



RAMBLINGS OF THE IRISH RIFLE

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Newsletter Reprise (or Resuscitated)

Once again it has been some time since we published a Newsletter. Many opportunities and a variety of events and services have existed throughout the state and we have participated in many of them albeit in smaller numbers.

Most recently the SVR/SUCVW attended the new and re-vamped and re-located River Of Time Event. The weather was dry and warm and the attendance was HUGE!!!!

Participants included “Irish” Len McInerney, Sailor Bob, Lloyd Lamphere, Ron Schull, Charlie Buckhahn, Jim Pahl, Frank Sauder, and Paul Davis.



Irish and Jim Pahl ROT WWII Impression

Commander’s Corner

Brothers and Comrades: I hope this message finds you and yours well. I have been busy since the National Encampment with my second GO LIVE in the last 5 months with 3 more laying out for the next 7 months. There has been



a suggestion we should do a cartridge rolling party to prepare for the coming year.

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14th Michigan Regimental Flag Status Update

It has been 2 years now since we started the project to re-create a 14th Michigan Regimental Flag. And we still do not have a flag. Initially we had hoped to have the flag done before Gettysburg Remembrance LAST YEAR. There have been several hurdles and issues concerning the reproduction of the flag. Key among those is the lack of an adequate image in a suitable high enough resolution to create the flag using and kind of current technology. When we requested a high resolution image, (which most people don’t understand) the one supplied would barely be adequate for an 8 inch by 11 inch print. The high resolution image requires a 5 foot by 5 foot image sized in gigabytes. The Company that we have been working with is very interested in our project and has been eager to find a solution because there are many people who have been requesting larger size reproduction flags and this is a business the vendor would like be able to provide as part of their services. At this point,

Home Town Heroes

Birch Run Honored Her Sons In Arms



Hometown Heroes Sailor Bob and his Father



Ty and Troy Bob's Sons

Civil War Synergies

Some of you may remember that in 2014 as a Civil War Sesquicentennial project, I (Paul) wrote and published a book titled: *I Rode With Custer* which was based primarily on the Diary and Service of Major Charles Safford, 5th Michigan Cavalry. Further it was dedicated to Solomon Stegris Co. C, 5th Michigan Cavalry. Solomon was Len "Irish"'s ancestor. He was 22 years old when he enlisted and he unfortunately never returned home and his gravesite is unknown. I consider Irish to be a close and personal friend. The bonds of brotherhood sometime manifest themselves in many and unusual ways. I recently learned that I too have an ancestor in the 5th Michigan Cavalry (Custer's Michigan Cavalry Brigade.) He is James Shaver. He enlisted at age 18 in Company C, 5th Michigan Cavalry and transferred to Company I, 7th Michigan Cavalry. He survived the war and mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on December 15, 1865.



the plan is to create a combination of appliques, stitched lettering and hand painted details especially for the eagle and its feathers. The flag will actually be two flags, a front and a back sewn together. In the next few days I will get back with the Bay Supply owner and finalize a commitment to proceed or end our effort with them. I will take a 3x5 foot flag (shown below) which I had made and painted for the USS Michigan Marine Guard to show them what can be done. If we can use some appliques for lettering and the banner, I will paint the eagle and (maybe) other graphics like below. In the 1860's they usually painted the flags anyway.



Sergeant Scars and Stripes wants to know if you can identify what the image below is and what are they called in Civil War parlance?



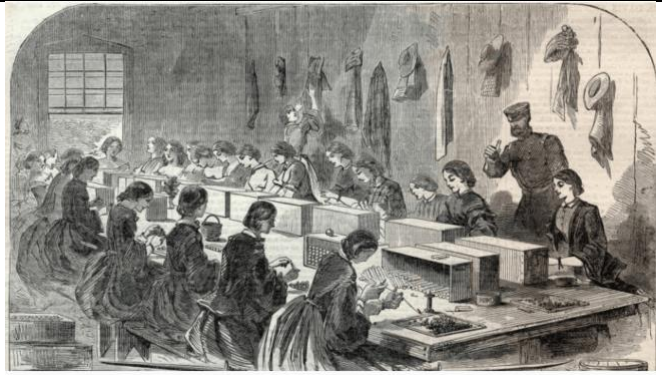
Gettysburg Remembrance 2023



The van is already filled for the trip to Gettysburg.
NOTE: Last year we had our LAST meal at Pickett's Buffet as the building has been sold and will be demolished??. Latest info says the Farmhouse Restaurant (in the spirit of General Pickett's Buffet) will be part of the Barn Resort (formerly Boyd's Bear Country Barn. The facility is located at 75 Cunningham Road, Gettysburg. Opening is posted as Spring of 2024.

From your Officers, NCOs and Support Staff

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING &
Merry Christmas and a
Prosperous and Healthy
New Year**



They are paper tubes for making ammunition and are called "Paper Ladies" likely because women and girls were employed to make them because they had better hand dexterity to make them.

In the near future we will be planning an SVR round making detail at Sailor Bob's Man Cave to make tubes (paper ladies) and load them with powder for our upcoming season/events.



(Did you get your Dick Denney Custom Wrist Loader?)

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I think CPL Boquette and 1st LT Davis and others suggested we do so at Fort Boquette. I would like to add that we should also practice some basic evolutions of the Company to help with a better understanding of various drill movements for a unit such as we have. I would propose this be done in March or early April. The Gettysburg trip planning is progressing well. I'll be sending the final details out shortly so everyone is apprised of the schedule, times and details. We had a fairly busy year in 2023 and I want to thank everyone for their support and participation. Brother/Private Steven Allen Williams will be returning back from New York to Michigan and will be rejoicing us in our ranks. He is currently working through his transfer back to his former Camp.

I would also like to extend an invitation to the Gov. Crapo Camp Number 145 Christmas Dinner on December 16, 2023 at the Mayfair Bible Church in Flushing, Michigan. The Crapo Camp meeting will be at 4:00 pm with the dinner to follow at 6:00 pm. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person. You can pay me (Dean) and I will get the payment to the Camp.

Respectfully your servant,
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