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## Patriotic Instructor

*Robert Mitchell*

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### My name is Old Glory

I am the flag of the United States of America... My name is Old Glory. I fly atop the world's tallest building. I stand watch in America's halls of justice. I fly majestically over great institutes of learning. I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world.

Look up! And see me!

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.... I stand for freedom... I am confident.. I am arrogant... I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners... My head is a little higher... My colors a little truer. I bow to no one.

I am recognized all over the world. I am worshipped... I am saluted... I am respected.. I am revered... I am loved... And I am feared.

I have fought every battle of every war for more than 200 years... Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, the Argonne Forrest, Anzio, Rome, the beaches of Normandy, the Deserts of Africa, the cane fields of the Philippines, the rice paddies and jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Guadalcanal New Britain, Peleliu and many more islands.

And a score of places long forgotten by all but those who were with me....I was there....I led my soldiers.... I followed them.... I watched over them... They loved me.

I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima. I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt, for I am invincible.

I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my county, and when it is by those with whom I have served in battle – it hurts. But I shall overcome – for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon. I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be used for bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle... When I fly at half-mast to honor my soldiers...

And when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother at the graveside of her fallen son.

**I am proud. My name is Old Glory.**

**Dear God – Long may I wave.**



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Saturday, April 23rd

Holiday Inn West, Lansing

See last issue for details & map

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**The Passing of Brothers**

**Thomas E. LeFurge** - born April 19, 1929, died January 22, 2005; he is survived by his wife Jeane and four children, Doris, Tom, Jr., Michelle, and Robyn. Tom joined John B. Logan Camp No. 1 in 1994 and honored his Grandfather, Henry T. LeFurge, Pvt., 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan, Co. B and 4 other ancestors. Tom served as a Private in the USMC from 1947-1955 on the aircraft carrier USS Kearsarge and was chosen to serve in the Honor Guard for President Truman's funeral. For the past several years, Tom reenacted in the Third Michigan, Co. F and Co. K.

**Metcalf, R.B.** - Died 2/10/05, of Jackson, passed away suddenly February 10, 2005, age 65 years. Surviving are his wife of 37 years, Eva; one son, David (Denise) Metcalf of Jackson; two granddaughters, Sophia and Anneliese; two sisters, Mary (Lee) Cope, Pat (Rich) Garrison all of Jackson; two brothers, Wyman (Chris) Godfrey, Wayne (Sharon) Godfrey all of Brooklyn; many nieces and nephews. Proceeded in death by one son, Duane. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retired from the Summit Twp. Fire Department after 30 years of service, member of the Sons of Union Civil War Veterans and was currently an ordinance officer at Summit Twp. Mr. Metcalf attended the First Church of the Nazarene. Contributions may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 3905 Clinton Rd., Jackson, MI 49201 or the charity of choice.

Bob was born in Jackson, MI on Oct. 6, 1939. He joined Austin Blair Camp No. 7 on November 5, 1992. He had no Civil War ancestor that we could confirm and therefore joined as an "Associate" because he supported the objectives of the SUVCW and the work of our Camp.

Cards of condolence may be addressed to: Mrs. Eva Metcalf, 817 Westwood Blvd. Jackson MI 49203

**Photo Submissions****Why Actual Photos Are Necessary**

Briefly, the reason electronic photo files are not used is three fold. 1st, My printer is not of a high enough quality to print a photo that is good to be "shot" by the print shop to make a halftone for offset press printing. Unless an inkjet or laser printer can print at very high quality of TRUE photo quality, 2400 dpi (dot per inch) or higher, the result looks muddy when converted to halftone.

2nd, the quality of electronic files varies tremendously, especially those taken with digital cameras. A minimum resolution of 3 mega pixels should be used for 4 x 6 photos, especially if they are to be cropped and the cropped area enlarge. What looks acceptable on a computer screen doesn't necessarily look good in print.

3rd, the print shop can take the electronic file and convert it directly to a halftone, but that doubles the processing cost per photo. The Messenger already consumes a major portion of the Department's budget and by having everyone snail mail their photos, the result is the Messenger is a higher quality product and cost the Department (you, our members) less to print. We save money for other activities.

**The Deadline for the**

**Summer 2005 Issue of Michigan's  
Messenger is**

**September 15th**

All articles and photos must be in the hands of the editor by this date to inclusion. Text files may be submitted by e-mail (attached file preferred.) Please use the subject line, Messenger Article. Photos MUST be mailed (*actual photographs only*). Include a SASE if photos are to be returned. No electronic photos files accepted.

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## Department Orders #5 Series 2004-05

1. The Mid-Winter Conference was held on February 19, with only 35 Brothers in attendance. The majority agreed that it was beneficial, however, in order to be successful, more participation by the newly elected camp officers is necessary. It may behoove us to come up with a more effective way of reaching more of the officers. The Washington / Lincoln Birthday Dinner was poorly attended this year. (12 attendees) In conversations with the President of the Sons of the Revolution, (our co-host), it seems this event has run its course. Further discussions between the two organizations will be necessary before a decision is made to continue the dinner in the future.

2. The department has received word of the passing of two brothers. Thomas LaFurge of Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, passed away on January 22. Robert Metcalf of Austin Blair Camp No. 7, passed away on February 10. Condolences are extended to their families and brothers of their respective camps.

3. It has been both gratifying and exciting to see the work of the Order moving forward within the department. The progress made in the Graves Registration Program, restoration of monuments & memorials and the positive exposure of the Order in the public eye have been outstanding this year. Congratulations to those camps that have been active in these areas, who stand as an example to all.

4. My thanks are extended to my department officers and staff. It has not been an easy year, but it has been successful from the standpoint of getting the finances under control, and stabilizing the losses in membership. Special thanks to Sr. Vice Commander James T. Lyons, whose tireless work on special projects has helped the department tremendously. Thank you, Jim.

5. Thanks are also extended to Lucille "Peaches" Streeter, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Nancy Newman, President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the many courtesies extended to me as our paths have crossed this year. It has been enjoyable working with them.

6. Camp Commanders are reminded to *PLEASE* be sure your annual reports are completed and sent in to the Department Secretary on time. It is not fair to him to have to keep calling you and your secretaries to get this done. It is vital that we have this material to report to national within the time allowed, so that our delegation to the National Encampment is accepted and seated. If this report is late, we will be denied seating at the Encampment. Thank you for

your attention to this matter.

7. I want to encourage all brothers to consider attending the National Encampment in Nashua, NH, on August 4-8, 2005. Michigan is a leader on the national level, and should have a strong delegation present. Additionally, Bro. James B. Pahl, PDC, will be seeking the office of Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Let's turn out and support him.

8. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum, located on Rose Street in downtown Kalamazoo, has an outstanding Civil War exhibit until May 30. It is a merger of a traveling exhibit from Ohio, and items from the museum's own collection. Included are the Spencer carbine leveled at Jefferson Davis by Cpl. Munger of the 4th Michigan Cavalry, and items from soldiers of the 13th, 19th and 25th Michigan Infantries. There is also a display of items from Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo. Included in this is a flag from Sons of Veterans Camp 70, of Wakeshma Twp. In the text of the display, the Sons of Union Veterans is mentioned several times. I would encourage you to make a trip to Kalamazoo to view this exhibit.

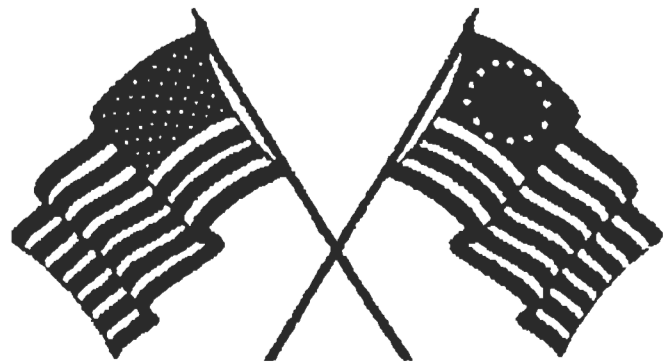
9. In closing, I would like to thank the brothers of the Department of Michigan for your support during this year in office. I am confident the department will continue to be the model for the rest of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By order of:

Attest:

*Gary L. Gibson*  
Commander  
Department of Michigan

*Richard F. Lee*  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan



## Graves Registration

*Rick Danes, Chairman*

Greetings, Brothers

This past weekend, I had the honor of chairing the twentieth meeting of the current Graves Registration Committee... think of that for a minute... the Committee has now been successfully doing the work of the Order as a TEAM for six years. After being conceived by PC-in-C Kent Armstrong, and initiated by PDC Hayes, we have served PDC Hayes for two terms, PDC Butgereit for two terms, and DC Gibson for one term. We hope that future Commanders have the confidence in our efforts to allow our direction to be continued.

But I digress.... at that time (the last meeting) I gave each attending Camp Officer an updated copy of the Graves Registration database on CD, containing over 50,200 records. At the meeting 10 Camps were represented, all reporting some success in our work.

What is very satisfying news is that Camps 20, 7, 120, 14, 139, and 2 (in addition, Camps 101 and 427 will collaborate on several opportunities this year) all have new headstones or monuments that will be dedicated or rededicated this spring. Unfortunately, several major events are scheduled on the same weekends, so we can't attend all of them. Of course this is not a primary responsibility of the Graves Committee, but the need for most of the work of this nature comes from the Committee's surveys. If your Camp will be rededicating or dedicating this year, let me know, and I will send out a note through the GRO E-mail Network.

I do want to mention several members who are doing excellent work; Brother Jim Harris (and his son Brother Timothy Harris) is not only surveying and documenting Oakland County, but photographing each Civil War Soldier's headstone as a permanent record; Brother Matt Adair has kick-started the work in Genesee County, reviewing and submitting many never-before recorded records from that area; Brother Chris Czopek continues the task of documenting all Michigan men who died at Andersonville; Brother Dick and Sister Mary Hutchins completed some very important work in Lake County this summer, and are preparing a sequel to their book; and Brother Bill Lowe, who like an experienced orchestra director continues to organize our friends outside the Order to survey and report areas not previously done, such as the UP outside of Camp 266, the upper central part of the lower, and the central counties that border Ohio. I also would like to welcome our newest Committee Member, Brother Bill Miller from Camp 17.

I do want to reflect on a recurring subject of mine. The Committee has submitted and recorded over 4000 records this year with less than 50% of the Camps participating. I wonder what we could do with a true TEAM effort? There is still plenty of time for the Camps who have not been able to survey or report graves to get on board. We still have over half of the state to survey (gee, 50% of the Camps....50% of the state!) so there is plenty of area to go around.

The National Database has gone online, with over 600,000 records now available to the public. This is a great accomplishment for the Sons, and is a major way for us to spotlight our efforts.

My annual report will reflect that we have over 50,700 records in the Department DB.

Thank you all for your support and efforts.

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## From our Southern Cousins

### 8TH ANNUAL SALISBURY CONFEDERATE PRISON

**April 8-10, 2005**

The Robert F. Hoke Chapter No. 78 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy® will host its 8th Annual Salisbury Confederate Prison Symposium April 8-10, 2005. The event will open at 5 PM on Friday evening with the traditional reception, the "Reunion of Descendants and Friends", followed by the Friendship Banquet. Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. of VA will give the keynote address. Phil Turner of GA, "The Gray Poet," will present one of his original works. Soloist Eva Millsaps of NC will provide music.

Scheduled to speak on Saturday on subjects pertaining to the Prison and those who were there are: Dr. Robertson, Annette G. Ford of FL, Dr. Don French of MI, Frances Casstevens and Dr. Gary Freeze of NC, and Bob Eberly of SC.

Two memorial services on Sunday morning, starting at 10 AM, are open to the public and will remember the Union soldiers buried in the Salisbury National Cemetery and Confederate soldiers buried in the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

More information and Registration forms are available at [www.salisburyprison.org](http://www.salisburyprison.org). Anne Wilson Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 Juliet E. Stevens Tent #14 Michigan and Salisbury Confederate Prison Association – Recording Secretary

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## John A. Logan Camp # 1 ~ Grand Rapids

*Submitted by Tim Kolean, Commander*

The John A. Logan Camp No. 1 participated in the Grand Rapids area Veterans Day activities held in November. Several Brothers marched in the Veterans parade as well as attended the ceremony. Camp 1 held Camp Officer elections at the December 2004 Camp meeting. The following Officers were elected to serve for the 2005 term:

Camp Commander	Tim Kolean
Senior Vice Commander	Ed Woodard
Junior Vice Commander	William Truss
Council	Harold Becker
Council	Harry Robinson
Council	John Sullivan
Secretary	Bruce Butgereit
Treasurer	Cleon Duryea
Patriotic Instructor	Bruce Butgereit II
Chaplain	Comer Skinner
Graves Registration Officer	Bill Johnston

Installation of Officers was held at the Allied Orders Winter Banquet, which was held on January 22, 2005. Installations Officer for the installation ceremony was Brother Neal Breough from Camp 14. Despite stormy weather, the Allied Orders Winter Banquet was well attended by not only Camp 1 but by Corps 41, WRC and Tent 2, DUVCW. All had a good time and the food-tasted great. For special entertainment, a video of the Huntsville Canada headstone dedication from October of 2003 was presented to the attendees.

Camp Secretary Bruce Butgereit PDC and myself attended the 2005 Mid-Winter Conference held in Lansing on February. I found it very informative as well as a nice opportunity to interact and socialize with Brothers from other camps.

## Austin Blair Camp # 7 ~ Jackson

*Submitted by: Ron Tyr1*

“The remains of brave men, who periled all for their country’s sake, are buried in mass and in unmarked graves. It should be our duty and pleasure to give the bones of our dead the rites of a decent burial. Regarding this as a fitting opportunity, it is earnestly requested that the remains and the graves be properly marked.”

Wills DeHass, Col  
77<sup>TH</sup> Ohio Infantry

## Curtenius Guard Camp # 17 ~ Lansing / Sunfield

2005 Elected Officers and appointed members

Commander – Brian Shumway	Guard – Kyle Emerick
Sr Vice Commander – David Rehkopf	Guide – Bill Miller
Jr Vice Commander – David Neese	Patriotic Instructor – Brian McVean
Secretary – Mike Neese	Historian – James Lyons
Treasurer – John Warren	Color Bearer – Ron Shull
Chaplain – George Roux	Camp Council - Vern Aves
Counselor – James Neal	Camp Council - Dana Traub
	Camp Council - Dave Coon

## Robert Finch Camp # 14 ~ Traverse City

January to March 2005 Report  
Submitted by *Wm. E. Skillman*, Camp Commander

The membership rolls for Robert Finch Camp #14 shows 45 Members, of whom 11 are Associates. Visiting brothers are welcome to join our meetings at the Elks Club on 625 Bay Street (at the intersection of Division/Grandview Parkway). Our next meeting is scheduled to start at noon, May 7, 2005.

Dept. Commander Gary Gibson and Camp 20 Secretary Charles Worley made the long drive from Kalamazoo to Traverse City to install the Camp officers during the January meeting. Commander Gibson also announced the challenge from General John Logan Camp No. 1 to pledge \$5.00/member toward the purchase of new flags for the Michigan soldier's graves at Gettysburg. The Camp promptly raised \$ 105.00 and we anticipate that the \$225 goal will be met during the March meeting.

*Camp #14 is pleased to announce that we have raised \$78,000 for the Grand Traverse Soldier Restoration Project in Traverse City. We are only \$ 2,000 short of our original goal of \$ 80,000. In December the monument was dismantled and transported to Karkadoulis Bronze Works in Cincinnati, Ohio where it is undergoing restoration. The success of the fundraising venture (started on May 25, 2004) was only possible through the untiring efforts of our volunteers, both from Camp 14 and the community. The lion's share of credit goes to Executive Director Breugh, whose steadfast leadership kept the project on track and on time. We especially want to recognize the timely contributions from the National Park Service and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians whose grants arrived simultaneously (February 1) and will pay off the outstanding restoration costs.*

Camp #14 extends an open invitation to all SUVCW brothers and families to attend the Rededication ceremony on Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 1 p.m. on the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court House grounds, (Washington and Boardman streets). The ceremony coincides with the 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original dedication of the Soldier monument by the citizens of Traverse City to her GAR veterans.

*Camp #14 was pleased to welcome National Auxiliary SUVCW President Michelle Langley (of Interlaken, New York). She addressed both Camp 14 and our own Frances Finch Auxiliary Camp 9 during the March meeting.*

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## Camp #20 ~ Kalamazoo

Submitted by *Chuck Worley*, Camp Secretary

After a postponement from January's wintry weather, Camp 20's officers-elect were officially installed February 12<sup>th</sup>. Our dinner meeting for members, their spouses, and invited guests took place at the Blackhawk Bar and Grill near Richland, MI. The restaurant is located on the original homestead site of Col. Issac Barnes, an early 1830's settler to the territory. He held a number of important positions such as Justice of the Peace, Postmaster, first Richland Township supervisor, and commander of a Company of the Michigan forces in service for the Blackhawk War (1832).

Department Commander Gary Gibson was the installing officer and Camp Commander Jeffery Baker, of Augusta, and his staff of officers are now properly ready to serve the brothers of the camp and our organization. Several presentations then followed. Camp Commander Baker called outgoing Commander Steve Rossio, of Parchment, forward to receive the Badge of Past Camp Commander along with a plaque recognizing his valor of taking up the "Flag of Leadership" in the sudden and unexpected loss of Past Camp Commander Del Farnsworth in January of 2004. Department Commander Gary Gibson then asked for our invited guest, Ms. Janet MacKenzie, a friend to Del, to come forward. A gift in the memory of Del was presented to our Camp in an effort to continue our good work. Lastly, we received an email from Brother Don Pickrell, of Dayton, TN, to let us know that he couldn't join us this evening as he is currently setting up water purification systems in SE Asian areas hit by the December Tsunami. Our dinner was enjoyed by all, and we went our separate ways to face the next wintry blast.

On the calendar of events that we're looking forward to, we are including the Department of Michigan's Mid-Winter meeting in Lansing on February 19<sup>th</sup>, our regular monthly meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM, at the Library building on M-43 in Oshtemo. Camp 20 is looking forward to an eventful 2005 as we have planned several Regimental Monuments and Civil War Veterans gravesite rededications in our area of service. (See page 8 for map for the Woodside rededication event)

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## Nash ~ Hodges Camp #43 ~ Blissfield

Submitted by: *Butch Miller*



On May 29, 2004 Nash-Hodges Camp #43 of Blissfield reset the stone of 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cav. Soldier George Welker. This stone is located in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Petersburg, Michigan. The ancestors from Palmyra, Michigan contacted Butch Miller Commander of Nash-Hodges and asked if anything could be done. After gaining permission from the township plans were made to have the family present. The stone was removed from the grave, scrubbed clean and reset onto a base of patio blocks so it will not sink again. Before starting you could barely read the soldier's name. After the stone was draped with a Cavalry coat, forage cap, canteen and saber. Several members of Nash-Hodges and the Auxiliary were present along with the family members.

## Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp #427

*Macomb, Monroe, and Suburban*

**Wayne Counties**

*Rick Danes, Commander*

The Officers of Camp 427 have decided to "mix it up" a little this year to encourage participation from existing Members, encourage new Members to join, and add a little fun to our meetings. The recent discussion with the new Camp Commanders and Department Commander Gibson at the recent Conference reinforced the notion that all Camps get into a rut as far as their program.

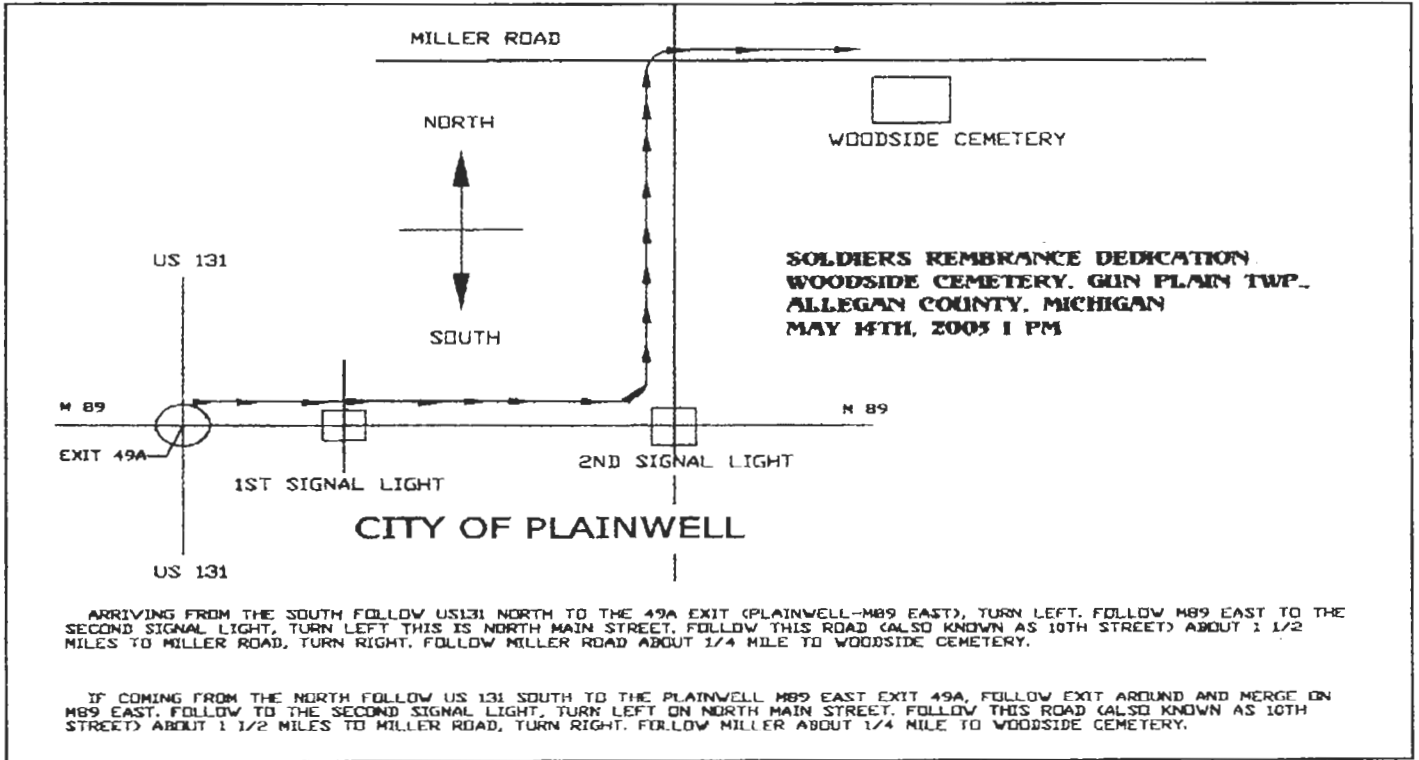
With that said, we have rescheduled our meetings from a certain time and night each month to a varied schedule and place. We will also have Ritual Meetings only twice a year. The rest will consist of an opening, necessary business, then a special scheduled program of a speaker or display that will be opened to the public.

In addition, we will have one weekend day a month with an activity that can be enjoyed by the Member and his family. Some of these activities are already on the calendar, such as the Kalamazoo Living History Show in March, the Detroit Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Rededication in April, and Memorial Day Activities in May.

We are also planning an active program to recruit new members this year. We hope that our expanded activities will speak for themselves and draw new interest to our effort. Our goal is for each Member to recruit at least one new Member.

Our Camp now has two members who have been appointed by the Mayor of Dearborn as Historical Commissioners: PCC Jerry Olson and myself. This will give us more opportunity to expose the public to our work, and further the cause of the Order. With the rich history of the area as a United States Arsenal from 1833 through 1875, with the revitalization of Fort Wayne and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument and Campus Martius, and the early French Settlements in Monroe County, the task should be very interesting.

Look for our new meeting schedule on the Department Website, and we in Camp 427 wish you all well.



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