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## MAJOR GENERAL ISRAEL B. RICHARDSON

*by Keith Krinn, CC*



The Department of Michigan's newest Camp, General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2, represents all of Oakland County and is named for Oakland County's most famous Civil War general who now rests in Pontiac's Oak Hill Cemetery.

Major General Israel Bush Richardson was born in Fairfax, Vermont on December 26, 1815. He graduated from West Point in the Class of 1841 and served in both the Seminole Indian War in Florida and the Mexican War where he earned two brevets and the nickname, "Fighting Dick." In 1855 he gave up his commission as Captain, 3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry, and settled on a farm near Pontiac.

At the outbreak of the Rebellion he recruited and organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, which he became the first Colonel of in May of 1861. He commanded the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division at First Bull Run in May of 1861. His brigade of Tyler's division was involved in limited action at First Bull Run near Blackburn's Ford and in covering the withdrawal. He was appointed to Brigadier General of Volunteers. He went on to command the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup>

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## GEN. RICHARDSON

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Corps in the Peninsula Campaign in July 1862 and saw action at Yorktown, Seven Pines, and the Seven Days. Awarded a second star at the close of that campaign, he took part in the Maryland Campaign.

At the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, Major General Israel B. Richardson attacked the enemy center at the sunken road, now known as Bloody Lane. His division joined the fight to aid Major General William H. French's division that was leading the Union attack on the entrenched Confederates in the sunken road. Near 11:00 p.m., Richardson's men were able to gain the high ground near the road's bend and delivered an enfilading fire upon the remaining 300 Confederates, forcing them to fall back to new positions. If General McClellan had continued to push the advantage that these brave men had gained, Lee's center would have collapsed and resulted in the ruin of his army and perhaps the Confederacy as well. General McClellan elected to end the fight in this section stating, "It would not be prudent" to continue the attack. This marked the end of the second phase of the Battle of Antietam.

Trying to organize the attack that might well have decisively won the battle, General Richardson was wounded by a spent shell fragment while supervising his artillery. At first it was not considered a mortal wound, but infection set in and on November 3, 1862 he died while still at Pry House, McClellan's headquarters.

His men liked him immensely – they called him "Fighting Dick" and bragged that he was the plainest general in the army. He could often be found in camp with a battered old straw hat on his head and hands in his pockets. His uniform coat was discarded half the time, so no insignia of rank was visible. On more than one occasion officers and men of other outfits mistook him for a wagon driver. The slouchiness was strictly confined to camp however, and in the field General Richardson was a first-rate fighter. His men recorded that when they went into battle he would tell them to come on – "I won't ask you to go anywhere I won't go myself."

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# DEPARTMENT ORDERS NO. 1

## SERIES 2002 ~ 2003

### Department Headquarters, Kentwood Michigan

**1.** Having been duly elected and installed by the 113<sup>th</sup> Encampment of the Department of Michigan, command is hereby assumed. Department Headquarters will be located at 1691 Summerfield Street, Kentwood, Michigan 49508-6499. Home phone: 616-827-3369. Cell phone (best way): 616-291-6939. Fax: 616-827-3366. Email: civil-war@attbi.com

**2.** My sincere thanks go to all the Brothers of the Department for bestowing this honor upon me. It will be my humble desire to lead by example and I encourage every Camp to do all within their power to "keep green the memory" while adhering to the principles of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

**3.** To do so will require your help and support; I give you mine and trust you will do likewise. We do not have to recreate the wheel; we simply must strive to keep it rolling forward. In short, I believe we need to get "back to the basics" in some areas: communication, dependability, and dedication.

**4.** I am a member the same as you, and as such, required to fulfill the pledge I took when I became a member to do all within my power to "keep green the memory" and to obey the Constitution, Regulations, and By-Laws of the Order.

**5.** I believe communication as being essential to conducting the business we have to do in order to have success in the pursuit of our purposes and goals. I pledge to return phone calls and emails within two-days of receipt. I would appreciate the same consideration in return, even if not a full reply, at least an acknowledgement.

**6.** I also understand we are all busy with family, jobs, other organizations, and our Order and I can appreciate that. As a volunteer organization, everything we accomplish can be tiring but oh so rewarding. Like your English teacher of yesteryear, who was interested only in your English assignment and not what you did for Math or Sports, I was elected to oversee what you are doing for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, nothing more. No disrespect is ever intended towards your other endeavors. The good news is I will not be using a ruler on your hands.

**7.** The office of Department Commander exists to provide guidance and instruction to each Camp, Officer, and Brother. As such, I will, with assistance from fellow Department Officers, be visiting each Camp during my tenure.

**8.** I salute the 40 plus delegates who dedicated their time to take part in the April Encampment. We were honored with the attendance of our Commander-in-Chief, George Powell.

**9.** Congratulations to Sisters Eleanor Newberry (WRC) and Cynthia Van Antwerp (DUVCW) for their reelection as Presidents of their respective Orders. I look forward to working with them in the next year.

**10.** A salute goes out to Brothers Don Londo and Bruce Zann, both of Maj. Robert Anderson Camp No. 139, for traveling the most miles (from Alpena, MI) to take part in the Encampment.

**11.** Congratulations to Brother Bruce B. Butgereit, II, Secretary of Camp No. 1 for being awarded a tuition scholarship from the Woman's Relief Corps, at the 2002 Department Encampment.

**12.** Minutes of the Encampment are to be published and distributed by Dept. Secretary Lee by the first day of August 2002.

**13.** The Encampment voted in support of submitting the Department of Michigan's name for possible election to host the 2008 National Encampment. A letter has been submitted to the National Encampment Site Committee.

**14.** I will have the date, time and place of the various committee meetings placed on the Department "Events" web page once informed of such by each Committee Chairman. All Brothers are welcome to attend these meetings.

Our standing/special committees are and chaired by:

By-Laws: Phil Parks, *DSVC*

Legislative: Bruce B. Butgereit, *DC*

Membership: Neal Breaugh, *DJVC*

Graves Registration: Rick Danes, *DGRO*

Civil War Memorials: Doug Armstrong, *DCWMO*

G.A.R. Records: Jim Lyons, *G.A.R. Historian*

Communication and Technology: Eric Kirchberg, *DSO*

Weekend of Remembrance: Keith Harrison, *PC-in-C*

Ceremonies and Rituals: Greg Hayes, *PDC*

Andersonville 2004: Bruce B. Butgereit, *DC*

Department Encampment 2003: Rick Greene, *Chief-of-Staff*

Nominating: To be announced

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**15.** Committee chairman are asked to submit the names of Brothers for appointment to their committee to this Office.

**16.** All Camps are encouraged to submit to the Department Signals Officer, any and all special events (not regularly scheduled meetings), for inclusion on our Department EVENTS web page.

**17.** A proud salute goes out to all Brothers, and our Sisters in the Allied Orders, who attended the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary rededication of the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis, IN on May 11, 2002. As a Department, we made an excellent showing of support to our Brothers in Indiana. A special commendation to our two "true sons" Edward Blakely and Harold Becker for their attendance at this worthy event.

**18.** I instruct each Department Officer to place on their schedule and to attend the Ceremony of Remembrance and Old Soldiers Picnic to be held at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home, 3000 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI on Saturday, August 3. We officers must lead by example and this event is the only one sponsored by the Department. Department officer and other attendee's pictures will be taken at that time.

All Brothers are also encouraged to attend. While many of us participate in Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other community services, this one is special as it is held within our own state on the same grounds that many of "boys in blue" also walked. See pre-registration in this issue.

**19.** Department publication...I have created an informational flyer that includes a listing of all the Department of Michigan Camps, commanders, and contact information. Copies will be provided to Camps participating in events where out-state visitors might attend, such as Fort Wayne in Detroit, Charlton Park in Hastings, The Muster in Jackson, etc. This will be provided at no cost to the Department or Camp.

**20.** Camp publication...I have reworked the informational flyer for Camp No. 1 and am willing to create one for each and every Camp in the Department should you request one (a sample will be sent to each Camp). I will require some Camp history, some history of the G.A.R. in your community (obtained from Brother Jim Lyons), your meeting's time, place and frequency, and your dues schedule. If you have any active Allied Orders in your community, also share their contact information with me. Once completed, I will provide several MASTERS to each Camp, free of charge, for reproduction and distribution by your Camp at your local events. They also work well for museums, libraries, and such.

**21.** Projects publication...I am looking into creating a flyer to share with the public some of our projects,

such as G.A.R. Records, Civil War Memorials, and Graves Registration. I have found many circumstances where the public just doesn't know what we are working on and are willing to help us once they learn.

**22.** Camaraderie...is one of the things that our ancestors shared in their time of service in the Civil War and one of the blessings we can enjoy today by working together. Share your events with other Camps and invite them to join you; attend their events. Plan a picnic or a cemetery walk with a neighboring Camp. Invite any Sisters of the Allied Orders to join you in your events and offer your attendance and/or Color Guard to their events. We are Brothers and Sisters in one of the greatest organizations in the world. Let's all dedicate ourselves to the basics that made it so.

**23.** As Department Commander, I have participated in the following events (Camp No. 1 Commander events not included):

- A. May 3 - A Michigan "Save the Flags" program in Mattawan (2<sup>nd</sup> MI Inf.)
- B. May 3 - A Michigan "Save the Flags" program in Mattawan (24<sup>th</sup> MI Inf.)
- C. May 11 - The Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument rededication
- D. May 18 - Helped organize a headstone ceremony in Monroe, conducted by Sister Marcia Bruin (WRC) and Brother Tom Emerick
- E. May 24 - A Michigan "Save the Flags" program in Madison Heights (10<sup>th</sup> MI Cav.). "True son" Edward Blakely accompanied me, as this was the flag his father served under.
- F. May 29 - Spoke at Monterey Memorial Day services
- G. May 29 - Spoke at Poplar Hill Memorial Day services in Hopkins
- H. June 6 - Visited and attended meeting of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 in Marshall
- I. June 14 - Spoke at the Flag Day program at the Michigan Historical Museum
- J. June 22 - Organized and conducted Civil War monument rededication service in Grant

By the order of:

**Bruce Butgereit,**

*Commander,*

Attest:

**Richard Lee**

*Secretary*

*Department of Michigan*

## SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Philip N. Parks

I, Philip N. Parks, having been chosen as an Officer of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on April 20, 2002 at the 113th Encampment in Lansing, do hereby renew the sacred obligation given at the time of my initiation and in the presence of Almighty God and the members of the Department of Michigan, do furthermore solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will to the best of my ability, in word and deed, and without fear or favor, faithfully, honestly and impartially perform all the duties of the Office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

The members of the Department of Michigan have my thanks for the honor bestowed on me at the Encampment. May I congratulate you also on your choice of Bruce B. Butgereit as our new **COMMANDER** of the Department of Michigan. It is my duty and responsibility to assist and promote his agenda and vision for the Department during this coming year. It is therefore important that I remind myself and you of the job description of the DSVC. His activities should include: (1) Promoting Department activities in the media; (2) Preparing a Department newsletter; (3) Presiding in the absence of the Department Commander at the Department Encampment; (4) Acting as personal representative upon request of the Department Commander; (5) Forwarding information about Department and Camp activities to the Editor of the **BANNER**; (6) Acting as the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee for the annual Bylaws review; (7) Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the position by the Department Commander, Department Bylaws and Department Encampment. Notice that the first Activity is looking outward and the other six Activities are looking inward. The outward activity of the DSVC has been characterized in the 'Messenger' by Commander Butgereit as that of an Advertising Manager. I believe that the analogy is appropriate. Maintaining visibility in the media is of necessity a very competitive business. It seems logical that the competition grows with the audience that you are attempting to reach, that is local, state or national. The visibility of the Camp begins with the CSVC, whether it be Grand Rapids or Hancock. So calling all SVC's in the State of Michigan! I would very much appreciate receiving the following information from each SVC; his camp name, his name, his email address, his snail mail address and his phone number. I would like to be able to communicate with each of you men for the good of the Order.

Those who want to give me encouragement, advice or suggestions can do so by sending email or snail mail to the address below.

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## JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Neal F. Breaugh

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the Delegates at our April Encampment who saw fit to elect me to the office of Junior Vice Commander. I am very proud and honored to serve in this position, and I am committed to do the best job possible. I have had the opportunity to work with Commander Butgereit in the past and have formed a great admiration for his leadership abilities, organizational skills and his tremendous enthusiasm for the overall and specific objectives of the Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As to the first two qualities previously mentioned, I know that I will certainly learn much from Commander Bruce. As to "enthusiasm", I can assure you that I bring plenty of that to this new position.

I have received so far from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong the name of one prospective member and have made contact with that person. JVC-in-C Armstrong had actually obtained this person's name from a Sons of Confederate Veterans, the John S. Mosby Camp in Front Royal, Virginia. I will be following up on this prospect and hopefully we will be able to place this individual in a specific Michigan Camp or in our Camp-at-Large.

I have made copies of all our Camps on our Department's web page and have been compiling a list of each Camp's meeting dates. It is my hope to be able to attend some of the many Camp meetings as well as special events planned by Camps. Please do not hesitate to send, call, or e-mail me a special invitation. I know I would enjoy meeting more of you and represent our Department Headquarters, and I will make every effort to attend various Camp meetings and events. All the information you need to contact me should be on page 2.

### The Deadline

for the next issue of  
*Michigan's Messenger*

is

## September 4<sup>th</sup>

Articles and photos must be *received*  
by this date to assure their inclusion  
in the October issue.

## SECRETARY

Richard Lee

At the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan these Camp Secretaries received the *Nicolay-Hay Award* for their efforts in meeting all reporting requirements for the calendar year 2001:

<i>Camp</i>	<i>Camp Secretary</i>
1	Bruce B. Butgereit
7	Ronald D. Tyrl
14	Neal F. Breaugh
17	Thomas L. Emerick
20	Jeffery E. Barker
22	Charles O. Harthy
43	David Schneider
58	Mark L. Pangburn
67	Kenneth H. Martin
85	Charles L. Pfauth, Sr.
145	David F. Wallace
147	Merle L. Carlson
160	David L. Hilliker
250	Robert C. Grove, Sr.
259	Randy L. Iles
266	Paul A. Nelson
427	Richard E. Danes, Sr.
462	Bruce B. Butgereit

The Department and the Department Secretary are pleased to offer this recognition to these Brothers for their good work.

Camp 1, General John A. Logan, Grand Rapids, received the Governor Austin Blair Membership Award for increasing its membership by six Brothers from March 2001 to March 2003. This was the largest numerical increase of any Camp in the Department.

Camp 67, General Phil Kearny, Bay City, received the *Orlando LeValley Membership Award* for the largest percentage of growth—from six to eleven Brothers in the same period as above.

Congratulations to Camps 1 and 67 for their efforts.

Once again, my sincere appreciation goes to David F. Wallace, PDC, for producing those fine certificates.

## HISTORIAN

Paul Hodges, PDC

A variety of historical materials was furnished to the Department Historian this past year. There were department orders, printed programs, photographs, booklets, newspaper articles, letters, and a video. The paper items were organized and put in binders, filling six volumes.

Volumes I and II contain Department Orders from the Michigan Department, SUVCW, from 1938 to 1992. Volume II also has materials about the re-interment of Pvt. Daniel W. Pine on May 12, 2001: brochures, newspaper articles, ceremony programs, and photographs. They are supplemented by a video.

Volumes III, IV and V consist of "The LaBanta Papers." They are an assortment of papers accumulated by Brother Thayne LaBanta, PDC and a "real son," and by Sister Louise LaBanta, Past Department President of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW. Volume III contains program booklets, badges, and a memorial service program for the 97<sup>th</sup> National Encampment at Grand Rapids. It also has several copies of "The Banner" from 1972 to 1998.

Volume IV has program booklets for annual conventions of the Allied Orders of the GAR in Michigan for 1957 and 1969 to 1982. This volume also contains miscellaneous papers related to the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, such as letters and newspaper articles. Volume V has similar items for the Michigan organizations of the Auxiliary to the SUVCW, the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps. In addition, there is an 1897 Quartermaster – Sergeant's Quarterly Report Book of Camp 19, Division of Michigan, Sons of Veterans. Personal letters and papers from Sister LaBanta's activities are in a manila envelope.

Then-SVC Bruce Butgereit and sister Marcia Bruin of the Woman's Relief Corps assembled Volume VI which pertains to General John A. Logan Camp No. 1. The book contains meeting agendas and minutes, Patriotic Instructor's reports, and printed programs and newspaper accounts of Weekend of Remembrance. There are materials from special ceremonies and monument rededications as well as copies of certificates of appreciation.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this History Collection 2002. They are Marcia Bruin, Bruce Butgereit, Charles Harthy, Bill Lowe, James Lyons, William McAfee, and Lucille "Peaches" Streeter in addition to your Historian.

## GRAVES REGISTRATION

Rick Danes

Greetings to all!

The Committee Meeting was held as planned on May 4 at the State Library, with Camps 7, 17, 20, 22, 145, 250, 266, and 427 represented. The committee reported that Wexford County has been started and Missaukee County is working by Camp 147; that over 1200 records are ready for submittal from Camp 17 in Ingham, Eaton, and Barry Counties; that Camp 22 has crossed over to St. Joseph's County and is 50% complete; and that Brother Groves from Camp 250 will submit Clare, Isabella, and Midland County by the end of Summer (this year). Camp 7 has volunteered to complete Roscommon, Oscoda, Montmorency, and Crawford Counties; and other volunteers have taken on Otsego, Ogemaw, and Iosco Counties for completion by Summer-end.

I have also received over 700 records from Camp 101 for Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit. With Kalkaska County previously completed by Camp 14, all Counties in the Lower Peninsula now fall within a Camp's jurisdiction, or have been "adopted" by another Camp. We still have some Camps that do not have a graves program or officer, or that have not submitted completed registrations. I ask that all Commanders contact me and give me their plan for completing their areas. I have also received a full copy of Camp 9/Don Harvey's database for review, as well as an update from Don.

Why are we taking time out of our busy schedules to do this important work? Besides the obvious "keeping green the memory" and "honoring those who have insured our freedom", I would like to share a note from one of our "customers": "...I can't thank you enough for your help. I've been working on our family histories for about 20 years and have always had problems on this particular line...I am anxious to send for Edward's military records and find out more about his unit... my father-in-law frequently asks me what I've found out about his grandfather, and usually I have to say 'nothing'. Now I'm looking forward to sharing this good news with him. Your email will become a permanent part of my research. Once again, thank you for taking the time to help me."

I would also like to share my response to a request by Mr. Ted Maxfield who requested that we provide a list of burial places for members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry: "After researching our policies and guidelines, I find that I cannot provide you a list of the members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry contained in our database. Our rules specifically prohibit us providing that for any person or organizational monetary gain. If I can assist you with any specific soldier, I certainly will." Ted emailed back a thanks and a respect for our policy. Please use this as a guideline for future communication of this type.

The audit of the National and Department dbs is complete. I found over 6,200 duplicate or incomplete (no cemetery listed)

records in the National. I also found that the National had over 3,000 records that we did not have. The two dbs were reconciled at 30,282 records. We also have 3007 entries that do not have full names or cemeteries. We have added entries to total 30,777 records at National and 33,745 in the Department db.

Under the direction of Commander Butgereit, and help by Webmaster Eric Kirchberg, the Department Graves Website has been updated to reflect changes in names, forms, and format. Special thanks to them.

I hope that this report finds you all well, and that we take the summer to further our effort. Our next Committee Meeting is at the State Library on Saturday, September 14. See you there!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dick Williams

For the period ending 5/31/2002 the balances in the accounts are:

Checking	\$1,958.22
Savings	\$12,629.56
Alger (Medal of Honor)	\$730.04

There are two outstanding checks written to the National Organization for \$1,694.00 that haven't been cashed leaving \$264.22 in the checking account. During May \$6,400 was transferred out of the checking account to the savings account to start collecting interest.

There are three additional checks that I know about that will need to be written during the month of June. One would be for a table at the National Encampment for Michigan to sell products in stock. One for purchasing additional SUV hat badges. Another for purchasing emblem pocket patches.

I've taken steps to do the banking for the Department from my computer at home which will allow us to keep the balance in the checking account low and transfer the money from savings to the checking account on short notice. I do the same for the Camp 17 Treasurer as Camp personal and for my accounts.



## BOY SCOUT COORDINATOR

Bruce Zann

Hello Brothers,

My name is Bruce Zann and I am your newly appointed State Boy Scout Coordinator. For those camps that are unaware of our National Boy Scouts of America Certificate Program, I'm here to give you an update.

Every Boy Scout in America that is trying to get his Eagle Scout Badge must accomplish many different goals; one of these is community service hours. This is where the SUVCW can offer an opportunity for the young man to earn hours yet learn about history also. Any Eagle Scout applicant that works in our grave restoration program can earn time towards his community service hours.

Once a Scout has earned the rank of Eagle, we have a beautiful certificate that can be presented to him at his Court of Honor. We, the SUVCW, are very proud to be able to honor our future leaders of our great country.

Below are the steps you need to follow to get the ball rolling:

1. Each Camp should have a Boy Scout Coordinator.
2. While Department Commander Butgereit and I are working to increase the awareness of our program by directly contacting the National and Regional offices of the BS of A, contact your Boy Scout Council in your area and explain our program.
3. When each boy scout's hours are completed, and you need a certificate, E-Mail me with the name of the young man and which camp requested the certificate and I will see that you receive it promptly.
4. If you have any questions, please contact me at [bzann@freeway.net](mailto:bzann@freeway.net) or (989) 354-5020 or write to me at:

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Thank you very much Brothers,  
Michigan Boy Scout Coordinator

Brother Bruce Zann  
Commander, Major Robert Anderson, Camp No. 139

## PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

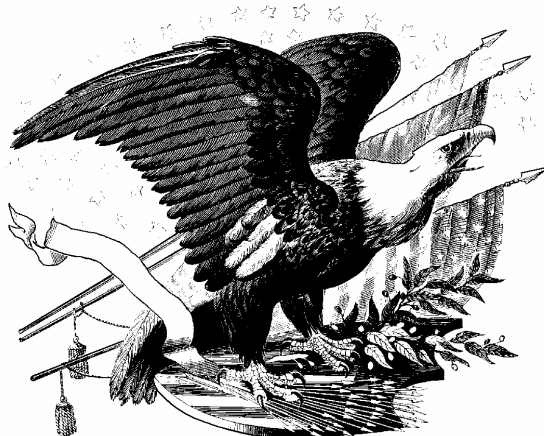
Lee Stroschine

When I was asked to run for Department Patriotic Instructor, I looked at the job description to see what was involved in the office. As I looked at the job description on the SUVCW web site, I read the job description for Camp Patriotic Instructor. I have been a Camp Patriotic Instructor for a number of years and hadn't read the job description recently. As I read the job description, I realized that part of the job of a Camp Patriotic Instructor is something that all of us as Sons and Americans could be doing.

The job description reads in part, "The activities of the Camp Patriotic Instructor should include: (1) Presenting at each Camp meeting information on such items as: (a) Civil War military, civilian and other great American leaders; ... (c) The United States Flag; (d) duties of citizenship such as voting; (e) Great Civil War battles and battles of other wars..."

As you read the job description, think about how often you have an opportunity in your daily life to share our American heritage with someone. Maybe it's not much, maybe only a reminder to go vote, or removing your hat and standing during the playing of the National Anthem. Maybe you can tell a child why we celebrate Memorial Day. If you are a veteran, maybe you can tell of your experiences.

The Camp Patriotic Instructor is a necessary office in a camp. It is his job to share our heritage with the Camp, but every Son can do it too. Help your Camp Patriotic Instructor by sharing ideas or offering to share something at a Camp meeting. I look forward to hearing about the activities of each Camp sharing our American heritage in the yearly report Camp Patriotic Instructors submit to the Department Patriotic Instructor.





# CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

*Douglas R. Armstrong, Chairman*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

I am very proud to report that on April 11, House Bill No. 5888 was sponsored and introduced by Representatives Larry Julian, Paula Zelenko, Patricia Lockwood, Andy Neumann, Tom George, Randy Richardville and Jerry Vander Roest and was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The bill described in their summary would "create a new act to provide for the disposition of demilitarized military equipment and artifacts. Specifically, the bill would require the recipient of such equipment from a federal agency to display the equipment in accordance with the agreement with the donor under the grant of conditional title. If the recipient no longer wished to keep the equipment, he or she would be required to return the equipment in a manner that complies with federal law. If the donor of the equipment could not be identified, the equipment would be disposed of in accordance with section 7545 of Title 10 of the United States Code. [Section 7545 allows the Secretary of Navy to loan or give certain obsolete materials and other articles of historical interest that are not needed by the Department of Navy to, among others, a state, a library, a state museum, and any recognized war veterans' association.]" In short, the bill would serve to prevent the sale and theft of all donated military equipment by the U.S. Government for use as veterans' memorials and displays in Michigan. Our interest being Civil War era cannon, this bill would protect these from being bought and sold at profit by collectors.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Committee on Veterans Affairs met and voted unanimously to have House Bill No. 5888 sent to the Michigan House of Representatives for consideration. Thank you to Brother Kent Armstrong for testifying before the committee and conveying our interest to them.

I now ask for your assistance in seeing that this bill becomes law. I will be sending a copy of the bill to each camp commander in the department for them to share with you at your camp's next meeting. Please contact your elected state representative and ask for his or her support of House Bill No. 5888. Each camp will also need to step up their efforts with locating and assessing the condition of each Civil War era cannon and monument in their area. In doing so we can bring to the attention of local authorities and officials the importance of these pieces of their community's history and heritage. With your help we can prevent these collectors from profiting from what our ancestors and veterans of the Civil War entrusted to us to care for and ensure that future generations would not forget. If you have any questions or memorial assessment forms to send, please contact me at the following: Douglas R. Armstrong, 3481 Parkwood Dr. DeWitt, MI 48820, (517) 669-

1947 doug24mich@aol.com. Thank you.

## MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS

There has been much activity in the area around the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Detroit. In a recent visit, I met with the City of Detroit's Legacy Director, the Historic Preservation Specialist for the City's Planning & Development Dept. and the Landscape Architect who is redesigning the area around Campus Martius and Cadillac Square in Downtown Detroit. Additions include the new 16 story world headquarters building of CompuWare, a new parking garage at Kennedy Square and future site of a high rise office complex, and the design and construction of a large park at the center of Woodward and Michigan Ave.

The construction of the park will include the disassembly and relocating of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument. From its current location the monument will be moved approximately 100 yards to the south end of the park. The work of disassembling the monument will begin this summer and final cleaning and relocating will be done in the fall of this year. There will be some additions also made to the area around the monument, they include the raising of the base to a height of 4 ft with a fountain and seating area constructed around its base. The scheduled finishing date of the park will be in the fall of 2003. The City of Detroit has asked that we be directly involved with a future rededication of the monument. They assured me that we would be kept informed of any future developments and scheduling of work on the monument. I would like to thank Brother Robert Mitchell from Camp 101 for in Detroit for his assistance.

There is also the matter of relocating the Iron Brigade marker that designates U.S. 12 as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. This marker was placed at the corner of Michigan and Woodward Ave. near Kennedy Square in 1995 and was dedicated on Veterans Day by the SUVCW, MOLLUS and re-enactors of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment Inc. The marker has been stored during construction at the Kennedy Square Parking Garage. A future site of the marker is now being discussed for placement in the new park at Campus Martius nearer to the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument.

I'd like to thank those Brothers who are continuing to participate in the Memorial Assessment Project and encourage all camps to institute a program to locate and assess the condition of monuments and memorials in their areas. Thank you for the reports that have recently been sent from Camp's 14 and 17. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

## GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN ~ CAMP 1

by Bruce B. Butgereit, DC

The Allied Orders of Grand Rapids was well represented at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary rededication of the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis with two "True Sons," three Members, and one Junior from Camp No. 1, four Sisters from the Champlin Corps No. 41 (WRC) and two Sisters from the Eva Gray Tent No. 2 (DUVCW). Most of us traveled together and had a lot of fun and good conversation. Brother Blakely of course received (and gave) the most kisses and hugs from the ladies wherever we went. Brothers Blakely and Becker were both interviewed on a local TV station.

At the May 18 headstone rededication in Monroe, MI our Junior member, Colin Butgereit participated in the ceremony with Sister Marcia Bruin of the WRC. Brother Emerick of Camp No. 17 joined them as well as members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan, Co. B reenactment group. The local historical society was extremely grateful for our participation.

On May 29<sup>th</sup> our Camp participated in two services in the Hopkins area. I spoke on behalf of the Department and read the Gen. John A. Logan Order No. 11. We received good local press coverage with Brother Blakely taking center stage. I'll tell you, that man rarely misses an opportunity to participate... thank you Mrs. Blakely for sharing him with us!

The Allied Orders again met at the Kent County Civil War Monument in Grand Rapids for our traditional Memorial Day service on May 30. Turnout was good and we were joined by a few residents of the community and two local TV stations. We also marched in the parade with the Grand Rapids Veterans Home.

It was at this event where we introduced our new Color Guard "uniform" for our Camp. Using a G.A.R. Department Order from 1879 as a guideline, we felt this would help identify us as SUVCW rather than reenactors. We received quite a few nice compliments. Here is the Order:

*From: Headquarters Department of Michigan, G. A. R. - Quincy, Mich., July 25 1879.*

*Series 1879 - General Orders - No. 1*

*Seventh paragraph of Item II;*

*"The following uniform was adopted for this Department. Fatigue Cap, (with Wreath and Letters G. A. R. in Gilt); Blouses similar to U.S. Reg, but longer (with G. A. R. buttons.) Belt white leather or web (with G. A. R. buckle), dark pants. It is not made obligatory upon Posts to procure uniforms, but the adoption of a uniform in part or whole must be in accordance with the above."*

*By Command of - C. V. R. Pond, Department Commander*

On June 1, the Allied Orders of Grand Rapids, three Brothers from Camp 20, and one from Camp 22 met in Fennville to rededicate a Civil War headstone for the family of a member of the Grand Rapids Civil War Roundtable. Everyone going to a local country restaurant followed the event and more good times were shared.

The details of a June 22 Civil War Monument rededication in Grant, MI will be shared in the next issue.

## GEN. ISRAEL B. RICHARDSON ~ CAMP 2

by Keith L. Krinn, CC

On Thursday evening, May 30, 2002 the Department of Michigan's newest Camp, Gen. Israel B. Richardson Camp 2, held a memorial service at the grave of its namesake in Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac. Gen. Richardson was mortally wounded at the Battle of Antietam. The ceremony followed the format for Memorial Day Programs in the SUVCW Ritual and Ceremonies manual. Camp Commander Keith Krinn opened the service and camp Chaplain William Nash then gave the blessing. Senior Vice Commander Bruce Miller then gave the first part of the address, "The Life and Times of General Israel B. Richardson," followed by Junior Vice Commander Kevin Lindsey who read the poem "The Unknown Dead." Kevin's son William Lindsey then played Taps as the Camp decorated the Richardson Monument with a wreath, GAR flagholder and flag.

After organizational meetings with Department Camp Organizers Bruce Butgereit and Richard Lee in February and March, the Camp was installed an April 13, 2002 at the Troy Library. The new Camp has found a more suitable meeting place and now holds its monthly meetings in the Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 West Twelve Mile Road, between Coolidge and Woodward and is looking for recruits this summer. Camp 2 will meet on the following dates in 2002, July 24, August 29, September 26, October 24 and November 21.

## AUSTIN BLAIR ~ CAMP 7

by Mark Heath, CC

May has once again, proved to be another busy month for Camp 7. The Camp started the month by cleaning all the military markers in front of the Laura Evans Civil War Monument at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery here in Jackson. The project took about a month to finish. Boy did they turn out looking great. It's amazing what a little water and elbow grease will do for old stones. We received a few complements from the public at the Memorial Day activities on the appearance of the Veterans section. Thanks to all who helped with this important project.

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**Members of the Michigan Delegation**

at the May 11<sup>th</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event in Indiana. Left to right: Ron Bellenger and PDC Gary Gibson of Camp 20 chat with DC Bruce Butgereit, Bruce Burgereit II, and true sons Harold Becker and Ed Blakely of Camp 1.



**Memorial Service for Gen. Richardson**

Left to right: JVC & Sec./Treas. Kevin Lindsey, SVC Bruce Miller, CC Keith Krinn, Bill Phillis, Council Member Ray Shedd, William Vincent and Chaplain William Nash

After the near miss at the City's maintenance building fire and the correction to the spelling of Tuttle's name, Sgt. James Tuttle's military marker was finally installed on May 15<sup>th</sup>, while recruiting a few Brothers from the marker cleaning. The stone was erected next to the family's astrik marker that has stood for years marking Tuttle's final resting-place. Then on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the following Sunday, the Camp along with the First Congregational Church had a service at the Church, followed by a dedication at the gravesite. Tuttle's new marker now stands atop the stone wall as a reminder of the sacrifices of our ancestors of years past.

Austin Blair Camp along with the Auxiliary made its presents at the City of Jackson's Memorial Day Parade and Service. Then it was on to the "Holton ¼ mile" in Spring Arbor. Three of our newest members joined us and where welcomed with open arms as they graciously volunteered to help "carry the flags" in the color guard. After all it was only a "¼ mile" parade. The initiation of these brave few lends hope that we will have sturdy arms and ready legs for next year's marches. (A short memory doesn't hurt either).

The Camp is also preparing a "Historical Bus Tour" of Civil War era Jackson for the 2002 Cascades Muster. The Camp will be conducting two tours per day, during the weekend's activities. We invite you to visit our web site for further information.

**ROBERT FINCH ~ CAMP 14**

by Neal F. Breaugh

We are all very excited about what has been happening in our Camp since the last issue of The Michigan Messenger. We took in two new members who will add a great deal to our Camp. First came Patrick McCleary from Petoskey. Brother McCleary is a top notch writer, historian, and genealogist and is a great addition to our Camp. You can be looking for some articles from him in the Messenger. Then came Robert Clark of West Olive, yes, some distance from our Camp. His daughter found us on our web site and he called us. We followed up and it turns out that Brother Bob is the great grandson of Robert Finch of the First Michigan Sharpshooters. It was a great thrill for all of us as Commander Jan White and Chaplain Jim Ribby initiated him on May

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11<sup>th</sup>. Bob was also our guest speaker for that meeting and he brought with him some of the artifacts from the Robert Finch collection--including a beautiful trunk and Sgt. Robert Finch's musket.

Immediately after the meeting, several of us proceeded to the Amber Township Cemetery in Scottville near Ludington for a Memorial Service to dedicate a headstone for Civil War veteran Wait Wright. Thanks to Brothers Jim Lyons and Bill Lowe, we used the Memorial Service adapted from the 1917 Service for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic. Carol Buford, having obtained my name from Don Harvey of Flint, contacted me via e-mail in February informing me that they had recently discovered the unmarked grave of their great, great grandfather. They had ordered a gravestone and had already received a Civil War Marker. Could we possibly help them out with some sort of ceremony and advise them on what to do. What an opportunity for our Camp! After close to 25 e-mails, several phone calls to various people like the Sexton of the Cemetery, the County Sheriff's Department, Township Supervisors, florists, and many Brothers, everything was ready. Carol had arranged for a family reunion to be held that weekend in conjunction with this Ceremony and Dedication and close to 50 members of the family were present. It was a cloudy rainy day, but the rain held off until the ceremony was over. Commander White and Chaplain Ribby had major roles in the Ceremony. A Wreath of Evergreen, a symbol of undying love for comrades of the war, was presented by Camp SVC Jim Slis. A single rose, a symbol of purity, was presented by Robert Clark, and a laurel wreath, a symbol of victory, was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Neal Breaugh. Three volleys were fired by our firing squad in Civil War Dress and commanded by Josh Kuckmuk, using Robert Finch's rifle, Bill Skillman, Camp Color Bearer and George Goodrich, Camp Historian. Brother Bill Skillman followed this with Taps, Chaplain Ribby the final blessing, and Commander White brought the ceremony to a close with the placing of a small American Flag on the Gravestone.

The following information about Private Wait Wright was included during the ceremony. He had enlisted on August 22, 1862 at the age of 40 and while a resident of Brookfield, Eaton County, MI. He had a wife and 6 children. He became a private in Company G, 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Michigan Infantry. The 17<sup>th</sup> was sent to Washington D.C. and assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the 9<sup>th</sup> Corps and dispatched into the Maryland Campaign under the command of General McClellan. Wait Wright was involved in the following battles: South Mountain, MD, Sept. 14, 1862; Antietam, MD, Sept. 17, 1862; Fredericksburg, VA, Dec. 12, 13, 14, 1862; Vicksburg, MS, June 22-July 4, 1863; Jackson, MS, July 11-18, 1863; Blue Spring, TN, Oct 10, 1863; Loudon, TN, Nov. 14, 1863; Lenoir Station, TN, Nov. 15, 1863.

Wait was captured at Cambell Station on Nov. 16, 1863 and was imprisoned at Belle Isle, VA. He was paroled on March 15, 1864 and hospitalized at Annapolis, MD on March 9, 1864. He was hospitalized at least twice after that and was discharged on June 9, 1865. Our Camp's special thanks to Web Master Erick

Kirchbee who put all of this information on the Robert Finch web page. We were able to get this information to many of the family members, and they were quite impressed. So was the Ludington Daily News who covered the event. They had a 5x7 colored picture and story on page 1 and 3 black and white pictures with half page coverage on page 5. We have also received several pictures as well as a contribution from Carol Buford. This was a great honor and experience for our Camp. As Commander Butgereit would say, "This is what we are all about."

We are also proud to report that we carried our new Camp Flag for the first time at the Memorial Day Ceremonies in Northport where the Civil War was highlighted this year. Around 300 people were present, and we had some inquiries there about the organization and a couple of special requests for help. We were also present at the Memorial Day Ceremonies in Traverse City again where Commander White carried our American Flag. Our three re-enactors were all down state involved in various ceremonies. We will also be involve with Flag Day ceremonies conducted by our Traverse City Elks Club. The City of Traverse City is also upgrading the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade as a special separate event from our National Cherry Festival, and our Camp will be involved in that parade again this year.

Brother Fred Knoodle, our new War Memorials Officer has been very busy taking pictures of cannons and monuments, and we will be completing several War Memorials registrations this summer.

## *CURTENIUS GUARD ~ CAMP 17*

*by Paul Hodges, PDC*

The Camp held its annual "Civil War Trivia Challenge" as the program for the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting in Sunfield. PCC John Nash and Brother Brian Shumway researched the questions and organized the competition. PCC Nash presided and, after a hotly contested battle, declared the winner to be the II Corps composed of Brothers Aumaugher, Tom Emerick, MacVean, Park and Rakestraw. The Camp's challenge to other Camps to meet in a Civil War trivia contest still is open.

The Camp was saddened to learn of the death of Layton M. D. Aves, one of its members, on May 4. Several members attended his funeral in Lansing on May 9. The Camp was honored to perform the graveside burial service with Commander James Lyons, PDC, Chaplain Nash, PCC, Paul Hodges, PDC, and Brother Charles Langworthy participating.

PDC Hodges presented SUVCW Certificates of Commendation to two Eagle Scouts at their Court of Honor on May 23 in East Lansing. The Camp has provided certificates to nine Eagle Scouts during the past year.

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### ***Memorial Service for Pvt. Wait Wright***

*Dept. JVC and Camp Sec./Treas. Neal Breaugh salutes after laying a laurel wreath upon the grave. To the left is Commander Jan White and in the background is the Camp's firing squad consisting of Josh Kuckmuk, Bill Skillman and George Goodrich. Behind Bro. Breaugh are some of the descendants of Pvt. Wright.*



### ***New Member Robert Clark***

*The great, great, grandson of Robert Finch, the Civil War soldier Camp 14 was named after, displays the Musket used by Sgt. Finch of Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters.*

The Camp began its Memorial Day activities on May 25<sup>th</sup> with six members marching in the Lansing parade. Members then met at the Gen. John A. Logan Monument in Mt. Hope Cemetery where Commander Lyons, PDC, read Gen. Logan's General Order No. 11. From there they marched to the GAR plot and conducted the traditional Memorial Day ceremony. Members went from there to the Little Arlington section of Evergreen Cemetery and participated in the Lansing ceremony.

On Sunday, March 26, members from the Camp assisted Tent 30, DUVCW, present the Sunfield Community Memorial Day Ceremony. Commander Lyons, PDC, was the master of ceremonies, with Chaplain Nash, PCC, delivering the benediction and Brother J. Douglas Park placing the wreath.

The Camp's May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day ceremony took place at the Samuel W. Grinnell GAR Hall in Sunfield. The Hon. James B. Pahl, PDC, delivered the keynote address. The Camp used the occasion to dedicate the newly constructed front porch of the hall before retiring inside for the bimonthly meeting.

## ***GEN. BENJAMIN PRITCHARD CAMP 20***

*by William Brennan, PDC*

Memorial Day May 27<sup>th</sup> saw the traditional parade at Allegan for Gen. Pritchard Camp and it also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> time that our group's Dean Parker has made the march from the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Monument to the cemetery. So, with fife and drum, bugle and musket, along with our Colors fluttering in the breeze, it brought the look of Memorial Days of long ago.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the traditional Memorial Day, the Camp held its service at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo, as always, at the Orcutt Post 79 Civil War Monument. Camp Commander Del Farnsworth was our master of ceremonies. Brother Hugh Williams gave the address, then Brother Gary Gibson, PDC, read General Logan's Order No. 11, dating back to May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1868. Camp Chaplain Bill Brennan, PDC, gave the invocation and Benediction and held a moment of silence for the Brothers of the Camp

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that we have lost over the years. It was with great sadness to have to mention the loss of Evret Pritchard, the Camp's founder, who passed away on September 30, 2001. Taps was rendered by Brother Blaine Valentine, of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22. Following the service at the Civil War monument, a short service was held at the Spanish-American War plot.

Later that same week, on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Fennville Cemetery, Brothers Ron Bellenger, Bill Brennan, Del Farnsworth and Blaine Valentine attended a Civil War Headstone Memorial Service for Private Leander Campbell (1832-1864) of the 11<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry, who was killed in action at the battle of Cold Harbor. We were very honored to assist our Brothers from General Logan Camp 1 and Department Commander Bruce Butgereit, along with the DUV and WRC of Grand Rapids.

In closing, Camp 20 is currently working on graves registration in Allegan at Oakwood Cemetery. We are also scheduled to paint a Civil War cannon at Arlington Hills Cemetery in Bangor, the hometown of A. Lincoln Post 19 of the GAR.

## COLEGROVE-WOODRUFF ~ CAMP 22

by John Lohrstorfer

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the GAR Hall in Marshall by the veterans of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, many of whom comprised the membership of Colegrove Post 166. The hall is presently owned by the Marshall Historical Society and is used as a local museum, with a primarily military theme. It is also the meeting place of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22, which is also celebrating its tenth anniversary this year.

An open house will be held the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with Marshall's annual Historic Homes Tour. Third Battery, Michigan Light Artillery will be camped on the grounds along with a Confederate re-enactment unit.

Saturday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm a Civil War era dance will be held in a nearby building. Everyone is welcome to attend and visit anytime during the weekend. The hall is located on East Michigan Avenue, just east of the downtown business area in Marshall.

## GEORGE W. ANDERSON ~ CAMP 58

by Gordon McGarey

We have had a busy Camp since the last issue of Michigan's Messenger. On May 18<sup>th</sup> we held a Headstone Dedication Ceremony for Harmonius Hayes. He enlisted in Company F, 16<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery at Watertown, New York. The ceremony was held in the East Plains Cemetery in Clinton

County. We had a great turnout of his ancestors and members of the St. John V.F.W. were also present at the ceremony. We will also have a Headstone Dedication for Daniel Handy who was a soldier in the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Calvary at a later time this summer.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we presented a Recognition Award to Eagle Scout Christopher Michael Harvey at his Eagle Court of Honor. This was held at the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> we marched in the Wacousta Memorial Day parade, you might say we got a little damp. We also did the Bath Memorial Day parade for the first time. There was a very good turnout for it. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we participated in the St. John's parade and ceremony at the G.A.R. Monument. There is always a good turnout for this parade. The G.A.R. Monument in Wacousta has finally been repaired. It was vandalized about 37 years ago. There will be a rededication ceremony later this year. The repaired monument sure looks great.

Brother Doug Armstrong was presented with a National Aides Award in recognition of his recruiting efforts. Another was also sent to Brother Gerald Crawford in Colorado. The Nicolay-Hay Award was also presented to Brother Mark Pangburn for his efforts. Great job Mark.

## GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT ~ CAMP 101

by Michael D. Nick-CC

Greetings fellow Brothers. Let me first introduce myself. I am the new Camp Commander. I am privileged to have been voted into this position and look forward to an exciting tenure. Although better late than never, here is a review of our very busy 2001. Besides our annual events, our Camp was invited to participate in several of the Detroit 300 events celebrating the 300 Anniversary of the City of Detroit. We jumped at the chance to participate in such a wonderful celebration.

First, we participated in "A Trip Back in Time: A Revival of Detroit's Civil War Years" It was held on 21 July at the historic site of Duffield School. Duffield School was formerly known as Camp Ward, and was where the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Colored Troops mustered in. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sarah M.W. Sterling Tent No. 3, sponsored this event.

On 14 October we participated in the Detroit 300 Underground Railroad Family Celebration at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. We answered questions for the public and generally just looked authentic.

On 19 October we participated in the Libation Ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit. In attendance were members of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Colored Troops and the 17<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan

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### ***Headstone Dedication for Harmonius Hayes***

*Pvt. Co. F, 16th New York Heavy Artillery, at East Plains Cemetery in Clinton County. Members of George W. Anderson Camp 58 and descendants of Pvt.*

Infantry. We were also in the company of several Congressmen and Senators who attended the ceremony.

On 20 October we participated in the Detroit 300 dedication ceremony of the International Memorial to the Underground Railroad at Hart Plaza in Detroit. This event was the pinnacle of our events. There were thousands of people who attended the ceremony including the Mayor of Detroit and Windsor, and several Congressmen and Senators. Aretha Franklin was the guest singer at the event and sang a wonderful rendition of Amazing Grace just prior to the unveiling of the statue.

That in a nutshell was our year. Busy, yes. Too much, no. We felt very fortunate to have been invited to participate in such an important celebration in Detroit history.

We here at Camp 101 are looking forward to another year of exciting events, not quite as many as last year, but pretty well back to our annual routine.

Civil War Days at Greenfield Village was a big success. Because of the beautiful weather there was a huge turnout of people. We handed out "History of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" and "What Re-Enactors Should Know about the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" pamphlets. Many people stopped by our tent to ask questions and inquire about our organization. Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery was once again a success. The weather was wonderful and we had a good handful of people attend, despite the large crowds who attend the Greenfield Village event. None the less it was a big success.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to welcome one of the newest Members/Brothers to our Camp. His name is Mark Armbruster. We look forward to his help and enthusiasm within our Camp.

Camp 101 looks forward to a good recruitment in 2002.

## ***MAJOR HENRY F. WALLACE CAMP 160***

*by Michael W. McMillan*

The Wallace Camp has combined with the Juliet Stevens Tent 114 D.U.V.C.W. to donate \$1000.00 to adopt the National Colors of the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment as part of the Michigan Adopt a Flag program. The 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry was the regiment in which Henry F. Wallace served until his wounds received at Pittsburg Landing forced him to transfer to the Invalid Corps. A formal presentation and dedication ceremony is planned for some time in the fall. Several members of the camp participated in a living history presentation held at McCurdy Park in Corunna on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the eighth grade class

from Corunna Middle School. It ran from 8:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. and included seven sections of students. Member David Hilliker demonstrated his Williams gun and members Gary Granger and Mike McMillan spoke about the life of the common soldier during the Civil War. Members of the Camp have been taking part in this event for several years and have been very well received by both students and teachers. Members of the Camp participated in four Memorial Day parades in Shiawassee County; the parade in Perry on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>, the parades in Corunna and Byron on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> and the parade in Owosso on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Participation is also planned in the Curwood Festival parade on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> and in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Corunna.

## ***ALBERT & JAMES LYON ~ CAMP 266***

*by Paul A. Nelson, Camp Secretary*

Camp 266 meets bimonthly in the Dominic Jacobetti Home for Veterans, a Michigan facility located in Marquette. Our members come from all parts of the Upper Peninsula.

At our June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, Brother Gary White displayed an eight shot Spencer Repeater, and several of its distinctive cartridges. Spencers were issued to several Michigan cavalry regiments.

The Camp initiated Dewey G. Jones as its newest member.

The Camp has planned three initiatives to publicize its work and to attract new members. It will have a Camp table at the

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Ruth Butler Building at the Escanaba Gun Show on June 15-16. It will have a table set up at the annual Civil War Reenactment at Escanaba on July 13-14. And it will have a booth at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum at Negaunee on August 10-11 during the *Iron Ore in the Civil War* program, which is also being tied in with the visit of a tall ship to Marquette Harbor.

The Camp discussed twelve suggestions made by Brother John Gorto for graves registration work. Brother Gorto reported on several new resources which have become available related to graves registration.

Brother Gary White reported that his booklet, *Rebecca's Letter...a Civil War Letter from Home*, has been selling well. Articles describing the booklet, and mentioning Camp 266, have appeared in several Upper Peninsula newspapers. Income from the booklet will be donated to Camp 266.

## SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY ~ CAMP 427

by Rick Danes

Greetings to all of our Brothers and friends from Dearborn.

I am honored to report that after a long drought, three new members have joined us in the past month. They are Brothers Jon Reed from Dearborn (Curtis Z. Pratt – Co G, 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry), Allen Treppa from Livonia (Reason Caskey - Co C, 11<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry), and Bob Zimmerman from Wayne (Joseph Zimmerman – Co B, 34<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry).

Memorial Day, one of the most important holidays for the SUV was celebrated twice by members of the Camp. On Monday, May 27 members of the Camp and their families placed flags on Civil War Veterans graves at Northview Cemetery in Dearborn, and on May 30<sup>th</sup> Commander Olson led the Camp and their families in a remembrance ceremony at the Commandant's Headquarters.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the Camp "stood guard" at the Commandant's Headquarters during the Dearborn Arts on the Avenue Celebration.

Future activities include the recreation of a "period" campsite at the Dearborn Homecoming at Ford Field on August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, and participating in the restoration of the Rumsey Cemetery in Flat Rock.

### Max Miller of Austin Blair Camp No. 7

makes the final step in cleaning and rinsing the headstone of  
Walter A. Phelps.

## SPENDING TIME IN THE CEMETERY

by Bill Lowe, Austin Blair Camp 7

In his General Order VII, Commander-in-Chief George L. Powell ordered that each Camp "should do their utmost to see to it that all cemeteries are visited... and they do all in their power to honor those veterans interred there" during the month of May. Members of Austin Blair Camp No. 7, having completed the Graves Registration of more than 100 cemeteries, looked for other ways to comply with this Order. The dedication of a new headstone for Sgt. James Tuttle was already planned and is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Not able to visit *all* the cemeteries, the oldest was chosen. The north edge of Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson was set aside late in the Civil War as a section for veterans. Veterans of subsequent wars now rest with them, most of their headstone covered with decades of grime, pollution, tree stains and algae. It was decided that we would clean all of them, about 400 total.

First we wet them with a solution of a biodegradable cleaner, let it soak and then scrubbed it with a soft bristle brush. The final step was to carefully finish the process with a low-pressure spray of water. The transformation after several days of work was impressive, row after row of mostly bright white headstones ready for "Old Glory" to be placed next to each one.

After the various organizations placed the flags our cemetery workers noticed that many we knew to be veterans were missed if they had only a family monument and no flag holder. Therefore three members went through the two largest city cemeteries and a large country cemetery and place over 200 more flags on graves that had been overlooked. These included the graves of soldiers beginning with a Revolutionary soldier and continued through Viet Nam veterans.





# SEARCH FOR THE UNION CIVIL WAR COLONIES

by Roger L. Heiple, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22  
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Source – The St. Cloud Tribune

Date: September, 1910

## The Veterans Association

### The Governing Body of St. Cloud for a Year

On Nov. 9, 1909, an organization known as the Veteran's Association was effected at St. Cloud. It was felt that some form of association, duly officered, and clothed with at least authority recognized by its members was a necessity. A large and growing community, without cohesion save as its members voluntarily assented to some general rules of government, was taking form. There could be no charter for a city government until such time as the laws of Florida provided. In the meantime a city in all save a legal status demanded more than the general laws of the State had provision for. Questions different from those presented to a sparsely-settle farming community were pressing for an answer, notably schools, churches and sanitation.

In order to meet these conditions, and give direction in the formative stages of our community life, this Association was formed. All honorably discharged soldiers of the United States army and navy, the wives or widows of such soldiers, their sons and daughters, were eligible to membership. In order to reach questions demanding an immediate adjustment, the officers of the Association, together with one member at large, were constituted an Executive Committee, with power to act, subject however, to final review by the Association. So much for the organization and its purposes.

It would be difficult indeed to measure the value of the Association's work and influence upon the future of St. Cloud. Under the direction of the Association a city of more than 2,000 people, representing every American State and Territory, as well as the provinces of Canada and the islands of the West Indies, has moved forward in an orderly and progressive manner. The laws have been fully respected, life and property safeguarded, divine worship regularly maintained, a graded school, to be succeeded in the near future by a high school of the first class established, and the question of sanitation settled to the entire satisfaction of the Health Department of Florida. When, therefore, the present management is succeeded by a city government organized under the law, it is felt the Association's work will have simplified, the task falling into the hands of a duly-constituted city government.

It is due the management of the Seminole Land & Investment Company to say that the officials of the company and those

who represent it at St. Cloud have been in hearty accord, and have sustained the Association at all times in each and every movement tending to the common weal. This fact has been of incalculable value to all concerned. It is further true that the Land Company has been almost liberal contributor to all calls for financial support.

The Association maintains headquarters, and has also established a Bureau of Information for the benefit of the public. It invites correspondence and takes pleasure in rendering assistance to those who may be interested in St. Cloud. All letters of inquiry received prompt attention. The officers of the Association are as follows:

**Judge Robert Anderson, President**  
**Philip Mohr, Vice President**  
**Col. A. H. Kinney, Secretary**  
**W. H. Wood, Treasurer.**

The Association holds largely attended public meetings every Saturday afternoon, and they have been a source of much benefit and information to the community. Comrades who take part and were not considered public speakers have developed much talent in that direction. Meetings are conducted under the rules of the United State Senate.

The meetings were held for a long time in the Gospel Tent, but for the last three months in the G.A.R. Hall, a temporary structure, formerly occupied as a school building, and donated to the comrades by the Land company, as also the lot on Massachusetts avenue, on which the hall stands. The Post generously donated the use of the hall for many purposes, there scarcely being a night without a meeting of some sort, a Board of Trade gathering, church services, sociable, concerts, prayer meeting, G.A.R. and W.R.C. meetings, etc.

Source: The St. Cloud Tribune Anniversary Supplement  
Date: September 16, 1910

## A Candid Statement

### From the Secretary of the Veterans' Association

Col. A. H. Kinney located in St. Cloud over a year ago with his family, wife, two daughters and one son, and their experience here has covered all seasons, and his opinion of things will be

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found in the communication given below. Col. Kinney is a native of Northeast Pennsylvania where he was born in 1845, the son of a Methodist minister of prominence, who served as presiding elder of the Meadville and Cleveland districts, and under whose ministrations the Jackson Street Methodist Church was built in St. Paul, Minn. The subject of our sketch entered the 105<sup>th</sup>. Ohio as private, and was discharged as brevet Lieutenant Colonel. He was in the 14<sup>th</sup>. Army Corps under Thomas in all of the campaigns of the middle west, and accompanied Sherman in the March to the Sea, then to the capture of Johnston and thence to the Grand Review at Washington. After the war, in which two of his brothers also served, he completed his college course and then engaged in business enterprises in Pennsylvania and New York, and was living in Rochester in the latter State when he decided to become a part of our Florida Colony. He says he has never regretted coming, and is here to stay, and will always strive to induce others to come. One of the organizations of the Veterans' Association, which has been the practical governing body of the Colony, he was chosen secretary, and on the resignation of Capt. H.E. King was the unanimous choice of the community for postmaster. He is also a member of the School Board, a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and lives in a very comfortable home on Michigan Avenue. On being asked to give his opinion of the situation here he prepared the following:

There is an old saying among our people "Up North" that "In order to test the value of man or country one must summer and winter both people and country". If this statement be a guide, then, having not only summered and wintered in St. Cloud, but also having tasted the rare pleasures of its Springtime and Autumn as well, qualifies one for the expression of an intelligent opinion as to the merits of demerits peculiar to this locality. There is a trite proverb that "Truth is seldom, if ever, found at extremes." Therefore fulsome praise or extravagant condemnation are not only unwise, but defeat their own ends. The truth triumphs because the elements of victory are present. Falsehood fails in its purpose because the essential elements of success are absent. It would be the idlest chatter and an insult to the intelligence of the average person to claim for Florida or any other portion of our land absolute perfection. It is all of the earth earthly. At the same time comparatively speaking, Florida in general and St. Cloud in particular possesses many advantages unknown to any other portion of our fair land. To those peculiar attractions permit me to invite your attention.

The climate is ideal. This is a strong statement, but facts warrant it. If one values a full year of glorious sunshine mingled with refreshing showers, a most delightful air, the flowers a constant guest, and each month suited to the growth of some fruit or vegetable adapted to human use and comfort, then is our climate ideal. If from snow and ice, the biting blasts of a Northern Winter, are of value, then indeed is our climate ideal. This idea was most fittingly set forth by a son of the "Emerald Isle," who remarked in my hearing: "I don't know what the soil will produce - I'm not a farmer, but I do know that this climate is cheap at two hundred dollars an acre." The

conditions were suited to a full appreciation of the force of the sentiment. It was in the month of February. A company of old soldiers had gathered in my office doors and windows were wide open, the glorious sun flooded the earth with warmth and gladness. On my desk was a vase of roses, grown in the open air and without artificial encouragement. A mocking bird was pouring out his soul's gladness in song. Someone had been reading the headlines of dispatches in the late copy of the "Chicago Tribune" about as follows:

*Railroad traffic suspended. Wires all down. A fearful gale, laden with snow and ice, hold the great West in its grasp. Intense cold with its attendant suffering reported. Much stock perishing on the plains. A shortage of fuel reported. Etc., etc.*

To us at least the remark of our Irish friend seemed appropriate. The climate was cheap at two hundred dollars per acre. To the aged and feeble, what a blessing to be delivered from the strain of such a Winter.

Our soil is productive. Each section of our highly favored land seems adapted to the growth of some special crop. Our Eastern, Middle, or Western States do not attempt the culture of those products peculiar to this semi-tropic clime. Now, just as sure as the North meets with success along lines suited to that locality, so we in Florida are successful along lines congenial to this latitude. I have been astonished at the moral obtuseness of some who, in the very presence of great orange, grapefruit, and pineapple groves and fields, where the trees were literally bending to the earth under their enormous yields, or pineapples growing so thickly that the leaves interlaced, remark, "This soil is of no value: none whatever." It is of no use to reason with or call that man's attention to the fact that all about him are evidences of the fact that his statements are unfounded. It is wasted breath. Nor yet is it true that we are confined to the culture of citrus fruits. We grow (and successfully, too) much known as standard crops in the North. I have seen as fine fields of corn, Irish potatoes, not to mention cabbage, beets, peas, celery, turnips and beans, as one finds North or West, while sweet potatoes are a fine yield and easily grown, sugar cane does exceedingly well, and the leguminous crops - cow peas, velvet beans, etc. - give large yields. In season the woods are full of wild berries. When the snow covers the Northern states strawberries and many kinds of vegetables are growing in the open at St. Cloud. Now, what the eye sees, and we handle, taste and feed upon, must be a reality. We who are here and observe, know these things to be facts. We do not object to fair criticism, or fair comparison with other localities, but we do resent an unfair, unmanly, and oft-times untruthful attack on conditions here, and undeserved assaults on the land company back of the enterprise. We do object to illy-informed men rushing into print with statements absolutely destitute of truth. Likewise we have decided opinions regarding that type of journalism that will open its columns to slanders, and when in most dignified terms answer is made refuse a hearing. Such people must be either willfully blind, have a private grudge, or be the paid instruments of interests inimical to our colony.

At no point has St. Cloud been so viciously assailed as in

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attempts to create the impression that our town is a literal death trap. It has been stated that our death rate has been as high as eight per day. The facts are that St. Cloud is an unusually healthful place. To be sure people get sick and die here, but what region or clime is immune from illness and death? It must be borne in mind that a large per cent of our population are aged. The civil war veteran is an old man now. His life expectation is narrowed down. Like that beautiful custom obtaining among American sailors, who, during the first half voyage sing their songs to the friends astern, but when the log shows a change to the last half of the voyage.

*One army of the living God,*

*At his command we bow.*

This thought does not fill our hearts with sadness, not in any sense of the term paralyze our powers. This condition is referred to in order to show that a high death rate would not be strange. But the opposite is the case. The death rate is very low indeed. Not low as compared with the above statements, but small as compared with other communities. In other words, conditions are calculated to prolong the days of aged and feeble people. It is well know that combat with the severe cold of our Northern Winters makes heavy draft on our remaining powers. Here the balmy air, healing sunshine, absence of snow, ice, and cold, enables one to husband this slender reserve of vital force, and therefore people not only live longer but more pleasantly. It is a singular fact that the majority of deaths among the veterans in found in the decease of those who, during the Winter or early Spring, returned North. The shock was too great. Had those remained here most of them no doubt would yet be living. We have about a dozen graves in our city cemetery, and a majority, chronic invalids, who really prolonged their lives by coming. Is this a high death rate for a town which during the past Winter had well on to 2,000 people, and hundreds of them living in tents, and denied many of the comforts of homes they left in the North?

On my honor, and supported by undisputable facts, these statements are made. My judgment is based on personal knowledge of and contact with the things whereof I speak. Each statement is a conservative presentation of the facts. This paper will find its way into the homes of many who have know me all my life. As I respect them and value their friendship, these words are carefully weighted. These statements are true and each and all may depend upon the representations made. In the years to come, when the smoke of battle lifts, it will be seen that wisdom guided in the choice of this location for a permanent, beautiful, healthful city. We who stood in the plain when Hooker made that remarkable fight at Lookout Mountain could hear the rattle of musketry and deep roar of artillery, but all was shrouded in smoke hiding friend and foe alike. Occasionally the veil was lifted and then we noted that our Flag was a little higher up the mountain. We are making steady advance here. Our lines are compact and will close up. Those little dashes by "guerrilla forces: do little harm. St. Cloud is not to be moved from its purpose.

A. H. Kinney

## The 1914 Department of Florida G.A.R. Encampment at St. Cloud

*by Roger L. Heiple*

The union veterans colony of St. Cloud had been selected as the site of the 1914 Department of Florida Encampment only five years after representatives of the National Tribune had surveyed the vacant acreage in central Florida. After a large tract of land had been purchased, the Seminole Land & Investment Company was set up to market the residential and business lots. The first year was very successful because of the wide spread distribution of the National Tribune, a veteran newspaper, and the glowing reports of nothing short of a utopia for veterans of the Northern states. While lots were sold quickly, it was an entire different situation to get these older veterans to sell their homes and move to Florida. St. Cloud was on the Atlantic Coast Line, so rail travel became the preferred manner of transportation. By 1910 the city was developing even though many veterans were forced to live in tents during the first year, while their homes were being constructed. At the 1913 G.A.R. National Encampment in Chattanooga, Tennessee the veterans proudly wore and distributed ribbons, describing St. Cloud as the "Wonder City"

As the Encampment approached, various veteran committees prepared a citywide involvement. The only other veteran colony was located in Fitzgerald, Georgia, many miles away. The Mitchell Post No. 34 was the host for the encampment and their newly constructed G.A.R. hall, although not entirely finished, was the largest hall in the South.

The G.A.R. hall was used for the meetings of the Encampment. The G.A.R. hall and every other building in town were decorated, with the stars and strips being the preferred decoration.

A special train was originated in St. Petersburg, with cars added at Tampa and Zephyrhills. The delegates proceeded to the headquarters of the encampment located in the St. Cloud Hotel. A grand reception was held on Monday, April 12, 1914, at the St. Cloud Hotel. Delegates from the G.A.R. were joined by delegates from the Women's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G.A.R., also meeting during the encampment. The train carrying the honored guests, John McElroy (editor of the *National Tribune*, Washington, D.C.) and Col. G. M. Saltzgaber (U.S. Commissioner of Pensions) was late, but arrived before the reception finished.

The roll call of posts during opening day of the encampment determined that there were 39 posts established, with 800 members in the Department of Florida.

## MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

### A MICHIGAN PERSPECTIVE

(Continued from the April 2002 issue)  
by Michael Maillard, Austin Blair Camp 7

#### William Shafter

Lieutenant, Co. I, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

Mustered in at Fort Wayne, MI on August 22, 1861. Awarded the Medal of Honor on June 12, 1895, "For voluntarily taking active part in the Battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862 and although wounded, remaining on the field till the close of the battle."

In detail he was involved with bridge construction across the Chickahominy when asked to make a charge across an open field with some 22 men, of which 18 were killed or wounded within a couple of minutes. At the close of battle on that day his horse was shot under him while he also received a severe flesh wound. He remained on the field for the second day of battle and avoided being sent north with the wounded. He stayed in the rear of command for the next 2-3 days until the wounded had been evacuated and then he returned to his regiment.

Shafter was promoted thru the war, being mustered out on November 2, 1865 at the rank of a Brevet Brigadier General. He pursued a career in the regular army being in command of the land forces in Cuba, during the Spanish American War. He retired as a Major General in 1901.

#### Samuel French

Co. E, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

Enlisted in Tuscola County, MI August 12, 1861. Another of the severely wounded at Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862, who continued fighting. A William Gage of Litchfield, MI carried on a campaign for support of French receiving the recognition after reading an article by a Major Richardson who detailed the gallantry of French, and others, while under fire. It appears the political pressure speeded a response from the government as further witnesses were not requested. His Medal was mailed out to him on October. 24, 1895 without any questions asked. Samuel French died on February 12, 1913 and is buried in the Gifford Twp. Cemetery, Gifford, MI.

#### Alonzo Smith

Sergeant, Co. C 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry

Enlisted at Jonesville, MI on August 9, 1861. Prior to mentioning the circumstances leading to receiving the Medal, it should be noted that he was wounded in the left thigh at Antietam and did not return to his regiment until March 1, 1863. He was promoted to corporal in June, 1863 and subsequently participated in the battles at Gettysburg where on July 3, 1863 he was wounded in the left arm and did not return to his regiment until August of that year.

Sergeant Smith was awarded the Medal of Honor on November 14, 1864 for capture of the battle flag of the 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina at Hatcher's Run, Virginia on October 27, 1864.

In detail, the Union left flank had moved to the left cutting off some retreating rebels. They ended up in the rear of the Union forces and were thought to be Union. Smith was not convinced and went back, hid, and awaited their approach. With a loaded musket he came out of hiding and bluffed them to surrender. They responded that they would surrender if he could prove they could not get away, whereupon Smith indicated that there was a Division of men only a few yards away. The rebel officers then told their men to throw down their arms. Smith's regiment found out about the situation and sent back a security force to remove weapons. Smith took the colors from the color bearer of the 26<sup>th</sup> North Carolina.

As the result of his action he was given a furlough and though was designated to receive the Medal, waited until sometime after December 28, 1864 to personally receive it from General Mead.



## NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

by Bruce Butgereit, DC

Throughout time, men like Horace Greeley of the *New York Tribune*, Henry J. Raymond of the *New York Times*, the Harper Brothers of the *Harper's Weekly*, and John R. Mann of the *Michigan's Messenger*, have provided their readers with material that was first rate and worthy of being, not only read, but remembered.

Samuel Bowles, Editor-Publisher of the Springfield Republican, 1851 was quoted as saying about the written word:

*The brilliant mission of the newspaper is to be, the high priest of history, the vitalizer of society, the world's great informer, the earth's high censor, the medium of public thought and opinion, and the circulating lifeblood of the whole humankind. It is the great enemy of tyrants and the right arm of liberty, and is destined, more than any other agency, to melt and mold the jarring and contending nations of the world into...one great brotherhood...*

With this issue of the *Messenger*, the search is on for finding a new newsletter editor. Brother Mann has stated he will serve the remainder of the 2002-2003 term and then step down. He has offered to give full assistance to the new volunteer editor in the transition, which could begin with the last few remaining issues.

I encourage you to contact John (contact information inside this issue at the bottom of page 2) for any questions you may have.

## EATON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

by Rick Danes, GRO

On Saturday, June 1, I was invited by Brother Bill Lowe to attend the Eaton County Genealogical Society Workshop in Charlotte, Michigan. The purpose of this opportunity was to provide the Society with a look at our database of gravesites, to share information with them (and get some back) about their ancestors, and to generally promote the good of our Organization.

We set up two laptop computers with the latest version of the data base, provided visual aides such as reference books and forms, and the program spoke for itself.

Out of about 80-90 workshop participants, almost all stopped to see if we had their ancestor registered. We did have many, but we handed out many business cards and over 100 registration forms for their return to us.

I must say that participating in this kind of event with Bill proved to be a pleasure. Our goals were accomplished, and the public was pleasantly surprised at our presence and presentation.

### Pre-registration for the Ceremony of Remembrance and Old Soldiers Picnic Deadline for pre-registration and Picnic Reservation is July 24, 2002

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit / Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring a Picnic Blanket**  
(Tables available for those with special needs)

City, ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Hot Dogs, Cold Salads, Chips and Beverage  
(Plates, cups & eating utensils provided)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Bruce B. Butgereit  
1691 Summerfield Street SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508

#### Reservations for the Picnic

Adults—\$6.50ea. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Little People (ten & under) - \$4.50ea. X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: SUVCW Picnic**

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

#### Notice to all Re-enactors:

*(Participants in the Living History Camps & Demonstrations qualify for free Picnic Lunch if pre-registered)*  
You are welcome to set up your camp on Friday evening after 5:00 pm and tear down on Sunday

## The Department of Michigan & Camp 1

Invite you to share in

# The Ceremony of Remembrance and an “Old Soldiers Picnic”

**When:** August 3, 2002

**Where:** The Grand Rapids Home for Veterans  
3000 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI

**Time:** 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM

### Who's invited:

The Public

All Area Historical Societies / All Area Genealogical Societies

Michigan Civil War Roundtables / Reenactment Groups

The Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

The Ceremony of Remembrance is a service to honor our Nation's soldiers, both the living and those gone before. Included in this ceremony is a solemn march out to the cemetery to pay our respects to the resting place of over 4,000 soldiers (2,412 Civil War) and a reading of all units in attendance.

Living history camps are set up to share a look at “how life may have been.” Included are Civil War, Spanish-American War, WW I, WW II, and Vietnam (no offense to Korean War veterans, but no one we know has any portrayals of that war yet). Military demonstrations can include drill, weapons use, and tactics.

The “Old Soldiers Picnic” will be a flashback to the late 1800s and early 1900s when a community turned out in great numbers to celebrate our Nations freedoms and to honor the men who helped defend our government in the Civil War while enjoying a picnic. It will be a time of fun, fellowship and maybe even some “old-fashioned” games. Each organization, including Camps, will be permitted to set up any displays they might have in regards to their history, efforts, or membership. There will also be an opportunity to share some brief thoughts from each group.

For more information, see the event website hosted by the West Michigan Genealogical Society:

[www.wmgs.org/ceremony\\_of\\_remembrance.htm](http://www.wmgs.org/ceremony_of_remembrance.htm)

or contact:

Bruce B. Butgereit, Commander  
Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, SUVCW  
Home: 616-827-3369

**Please use the coupon at the bottom of page 21 (or a photo copy thereof) to register and reserve your picnic lunch**  
— free to re-enactors if received by July 24, 2002 —

## Austin Blair Camp 7

Invites You to Join Us

for the

**Dedication**

of the

**Medal of Honor  
Military Marker**

for

**Sgt. Frederick A. Lyon  
Co. A, 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Cavalry**

**Saturday, August 24, 2002  
4:30 pm**

Mt. Evergreen Cemetery  
Morrell St.  
Jackson, Michigan

**“Sgt. Lyon’s Story” as told by:**

**Abraham Lincoln**  
*(Fred Priebe)*

and

**General George A. Custer**  
*(Steve Alexander)*

with special guest speaker

**Tom Nanzig**

of the Ann Arbor Civil War Round Table

## COMING EVENTS

### JULY

**10<sup>th</sup>** **Quarterly Reports Due**  
Camp Quarterly Reports are due in the office of the Department Secretary, Richard Lee.

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** **Escanaba**  
Civil War re-enactment. Albert & James Lyon Camp 266 will be hosting an information and recruiting table.

### AUGUST

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **Grand Rapids**  
Ceremony of Remembrance and “Old Soldiers Picnic” at the Michigan Soldiers Home. For details see facing page.

**8<sup>th</sup>—10<sup>th</sup>** **Springfield, IL**  
121<sup>st</sup> Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be held in the Renaissance Hotel. See the Banner for details concerning the encampment or log onto the National web site @ [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org).

**24<sup>th</sup>** **Jackson**  
Dedication of Medal of Honor Military Headstone. See invitation at left.

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** **Jackson**  
Cascades Civil War Muster. Austin Blair Camp 7 will be hosting an information and recruiting tent.

### SEPTEMBER

**4<sup>th</sup>** **Messenger Deadline**  
All copy and photos should be in the hands of the editor by this date. **Do not** use the return address on the back cover for submissions. Please mail or e-mail all submissions to the address at the bottom of page 2.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** **Marshall**  
An open house celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Colegrove Post 166 GAR Hall on East Michigan Ave., just east of the downtown business district. All are welcome.

*If your Camp is planning an activity and wishes to have other SUVCW members in attendance, why not report it for inclusion in Coming Events? Please keep in mind the mailing dates and plan ahead. The mailing dates are targeted for January 2, April 2, July 1 and October 1.*



*Indianapolis — May 11, 2002  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Indiana Soldier's and Sailor's Monument*

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