respectfully your servant,
Capt. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
Commanding
Co. A – 14th Michigan Infantry "Irish Rifle"
3rd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our two newest members:

Jim Crane
Bernie Hawk



Captain Lamphere Commanding the troops

Attendance seemed once again to be sparse. This year Don Shaw served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies. Rain threatened on Saturday but we were able to get our business done without too much rain.



2018 Co. A, 14th Michigan SVR Participants Group Photo



Co. A, 14th Michigan Irish Rifle forming up for Lincoln Tomb Ceremony photo op with new member Jim Crane far right.



New Salem Side Trip

On Saturday prior to and on our way to the Stephenson Services, we took a short tour of New Salem, Illinois. The New Salem Museum and recreated town captured Lincoln's early years in Illinois. A tourist side trip for the 14th.



The Berry Lincoln Store where Lincoln worked in New Salem



The Second Berry Lincoln Store where Lincoln worked in New Salem The 14th Michigan "appropriated" the second Berry store for its temporary HQ.



Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Stephenson Monument Ceremonies

On Saturday following the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, we traveled to Petersburg, Illinois and participated in the Stephenson ceremonies as part of our usual tour of duties.



At the conclusion of the Stephenson Services, we conducted our special and private Irish Rifle ceremony honoring our departed comrades by “taking a drink and leaving a drink.”

Memorial Day/Week Busy Time for 14th Michigan



Headstone Dedication Ceremonies for original members of the 14th.

GAR Hall Aurora, Illinois

On the Friday before the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies on Saturday, some of the 14th paid a visit to the GAR Hall and Historical Museum in Aurora, Illinois.



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.

Co A, 14th Michigan SVR honored several original soldiers of the 14th including some who served in Co. A. The original soldiers included: Francis Duchine aka Duchene, Leonard Jewell, Frank Berdan aka John Frank Burdain, and Ransom Randall. In addition, ancestors of current members of the 14th Michigan Co, A were honored and their names read in the role call.



Co. A, 14th Michigan Honor Guard



Co. A, 14th Michigan Honor Guard firing a three volley salute

The names of those men who served in the 14th who have descendants who are currently members of Co. A, 14th Michigan SVR include: Sgt. Thomas Crane, Co. K (Jim Crane); Cpl Henry Beaubien, Co. H. (Paul Davis) and John Webster, Co. K (Robert Payne).



Flushing: Next Stop

Following the Bay City event, Co.A, 14th Michigan next traveled south to the Flushing City Cemetery for services there performing as an Honor Guard and firing a three round salute.



Co. A, 14th Michigan Honor Guard on duty at Flushing City Cemetery

The SVR Travels North to Traverse City

The weekend of May 19th found the 14th split into two platoons each serving at the extreme opposite ends of the state.

In Traverse City Co. A, 14th Michigan was detailed for the installation of 11 new headstones at Oakwood Cemetery. The Traverse City Pipe Band led the procession of the many Honor Guard Details.





Co. A, 14th Michigan Honor Guard prepares to fire a salute.

FYI: New Website Launched for Co. A, 14th Michigan.

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Co. A 14th MICHIGAN
IRISH RIFLE

Sons Of Veterans Reserve

Company A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR

Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry is a member of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) and is the ceremonial uniformed military component of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) in Michigan. Our Unit is also known as the IRISH RIFLE as it is derived from the original [Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry](#). Most of our members are also members of the SUVCW Department of Michigan. We perform a variety of ceremonial services such as head stone dedications and memorial services through out the state in support of the many Camps within the Department.

We also participate in a number of events outside the state such as the annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield, Illinois and the annual Remembrance Day parade and services at Gettysburg. Co. A, 14th Michigan is a well-respected and highly decorated SVR unit having been awarded two coveted Union Citations. The 14th Michigan is a member of the [3rd Military District](#). There are seven military districts with additional SVR units across the nation. The various Districts report to the [National Sons of Veterans Reserve staff](#).



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Check out our new Co. A 14th Michigan SVR website. A link is located on the home page of the Department of Michigan's website.



Despite a rainy day, Co. A, 14th Michigan Honor Guard fires the first of three salutes.

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R. Lee Ermey, 1944-2018

An American, Patriot, & Marine has left us and reported for duty at Heaven's Gate which is guarded by United States Marines. Ronald Lee Ermey passed away due to complications from pneumonia on 15 April, 2018.

Semper Fi, Gunny

