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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

### *DON CARLOS PACE* 105 Years Young on August 19<sup>th</sup>



Don is the senior Member of the Department of Michigan. He was born in Baldwin, Michigan, the grandson of Sgt. Isaac Grant, who served in Company I, 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He lived with his grandfather in Reed City until 1912, when he moved with his family to Marshall, Michigan. Soon after taking up residence there, the family started the Marshall Brass Company.

Brother Pace served in the Navy in World War I, seeing duty in the Atlantic. While at the Great Lakes Training Center, he met the great John Philip Sousa, "*The March King*", and was assigned to him as an aide for a few months. After the war, Don returned to Marshall and started the Pace Printing Company, which he operated for many years.

Don joined Colegrove Camp 22 of Marshall in 1922 and was a Member of that Camp until 1956, when it was disbanded. Though the Camp disbanded, Don kept his membership in the Sons. He became a Charter Member of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 in when the Camp was resurrected in 1992. Brother Pace was presented with his 50 year Member Badge in 1994, by then Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison. He is also a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Don remembers the many G.A.R. memorials and activities his grandfather participated in. The McClellan saddle and Confederate sword his grandfather brought home from the Civil War are on display at the G.A.R. Hall in Marshall.

Until a few years ago, Brother Pace walked to the G.A.R. Hall in Marshall to attend Camp meetings. Don lives a simple daily routine with the aide of a caregiver and still is active, though he is restricted in the amount of physical activity he can do. Recently, when asked what his secret was to long life, he replied, "*Keep breathing!*"

*Thanks to John Lohrstorfer, Secretary/Treasurer of Camp 22,  
for providing the information for this article.*

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## DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

## DEPARTMENT ORDERS No. 2

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1. The Department of Michigan regrets to report the passing of Brother **William L. Sharpe**. He was a Charter Member of Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85, with lineage from three ancestors who honorably served the Union. His great grandfather, George Sharp, served as a Private in Company B, 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment. His great, great uncle, James Sharpe, served as Private in Company H of Michigan's 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Another great grandfather, Joseph Mulholland, served as a Corporal in Company A of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Brother Sharpe displayed much of his ancestors' surviving military equipment for the education of the public at several functions hosted by his Camp. All Camps were directed to have their Charters draped-in-mourning for the month of August.

2. The Department of Michigan regrets to report the passing of Brother **Jerry S. Friend**, great grandson of Private Andrew Jackson Friend (Company E, 43<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment). Brother Friend was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a retired State Police Trooper. Jerry supported our organization as a *Charter Member* of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22. All Camps were directed to have their Charters draped-in-mourning for the month of September.

3. The Department of Michigan regrets to report the passing of Brother **Richard L. Gray**, great grandson of Private William R. Gray (Company E, 25<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment). Brother Gray supported our organization as a member of Nash-Hodges Camp 43 since March of 1997. All Camps are directed to have their Charters draped-in-mourning for thirty days.

4. The Department of Michigan regrets to report the passing of Brother **Richard J. Estep**, great grandson of Corporal George Richard (Company E, 100<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment). Brother Estep was a veteran of War World II, surviving the "D-Day" landing at Normandy and the actions that followed. He supported our organization as a member of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 and was instrumental in the installation of an "All-Wars" veterans' monument at Woodlawn Cemetery near Woodland, Michigan. All Camps are directed to have their Charters draped-in-mourning for thirty days.

5. I am extremely saddened to share that Brother Richard (Rick) Carden, Commander of Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427, has been diagnosed with stage III-B lung cancer.

Rick has learned that surgery is not an option due to the cancer's advanced spread into his lymph system. Let us keep Brother Carden and his family in our prayers.

6. Camp Contacts were alerted earlier that Brother Allen Pifer (Past Commander of Robert Finch Camp 14) and Brother Jerry Olson (Senior Vice Commander of Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427) had both suffered a heart attack. Brother Olson has since undergone quintuple bypass surgery. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

7. On August 6<sup>th</sup>, I began mailing out special packets to each Camp, which included: free copies of the updated Department of Michigan Recruiting Brochure and prospective recruit "sign-up sheets" (maintained by *Michigan Messenger* Editor, John Mann); an instruction sheet (prepared by Dept. Council Chairman Dick Williams) for filing an IRS Form 990 – should your Camp receive one; and a special Camp-Info form to complete and submit to National Secretary Hann (with copy to Dept. Secretary Lee). Camp Commanders and/or Secretaries are asked to contact me if this packet did not reach you.

8. It was my privilege to again welcome all who attended this year's *Weekend of Remembrance* at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans on August 7 & 8. My sincere thanks go out to PC-in-C Harrison and the leadership of John A. Logan Camp No. 1, who helped plan this observance, and also to all who attended.

9. Anniversary Congratulations are in order for: Brother Don Pace, of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22, on his 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Past Department Commander Thayne Chamberlain LaBanta (Austin Blair Camp No. 7) on his 71<sup>st</sup> year as a member of the SUVCW; PDC Don E. Hoch (Camp 7) on his 62<sup>nd</sup> year with the SUVCW.

10. I salute all who comprised our 22-man delegation to the 1999 SUVCW National Encampment at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 19 – 22. We were honored to again have PDC LaBanta with us. Commander-in-Chief Andrew M. Johnson introduced Thayne to the Encampment as the senior-most member present and more importantly, as a *True Son* of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Another special moment for Brother LaBanta took place at the Saturday night banquet, where he was presented with a special commemorative badge and recognized as having attended the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at In-

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dianapolis in 1949. Brother Gary Gibson is to be commended for his work as Chairman of the 1999 G.A.R. Memorial Committee, making this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary observance of the last G.A.R. Encampment most memorable.

**11.** Congratulations are also in order for the following Brothers, in recognition of awards presented by Commander-in-Chief Johnson at the National Encampment. By approval of the Council of Administration, PC-in-C Keith Harrison (National Webmaster) and Dick Williams (National Membership List Coordinator) were both awarded a ½ inch Gold Star to be worn on their membership badge, in recognition of their “especially meritorious services to our Order beyond the efficient and loyal performance of a member’s duties.” PCC John Mann received the *Marshall Hope Award* for the Best Newsletter in the nation (Camp Blair Courier, Austin Blair Camp 7). CC Douglas Armstrong accepted the *Abraham Lincoln Award* for the Most Outstanding Camp in the nation, on behalf of our Department’s George W. Anderson Camp 58.

**12.** Yours truly, had the very great honor of being elected to serve a three year term on the National Council-of-Administration. National Treasurer and Counselor Jim Pahl deserves the credit for nudging me toward the position and for his *First-Rate* nomination speech. A table, listing the many National Organization assignments of Michigan Brothers, appears elsewhere in this issue.

**13.** Please be advised that the 1999 National Encampment voted favorably on a \$2 annual increase of the national per capita tax. One dollar of this increase will automatically go to a special fund for Civil War Memorial preservation (more details to follow). Therefore, effective January 1, 2000 the annual per capita tax owed to the national organization will be \$12 for each member and associate. The annual per capita tax owed to the Department of Michigan for each member and associate remains at \$8. This translates into a “break-even” figure of \$20 a year that must be collected in addition to what a Camp sets to operate on, from the total annual dues paid by each of its members and associates. All Camps are hereby respectfully instructed to review their dues rates and act accordingly before the end of the year – per provision of ARTICLE VII, Section 1 of the National SUVCW Constitution and Regulations (“C&R”) which states, “Each Camp shall regulate its dues and fees for revenues, provided the minimum admission fee shall not be less than ten dollars (\$10) of which one-half shall be forwarded to the Department Treasurer with the quarterly per capita tax report.” [This \$5 is then forwarded on to the National Organization.] “The minimum yearly dues shall not be less than the sum of the National Organization and Department per capita tax.” [As stated above, this figure now totals \$20.]

**14.** You may hear of a standardized National Application Fee (\$10) and Annual Dues rate (\$25). Please be advised that this applies ONLY to those individuals who join the SUVCW via contact with the National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief or the National Recruiting Officer. Yes, these individuals may be assigned to your Camp but they will revert to paying the rate of dues that’s set by your Camp when the next calendar year/renewal period begins. Depending on your own Camp’s dues rate the member or associate may pay a bit more – or less, on his annual dues thereafter.

**15.** Another important vote of this year’s Encampment was to reaffirm the requirements of eligibility to be recognized as a “**Member**” of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.” Contrary to views that a member can be any “*blood relative*” of a soldier or sailor who honorably served the Union between 1861 and 1865, the Encampment overwhelmingly upheld the stricter interpretation that a **member is either directly descended from the soldier/sailor himself – or directly descended from the brother or sister of the soldier/sailor.** Those who are related to a Union soldier or sailor by any other genealogical combination (“cousin-status,” etc.), are welcome to join the SUVCW as an *Associate*. As a good will gesture, it was also voted that all individuals who are presently regarded as *members* (but not by the strict interpretation of lineage) will be allowed to retain their member status. Camp officers overseeing the credentials of new applicants are hereby charged to enforce the stricter lineage qualification. Thank you.

**16.** After last year’s National Encampment I reported that the newer “Ritual and Ceremonials” booklet (revised in August of 1997) was rejected due to misspellings and omissions. This year’s Encampment voted on further corrections and it is hoped that the National Quartermaster will have new printings available in the next few months. Camps are respectfully asked to make photocopies of the older handbook available to their new members until a corrected version has been printed.

**17.** *ATTENTION 1999 National Encampment Delegates.* Those of you who actually registered / attended the Encampment at Indianapolis, may purchase extra badges – if you wish. The Encampment Badge (star with red, white, blue ribbon) is available to the registered delegates who were PRESENT (limit **one**, at \$6.00 each). The GAR Commemorative Badge, (eagle with gold ribbon) will be sold first, to the registered delegates PRESENT (limit **two**, at \$6.00 each). Prices include shipping & handling fee. Requests must be postmarked by Dec 31, 1999. [After that, sale is open to non-delegates for \$11.00 each.] Make checks payable

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*SENIOR VICE COMMANDER**William R. Morris*

Brothers,

Camps located in the communities of Ann Arbor, Bay City, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, and Saginaw may have yet another way to spread the word about their good works by way of the Internet. Michigan Live, a Michigan based Internet news server, is offering local non-profit organizations of the above mentioned communities space on their server to present basic information about their Camps in their Community Connection section located at <http://www.mlive.com/cc/groups/>. PDC Dave Wallace has pioneered our Order's involvement in this program by the creation of a listing for the Governor Henry H. Crapo Camp No. 145, which can be viewed at <http://community.mlive.com/cc/SonsofUnionVeterans>. The system is fairly easy to use and may be a way to supplement that information already available through a Camp's listing on the Department's web page. A word of caution is in order however. Should a Camp avail themselves of this service, it remains vital that they keep their information updated. Outdated, incorrect information can be very misleading and could result in new membership leads falling astray.

Many of us across the Department have noticed our ranks to be a little thinner this year with some of our more beloved Brothers going on to their final bivouac. I think it fair to say that each and every one of them will be sorely missed by all of us. The bonds of fraternity, charity and loyalty are very strong in our Order. So many of us would like to help comfort the families that our fallen Brothers have left behind, but sometimes we just don't get the word in time. I know that, in a time of loss, sometimes the last thing we might think of is to notify our other Brothers of what has happened. It is for this reason that I ask Camp Officers strive to make a point of notifying our Department Chaplain, Secretary and Commander of such a loss as soon as practicable. Please take a moment and help us help.

Senior Vice Camp Commanders should be engaged in their annual review of their Camp's Bylaws. Please compare them with the most current copy of the Department Bylaws and the Constitution and Regulations to determine if the Camp's Bylaws may have to be amended to insure continuity. The Department Bylaws

Committee remains open to receive any proposals for amending the Department Bylaws. If you have such a proposal, please forward it to the Senior Vice Department Commander so that it might be reviewed and considered by the Department Bylaws Committee.

There are a couple of very special days approaching that will aid in our remembering those that have gone before and perhaps, in the process, help us spread the word about our Order.

Many years ago Congress resolved that November 11<sup>th</sup> would be set aside as Armistice Day, to recognize the sacrifices of our American Military and the end of World War I (the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month). In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the nature of this holiday to honor all our American Veterans. Across the country many communities host special recognition programs, information sessions, or parades that help keep the memory of our American Military close to the hearts of each of us. It falls on us to do something special to "keep green the memory..." of our American Civil War Veterans on this day. I ask that each of you do something to recognize our Veterans. Find out what your community is doing on this day and strive to become involved in it as a Brother of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All of us in our Order know that November 19<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of Remembrance Day, the day President Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address during the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Many of us of the Wolverine State travel to Gettysburg each year and participate in memorial services to mark this singularly unique anniversary. More to the point however, many of the Camps in the Department of Michigan mark this day with their own local programs, often open to the public. I strongly urge that, if you hold such a program, that you invite local media representatives to it to help spread our message.

Word of mouth is the best advertising we can get. Your Camp's and more specifically your participation in local programs recognizing Veterans and Remembrance Days sends a clear message to others that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War knows how to remember the sacrifice of all veterans in service to our great Nation and keeps all of them all close to our hearts.

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to "National Organization, SUVCW" and mail your order to the National Quartermaster, Elmer F. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman Street, Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719.

**18.** Approval signatures have been given by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary to our Department Bylaws, adopted May 1, 1999. Copies have been sent to all Camps, by Department Secretary Lee.

**19.** With summer gone, I want to thank all Camps that provided an information/recruiting display for the SUVCW, at one function or another. I am able to attest the *first-rate* job done by members of Camp 17 and 7 at the Hastings and Jackson Civil War Re-enactments, respectively. I also witnessed the excellent job done by Brothers of Camp 22, who greeted the public at the G.A.R. Hall in Marshall during the recent "Home Tour Weekend" there. I look forward to seeing all other accounts, in the Camp News section of this newsletter.

**20.** Having just mentioned the Jackson Civil War Muster, we should note that two special "extras" occurred there. First, I had the honor of presenting CC Bill McAfee with the Charter for Carpenter-Welch Camp 180 while several Brothers looked on. Secondly, we also witnessed the drawing of the winning raffle ticket (by PDC Thayne LaBanta) for the specially framed print of artist Dale Gallon's tribute to the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteers, "*Men of Iron*." I can attest that the print went to a "good home," as the winning ticket belonged to Brother Greg Scygiel, JVC of Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85. For several years, Greg has also been a re-enactor with the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Inc. My sincere thanks goes out to all Brothers who helped sell tickets for this special fundraising project. A full accounting will be posted by Department Council Chairman Williams.

**21.** As you travel about, enjoying the "Fall Color," please keep our organization's Grave Registration and Civil War Memorial Assessment projects in mind. New members are encouraged to contact your Camp leadership for more details.

**22.** Due to the necessary submission deadline for this issue of our Dept. newsletter, references to the 1999 Central Region Conference (held on 10-02-99) will have to wait until the next *Michigan's Messenger*.

**23.** At the time of this writing, I've learned that Brother Dave Johnson (George W. Anderson Camp 58) will be having open-heart surgery. Let us keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers, too.

**24.** All Camps and their memberships are respectfully encouraged to host, or join other patriotic organizations next month, in observances of *Veterans' Day* on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and *Remembrance Day* on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**25.** I look forward to seeing many of you at the Remembrance Day Parade/Ceremony in Gettysburg, PA on November 20. Senior Vice Department Commander Morris will have further details in an article that he is preparing. [Brother Morris is also Adjutant for Michigan's SVR unit (30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry). Bill, and Brother Ken Martin (Commander of the 30<sup>th</sup> Mich.) are to be congratulated on their recent promotions.] Every *Member*, *Associate*, and *Junior* is invited to take part in this special day at Gettysburg, whether you are part of a uniformed "Camp Guard," the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR), or not.

**26.** With annual Camp elections about to take place, our smaller-staffed Camps are respectfully reminded of the necessity to elect a 3-man Camp Council. A Camp Commander, Secretary & Treasurer are naturally, not allowed to serve on this council. Current Camp Commanders and Secretaries are asked to please let me know if, for whatever reason, your Camp does not have copies of the *Job Descriptions for Camp & Department Officers* and the *Camp Structure* diagram of elected and appointed Camp Officers, to share with your membership.

**27.** For those Camps which meet monthly, please advise me at which meeting you would like to have your newly elected officers installed. Thank you. Secretary Lee will be distributing Form No. 22's for your reporting requirement.

**28.** Camps drafting new Bylaws or making changes to existing documents are respectfully reminded to submit two originals to the Department Secretary. One original will be kept on file and the other will be signed by the Department Commander & Secretary, after approval of the Counselor, and returned to the Camp for its records and distribution to its membership.

**29.** Please be advised that the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC), who'll host our combined Department Encampment/Conventions next year, has locked-in arrangements for us to gather on May 6, 2000 at the Clarion Hotel in Kalamazoo. More details, to follow.

**30.** My Best Wishes to you and yours, for the holidays ahead.

By Order of:

**Kent Armstrong**  
*Department Commander*

Attest:

**Richard Lee**  
*Department Secretary*

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**COUNCIL***Dick Williams, Chairman***GUIDELINE FOR FILLING OUT  
FORM 990-EZ FROM THE I.R.S.**

A Camp may receive a booklet from the IRS entitled: *Returns for Organizations Exempt from Income Tax under Section 501 C (4) of the Internal Revenue Code* (Form 990-EZ).

Every Camp Treasurer must fill one out and send the form to the I.R.S. If the Camp makes less than \$25,000 a year, then only a limited amount of information needs to be filled out.

If your Camp makes less than \$25,000 a year, then follow these instructions to fill out form 990-EZ and send the completed form to the I.R.S.

- 1) *Area A.* Enter the period of time for the calendar year, January through December.
- 2) *Area B.* If this is the first time the Camp has filled out the form, choose INITIAL RETURN. If you aren't the person who filled out the form last time, check CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
- 3) *Area C.* Enter the Camp Name and Number and the address of the Camp Treasurer.
- 4) *Area D.* Every Camp should have an EIN. Put that number here.
- 5) *Area E.* Fill in the Camp Treasurer's area code and phone number.
- 6) *Area F.* Don't fill in anything here.
- 7) *Area G.* Don't fill in anything here.
- 8) *Area H.* Enter 0429
- 9) *Area I.* Check the first box and enter a 4 in the parenthesis so the line reads Exempt under section 501 C (4)
- 10) *Area J.* Check the box here.
- 11) Now on the lower backside of the page (PLEASE SIGN HERE), sign your name, today's date and print your name and Camp Officer position.
- 12) Make a photo copy of the form and keep it in the Camp Treasurer's files for future reference. Each Camp will receive a similar package about every 5 years, so someone needs to remember what you did before.
- 13) Send the form to the I.R.S. in the provided envelope.

**SECRETARY***Richard Lee*

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Reports (April-June) were received on time from seventeen Camps:

1	Gen. John A. Logan
7	Austin Blair*
14	Robert Finch
20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard
22	Colegrove-Woodruff*
43	Nash-Hodges*
53	Wa-Bu-No*
58	George W. Anderson*
67	Gen. Phil Kearny*
85	Frederick H. Hackeman*
101	Ulysses S. Grant*
120	Gilluly-Kingsley*
145	Gov. Henry Crapo*
160	Maj. Henry F. Wallace*
259	Archibald Stewart*
266	Albert & James Lyon*
462	Russell A. Alger*

\* indicates those Camps that reported on time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, also.

The 27-28 form for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (July-September) was mailed on September 4<sup>th</sup> and is due (with check) by October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Secretary/Treasurer's office.

**COUNCIL***Dick Williams, Chairman*

The winner of the *Men of Iron* print that the Department of Michigan used for one of the fund raisers this year was Greg Scygiel. Greg is a member of Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85, and a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan reenactment group. The winning ticket was drawn by Thayne LaBanta at the Jackson 1999 Civil War Muster on Sunday, August 29.

Several camps did not sell tickets and several didn't return tickets by early August as requested.

We received \$2,237.00 in ticket sales and had expenses of \$247.70 (framing of the print, printing of tickets and the license to sell tickets from the State) for a net of \$1989.30. The Armstrong family again accounted for over 70% of the ticket sales.

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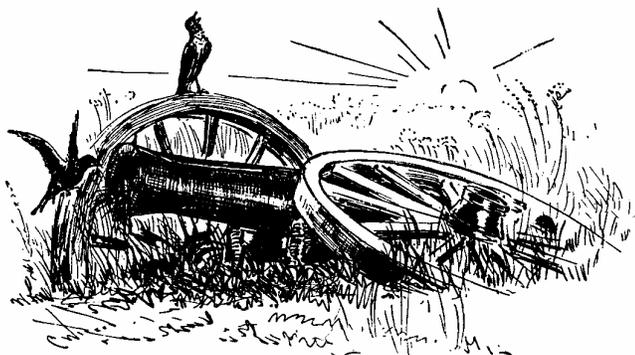
## CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

*Douglas R. Armstrong, Chairman*

Many of you have seen Civil War era cannon in parks, cemeteries and in front of County Courthouses. These guns were donated by the U.S. Government to local Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and other civic and patriotic organizations and local governments. The cannon were then dedicated as memorials at various parks, cemeteries, courthouses and G.A.R. Halls (Marshall and Sunfield, Michigan G.A.R. Halls are examples). It was the intent of the G.A.R. that these memorial cannon, stand as "silent-sentinels" in honor of all who *saved the Union*.

Our State was the recipient of 184 donated obsolete ordnance. Of these only 113 remain. Those missing, were either scrapped for WWI and II, stolen, or just lost. The arsenals that supplied our State with the many Parrott rifles, howitzers, and columbiads, as ties to the men who served the *Union*, were spread across the Country. The list includes: the Fort Monroe Arsenal in Virginia, the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois, the Allegheny and Fort Mifflin Arsenals in Pennsylvania, the Watertown and Fort Warren Arsenals in Massachusetts, the Fort McClary Arsenal in Maine, the New York and Watervliet Arsenals in New York, and the Benicia Arsenal in California. As for the naval cannon, they include the Navy Yards of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Portsmouth and Washington.

Since then, these cannon have become more than just iron and bronze. As Memorials to the very men who we honor, I think it is our duty to cherish, protect and maintain these pieces of our heritage for future generations.



## CHAPLAIN

*Bill (W.B.) Mc Afee*

Chaplains in the Civil War set the standards for the chaplaincy now existent in U.S. military units. They dealt with all matters spiritual for the troops in their regiments. Some were captured and ministered to their fellow prisoners. In all areas, they dealt with death. They dealt with the spiritual preparation of the soldiers for going into battle; they dealt with the wounded and dying on the battlefields and in the hospitals, such as they were.

Today, we chaplains of the Sons of Union Veterans deal with ritual. Some of that ritual may include the memorial service for a departed Brother. I hadn't been either a member or a chaplain very long before I was invited to participate in the burial of Brother Jack W. Patch. It was a very moving experience for me and one which I took very seriously. While we want to help with initiations and work with sick Brothers, we also want to honor those Brothers who are entering their eternal reward. In order to keep track of this, we need to hear from you when a Brother is ill, in the hospital or dies. Please keep your local chaplain informed in these matters so he can do his part as prescribed by the national organization.

*"Serve the Lord with gladness."*

### CAMP COMMANDERS, CHAPLAINS

*Please notify me upon the death of a Brother,  
with as much detail as you can provide.*

If you haven't notified our Departmental Commander, I can forward it for you. I will then forward the information to the National Chaplain, who generally sends a card of condolence to the family of the deceased. I will also send the information to the editor of "The Banner", for publication in the next issue of our national newsletter. You can mail it to me at 9080 Dorado Court, Milan, MI 48160 or e-mail it to me at:

*thistleis@sprynet.com*

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 BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!
 

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*DONALD E. HOCH*  
91 years young on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Don is a Member of Austin Blair Camp 7 in Jackson, joining the Camp in January of 1937. He served in many of the Department elected and appointed posts, including that of Department Commander in 1949/50. Brother Hoch is the grandson of Private Samuel Bailey, Company H, 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry.



*THAYNE C. LABANTA*  
95 years young on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thayne has been a Member of Austin Blair Camp 7 in Jackson since 1927. He has served in several Department posts, culminating with that of Department Commander in 1946/47. Brother LaBanta is the son of Private Derick Dean Banta, Company J, 76<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry.



*ADIN K. SHANK*  
82 years young on November 17

Adin has been a Member of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 in Sunfield since July of 1994 and is a "Real Son" of a Union Veteran. He was born in Jefferson Township, Indiana, November 17, 1917. Brother Shank is the son of Private Norman C. Shank, Company K, 44<sup>th</sup> Indiana.

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*Has Brother in your Camp reached or surpassed the 75 year mark? If so, send in his name, birth date, the year he joined the SUVCW, the Camp he is a member of, his ancestor (if a Member) and the ancestor's regiment or ship, along with a current photo of the Brother, if possible, so he may be honored in the Department newsletter in an issue close to his birthday.*

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

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Since the organization of the Department of Michigan, the Department has had 97 different Commanders in its 116 year existence.

The following is a list of the Michigan Department Commanders with the year of their election.

1883	Herrick Hodges	1923	Arthur E. Lewis	1963	*
1884	Herrick Hodges	1924	William H. Malone	1964	Thomas Wilson
1885	F. W. Rowson	1925	Roy F. Kaywood	1965	Laurence Richmond
1886	M. E. Ball	1926	Glen F. Wigent	1966	James A. Davey
1887	M. E. Ball	1927	H. Frank Finch	1967	Charles Stevens
1888	B. M. Fellows	1928	G. H. Merkle	1968	Charles J. Schmucker
1889	Fred M. Williams	1929	Earl A. Vickery	1969	Stanley C. Barker
1890	Frank D. Eddy	1930	Perle C. Fouch	1970	Edward Stevens
1891	Fredrick C. Stillson	1931	Nathan T. Sprague	1971	Benjamin F. Edge II
1892	Frank M. Gier	1932	Robert E. French	1972	Benjamin F. Edge II
1893	Fred M. Toist	1933	J. Ray Fisher	1973	Benjamin F. Edge II
1894	Fred J. McMurtrie	1934	R. J. Giespie	1974	Carl A. Smith
1895	Edgar R. Henderson	1935	R. R. Wood	1975	Carl A. Smith
1896	H. Earl Cowden	1936	James M. Adams	1976	Andrew Guilliat
1897	H. Earl Cowden	1937	Lynn A. Tiffany	1977	John LaRue
1898	George E. Cogshall	1938	Charles H. Wright	1978	John LaRue
1899	Creyton J. Post	1939	Cloy V. Smith	1979	Warren D. Barber III
1900	Frank E. Munger	1940	James B. Hays	1980	Warren D. Barber III
1901	Andrew Coffinderry	1941	Urion W. Mackey	1981	Warren D. Barber III
1902	Carl A. Wagner	1942	Bert Hammond	1982	David S. Rowley
1903	J. E. Turner	1943	John L. Tiffany	1983	David S. Rowley
1904	Frank J. Kellogg	1944	Edgar M. Lonsley	1984	David S. Rowley
1905	Frank J. Kellogg	1945	Floyd E. Jewell	1985	Keith G. Harrison
1906	Walter L. Payne	1946	Thayne C. LaBanta	1986	Keith G. Harrison
1907	C. N. Ripley	1947	Charles F. Dexter	1987	Keith G. Harrison
1908	Charles Cook	1948	Walter Brooks	1988	James T. Lyons
1909	Charles Cook	1949	Don E. Hoch	1989	James T. Lyons
1910	Eldon Small	1950	James A. Davey	1990	Gary L. Gibson
1911	George B. Reish	1951	Arthur J. Young	1991	Gary L. Gibson
1912	L. C. Moore	1952	Homer Savage	1992	James B. Pahl
1913	Charles R. Cowdin	1953	Donald F. Peacock	1993	J. Douglas Park
1914	John M. Stevens	1954	Thomas L. Wilson	1994	William Brennan
1915	Lewis A. Markham	1955	Milo C. Newer, Sr.	1995	William Brennan
1916	Charles L. Pitcher	1956	George R. Raub	1996	David F. Wallace
1917	George W. Swift	1957	John Dalzell	1997	Paul D. Hodges
1918	Harry Martin	1958	Milo Newer, Jr.	1998	Kent L. Armstrong
1919	W. B. Hertzog	1959	Charles Walton	1999	Kent L. Armstrong
1920	William A. Sparling	1960	M. K. Brown		
1921	Byron L. Snook	1961	Fred E. Hammond		
1922	Martin B. Stadmiller	1962	James Johnson		

\*The Department was placed in suspension by the National in 1962 and remained in suspension until 1964. There was no Department Encampment in 1963 and therefore no election of officers that year.

## CAMP NEWS

*GEN. BENJAMIN PRITCHARD ~ CAMP 20**by Bill Brennan, PDC*

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 held a Civil War Medal of Honor veteran's headstone dedication for 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles L. Barrell, who is buried in Hooker Cemetery in Leighton Township, Allegan County. Lt. Barrell never had anything at his grave to indicate that he was a veteran or a Medal of Honor winner. After 85 years, all that changed as over 300 people came out to pay honor to this hero of the 102<sup>nd</sup> United States Colored Troops and attend his much belated honors, as one of only three Medal of Honor winners from Allegan County to be so remembered.

The one-hour ceremony included a presentation of Colors; a history of Barrell's life by Camp Chaplain Bill Brennan; a poem reading, "*When the Boys in Blue are Gone*", by Lorrie Gladyness of the *Daughters of Union Veterans*; the laying of wreaths by DUV President Azlestine Hollings, Past National President of the *Women's Relief Corps* Marion Morgan, *Allegan County Historical Society* President Bob Hoyt, the *Then and Now Historical and Genealogical Society of Allegan County*, the *William Barstow Chapter of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Colonial Great Dames*, local *Boy Scouts of America Troops 331 and 97*, the *American Legion* of Dorr and the *Veterans of Foreign Wars Post* of Wayland.

Other organizations that attended were the 1<sup>st</sup> *Michigan Light Artillery, Battery D*; 3<sup>rd</sup> *Michigan Infantry, Company F* and the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Regiment Company B, U.S. Sharpshooters*.

Completing the list of organizations and one of the most fitting for the occasion, was the 102<sup>nd</sup> *United States Colored Troops, Company B*, under the leadership of Ross Fowler from Detroit. They brought along posters of veterans of the U.S.C.T. and a large 6' x 6' replica flag of the original 102<sup>nd</sup> flag. These re-enactors presented a very beautiful wreath and were in the firing squad along with members of General John A. Logan Camp 1, General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 and the re-enactor's groups and veteran's organizations mentioned previously. Brother Blaine Valentine of Camp 22 closed the ceremony with the playing of "*Taps*".

*Lt. Barrell's vignette appears on page 15*

*GOV. HENRY CRAPO ~ CAMP 145**by David Wallace, PDC*

The Camp held its annual Camp Picnic in conjunction with "Civil War Days" at Crossroads Village the last weekend of June. Fifty Brothers and their family members attended and enjoyed the fellowship of the day, the Camp meeting and the good eats! The Brothers of the Camp welcomed into membership David Bock at the meeting.

The Camp continues its efforts to maintain Aventine Cemetery and also to obtain historic designation for "Camp Thomson", the Civil War training camp which was located on the site of Aventine and Avondale cemeteries within the City of Flint. Plans are underway to begin a local fundraising drive to help with the costs of a historic marker.

During the months of July and August, the Camp usually breaks from meetings, so the Brothers are looking forward to the September breakfast meeting to be held at Hudson's Restaurant on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Plans are also in the works to participate in the "Civil War Days" events to be held in Linden at the end of October and to hold a memorial service in honor of Remembrance Day on the lawn of the Genesee County Court House in November.

## National Per Capita Increase

Just a note to let all Camps know of a yearly increase of \$2.00 (50 cents per quarter) in the per capita. The increase applies to Associates and Members only, Juniors and Life Members are exempt. The increase will take effect beginning January 1, 2000, payable with the 1st quarter per capita.

The increase was voted in at the 118th National Encampment in Indianapolis. All Camps should review their annual dues to determine if an increase is in order to cover the additional per capita cost.

## CAMP NEWS

*AUSTIN BLAIR ~ CAMP 7**by Bill Lowe*

Camp activities ended the summer season with another exceptional display to share information about the G.A.R. and the "boys who wore the blue" and saved the Union between 1861 and 1865, at the Jackson Muster. Our thanks again go to the Host Units for the Muster and to all the Brothers from the Department of Michigan who contributed to the success. We had the same location as last year, right at the entrance, but with a slightly smaller space, so we erected only one tent and fly and then a second fly. Many individuals learned more of their Civil War ancestors; contacts were made with individuals with interests in the Civil War and the SUVCW. More than twenty signed up for more information about the Camps or the Auxiliary. These names have been forwarded to the Department Junior Vice Commander for dissemination to the appropriate Camp. Several names were also received for the Department of Ohio.

Without a doubt all the Brothers of the Department extend best wishes, along with Camp 7, to Don Leatherman (of Camp 7) and Joann Zimmerman who became husband and wife at their marriage at the Muster on Saturday evening. Rev. Gerry Wyma, a former member of Camp 7, who is the Chaplain at the correctional facility at Ionia, MI, conducted the ceremony.

After being installed as Commander-in-Chief at the 118<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Indianapolis, C-in-C Danny Wheeler stated that his primary objective for the coming year would be to further the work of Graves Registration and preserving Civil War monuments, statues and etc. Camp 7, has completed the registering of all monuments, statues and plaques in both Jackson and Washtenaw Counties and is now more than 80% completed with registering the cemeteries.

We would like to share some sources for information and verification of definite, probable and possible gravesites. First is on the web at: [www.cem.va.gov/](http://www.cem.va.gov/), this site gives an excellent history on government issued headstones, how to order them and how to track their production and delivery. Most helpful in our work!

The next is another web site: <http://members.aol.com/jweaver300.grayson/states.htm>. This site is a growing index of sites for numerous states which have Civil War rosters and information on the web. Again, as it grows it

should be helpful in documenting service records for our Graves Registration forms.

Accidentally discovered locally by an inquiring mind is another great "find". Located in our local library is a Microfilm titled: *BURIAL RECORDS FOR JACKSON COUNTY, 1887 - 1919*. This contains reproductions of the cards prepared for each veteran buried during that period where the city, township or county paid for the burial of a Civil War veteran. Most contain the man's name, his unit, date and place of death, place and cost of burial. We found many names we previously had not confirmed as veterans. This information is shared with all that might seek out similar records in their counties. Additionally, at the top of the microfilm page is the name of a publication: *REPORT OF BURIAL - Indigent Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. Kalamazoo Publishing Co., Printer and Binders*. This suggests that what we found is just a part of a larger publication. It would be a service to every Camp in the Department if someone could find a copy of this publication tucked away in some library.

Summer activities came to an end at our September Camp meeting when one of our members, Don Hoch, Past Department Commander, was presented with a 50 year Membership Badge to wear next to his PDC Badge. Representing the Department of Michigan in the presentation were Jim Lyons, PDC, Keith Harrison, PC-in-C and Richard Williams, Department Council Chairman. Don joined our Camp in January 1937 and held every Camp and many Department positions over the years. For many years he was also president of a local group known as The Schofield Society. This was a group made up of representatives of the local Allied Orders who obtained an old church and used it as a meeting hall for all the Allied Orders, after they were forced out of the Court House when the local GAR Post 48 closed. Our



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congratulations to Brother Hoch.

### *GEORGE W. ANDERSON ~ CAMP 58*

*by Douglas Armstrong*

At our July meeting, the first of our "Camp Commendation Awards" was given to Brother Kent Armstrong. Brother Armstrong has shown unceasing dedication in preserving and promoting the memory of Union soldiers and sailors. And for his encouragement to the City of DeWitt to provide grave marker/flag holders for the ninety Civil War Veterans buried in the DeWitt Cemetery, the Brothers of Camp 58 deemed him worthy of receiving this award.

The General Oliver Lyman Spaulding Award is named for a prominent citizen of St. Johns, Michigan who served as Captain of Company A in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. For a time before wars end, Spaulding commanded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps. He was mustered out as a full Colonel on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1865 and was breveted a Brigadier General for meritorious service. After the Civil War, Oliver Spaulding returned to St. Johns to resume his Law practice. In the years that followed, he served as Michigan's Secretary of State and many positions in the U.S. Government. Locally, he was active in the Grand Masonic Lodge, serving as Grand Master, was elected Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Michigan, and was active in the Charles E. Grisson Post of the G.A.R. in St. Johns. He continued to reside in Washington, D.C. until his death. Oliver Spaulding is buried in Arlington National Cemetery and has a family marker in Mount Rest Cemetery in St. Johns.

With the DeWitt Cemetery project completed, Camp 58 has set our sights on recruiting and community information displays. On August 14<sup>th</sup> we once again were present at St. Johns' annual Mint Festival. Our tent was set in front of the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, a historic brick house built in 1860, on the Courthouse Square. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, DeWitt held their annual Ox Roast Festival downtown. Camp 58 participated in setting a display table with information about the DeWitt area Civil War Veterans and the S.U.V.C.W. Both events were well

received and we hope to participate in other area communities.

### *CARPENTER-WELCH ~ CAMP 180*

*by William McAfee*

Camp 180 has gotten its feet off of the ground. We had our first public outing on July 3 at the Ypsilanti Independence Day Parade. Seven of us marched (or walked) and a couple of members and some of our family cheered us on from the crowd.

JVC Ted Huff got us an interview with columnist Don Faber who does "*Faber's World*" for the Ann Arbor News. Mr. Faber wrote us a very complimentary article. Three prospective members and a spouse showed up at our first meeting, plus we received a call of interest from a fourth descendant, all as a result of the article.

It's a shame we can't hit the ground running full bore from the start. We have a lot of development and organization matters to take care of before we can function as some of the Camps which have been doing this for several years. We are appreciative of the help we are receiving (and have received) from Camp 7. We also want to thank Brothers Dan Doyle and Chuck TenBrink for the wonderful job they have done on our web site. If you haven't seen it yet, click on to <http://suvvw.org/mi/180home.html>.

We are grateful that the brothers of the Graf-O'Hara VFW Post 423 in Ann Arbor have been so generous as to offer the use of their facilities for our meetings. That takes a great burden off of in this first, formative year.

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

*by Bill Costello*

Per our new agreement with the library, Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 will meet at the Ostemo Branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library, located on M43, 1 1/4 miles west of U.S. 131. The meetings will start at 7:00 pm, the first Tuesday of the month (October 5 and November 2, 1999). We do not meet in December, January or February. For the year 2000 we will meet the first Tuesday of the month of March, April, May, June, August, September, October and November. We will not be meeting in July, 2000, as the 4<sup>th</sup> falls on the first Tuesday.

## C. J. BASSETT POST 56, G.A.R.

ROSTER  
—OF—  
CHAUNCEY J. BASSETT POST, G.A.R., NO. 56,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

OFFICERS

Commander----- Benjamin D. Pritchard  
Senior Vice Commander ----- Samuel F. Murphy  
Junior Vice Commander----- J. P. Main  
Adjutant ----- Albert C. Estabrook  
Quartermaster----- Wallace H. Perry  
Officer of the Day ----- Henry Whitman  
Sergeant Major -----Emerson Allen  
Officer of the Guard----- Lewis W. Bellingar  
Surgeon -----Angus Fraser  
Chaplain -----John F. Craig

MEMBERS

Austin, Judson L.  
Butrick, Joseph  
Bailey, George W.  
Barnett, William  
Burton, Luther S.  
Bailey, Judson J.  
Boorn, S. L.  
Bellingar, David  
Burr, John H.  
Blanchard, John  
Cady, L. Y.  
Curtis, John L.  
Cook, George  
Calkins, Almeron E.  
Cheney, William A.  
Cook, Martin  
Clark, Samuel  
Chronister, Dixon O.  
Clark, Orrin  
Culver, Mortimer  
Coykendall, Hiram  
Daggett, Loren  
Ely, Joseph  
Estabrook, Abner H.  
Ely, William H.  
Eldred, Horace  
Ferdun, Charles  
Frost, William  
Foster, Robert  
Foster, Zenas  
Foote, Willis  
Ford, J. S.  
Green, Henry L.  
Griffith, James  
Henderson, Donald C.  
Holton, Otis L.  
Hurlbut, John  
Hurd, Alexander  
Huntley, George L.  
Houser, Noah W.  
Hickok, Francis L.  
Kane, William  
Knowlton, John



Kent, James W.  
Kirbey, Joseph  
Lockhart, Bostwick  
Leichi, Fred  
Meyers, George B.  
Mabbs, Robert  
Marble, Darius  
Moore, Willard  
Meloy, Milo W.  
Minegar, Edward  
Minegar, George  
Markle, Joseph  
Nash, Eugene D.  
Orr, Matthew  
Orr, Hugh  
Odell, Stephen  
Pope, Lyndon A.  
Pope, Horace H.  
Rowe, Charles W.  
Rutgers, Lambert  
Ritter, Jeremiah C.  
Ross, Harvey  
Seery, Alvin B.  
Sullivan, Michael  
Smith, George H.  
Sutphin, Benjamin B.  
Stone, George R.  
Smith, H. W.  
Staring, John  
Scott, Charles A.  
Semon, D. H.  
Thomas, Henry F.  
Tubah, Charles  
Williams, Wilts H.  
Warner, William W.  
Ward, Julias M.  
Wilson, Albert C.  
Williams, William B.  
White, William  
Weick, Jacob  
Wright, Lamson  
Wilson, W. R.  
Willets, Isaac

This roster is taken from a reprint of the Allegan Gazette of Saturday, May 30, 1903. It appeared on page three of the newspaper. It is reprinted here as it appeared in the paper. Along with the roster was a full page article entitled:

THESE REACHED HIGHEST RANK.

The article gives the records (as printed in *Michigan in the War*) of 73 officers from Allegan County that served in the War of the Rebellion. The list includes three Colonels, three Lt. Colonels, three Majors, twenty Captains, twenty-three 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants, eighteen 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants, one Surgeon, one Assistant Surgeon, and one Chaplain. Two of the Colonels, Benjamin D. Pritchard and Elisha Mix, were advanced to the rank of Brevet Brigadier General near the close of the war.

Chauncey J. Bassett, for whom Post 56 is named, mustered as a Captain in the Sixth Michigan Infantry on August 19, 1861. He transferred to a Louisiana Colored Infantry Regiment on October 20, 1862 with the rank of Major, advancing to the rank of Colonel. He was killed during a battle in the Red River campaign.

*The reprint was supplied courtesy of PDC William Brennan, Camp 20, Kalamazoo.*

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 MEDAL OF HONOR VIGNETTE
 

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## CHARLES LUTHER BARRELL

1<sup>ST</sup> LIEUTENANT

COMPANY C

102<sup>ND</sup> UNITED STATES COLORED INFANTRY

(1<sup>ST</sup> MICHIGAN COLORED INFANTRY)

by William Brennan, PDC

Charles Luther Barrell was born on August 1, 1842 in Savannah, New York, the son of Joseph Barrell (1815-1895) and Emily Carey Barrell (1816-1886). They moved to Michigan by wagon in 1845 to the Township of Albion, where they bought a farm. They sold the farm in 1852 to go west and join the great California Gold Rush.

It took them six months to reach California. They remained there two years, Joseph engaged in mining, and then returned to Michigan via boat and train. The family settled in Allegan County, Leighton Township in 1854. They took up a homestead of 120 acres, which Charles farmed with his father until he enlisted in the Civil War.

Charles joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Colored Infantry on December 17, 1863 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. (He is listed in the Michigan "brown books" as Charles L. *Burrell*.) The 1<sup>st</sup> was later mustered into service as the 102<sup>nd</sup> United States Colored Infantry. Barrell was promoted to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant on October 3, 1864.

Even though Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, Virginia on April 9, 1865, virtually ending the war, there were many skirmishes that continued on for several weeks. On April 17, 1865, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Barrell was near Camden, South Carolina under the command of Col. Henry Chipman. In his officers report, Col. Chipman writes, "Not knowing the whereabouts of Gen. Potter, I deemed it necessary to communicate with him. I sent 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Charles L. Barrell with two orderlies, mounted, with the communication. After leaving camp Lieut. Barrell met a Confederate Colonel and his orderly; by his coolness and bravery succeeded in capturing the orderly, whom he made a guide to conduct him past the Confederate forces into our Union lines. Brisk skirmishing commenced with the enemy's cavalry on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> who made

spirited resistance, fighting behind breastworks of rails, until driven back by my skirmishers. We were hemmed in on every side, but moved steadily forward. My loss during the forenoon was 1 man killed and 1 officer and 7 men wounded. At 11:00 am Lieut. Barrell joined me, with Major Webster's detachment of his cavalry."

"The 102<sup>nd</sup> had driven the enemy from my front, and gave information concerning the movement of Gen. Potter's forces. Skirmishing with my rear guard was kept up till afternoon. I joined the command of Gen. Potter where my regiment was united."

Barrell was discharged on September 30, 1865, after which he returned to Leighton Township. He married Ellen "Nellie" Graves. After her death he married again, taking Charlotte Lottie Barrell for his wife. He had three children. His son, Joseph Edmund Barrell, died in 1900 at the age of 33.

Barrell belonged to C. J. Bassett Post 56 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Allegan. On May 14, 1891 Charles was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "Distinguished bravery near Camden, South Carolina", under resolution of Congress, No. 43.

Charles continued to farm his 120 acres until 1909, when he moved to Parma, Michigan where he sold musical instruments and later became a banker, opening his own bank in Parma.

Death came to Charles on April 18, 1914 at the Ann Arbor Hospital. His body was taken to his brother Frank's home in Leighton Township for the funeral. He was then laid to rest in Hooker Cemetery near Wayland, Michigan.

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 MEDAL OF HONOR VIGNETTE
 

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*CHARLES DEPUY**PRIVATE**BATTERY D, 1<sup>ST</sup> ILLINOIS LIGHT ARTILLERY**FIRST SERGEANT**COMPANY H, 1<sup>ST</sup> MICHIGAN SHARPSHOOTERS*

Charles enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Artillery on August 17, 1861, serving for over a year when he was captured. He was interned in a prisoner of war camp for four months and nearly starved to death while incarcerated. He was exchanged, examined by Union doctors, declared unfit for service due to "disease of the heart" and was honorably discharged.

He re-enlisted on August 5, 1863 as a 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters, Company H. His service in that regiment was that of an ordinary soldier until the morning of July 30, 1864, the day of the "Battle of the Crater" at Petersburg, Virginia. The 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooters were in the initial charge after the mine was blown up under the Confederate breastworks known as the Elliot salient. It was there that his actions earned him the Medal of Honor.

"My regiment, the First Michigan Sharpshooters, were in the charge, and we reached the crater of the rebel fort to the right of the same. I passed into a part of the fort not injured by the explosion, and as I entered, I heard Gen. Bartlett call for men to man a 12-pounder Napoleon in a bastion of the fort. I saluted and told him I was an artillery man. He told me to take charge of the gun, and soon I had five other comrades as a gun squad and went into the magazine that also escaped the explosion, finding about a hundred rounds of ammunition of shell and canister."

"We soon had the gun in position to fire towards the rear, and soon saw that the Johnnies were preparing for a charge to retake the ground. I opened on them first with shell, and as they came within canister distance, I gave them canned fruit, the last shot with double canister (that is, two canisters to one charge of powder). They fell back. We gave it to them again and again as fast as we could load and fire. We repulsed the second charge the same way."

"By this time, our ammunition our ammunition had given out, so the gun was of no further use. I could not find a file to spike the gun, so the Johnnies got it back as good as ever."

"I went into the charge at 5:00 a.m. and was taken prisoner

at 5:00 p.m. after being in action 12 hours. Gen. Bartlett had his right leg shot off the second time that day, this time it was a cork leg and not so serious a matter as the first time."

He spent the next six months in a Confederate prison camp, cold and hungry. Upon his release, he rejoined his unit, passing through Washington, D.C. the morning before President Lincoln was assassinated. He told of the shock the troops felt when they heard of Lincoln's death.

DePuy was again discharged from the army in 1865. He was married February 25, 1871 in Muskegon, then moved his family to Kalkaska, Michigan in 1889, where he worked as a bookkeeper at a local lumber company and later, a bank. He retired from business life in 1918. The DePuy's had a son, William and a daughter, Blanche.

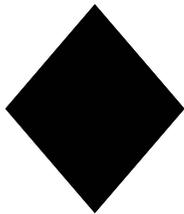
Charles was a charter member and helped organize the Colonel Baker G.A.R. Post 84 in Kalaska in 1882. He reportedly made the voting box for the Post. It was in the shape of a cannon, into which members rolled a ball down the barrel of the gun, through the breech and into the box underneath, to cast their votes. When the Col. Baker Post was disbanded in 1923, Charles transferred his membership to the Phil Kearny Post in Muskegon.

His actions at the Battle of the Crater were recognized and honored 32 years to the day after the fact. Charles was presented with the Medal of Honor by President Grover Cleveland on July 30, 1896.

DePuy's wife died on July 8, 1934 after 63 years of marriage. Charles DePuy died at the age of 92 on January 6, 1935. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska.

*Material for this article was supplied through the courtesy of Don Bellinger of Kalaska.*

## INTERNET



*THE OLD THIRD MICHIGAN  
INFANTRY*

www.oldthirdmichigan.org  
by J. R. Mann

This is a very informative and well researched site consisting of several pages and photos of the men who served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan. The site is maintained by Steve Soper of Chittenden, Vermont. It is well worth your time.

Steve wrote me, asking if I would list his web site in the Department newsletter and included a check for a subscription to Michigan's Messenger. I checked out the site and contacted him, asking just what his connection was with the 3<sup>rd</sup>. His answer surprised me. He does not have an ancestor or any family link with the 3<sup>rd</sup>! Here is his reply in part:

"Regarding your curiosity about how I came to attach myself to the history of the Old Third, well it happened quite by chance. I have no family who served in the regiment, but, having developed a keen interest in the Civil War while living in Virginia, after moving to Michigan I was looking for some other means by which to satisfy that interest in a more profound way than simply strolling battlefields — a relaxing and most worthy pursuit in and of itself mind you. So I went to the Grand Rapids library and started poking around.... Well, you get the picture."

"To date I have acquired copies of some 40 collections of letters, diaries, journals, all the official records available in Lansing and at the National Archives (except for the pension files which I acquire at the rate of 50-60 per year), I have copies of photographs of some 200 men and a few of their wives and children; I have photographs of more than 500 grave sites, plus a wealth of obit and death record information."

"While living in Michigan I also spent three years going through daily issues of local newspapers on microfilm and worked my way from 1855 to 1893, which added substantially to not only my knowledge of the regiment and its association (I also have copies of all the Association records as well), but also helped to build on the biographical sketches"

"As you may have guessed, the history of the regiment is in essence written, now; it is finished, for the information is finite and, with a little patience and perseverance, can be readily obtained by most anyone spending a few weeks at Lansing or in Washington."

"It is, however, the history of each man, that I am now seeking to write — or rather update. And that is where I hope the web site will make the greatest difference, by reaching out farther and faster to more people, who may have information they would like to share with others, or at the very least share with someone like myself who has become the repository for the memories of the Old Third. It wasn't a task I set out for myself, but there was a point, several years ago, when I crossed a line of sorts, when I looked at the thousands of pages of primary source material I had collected and knew that I couldn't simply stop and move on to something else."

### *E-MAIL ADDRESSES*

All Brothers should check the following web page, "The Department of Michigan's Company of Cyber Pickets" to ascertain that their e-mail address is correct and up-to-date:

*<http://suvchw.org/mi/mipicket.html>*

If your e-mail address is not correct, or not listed but you want it to be included, contact our Department web master, Chuck TenBrink at: *[c-tenbrink@uchicago.edu](mailto:c-tenbrink@uchicago.edu)* and ask that it be corrected or newly listed, as the case may be.

While you are at it, check out the National Cyber Pickets web site and check your e-mail address there:

*<http://suvchw.org/pickets.htm>*

This site is maintained by the National web master, Keith Harrison. For corrections or additions to the National site, contact Keith at: *[pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net)*

These sites are separately maintained so you will need to contact each web master to make the necessary changes. **No changes will be made to either of the Cyber Pickets listings unless you notify the respective web master!**

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## NOTABLE WOMEN IN THE CIVIL WAR

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### ANECDOTES OF THE WAR

*contributed by Michael Maillard, Camp 7*

*This article appeared in the Jackson (Michigan) Weekly of Jan. 5, 1901. It was reprinted from the Chicago Tribune.*

"It seems to me," said a Michigan veteran at the national encampment of 1900, in Chicago, "that proper attention has not been paid to the National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War during this encampment. I am sure that every soldier realizes and admits the debt which the men of the Grand Army owe to the women who followed the armies into the field and did so much to lessen the horrors of war. Often, too, the women did more than simply wait on the nurse the wounded men in the hospital. I know of one case in my own experience where an army nurse actually rallied the men of the regiment to which she was attached and helped to win a battle.

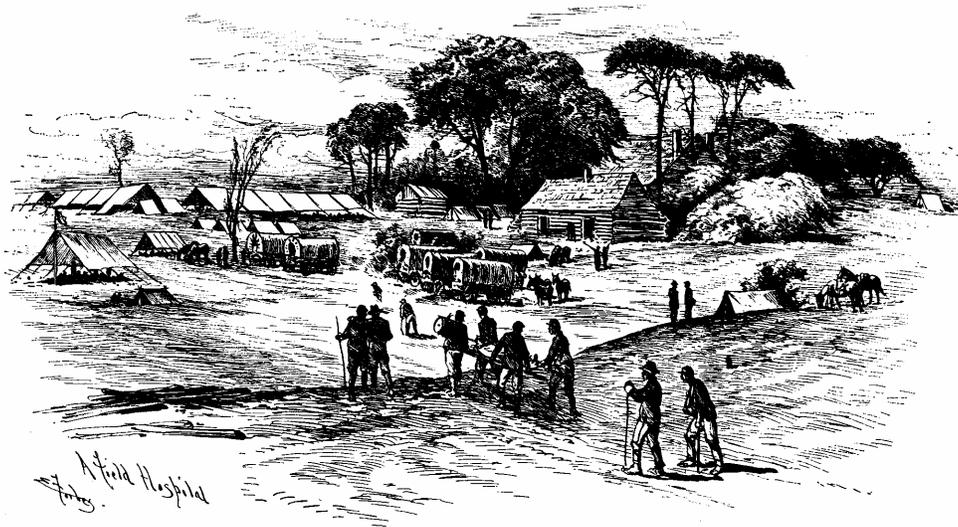
"Annie Etheridge was born in Michigan, but spent most of her childhood in Wisconsin. When the war broke out she was visiting in Detroit, and at once volunteered to go to the front with the Second Michigan as regimental nurse. Soon she was transferred to the Third Michigan, and when its three years' term of enlistment was over she, with the re-enlisted veterans, joined the Fifth Michigan. Between her and the soldiers there sprang up a degree of affection that was touching. It was her custom to follow 'her boys' into battle and on the field before the fighting was over to administer to the more severely wounded. At Chancellorsville in May, 1863, she went far out to the

front with a company of skirmishers. The rebels in full force were close at hand, and Mrs. Etheridge was ordered by her Colonel to go to the rear. She rode down the line of the trenches in which the soldiers were lying, and in the face of the enemy exhorted them to do their duty and 'whip the rebels.'

"At Chancellorsville she was riding over the field and found in one corner of the field a regiment that was beginning to retreat. She appealed to them not to go back, and finally shamed them into obedience by actually seizing the flag and leading them into action.

"Certainly the most sensational part played by a woman in the Civil War was that of Mme. Velasquez, a pretty young Southern woman of Spanish descent, who disguised herself as a man and for many years served as a Lieutenant in the Confederate army under the name of Lieutenant Harry Buford. In this capacity she took part in several battles, leading her men with great fearlessness and skill and winning the compliments of her superior officers for gallantry on the field of battle. In the later part of the war she was an agent of the Confederate secret service, and in various disguises spent months in the North, traveling repeatedly from New York to Chicago, Philadelphia, and other cities. At one time she even succeeded in getting employment under the head of the United States secret service in New York City, and in that position was able to secure information of great value to the Confederacy.

"At the battle of Ball's Bluff she was in command of a regiment, and men under her charged and captured more than a hundred Federal prisoners. It was the scene of bloodshed of which she was forced to witness here that



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finally led her to give up active service in the army and go into the secret service, which, while quite as dangerous, did not lead her constantly into the presence of wounded and dying men. During the whole of her service she was never wounded, though it is said that she often took greater chances than were necessary.

"I don't suppose there is a member of the Grand Army who hasn't at least heard of 'Mother' Bickerdyke. How many thousands of the boys knew her by sight during the war and were nursed by her hands, I can only guess. She devoted herself to the care of the private soldiers, always declaring that the officers had plenty of friends to look after them. So among the rank and file in all the hospitals she became known as 'Mother' Bickerdyke, and she was more than a mother to hundreds.

"When the war broke out she was a widow, 40 years old, but strong and robust in health, as she needed to be for the work before her. When Sumter was fired on she was working as a housekeeper in the family of a gentleman in Cleveland, Ohio. Almost immediately she gave up her place and began her work for the soldiers.

"There were two sides to her character. On one side she was the sternest and most implacable of women; on the other she was as gentle and tender as a child. Everything she did was for the interest of 'her boys.' If the hospital surgeons did not do their work properly or seemed to slight the private soldiers in any way 'Mother' Bickerdyke would send in a report which often resulted in the dismissal of the offender. It was the same way with army contractors. If the supplies furnished were not in good order or were not promptly delivered it was certain that 'Mother' Bickerdyke would never rest until she had seen the delinquent punished.

"In addition to everything else she was a great organizer. After the battle of Perryville the supplies for the surgeons were exhausted and there seemed to be no way to supply the demand. But 'Mother' Bickerdyke was equal to the emergency. She organized a company of colored women who had escaped from their masters and set them to work picking up blankets and scraps of clothing from the battlefield. Then she had all the material so gathered carefully washed and dried, and finally supplied not only plenty of dressings but actually fitted out a large body of men with practically new or at least clean outfits of clothing.

"It is said that nobody in the army had as much influence with either General Grant or General Sherman as

'Mother' Bickerdyke. They had come to know of her courage and devotion to the men and had found by investigation that her word could be depended upon. Consequently, she was feared and hated by the incompetents and rascals in all branches of the army.

"Almost every union soldier had one or more pleasant experiences with the loyal women of the South, many of whom risked their lives time and again in defense of their principles. Historians are now trying to prove that Barbara Frietchle never existed, but I know of one case almost exactly like it which can be easily substantiated.

"It was in 1863, and the rebels were marching through Middletown, Md. There were a good many people in the town who were at heart loyal, but they made no boast of public exhibition of their feelings. Mrs. Effie Titlow, however, was made of sterner stuff. When she saw in the distance the approaching rebels she took a large Union flag, wrapped it about her shoulders, and took her stand on the balcony of her house, overhanging the street. There, with the flag around her, she stood all the time the rebel army was passing and looked contemptuously down on the soldiers in gray. If Barbara Frietchle is played out some poet might put the story of Mr. Titlow into rhyme.

"Every Wisconsin veteran will remember Mrs. Henrietta L. Colt. Left a widow shortly before the war, she threw herself into the work of nursing the wounded soldiers with entire devotion. She went at one time, for instance, to the Army of the Cumberland and personally visited every sick Wisconsin soldier in the hospitals. Some of her trips up the Mississippi River in hospital steamers were experiences which would have killed an ordinary woman.

"On her visit to the army about Vicksburg she organized, in connection with Mrs. Hoge of Chicago, and improvised hospital on the same steamboat which had brought south. The boat was packed with wounded men, but they stuck to their posts, and how much good they did nobody will ever know. Up and down the great river Mrs. Colt and her few colleagues traveled in the midst of dying soldiers, helpless and poverty-stricken refugees, and frightened slaves. She also visited not less than seventy-two hospitals in the southwest and was able not only to relieve immediate suffering but to provide better supplies for future use through her influence with the organized societies of the North."

## COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOVEMBER****11<sup>th</sup> — Veterans' Day**

A day set aside by our nation to honor all veterans of all branches of service of the United States Armed Forces.

**19<sup>th</sup> — Remembrance Day**

A day set aside by the GAR to mark the anniversary of President Lincoln's dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg and to remember all Union Soldiers and Sailors who gave their lives in the War of the Rebellion.

**20<sup>th</sup> — Remembrance Day** **Gettysburg, PA**

Annual Remembrance Day parade and ball. The parade will begin at 1:00 pm from the Gettysburg School recreation field. Formation will be one half hour earlier. Ceremonies will be held at the Albert Woolson statue (Union) and at the Stone Wall (Confederate). All will participate in both. The National Civil War Ball will be held at 9:00 pm at the Eisenhower Inn, 2634 Emmittsburg Road. See the Banner for further information.

**25<sup>th</sup> — Thanksgiving**

The 136<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's proclamation that the last Thursday of November be observed nationally as a Day of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!

**DECEMBER**

**15<sup>th</sup> — Wednesday** **Newsletter Contributors**  
Deadline for articles for the January issue of Michigan's Messenger. Articles must be *received* by this date.

**JANUARY**

**10<sup>th</sup> — Monday** **Camp Officers**  
Quarterly Reports (Form 27-28) and per capita payment are due in the Department Secretary's office by this date. *Make sure your Camp is not delinquent!*

**FEBRUARY**

**12<sup>th</sup> — Saturday** **Lansing**  
The Department of Michigan's Midwinter Conference at the Midway Motor Hotel on West Saginaw Street starts at 1:00 pm. Washington/Lincoln dinner follows in the evening. Details in the January issue of the Messenger.

**MAY**

**6<sup>th</sup> — Saturday** **Kalamazoo**  
The Department of Michigan's 111th Annual Encampment will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Kalamazoo. The encampment will be hosted by the Women's Relief Corps.

**VETERANS' DAY DINNER**

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL  
SUVCW AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS  
AND THEIR GUESTS.**

Austin Blair Camp 7 and Auxiliary invite you to a Veterans' Day Dinner to be held Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Concord Opera House, 108 South Main Street, Concord, MI. Please bring Civil War Period passing dish and table service. (The opera house was used by the Byron Stoddard GAR Post 239 as a meeting hall for a number of years.)

At 3:00 pm we will proceed to the Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord for a Veteran's Day ceremony. Following the ceremony everyone is invited back to the Opera House for entertainment and dessert. Period attire is optional, but would lend a nice atmosphere to the event if you have it.

**RSVP** to Brenda Walters, PO Box 276, Concord MI 49237 or e-mail at [bswalters@dmc.net](mailto:bswalters@dmc.net) by Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. When placing RSVP include type of passing dish and number of persons attending.

**CEREMONY VIDEO**

A video of the D. C. Calkins re-internment ceremony in Mio is available from Brother Kenneth Martin. You can contact Ken for details at the following:  
e-mail — [bcdemo@concentric.net](mailto:bcdemo@concentric.net)

snail mail — Kenneth Martin  
608 North Birney Street  
Bay City, MI 48708-6676

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 30<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN INFANTRY

## COMPANY ORDERS NO. 1 ~ SERIES 1999

**I.** The 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve has been very active this year. I highly commend the Brothers of the Company that participated in the following; the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay City, Basic Drill Instruction near Flint, MI, the Funeral of Camp Commander Gordon McAllister, late Corporal 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, SVR, the Department Encampment, the Re-internment of Private Daniel Calkins near Mio, MI, the City of Vassar Memorial Day Program, the memorial service at Watrousville, MI, an Independence Day Parade near Flint, MI, the Weekend of Remembrance at Grand Rapids, MI, and the National Encampment at Indianapolis, IN. Well Done.

**II.** The 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, SVR has accepted an invitation to support Camps 67 and 145 at the Pumpkin Festival Parade in Caro, MI to be held October 10, 1999. Please contact the Company Commander for further information.

**III.** The 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve welcomes the opportunity to support Camps with their parade and ceremonial activities. We do expect the requesting Camps to supply some Brothers to participate in the function. We are aware that some functions may require a registration or participation fee. Although we would like to, the SVR Company simply lacks the resources to cover these costs. Please direct any requests for assistance to the Adjutant.

**IV.** The 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve is now able to offer basic infantry instruction for ceremonial drill to Camp Guards on their request. It is intended that such instruction be as basic as possible and would promote a more safe uniformed appearance for the Camp Guards. Requests for instruction assistance should be directed to the First Sergeant.

**V.** The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has authorized a Sons of Veterans Reserve Membership Badge. This badge is a bronzed toned circular medal bearing the SVR seal suspended from a red white and blue ribbon. It is to be worn in accordance with the C&R. The badge may be obtained from the SUVCW National Quartermaster for the cost of the badge and shipping fees. The 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan can also order these badges in blocks of ten for the Brothers of the Company for \$11.00 each. Please notify the Adjutant if you wish to purchase one of these badges through the 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan.

**VI.** Company strength has risen to the level that allows for some promotions. Brothers who fill these positions are considered to have the knowledge, time, and ability to teach others the skills required for the parades and ceremonial activity that the SVR is involved in. These Brothers are also expected to

participate in a majority of Company events and may be called upon to act as a point contact and coordinator for events that occur near their home. The following Brothers of the 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve are promoted;

Sgt. Kenneth Martin (Gen. Phil Kearney Camp No. 67)  
to 1st Lieutenant and Company Commander  
Pvt. William Morris (Gov. Henry H. Crapo Camp No. 145)  
to 2nd Lieutenant and Adjutant  
Pvt. Gayle Steele (Major Henry Wallace Camp No. 160)  
to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant  
Pvt. Scott Deveau (General Phil Kearney Camp No. 67)  
to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant  
Pvt. Art Tarzwell (George W. Howe Camp No. 9)  
to 1<sup>st</sup> Corporal  
Pvt. Ed Dowd (Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145)  
to 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal

*(These positions are subject to change as the enlisted numbers rise or fall)*

I thank these Brothers for their dedication and willingness to share their time and knowledge.

Although not a member of the 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan, Brother Doug Armstrong, Color Bearer of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will rank as Color Sergeant when working in conjunction with the SVR Company. Doug is an outstanding Brother, very knowledgeable of the duties and responsibilities of his office and is always welcome in our ranks.

**VII.** At its present strength, the SVR Standard Operating Procedure allows the 30<sup>th</sup> to fill two more Corporal positions. Brothers interested in filling one of these positions must be a member or associate of the Order in good standing, have the knowledge and ability to teach basic drill and to lead detachments, willing to be a point contact, and have time to participate in SVR functions. Those interested in filling one of these positions should contact the Company Commander.

**VIII.** All members of the Company are reminded that the purpose of our organization is to honor to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and those that fought to save our Union. We must never allow our egos to get in the way of fulfilling this obligation. Although we might be carried on the rolls as holding a particular rank, the numbers that turn out at an event will determine the insignia that might reasonably be worn. In other words, it would not be appropriate for a 1st Lieutenant to command a five-man rifle squad.

**IX.** We of the 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan continue in our organizational activities. Although intended to be primarily an infantry organization, we will strive to find a way for all interested Brothers to participate. Our next major step is to organize companies composed of Brothers from the west and north sides of our state. While we have a few Brothers on the

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roll from these areas, we still need some more to petition for additional companies. Please refer any Brother interested in joining the 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan to the Company Commander or Adjutant.

**X** Brothers of the 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan and the Department of Michigan SUVCW are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the many activities surrounding of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Observance of Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, PA the weekend of November 20, 1999. This annual event, hosted by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War / Sons of Veterans Reserve, is one of the more colorful things the Order does every year. *You Need Not Be a Member of the SVR to Participate!*

During this weekend, many Michigan Brothers often take the opportunity to not only take part in the activities of the Order but to walk the grounds of Gettysburg National Military Park and other nearby battlefields and to visit the many fine establishments in the community.

At the time of this writing, the schedule for SVR functions on November 20<sup>th</sup> as follows;

8:00am — The Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast - Eisenhower Inn

10:00am — The SVR Commander's Call - Eisenhower Inn (Company Staff)

11:00am — Parade Unit Commander's Briefing – Eisenhower Inn (Company Staff)

12:00am — Parade Unit form up on Lefever Street between Baltimore and East Confederate Avenue

1:00pm — Parade Step-off, with route through the Village and to the Woolson Monument (near the Cyclorama) at Gettysburg NMP for a memorial Service.

Following this service, Sons of Veterans Reserve and other Brothers will join our Confederate counterparts in a "Hands Across the Wall" program held the nearby "High Water Mark."

Following this service, the 30<sup>th</sup> will participate in a Memorial Service at the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry Monument.

9:00pm — Brothers are invited to attend the Grand Military Ball to be held at the Eisenhower Inn.

*Special notes - The SVR Breakfast is restricted to SVR members and their Ladies. Pre-paid cost of the meal will be \$10.00. Please contact the Company Commander for further information. Tickets for the Grand Military Ball are available for \$10.00 a person may be obtained through Col. Bud Atkinson (1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719). Please forward a check or money order for your tickets and SASE to the Colonel.*

As we move forward let our Company be guided by the words of Brigadier General David Medert, Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, "In order for the organization to grow, we must ALL feel we are part of it. The best way to do this is to communicate both up and down the chain of

this is to communicate both up and down the chain of command. If any member of the SVR has a suggestion on how we can improve, we would like to hear from them. The SVR is open to suggestions for improvement. We have an energetic staff in place at the National Headquarters and we intend on improving on that staff. We all want to see the SVR grow. In order to do that, we must all become active in recruiting and promote the SVR."

By Order of:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kenneth Martin  
Commander, 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry,  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. William Morris  
Adjutant, 30<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry,  
Sons of Veterans Reserve

### THE BAYONET

Although most infantry muskets were equipped with a bayonet, it was seldom used for its intended purpose. Rather than use the bayonet equipped musket as a thrusting lance, soldiers were more prone to grasp their musket by the barrel and use it as a club. This has been proven by statistics taken from hospital records. Less than one-quarter of one percent of all battle wounds were caused by the bayonet.



Contemporary accounts describe the bayonet as being more often used as an entrenching tool, a roasting spit, a tent peg or a candle holder. As an example, the following is a direct quote from *Hardtack and Coffee, The Unwritten Story of Army Life*, by John D. Billings: "As to candlesticks, the government provided the troops with these by the thousands. They were of steel, and very durable, but were only supplied to the infantry, who had simply to unfix bayonets, stick the points of the same in the ground, and their candlesticks were ready for service. As a fact, the bayonet shank was the candlestick of the rank and file who used that implement. It was always available, and just 'filled the bill' in other respects."

## TAPS ~ OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS

### *JERRY S. FRIEND*

Brother Friend passed away on August 11th at the age of 60. He was a retired State Police officer living in Tekonsha, and was the great grandson of Andrew Jackson Friend, Company E, 43rd Ohio Infantry.

Jerry joined Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22, Marshall, in February of 1993 and was an enthusiastic Member and an avid Civil War buff. He was a member of the Camp Color Guard and of the Camp's Graves Registration Committee, actively recording Civil War soldier's grave sites in the Tekonsha area.

Funeral services were held in Marshall on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> with burial at Riverside Cemetery in Tekonsha. The Michigan State Police Honor Guard, and seven members of Camp 22 served as Honor Guard at Brother Friend's funeral, with Brother Blaine Valentine playing Taps at the cemetery.

Brother Friend is survived by his wife Karen, a son and a daughter and six grandchildren.

### *WILLIAM L. SHARPE*

Brother Sharpe was a Charter Member of Frederick H. Hackeman Camp 85 in Bridgman. William was the great grandson of George Sharpe, Private, Company B, 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. His great, great uncle, James Sharpe served in Company H of the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry. Another great grandfather, Corporal Joseph Mulholland, served in Company A, 82<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Infantry. Brother Sharpe displayed much of his ancestor's surviving military equipment for the education of the public at several functions hosted by his Camp.

### *WARREN E. CARDEN*

Brother Carden was a Charter Member of Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp 427 in Dearborn. Warren was the grandson of Corporal Edward O'Brien, 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, Company A. Edward also served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry during the "Indian Wars". Brother Carden was a veteran of World War II and served as a member of the Camp Council.

### *RICHARD L. GRAY*

Brother Gray was a Member of Nash-Hodges Camp 43 in Blissfield, joining that Camp in March of 1997. He was the great grandson of Private William R. Gray, Co. E, 25<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry.

### *HOWARD NUNEMAKER*

Brother Nunemaker was the grandson of Private Daniel C. Nunemaker, Company I, 9<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry. Howard joined Robert Finch Camp 14 many years ago when it still met in Grand Rapids (it now meets in Traverse City). He transferred to become a Charter Member of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20 in Kalamazoo. Brother Nunemaker served our country in the Merchant Marine during World War II and held many positions in Camp 20, including that of Senior Vice Commander.

### *DAVID P. GAGE*

Brother Gage was the grandson of Private William P. Putman, Company I 210<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. David was a veteran of World War II and a member of Wa-Bu-No Camp 53 of Mt. Pleasant.

### *GORDON F. MCALLISTER*

Brother McAllister was the great, great grandson of William B. Stark, a three time combat wounded member of the 34<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. Gordon was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a retired police officer and Commander of Gen. Phil Kearny Camp 67 in Bay City. He planned and hosted many tributes to Civil War soldiers and sailors in the Bay City area.

### *SOLON J. YAX*

Brother Yax was the grandson of Oliver Yax, a Private in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry. Solon joined Wa-Bu-No Camp 53 several years ago, transferring to Alexander French Camp 28, becoming a Charter Member of that Camp upon its formation. He served as Junior Vice Commander of Camp 28.

### *RICHARD ESTEP*

Brother Estep was a Member of Curtenius Guard Camp 17 in Sunfield. He passed away on August 15 at the age of 81. Richard was a World War II veteran and took part in the Normandy landing on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Last year he spearheaded the effort to place an "all wars" veterans monument at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Woodland, Barry County. Richard was the great grandson of Corporal George Richard, Company E, 100<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry.



Eighteen of the 22 member Michigan Delegation to the 118<sup>th</sup> National Encampment in Indianapolis, along with out-going Commander-in-Chief, Andy Johnson. Although Ohio and Pennsylvania registered more Delegates (23 each) on Friday, Michigan had the largest number of Delegates, all 22 that registered, present and voting on Saturday. (Ohio had 19 and Pennsylvania had 15 present and voting on Saturday.)

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