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## *MONUMENT'S SWORD REPLACED*

*by William A. Brennan, PDC*



After nearly 30 years without his sword, the Allegan County Civil War Monument, a tribute paid to the Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865, is back to its pride and luster as it was when dedicated on May 30, 1904 on the County Building lawn.

With the efforts of General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, the staff of the Courthouse and the County Commissioners, along with the fine talents of Mr. Jim Stewart to duplicate a Emerson/Silver NCO Civil War sword, the dignity of the statue has been restored.

On Saturday, October 21, 2000 a rededication ceremony took place with a parade, a history of the monument speech, patriotic music, wreath laying, comments by local dignitaries, ending with the playing of Taps. Brothers from Camps 20, 22, 58 and 1 attended, along with members of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion groups from Allegan County.

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## CHAPLAIN

*William B. McAfee*

As we get involved with memorial services for passing Brothers or veterans, it is often difficult to find the right words or phrases to fit the specific situations. While there is absolutely nothing wrong with those prayers and sentiments that our predecessors have laid out for us in the rituals, we sometimes find ourselves looking for something fresh, different or even more personal. Recently, reading my counterpart's column in the *Michigan Legionnaire*, I was taken by the sentiment in the following piece. I called him and was pleased to know that he is not aware of any copyright or authorship to it and considers it to be in the public domain. He had taken it from the prayer book of a departed American Legion chaplain. Perhaps you can find a use for it.

### GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone -  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

*From Chaplain Bob's (Robt. Newman) Prayer Book  
As published in the Michigan Legionnaire, February, 2001.*

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DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

*DEPARTMENT ORDERS No. 5  
SERIES 2000 ~ 2001*

*JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER  
Philip N. Parks*

*Recruitment Report*

Department Headquarters – Linden, Michigan  
March 6, 2001

1. Notice is hereby given to the Brothers of the Department that we shall meet in annual Encampment on April 21, 2001 in the city of Farmington Hills. Delegates to the Encampment are to have proper credentials to gain admission.

2. I wish to thank all the Brothers of Michigan for their friendship and hospitality during this past year. The principles of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" are alive in the state!

3. All Camps are urged to participate in the Graves Registration, G.A.R. Records, and Memorials programs. Our Order is charged with keeping the memory of the Grand Army alive. We need to work earnestly on all three of these projects to fulfill our duty to our ancestors.

4. As Department Commander, I hereby name the following Brothers to the Nominating Committee: Richard Greene, PCC; Chair, Kent Armstrong, PDC; Paul Hodges, PDC; William McAfee, PCC; Bruce Butgereit, Sr., CC.

5. The reports given at the Mid-Winter conference, along with the minutes from the 111<sup>th</sup> Encampment will be available at the 112<sup>th</sup> Encampment in booklet form. Also available, for sale, will be mouse pads, past Department Encampment medals, National Encampment glasses and medals, and hat pins.

6. Brothers are urged to keep their e-mail addresses updated for the 'cyber roster'. Additionally, Camp Commanders should insure that their Camp meeting information and special events are kept updated on the web site.

7. In conclusion, permit me to personally thank all the Brothers of Michigan for their assistance in conducting the affairs of the Department.

By the order of:

**Gregory Hayes**  
*Commander, Department of Michigan*

Attest:

**Richard Lee,**  
*Secretary, Department of Michigan*

The table below summarizes some of the data that has become available on those listed. Each prospective member received a letter and an e-mail (if possible) welcoming their interest and encouraging them to join a nearby SUVCW camp. The home address of the prospective member or member application would determine the nearest Camp. I wrote to the Camp Commander or Secretary with the appropriate information on each person with an encouragement to make contact with the person as soon as possible. The completed application forms that I received from the National JVC required me to look for snail mail addresses. I first turned to the web site of each Camp but found that many did not include such an address. If your web site does not include it, perhaps now would be a good time to add it to your site information. Since I send a letter and e-mail to each contact it makes me 'happy' to have a reply telling me that someone is going to contact the prospective member.

I know I am not aware of all the recruiting that goes on but I do know that the prize for the past year would go to the AUSTIN BLAIR CAMP 7. Their efforts last August resulted in their sending me 11 of the names listed in the above table. Thanks guys, for a job well done!!

<i>Prospective Member</i>	<i>Referred to Camp No.</i>	<i>Member Y-?-N</i>
Adkins, T.	180	?
Allen, C. P.	180	Y
Benedict, O.	145	Y
De Bruyne, B.	20	?
Denton, M.	145	?
Essad, C.	DUVCW	?
Evans, K.	180	?
Hipps, W. D.	67	?
Kapeller, J. M.	266	?
King, T.	43	Y
Marquardt, K.	9	?
Nick, M.	101	Y
Petherick, K.	101	Y
Ramsey, D.	101	?
Ross, J.	22	?
Sell, D.	53	?
Sterns, B.	43	Y
Titus, G. W.	462	?
Ware, R. E.	180	?
Wickesham, G.	101	?
Yates, J. M.	22	?

## DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

*G.A.R. RECORDS COMMITTEE**James T. Lyons, PDC*

Two important questions were asked before the start of the Mid-winter Conference that should be shared with all.

The first concerned the finding of a Post Memorial Book in a local library. The question asked dealt with the advisability of asking that the library turn this book over to a local Camp.

It has been the approach of this Committee that such activity should not take place. These folks have held these materials for many years, and they would not be available to us now if they had not cared for them. For us to now demand the return of these books and other material is not a good idea for several reasons.

We do not have a suitable facility to care for this important historical material. Secondly, it belongs to them at the present time. By not acting in a timely fashion when the Deed of Conveyance came into play, we have forfeited our claim to these materials. In addition, we need to cultivate a good working relationship with these people.

If we try to "strong-arm" them into returning things, word will spread in their network, and we will not get the level of cooperation necessary to further our work of locating, inventorying, and copying these important historic materials. We will be greeted with suspicion and distrust wherever we go.

The second question dealt with how we handle material already in our hands. This question dealt with the business of making additional entries in Memorial Books to "complete the record of the Post, make corrections, or add material not entered on members not noted in the original".

The obvious answer here is that we do not write on historic documents, period! We must not destroy the integrity of the historic document.

Our task is to preserve the record as the Post left it. If some additional information or material is known, prepare it as a "companion piece" and memorialize it in this fashion. Copy the page that needs to have the spelling of a name corrected and make the changes there, not on the original. This is basic to the handling of these documents. File these additional materials with the originals.

To restate the objectives of this Committee, our task is to locate surviving G.A.R. Records. We will inventory what has been found. We will try to make arrangements to make copies of this material. Finally we will let the person or entity holding this material know of our connection with the G.A.R. and our interest in preserving and protecting this valuable resource.

Finally, we will leave with them the message that if this material is ever declared surplus to their collection, that they will contact us before they dispose of the records.

In summary, we need to develop a cooperative working relationship toward the common goal of preserving historic records. It is critical to our success that we do this in the fashion described. We need to let these folks know we are friends, not potential adversaries.

If you have information on the location of any G.A.R. materials, please share this information with the Committee. Contact James T. Lyons, PDC, Chairman, at 14650 Willowbrook Drive, Lake Odessa, MI 48849-8491. Phone 616-374-7847. E-mail [jtlcof@voyager.net](mailto:jtlcof@voyager.net)

*SECRETARY**Richard Lee*

Per Capita Reports, Form 27, were received by all due dates in the calendar year 2000 from the following Camps:

1	Gen. John A. Logan	Grand Rapids
3	Henry E. Plant	Grand Haven
7	Austin Blair	Jackson
14	Robert Finch	Traverse City
20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Kalamazoo
22	Colegrove-Woodruff	Marshall
28	Alexander French	Big Rapids
43	Nash-Hodges	Blissfield
58	George W. Anderson	DeWitt
67	Gen. Phil Kearny	Bay City
85	Frederick Hackeman	Berrien Center
101	Ulysses S. Grant	Detroit
120	Gilluly-Kingsley	Howell
145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint
147	Henry W. Quigley	Cadillac
160	Maj. Henry F. Wallace	Corunna
250	Wa-Bu-No	Shepherd
266	James and Albert Lyon	Marquette
427	Sgt. John S. Cosby	Dearborn
462	Russell A. Alger	Camp-at-Large

The Department and this Secretary sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Camp Officers responsible for this achievement.



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## CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

*Douglas Armstrong, Chairman*

In the year 1887, the community of St. Johns, Michigan formed the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monumental Association with the privilege of every citizen becoming a member upon their subscription of \$1.00. Their task was to raise the necessary funds to erect a suitable monument to honor the community's Civil War Veterans.

Ten years after their formation the sum was finally raised with the assistance of the Charles E. Grisson G.A.R. Post 156 and the Woman's Relief Corps. Local politics and indecision led to the length of time it took to complete the task. The original location of the monument was intended to be in front of the Clinton County Courthouse, but this idea was soon abandoned. The trustees of the St. Johns Cemetery Association unanimously voted to set aside a portion of Mt. Rest Cemetery for the purpose, with the "... understanding that any soldier or sailor desiring burial upon these lots should be entitled to the same free of charge."

The monument, erected in 1897, bears a striking resemblance to the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry's monument in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This, it turns out was their intention. The following is a description of the monument at the time it was dedicated. "It is manufactured from the best dark Barre, Vermont, granite. Total height is seventeen feet and six inches;

bottom base six and one-half feet square. There are three bases in all. The lower and upper dies are surmounted by the statue of soldier loading. The general design is taken from the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan monument at Gettysburg, except the lower base has been added. On the west front of the upper die is the badge of the G.A.R. and below the inscription, are these words: "Erected by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association and the Citizens of Clinton County, under the auspices of the C. E. Grisson Post No. 156, G.A.R. and Grisson W.R.C., No. 20, in honor of the Union Volunteers." Below this, on the third base, are the dates, 1861-1865, in large raised characters. The statue faces the south, below which and on the south side, is a cannon with carriage, and still below this, on the lower die, is the emblem, crossed flags, covering the entire face, standing out in bold relief. The drapery of the flags is nicely arranged and very neatly carved. On the north side of the upper die is the badge of the Sons of Veterans, and opposite, on the east, is the prettiest badge of all—the Woman's Relief Corps. The statue is six feet high and is pronounced by all as a first-class piece of work. The drapery showing the wrinkles in the uniform, is finely done; the features good, and all extremely life-like. The total cost, not including the foundation, was \$1,014.50. Its total weight is sixteen tons. The lot and spot on which it stands, is as high as any in the grounds, and will occupy a central position when the eastern and new part of the grounds are taken into the enclosure." This article appeared in the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1897 edition of "The Clinton Independent".

The C. E. Grisson Post 156 along with the W.R.C. conducted the monument's dedication on Memorial Day of 1897. There

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*The C.E. Grisson  
GAR Post 156 monument  
in Mount Rest Cemetery,  
St. Johns, MI (left)  
bears a striking  
resemblance to the  
24th Michigan Infantry  
monument (right)  
at Gettysburg, PA.*



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were more than 3,000 veterans and area citizens present, with Secretary of State, Washington Gardner, delivering the address of the day.

The idea for the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry's monument also began in 1887 with the Michigan Legislature's appropriation of \$1350 for its erection at Gettysburg. In the spring of 1889 the monument was erected on the battlefield, along with monuments of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry and Sharpshooters; Battery I and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan's monument is situated in the western part of McPherson's Woods, where its first battle line was formed after driving Archer's Brigade across Willoughby Run. The base is made of the same Barre granite as the St. Johns' monument. Its total height is fourteen feet, six inches and is inscribed with the following:

WEST FACE—FRONT. On 2d Base—"1<sup>st</sup> (Iron) Brig., 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 1<sup>st</sup> Corps," on raised and polished panel. On Die—"Corps Badge," raised and polished; "Cross Flags" cut in relief; "24<sup>th</sup> Michigan" in raised and polished letters. On Plinth—"Bronze Plate," 18 in. by 18 in.; "Michigan State Coat of Arms."

SOUTH FACE—LEFT. On Plinth—"Iron Brigade Badge," raised and polished. On Die—Polished panel on which is cut the following inscription: "July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1863. Arrived upon the field to the south of these woods in the forenoon of July 1<sup>st</sup>. This Regiment with others of the Brigade (2d and 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin and 19<sup>th</sup> Indiana), charged across the stream in front (Willoughby Run) to the crest beyond, assisting in the capture of a large portion of Archer's Tennessee Brigade. It was then withdrawn to this position, where it fought until the line was outflanked and forced back."

EAST FACE—REAR. On Plinth—"Corps Badge," raised and polished. On Die—Polished panel upon which appears the remainder of the inscription as follows:

	Officers	Men	Total
"It went into action with	28	468	496
"It lost, killed and mortally wounded,	8	81	89
"Otherwise wounded,	13	205	218
"Captured,	3	53	56
Total casualties,			363

"Five Color Bearers were killed and all the Color Guard were killed or wounded.

Position July 2d and 3d, on Culp's Hill. The Regiment was raised in Wayne Co., Mich., and mustered into the U.S. Service, August 15, 1862. Mustered out at Detroit, June 30, 1865."

NORTH FACE—RIGHT. On Plinth—"Brigade Badge," raised and polished. On Die—Polished panel.

The preceding is taken from the "History of the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan of Iron Brigade" by O.B. Curtis.

A unique similarity and to my knowledge the only monument in Michigan that resembles the Iron Brigade Regiment's monument at Gettysburg.

## SIGNALS OFFICER

David F. Wallace, PDC

Several updates to the Department's Website have been made in the recent weeks. Just a reminder that your programs and Internet surfing enjoyment will be improved if you keep your programs and drivers updated. Here are the URLs for several sites that can assist you with this:

<http://www.windrivers.com> - This is a great resource to use to update the drivers for your computer. It breaks down by category (video card, sound card, monitor, modem, etc.) and also by manufacturer.

<http://updates.cnet.com/> - This is a good resource to obtain updates for your computer's programs. It requires that you download a small diagnostics program.

Also, Microsoft maintains sites for its Windows operating systems:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows95/> - For Windows95.

<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/> - For Windows98.

I've received some information from different Brothers recently on Floppy Disk media that has been virus infected. If you use a virus protection program, please remember to update your virus definitions on a regular basis. **If you don't have a virus protection program, get one!** Here are the URLs for Norton AntiVirus (Symantec) and McAfee's AntiVirus:

<http://www.symantec.com>

<http://www.mcafee.com>

Another recommendation — upgrade the amount of Random Access Memory (RAM) in your computer. RAM is fairly cheap right now (less than a \$1 per MEG), and I would recommend that you try to run with a minimum of 64 MEG of RAM with 128 MEG of RAM being better.

Finally, a personal opinion about browsers. I would recommend that you use either Microsoft Internet Explorer (current release is 5.5) or Opera (current release 5.02). I can no longer recommend Netscape. The Netscape browser, in my opinion and most of the web designer community, has not kept up with the advancements in programming language, especially with Dynamic HTML, Cascading Style Sheets, JavaScript, XHTML, etc., and it has become increasingly difficult to program for around it. I am no longer going to program my pages around "Netscapisms," so if you use the Netscape browser, please beware that not everything will be displayed correctly.

<http://www.opera.com>

<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/>

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

*GRAVES REGISTRATION*

*Rick Danes*

At the Mid-Winter Conference I announced with pride that from the period of June 2000 to February 2001 we sent 1563 records to the National Officer giving us 20,146 there; added 1860 records to the Department db, giving us 19,881; and had 7324 records on hand to be entered into both systems.

The Department has 25 Camps, of which all but three have Graves Registration Programs. Within a month I have received 3793 more records, and have added 761 to the Department db, and have 10,353 to input.

It seems that the bear has stirred....I have been told that between Camps 17, 76, and 250, that they have 7 Counties between them that have been completed. I challenge them to submit them by our next Graves meeting (June 2). Camps 14 and 145 joined us for the first time this month, and seemed to enjoy the experience. We hope that Camps 3, 9, 20, 28, 43, 67, 76, 85, 101, 160, 259, 266, and 462 will attend their first meeting in June. Camps 67 and 266 are sending in reports.

We hope to finish wrestling with the tough issue of what part of the total department db will be shared with the Camps on a quarterly basis (all or some), and will finish discussion and decide at our next meeting. The Department website content has been decided, and we spend some of each meeting discussing new branches or ranks that we have found, and how we will abbreviate them. As soon as we have a contact for each Camp we can launch our Department db. If your Camp does not have a GRO or Commander listed as a graves contact, please call me ASAP to get on the list. Remember the Camp will be the contact for the public to get additional information about a soldier. This is a key to our plan.

At our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (1:00 pm at the Library of Michigan, 717 West Allegan, Lansing) we will start to review the draft "Handbook" and registration form. We will also dedicate part of each meeting to learning the techniques of researching a Civil War Veteran, taught by our own members. The first session will be presented by Chris Czopek and will appropriately be called "Getting Started". Chris promises to share some of his hard learned lessons with us. Others will present different subjects in the future. We hope to spend a future meeting in a local cemetery, experiencing the different methods of fieldwork.

The following Camps have participated in the Graves program by submitting reports, attending meetings, or forwarding records for input. Asterisks behind a Camp number indicate consecutive quarter participation.

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Camp 1**    | Camp 7***   | Camp 14*    |
| Camp 22***  | Camp 28*    | Camp 58***  |
| Camp 67*    | Camp 120*** | Camp 145*   |
| Camp 147*** | Camp 160*   | Camp 250*** |

*HISTORIAN*

*Paul D. Hodges, PDC*

Thanks to Bernard McCarthy, PCC, the Department has a large quantity of photocopies of records, letters, newspaper articles and other items pertaining to both the GAR and the SUVCW. When they all are put in sheet protectors, they will fill four or more ring binders. The papers are being sorted, organized and indexed for easy reference. They provide some very interesting, informative reading.

One group of the documents, for example, consists of minutes of meetings of State Camp No. 1 in Detroit in 1936 and 1937. Those meetings were held the first and third Thursday of the month, in private homes, with five to eight of the 30 members present. A meeting typically was followed by the hostess serving refreshments. The Camp and Auxiliary No. 16 held a joint picnic on Belle Isle.

Another section of the papers has reports and correspondence of the Department's Annual Encampment in Pontiac on June 5, 6 and 7, 1930. The secretary-treasurer reported that 19 Camps and 743 members were in good standing. His financial report showed a balance on hand of \$495.66. In the report of the Committee on Graves, the chairman wrote: "It is high time you people got busy. If a camp is any where patriotic some one of its members should take the township and list all cemeteries in it making a list of all soldiers buried there on paper and remit the same to me giving the cemetery name, section number, soldiers name, rank, co, regiment and kind of a stone." Among the other reports was one of the Department's Press Correspondent.

Thanks, Bernie, for providing these additions to the Department's history collection. They illustrate our stated purpose "to assist in every practicable way in the preservation and making available for research of documents and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and its members."



Stamped tin bookmark, Soldiers Home, Grand Rapids.  
Printed on reverse: L.D. Lee, Guide

## DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

*PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR*

Neal Breough

*The following article was originally printed in the April, 1976 issue of the BANNER. I thought it still very appropriate today.*

Have you looked at the flag lately — I mean really looked?

Have you noticed the red stripes seem to be a deeper richer red — the white more brilliant and the blue more vibrant? Even the stars seem to be clustered more closely together than ever.

It has always been the most beautiful flag in the world. Born in times of adversity, it seems to become more beautiful with every crisis the Republic must face. Perhaps that is why it is now more beautiful than ever.

It has fluttered proudly in parades and has draped gracefully over the caskets of heroes. It now flies on the moon placed there by a new, remarkable breed of men who follow in the footsteps of other remarkable men — men who are not ashamed to have silent tears of pride flow down their checks at the sight of the Stars and Stripes.

Why would hardened, battle-scarred men weep at the sight of this “brightly colored piece of cloth” and give their very lives rather than see it torn from a flag staff or fall into the mud of a battlefield?

Because this “brightly colored piece cloth” represents the dreams, the hopes, the blood, the pain, the sacrifices and the lives of all those millions who wished to preserve “the Republic for which it stands” - not for themselves alone, but for others.

Because this “brightly colored piece of cloth” is the symbol of the best form of government ever conceived on God’s earth. It is the emblem of a people who know true freedom — a people who can only be shackled by their own individual limitations.

Under our Republic, everyone regardless of who they are or where they come from can reach their full potential as a human being.

Only the weak and self-deluded do not recognize the gift God gave them when he provided them the opportunity to live in this Republic. They would surrender the flag to save their meager selves.

The strong and the wise know they are living in the best country on the face of the earth — now or ever. They would die rather than disgrace the flag.

The strong and the wise know there have been millions of

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*SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT*

James T. Lyons, PDC, Chairman

Several months ago Commander Hayes appointed a Special Committee to study the feasibility of developing a Department Color/Honor Guard. The Committee has met, discussed the matter and exchanged a series of e-mail communications and phone conversations.

After making a preliminary report to the Mid-winter Conference, the following summary will be presented to the Department Encampment for consideration.

The Committee recommends the creation of a position to be known as the Department Ceremonies and Rituals Officer. We further recommend the formation of a Standing Committee to be known as the Ceremonies and Ritual Committee with the Ceremonies and Ritual Officer to serve as Chairman.

The Committee would have three basic functions; 1.—To assist Camps with appropriate use of the Ritual in performing ceremonies for Camp functions. 2.—To help Camps to organize Camp Guards and provide training for these groups in effective presentations and programs. 3.—To develop “Degree Teams” to handle ceremonies and other duties at Department level functions.

Another area that the Special Committee was asked to examine was with regard to the uniforms for Camp Guards and the proposed Department Guard. This portion of the report provoked vigorous discussion at the Mid-winter Conference.

The Committee will recommend that portions of several Sections of “ARTICLE XVIII – Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp Guards” of the Department By-Laws be changed to provide more options with regard to use of uniforms, and direction of Camp Guards.

In Section 4., the second sentence, we suggest placing a period after “... National Military Department, SVR...”, and deleting the rest of this sentence which reads “... with the exception that SVR uniform regulations shall be observed by the Camp Guards. ...”

This would provide the option for the Camp Guard to utilize the generic Civil War soldier uniform or the civilian presentation as outlined in the Department Operating Guidelines. It would also provide the opportunity for a Camp Guard to adopt the dress of the G.A.R., if they chose, or some other appropriate historic appearance.

It would be our further recommendation that because there is not presently a SVR unit in the Department and it appears

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## CAMP NEWS

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### *GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN ~ CAMP I*

*by Bruce B. Butgereit, CC*

On January 20, the First Allied Orders Winter Banquet was held at the Grand Rapids Veteran's Home. Those in attendance included our Sisters from the Eva Gray Tent No. 2, DUVCW and the Champlin Corps No. 41 of the Woman's Relief Corps, as well as Brothers from our Camp and other friends. PC-in-C Keith Harrison and his wife Jean were the guests of honor as Brother Harrison was appointed by Commander Hayes to install our officers.

After a fine dinner and dessert, representatives of each of the Allied Orders presented a report on their past, present, and future events and goals. This was followed by the installation of our Camp officers. The wonderful afternoon was concluded by the showing of a preview of the web site being created by a patriotic young man for our Monument Restoration Project as his donation to the cause. We hope to have this site up and running within the month.

Our Camp has set a number of goals and projects that we will be working on throughout the year. They are:

1. Monument Restoration Project
2. Boy Scouts involvement
3. Our Camp Color/Honor Guard
4. The DUVCW/WRC partnership
5. The G.R. Veteran's Home
6. The Ceremony of Remembrance
7. Graves Registration
8. Civil War Memorials

Our reasons for these goals, besides the fact that they are part of our SUVCW purpose, is to create an identity for our Order and the other Allied Orders in our communities.

The fund-raising efforts for our Monument have now reached over \$8,200 with \$155 of that being generously donated by the passing of Dept. Secretary Richard Lee's kepi at the Department Mid-Winter Conference. Thank you to all of you in attendance that gave!

In speaking with the Boy Scout Council of this area, I found that we missed out last year on forty-four opportunities to honor the Eagle Scout with a certificate of accomplishment. I was particularly saddened by the fact that the gentleman I spoke with had just had two of his sons receive their honors and that he had never heard of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Our Camp, now working so closely with the DUVCW and WRC, had been talking about putting together a Color/Honor Guard for presentation, not only for our Camp but for our Sisters as well. The thoughts of Dept. Commander Hayes were exactly that of ours in that we want to establish a "look" that is more in line with our Order than that of a re-enactment group and also represents our "goals and purpose." **This should not**

**be misconstrued to mean that we have anything against re-enactors (I am one myself), but rather that there is room for both the SUVCW and re-enactor units.**

As a Camp, we also feel extremely honored to part of a growing "patriotic" spirit within the Allied Orders, as our Sisters have been very active and enthusiastic in their endeavors. We are looking forward to helping them "repay" the G.R. Veteran's Home for allowing us to use the facility for our meetings by helping clean up the grounds. This also assists the Home in preparing for the August Ceremony of Remembrance, which is scheduled for August 4, 2001.

I have had the privilege to attend the Graves Registration committee meetings in December 2000 and March 3 of this year, the last with Bill Johnston, a gentleman who has not yet even completed his application for membership but anxious "to do his part."

As a Camp, we have much work to do in this area but I feel that with men like Bill and Brother Ron Strauss, our CGRO, we can make up some lost time. It will also be our goal to work with other area organizations in accomplishing this.

This will also be true in working on our three-county (Kent, Montcalm and Ottawa) Memorials Project responsibilities. It is my belief that we should not just locate, record, and assess these memorials but also work with each community in helping them to refurbish or restore these priceless pieces of our history.

### *ROBERT FINCH ~ CAMP 14*

*by Neal F. Breaugh*

First of all, a big "Thank You" to all the Camp Reporters that have been submitting those wonderful Camp Reports that we have been reading for the past several years. We up here in the Northland have been amazed, impressed, and most of all inspired by your work. You have all motivated us to get busy, do some things, and, at last, a Report from our Camp, the first that I am aware of for at least three years. This has been a topic of conversation among our members.

In October, we elected the incumbent slate of Officers and will remain under the leadership of Commander Jan White. Carrol Lock became our new Chaplain and Jim Slis our new Graves Registration Officer. Our "Southern" neighbor from Henry W. Quigley Camp 147 in Cadillac, Department Senior Vice Commander Merle (Pete) Carlson performed the honors of installing our Officers at our January 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Two major changes are already in place for this new millennium. We have increased our meetings from four a year to six a year. We will meet the second Saturday of every other month beginning with January. We are also now meeting at the South City Limits Restaurant where we have the comfort of a private room. This is something that PDC Kent Armstrong had been advocating,

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and it was really noticeable during our recent officer installation.

Since we want to keep our dues at \$25.00, which doesn't mean much left for our Camp after \$20.00 is sent (enthusiastically) to the Department and National, we instituted and promoted the concept of "Contributions". In 2000, we received \$673.00 and we have already received \$97.00 this year. Senior Vice Commander Jim Slis, an expert in the area of 50/50 raffles, has undertaken that fun activity which is a great help to our petty cash fund.

In October, we had a SUVCW Civil War display at our huge new library. It was very well received and several brochures were taken by interested people. One result was a call from a young lady who wanted to be on our mailing list and attend our meetings. We sent her an invitation. It turns out that she writes for the Traverse City Herald, and she did a wonderful story that appeared on January 17<sup>th</sup>, with a picture.

Commander Jan White, Historian George Goodrich, and Color Bearer and re-enactor Bill Skillman were specifically mentioned in the article along with the Secretary/Treasurer phone number and an e-mail address. The result of this has been eight new contacts so far: 5 applications were sent out to three people with Civil War Ancestry; two to possible Associate Members one of whom has already returned application, fee, and dues. One contact was for research help, and two calls from ladies who want to attend our meetings and are interested in the Ladies Auxiliary. We were excited about that because at our January Meeting, we made a commitment to move forward and help establish a Ladies Auxiliary to our Camp. The interest is there.

By the time you are reading this, we will have been represented at the Mid-Winter Meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and also attended the Graves Registration Meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are very excited and enthused about renewing the tremendous work that the late Roy H. Steffens, Past Department Historian and Member of Camp, had compiled for our area over several years.

### COLEGROVE-WOODRUFF ~ CAMP 22

*by Chris Czopek*

New Commander! This year John Lohrstorfer will take his turn at being leader of Camp 22. He was sworn in on Feb. 1 by Dept. Commander Greg Hayes (who drove through some nasty weather to attend the meeting. Thanks Greg!)

See the NEW Camp website at:

<http://ourworld.cs.com/HISTORYDETECTIVE/wpHD/SUV22/C22DIR.htm>

Watch this website to keep track of some new projects John has in mind.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday April 5, a special program is

planned! When Lee surrendered in 1865, there was a Private in the Maine Infantry who had been promoted to Captain, a soldier from the 26<sup>th</sup> New York in the hospital recovering from sabre wounds that would scar him for life, and a black private serving in the 14<sup>th</sup> Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. Twenty five years later, these three veterans would run the Michigan Military Academy. Once considered the newest and finest academy in the country, its history had been utterly forgotten - until rediscovered by Lansing's famous History Detective. Attend this meeting, and you will hear the long forgotten story of the once famous MMA. You will also hear about the mysterious disappearance of a cannon that once stood on the property.

A special invitation is extended to Brothers in our neighboring Camps—If you like Civil War history, why not attend the next meeting of Camp 22? The Marshall GAR Hall is easy to find - look for the brick building on main street with a cannon on the lawn!

### NASH-HODGES ~ CAMP 43

*by Butch Miller, CC*

On February 17<sup>th</sup> Nash-Hodges Camp 43 held their annual dinner meeting in the loft at the Stables restaurant in Blissfield. With about 60 in attendance we had a fine meal and then were entertained with the presence of General George Armstrong Custer. He was introduced by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Elliott Gray of Tecumseh from the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry who presented him with a silver pocket-watch with the engraving "Onward Wolverines" in honor of his famed charge at Gettysburg. The General reminisced about his time at West Point all the way through till the end of the war. Sharing many humorous and informative stories along the way. The General was greeted with many questions and comments and later stood for some photo shots.

The February dinner meeting is a regular annual event for Nash-Hodges which gets the Sons, Auxiliary, friends and possible future members together to start off a new year. In the past we have had slide shows and President Lincoln as a speaker.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Elliott Gray was portrayed by Commander Butch Miller, who portrays Elliott during the Tecumseh Promenade Cemetery Tours in May. This year it will be the weekend of May 18-20. The General was portrayed by nationally known and Monroe resident Steve Alexander. Steve and his wife have purchased the Custer home and are in the process of restoring it. He is very knowledgeable and a very interesting speaker.

### GEORGE W. ANDERSON ~ CAMP 58

*by Douglas Armstrong, CC*

At our meeting in January we had the honor of welcoming our Brothers from Wa-Bu-No Camp 250 for a shared installation of

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newly elected officers. Camp 250's Commander, Keith Kuhlman along with Brothers Kris Kuhlman, Bob Grove, and Leo Cohoon made the trip from Midland and Mt. Pleasant for the joint meeting. Department Commander Hayes appointed our Brother Kent Armstrong installing officer for the meeting. Thank you to those Brothers for coming and sharing with us in this occasion.

Mr. Ron Mull, of DeWitt, was present as a guest to display a walking stick his grandfather had received from his comrades in the Wa-Bu-No G.A.R. Post No. 250 in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Mull's grandfather, John Mull, served in the Company C of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry as a sharpshooter. He was serving as Commander of Post 250 when the stick was presented.

The Camp welcomed and initiated its newest member, Mr. Robert Williams of St. Johns. Mr. Williams' ancestor, Jacob Williams, served in Company A of the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry. Camp 58 also welcomed two new Brothers from Colorado, William Wiseman and Robert Foisel, who choose to honor their ancestor's memory here in Michigan.

The Ovid memorial cannon restoration project is nearing completion with the final touches to be made in the next few months. The Camp has obtained the services of the Ovid High School industrial arts teacher who has volunteered, as part of a class project, to cast replicas of the 8-inch shells that once formed a pyramid in the center of the monument. Of the original twenty, only five remain today. The new shells will be made of cast aluminum and painted. A pyramid will then be formed and welded, with the original five making up the top portion. Camp 58 is planning a rededication of the monument for Memorial Day.

With the return of spring, Camp 58 will again be active in locating and registering graves of Civil War Veterans. With Clinton County completed we will be venturing into Gratiot and Ionia County cemeteries. We also intend marking the remainder of the graves of those veterans, who belonged to the G.W. Anderson G.A.R. Post 58, with the special Post 58 grave marker/flagholders.

Our Brother Claude Vail's ancestor's new military style headstone has arrived from the Veterans Administration in Washington. Brother Vail's ancestor, William Vail, served in Company B, of the Third Michigan Cavalry. His grave has been unmarked for some time in the Gunnisonville Cemetery near Bath. We will be conducting a headstone dedication for him this spring.

### *GOV. CRAPO CAMP 145 ~ FLINT*

*by David F. Wallace, PDC*

Fraternal greeting from your Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp! We've had a busy Fall and Winter. On Veteran's Day,

November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Brothers of the Camp dedicated headstones for two area Civil War soldiers – William Nathan Holmes and Michael Patrick Coggins, who had lain in an unmarked grave since his death in 1876. Several family members were present for the ceremonies. On Remembrance Day, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Brothers from the Gen. Phil Kearney Camp 67 and the Maj. Henry Wallace Camp 160 joined us on the Genesee County Courthouse lawn for services commemorating President Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" and in remembrance of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our annual Christmas Luncheon had to be canceled due to the sudden snowstorm of December 17<sup>th</sup>, however, 35 Brothers and family members enjoyed a luncheon prior to our Officer Installation on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We have welcomed 3 Brothers into our Camp over the Winter months: Donald Harvey, Orlando Benedict, and Andrew Azelton.

This Spring is also shaping up to be an active season for the Camp. We extend an invitation for all Brothers throughout the Department to join us for our Annual Muster Day Ceremony on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Historic Railroad Depot and Museum in Flushing. The Camp will also be dedicating a Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic display in the museum that will run through June. On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Camp will travel to St. Thomas, Ontario, to participate, at the invitation of the Civil War Roundtable of Southern Ontario, in a grave marker dedication for Pvt. Octavius Wallace of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment, who died in action in 1862. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment was organized around Genesee County. Plans are being made for Memorial Day ceremonies, including the Albert Nye Division in Romeo. In June, the Camp will participate in the "Flushing Days" parade and festival, and plans are being made for an "encampment" on the grounds of the VFW Post No. 5666 in Flushing.

For information regarding any Camp events, please see our website at:

*<http://www.gfn.org/suvmi145/>  
or contact Camp Secretary Wallace at:  
[GovCrapoCamp145@aol.com](mailto:GovCrapoCamp145@aol.com)  
810-635-2602*

### *CARPENTER-WELCH ~ CAMP 180*

*by W. B. McAfee, PCC*

The only thing better than having some diligent research pay off is when it leads you unexpectedly to something that has even more value than what you were originally looking for. When we organized Carpenter-Welch Camp 180, we took the names of the G.A.R. posts in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, respectively, to signify that we were serving the whole Washtenaw County area. However, our plan to research the namesakes of the posts fell through due to all the other activities that went along with starting the Camp.

It wasn't very hard to find out that the Welch Post 137 in Ann



## REVIEWS AND PREVIEWES

## *A CIVIL WAR BOOK OF THE DEAD*

by Peter Kizilos

*A review of an article in the April 2001 issue of American History magazine, Vol. XXXVI, No. 1, pages 48-56 by Philip N. Parks, DJVC*

One obligation and objective of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is to record the final resting places of Union Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. Those who died in unheralded battles and those who died in prisons are some of the hardest to locate and honor. The recent issue of the *American History* magazine held my attention because of an article by the title of *A Civil War Book of the Dead*, by Peter Kizilos. It relates the story of Miss Clara Barton who vigorously pursued the compiling of the Union dead. President Lincoln and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton among others were enlisted to help in her efforts to record the names of those who died to save the Union. She had already become known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" for her devotion to the sick and wounded. She was finally able to establish a small office called 'Office of Correspondence with the Friends of Missing Men of the United States Army.' Letters poured in at a rate of more than 100 per day. Some offering information but most were seeking some news of their loved ones. One letter claimed to have the names of 13,000 Union soldiers who died at the notorious Andersonville prison in Georgia. The writer of this letter joined the army at the age of 16 and was a prisoner at 18, first in Virginia and then in Andersonville. Dorence Atwater was picked by Captain Henry Wirz to record the death information on each prisoner that died. He secretly made a copy of these records and was able to finally smuggle this copy out of the prison when he was released. He asked Miss Barton if she could find a way to get this register of prison deaths published. His attempt brought him disgrace and incarceration. Did the Army have the sole rights to this 'property of war' or did it truly belong to Atwater? Clara Barton found that she was now being resented by certain Army officers because of her belief and defense of Dorence Atwater's claims. However, deceit by a Captain Moore and the power of the government legal system he was convicted of 'stealing government property.' Now he had to serve 18 months hard labor and this after serving 22 months in Confederate prisons. It wasn't until 1898 that the House and Senate acted to give Dorence Atwater a verdict of 'not guilty' and an honorable discharge. Miss Clara Barton made her final report to Congress that listed more than 20,000 names of missing Union soldiers many of them from the list of Dorence Atwater.

Peter Kizilos writes a wonderful story and includes many photos of the period and the people involved. I would like to encourage you to get a copy of this article.

## *LINCOLN: A PERSONAL JOURNEY*

October 12, 2001, the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids will be opening an Abraham Lincoln exhibition entitled *Lincoln: A Personal Journey*. The exhibit will cover over 3000 square feet of the museum's second floor and will run through February 18, 2002. It will be one of the largest exhibits of its kind ever assembled in the United States.

Items to be exhibited include those from the 1860 Presidential Campaign such as badges, parade banners and torches; items from the Civil War years including signed copies of the Emancipation Proclamation, Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, clothing worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination, the pen he used to sign the Emancipation Proclamation and many other documents and artifacts from his presidency.

In addition there will be many items from Lincoln's personal life along with items belonging to wife Mary Todd Lincoln and their children. These include Mrs. Lincoln's parasol, shawl and a black mourning bonnet worn by her in the wake of her husband's death, a tablecloth on which the Lincoln's wedding breakfast was served, Mary's tea set decorated in gold and purple and White House china used by the Lincolns; Lincoln's spectacles and a shaving glass, a rail split by him when a young man, a door plate reading *A. Lincoln* from his home in Springfield, Illinois and items from his law office; toys played with by the Lincoln children including a cannon that son Tad played with in the White House.

All of this will be arranged to transport the visitor back to Lincoln's early life in rural Kentucky and Indiana, then progress through his life culminating with the funeral procession from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. It will let the visitor experience the sights and sounds of Lincoln's political stumplings, take them behind the scenes in the White House and immerse them in the pageant of grief that America was caught up in for twenty mournful days between Lincoln's assassination on April 14, until his funeral and burial on May 4, 1865.

The items have been loaned to the museum from all over the United States. Some of the larger collections come from the Smithsonian, the Illinois State Historic Library and the Chicago Historical Society. Many other individual collectors, historical societies and museums have also agreed to loan Lincoln memorabilia for the exhibit.

Accompanying the exhibit will be a series of lectures, films and gallery talks. Depending on outside funding sources, it is also planned to bring several nationally known prominent Lincoln scholars to the museum during the exhibition's run.

## HISTORY

*DIMONDALE GRAND ARMY HALL**by James T. Lyons, PDC*

On March 19, 1883 the veterans of Windsor Township organized a Post of the G.A.R. named the J. D. Skinner Post 107. 110 veterans affiliated with the Post. In 1886 it was voted to change the name to Tim Lewis Post 107. The Post met at Spencer Hall in Dimondale.

Other organizations followed. The Sons of Veterans, Andrew Pray Camp was organized on January 12, 1886. In February 1888 the Tim Lewis Woman's Relief Corps No. 132 was instituted.

In April of 1888, Spencer Hall burned. The fire at about 6:00 am was thought to have started in a faulty stove left burning the night before. The ground floor of the building was used as a general store operated by Freeman Pray.

For the next four years the Post and the Corps met at the Grange Hall. In August of 1892, the W.R.C. decided to incorporate. They also voted to buy the lot on which Spencer Hall had stood from Dr. Tyler Hull for \$50.00. The Corps appointed three Trustees to manage the project and the finished Hall.

Following the purchase of the building site the Broom Brigade and the Post Fife and Drum Corps drilled for many programs and home talent plays to earn money to build a home for the Corps and Post. Many ice cream socials and similar activity as well as serving dinners at elections were employed to raise money. Prices for these events ranged from 5 to 25 cents.

In the spring of 1893 The Post and Corps agreed to rent rooms over Lindsley's Blacksmith shop for \$40.00 per year.

Construction of the new hall was accomplished by "work bees" by members of the Post and other citizens of the village and was completed in 1897. Alex Manning was the bricklayer and Isaac Hess of West Windsor was the finish carpenter. Materials were purchased from Clippert and Spaulding Co., of Lansing and hauled to Dimondale by teams and wagons.

After the building was completed, Isaac Hess stayed on as janitor. Albert Shotwell, Post member and Civil War Veteran rented the first floor where he maintained a general store for about eleven years, assisted by his two sons, Earl and Dorr. Dorr Shotwell later became the President of the J. W. Knapp Co. Board of Lansing.

May 5, 1942 saw the deed to the property transferred to Windsor Township for one dollar. The deed contained provisions for the W.R.C. to continue meeting there as long as the organization existed. The Township would take care of maintenance and utilities for the building. It remained in use as the Windsor Township Hall until a new Town Hall was built about three years ago. Notices were published requiring the W.R.C. to respond to a request to "quiet title" so that the building could be sold. The President of the Michigan Department W.R.C. signed off any interest in the hall, thus clearing the title.

The brick two story, storefront building stands vacant on the corner of Bridge Street and Jefferson waiting for a buyer. It sits on a lot 54 feet by 66 feet and the building itself is



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The Preservation March - June 30, 2001

Living History Weekend - June 29 to July 1, 2001

This march will commemorate the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Michigan civil war veterans returning their regimental flags over to the governor in Detroit. It also will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the "Save the Flags" project. Re-enactors from all over the state will be invited to participate in a march to raise funds for the Michigan Battle Flags Collection. Each re-enactor will be required to have a minimum of \$100 in pledges to participate in the march. Along with raising funds to help preserve this important collection of history, one of the goals is to call attention to the history behind these banners.

This event will consist of three main parts:

- 1) The Preservation March.
- 2) Ceremonies commemorating Michigan's veterans and "Save the Flags" project.
- 3) A living history weekend.

The event will begin at the Woldumar Nature Center in Lansing. Participants will set up historic camps there and register as early as Friday afternoon, June 29. (It is hoped that schools will be able to bring students to the camps that day to watch living history demonstrations.)

On Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> the participants will be bused

from Woldumar to the Meridian Historic Village. It is expected that the opening ceremonies at the Historic Village will get underway at 9 am, and will end before 10 am when the re-enactors will form in ranks and begin the march. The ceremony there will recreate the presentation of a new flag to a regiment leaving home to go to the "front". From there the march will proceed to the steps of the Capitol for ceremonies commemorating the "Save the Flags" project.

Afterwards the participants will be bused back to the Woldumar Nature Center where there will be demonstrations of living history for the remainder of the day Saturday and during the day on Sunday.

The march route is proposed to begin at the Historic Village in Okemos and proceed to the Campus of MSU, along the Red Cedar River through the campus to where the "Riverwalk" begins near Kalamazoo and Harrison Roads. From there the march will proceed on the "Riverwalk" to Michigan Avenue then west on Michigan Avenue to the steps of the Capitol.

Please see this web page for updates and additional information: <http://www.davedowning.org>

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*HEADSTONE REDEDICATION CEREMONY**Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Champlin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Inf., 1827-1864**May 19, 2001 at 10:00 am*

All Camps are formally invited to attend a headstone re-dedication ceremony.

**Where:** Fulton Street Cemetery (on East Fulton Street between Diamond and Eastern Streets), Grand Rapids.

**Sponsored by:** The Grand Rapids Civil War Roundtable with assistance from the Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. K re-enactment group and Gen. John A. Logan, Camp No. 1, SUVCW.

**After ceremony luncheon:** There will be a luncheon held after the service at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church (a church with a history older than Grand Rapids and the home church for many of the members of the Third Michigan) with Mr. Steve Soper, a gentleman who has extensively researched the Third.

At Fair Oaks/Seven Pines, Virginia he was severely wounded on May 31 and unable to take further part in the action. A musket ball had passed through the muscles of his hip. Initially placed in a field hospital, he was transferred to a hospital in Philadelphia on June 12. In July he was on leave in Michigan but was still confined to his bed most of the time.

Although his wound was not healed, he led his regiment on August 29, 1862 at Groveton, Virginia during the Second Battle of Bull Run campaign. Due to his overexertion, the wound broke down and he was completely prostrated. Champlin was placed in charge of the recruiting office in Grand Rapids. On November 29 he was promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers. He obtained a leave of absence.

During November through January 1863 he was absent with anemia, fever, and repeated attacks of diarrhea. He assumed command of the post at Grand Rapids on September 24, 1863.

He died from the effect of his wound and complications on January 24, 1864. His surgeon reported that he had developed evidence of tubercular disease in December 1862, which was a factor in his death.

“One of the noblest of the Union Army and lamented by all who knew him.”

**For more information and/or a luncheon order form, please contact:**  
Bruce B. Butgereit  
616-285-0693

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others who have felt this way for the past two hundred years. They want still others to do so for as long as man remains on this planet.

How can all this be wrapped up on one “brightly colored piece of cloth”?

Have you looked at the flag lately — I mean really looked?

If you haven't, please do. Just look up — it's there and always will be. Above...and to the Right!

*Author Unknown**SPECIAL COMMITTEE**(Continued from page 8)*

unlikely that there will be one in the foreseeable future, that Section 3. of the above noted ARTICLE, be deleted in its entirety.

While action on the above, which would require amendments to the By-Laws, cannot be taken at this Encampment, affirmative response by the Encampment can pave the way to taking such action at the 2002 Department Encampment and formalizing these proposals.

*For the Committee*  
*Gary L. Gibson, PDC ~ Bruce Butgereit ~ Rick Danes*



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Excerpts from the

*PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF OSCEOLA COUNTY  
CHAPMAN BROTHERS, CHICAGO, ILL. 1884*

contributed by J. R. Mann

Page 364, Burdell Township, the Village of Tustin:

*Col. Stewart Lodge, No. 285, Grand Army of the Republic*, was instituted Oct. 8, 1884. Charter Members – A. Corwin, Daniel McGovern, Stark Lampman, S. N. Barron, M. B. Houghton, G. F. Naygle, Joseph G. Fenner, H. B. Chapman, John Byers, John Grove, John Mitchell, G. C. Taylor, Frank Allen, William Degart, Frank Edgett, Jerome Morgan, Charles Winchell and C. A. Bolin. The lodge has at present 20 member, with the following officers: Commander, M. B. Houghton; Senior Vice Commander, Stark Lampman; Junior Vice Commander, George Naygle; Quartermaster, John Grave; Adjutant, Arteeus Cannon; Chaplain, Daniel McGovern; Officer of the Day, H. B. Chapman. This lodge has a good hall and is in good working order.

*Note: Post 285 disbanded in 1919*

Page 372, Evert Township, the Village of Evert:

*Grand Army of the Republic, Sedgwick Post, No. 16*, was established Aug. 19, 1880. Charter members: W. A. Lewis, Charles D. Hudson, Orville M. Bush, C. E. Demont, James A. Ross, Ira R. Ennis, C. C. Mills, Wm. Phillips, Andrew J. Rose, John H. Chase, W. J. Griffith, Henry S. Briggs, Leonard Simmons and J. N. Mapes. Officers: John Hughes, P. C.; Moses Jerome, S. V. C.; Sanford Skath, J. V. C.; Andrew J. Rose, Q. M.; R. C. Dunn, Surgeon; Wm. A. Lewis, Chaplain; Wm. Phillips, Officer of the Day; Orro D. Morton, Officer of the Guard. Present membership, 19. Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday in each month. The lodge has a good hall and is prospering.

*Note: Post 16 disbanded in 1925.*

Page 380, Hersey Township, Village of Hersey:

*Hersey (John J. Bagley) Post, No. 97*. – This lodge was chartered Dec. 27, 1882. Charter members – Wm. H. Miller, Marcus A. Lafler, G. V. Chamberlain, George Meyers, Oren E. Jones, M. B. Houghton, Benj. F. Gooch, E. A. Stephens, A. C. Berge, Henry Rose, Patrick McCann, John Lafayette, A. O. Temple, Z. B. Pease, Charles Huff, Abraham C. Barkley and John Huff. Officers – N. B. Houghton, C.; Marcus A. Lafler, Sr. V. C.; A. O. Temple, Jr. V. C.; E. A. Stephens, Adj't.; Oren E. Jones, Q. M.; Benj. F. Gooch, Q. M. Sergt.; A. C. Page, Officer of the Day; Harvey Hope, Officer of the Guard; Abraham Barkley, Chaplain; and G. V. Chamberlain, Surgeon.

This lodge is in a prosperous condition, and a lively interest is manifested in it, which indicates that Hersey is a patriotic village.

*Note: Post 97 disbanded in 1901*

Page 386, LeRoy Township, Village of LeRoy:

*G. A. R.* – This lodge was instituted Aug. 3, 1883. Charter members – Arian Newcomb, M. W. Westfall, Henry Vandusen, Homer R. Peake, George Hinkley, Henry M. Evarts, J. E. Scribner, Christian Gugle, Joseph Braden, Levi S. Jackson, George E. Filley, Abraham H. Fox, William A. Boyer, Louis G. Hall, Reuban H. Bishop, George W. Averill and George Caslaw. Officers – William A. Boyer, C.; Lewis S. Jackson, Sr. V. C.; A. H. Fox, Jr. V. C.; Homer R. Peake, Surgeon; J. A. Braden, Q. M.; Lewis J. Hall, Chaplain; George Averill, Officer of the Day; J. E. Scribner, Officer of the Guard; A. Newcomb, Adj't.; R. H. Bishop, S. M.; M. W. Westfall, Q. M. S. This lodge is prospering, is holding meetings regularly, and a good deal of interest is manifested.

*Note: This was the Randolph Post No. 165 which was disbanded in 1901.*

Page 402, Richmond Township, Reed City:

*Grand Army of the Republic, Steadman Post, No. 198*. – This lodge was chartered Oct. 30, 1883, with the following members: C. H. Holden, I. Grant, A. G. Buck, G. H. Gilbert, P. M. Lonsbury, H. C. Stoddard, N. Clark, J. Q. Patterson, P. W. Vaughn, V. R. Coles, Louis Barrett, L. D. Webster, A. C. Loomis, Alfred Brown, J. C. Langdon, Issac Watkins, C. M. Ferdon, John Mitchell, C. C. Church, E. A. Cross and Joseph Frankenburger. This post is equipped with 32 muskets. It has a good hall and is in growing condition.

*Note: Post 198 disbanded in 1928*

*There were also three other Posts in Osceola County that were formed after the publishing date of the book.*

*Marion Post 403 in the village of Marion was organized in 1890 and disbanded in 1892.*

*Marion Post 92 in the village of Marion was organized 27 July 1894 and disbanded sometime after 1900, as no reports from the Post were received by the Department after 1900.*

*Gen. I. C. Smith Post 451 was organized in Reed City on 28 April 1900 and continued in service until 1937.*



## DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

## COMING EVENTS

*ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE*

Saturday April 21, 2001

8:00 am	Registration Opens	outside Radisson Room
9:00 am	SUVCW Business Session	Radisson Room
12:00 noon	Allied Orders Luncheon	Periwinkle Restaurant
1:00 pm	SUVCW Business Session	Radisson Room
6:00 pm	G.A.R. Memorial Service	Windsor Room
6:30 pm	Banquet	Windsor Room

It is expected that the Encampment business session will be concluded by 4:00 pm, thereby allowing time for an informal socializing period of approximately two hours between the meeting and the Memorial Service.

*ENCAMPMENT SITE*

Radisson Suites Hotel  
37529 Grand River Avenue  
Farmington Hills, MI  
(248) 477-7800

Please make your room reservation directly with the hotel and inform them that you are with the Allied Orders. This will give you a room rate of \$79.00 + 3.5% suite tax per room. Cut off date for the special room rate is March 20.

*DIRECTIONS TO THE RADISSON*

From I-96/I-275 take the M-5 (Michigan Highway 5) exit east bound ramp, then take the Grand River exit towards 10 Mile Road. The M-5 exit is a short distance south of the junction of Interstate Routes I-96, I-696 and I-275.

*REGISTRATION*

Don't forget to obtain your Delegate Credentials (form 8) from your Camp Secretary. Those without credentials may attend the Encampment, but cannot vote.

*APRIL*

**5<sup>th</sup> — Thursday** **Marshall**  
Special program on the Michigan Military Academy at Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22's April meeting. All are invited, see Camp News section for further details.

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

**21<sup>st</sup> — Saturday** **Farmington Hills**  
Department Encampment hosted by the D.U.V.C.W. at the Radisson Hotel.

*MAY*

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> — Saturday & Sunday** **Mansfield, OH**  
Civil War Show at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. Three buildings of dealers occupying over 500 tables.

**12<sup>th</sup> — Saturday** **Jackson**  
The re-interment of Private Daniel Pine, 122<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry, will take place at 1:30 pm in Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery, 1425 Elm Road, (1/4 mile south of I-94 exit 141) in Jackson, Michigan. More information may be found on Austin Blair Camp 7's web site at: [www.austinblair.com](http://www.austinblair.com)

**19<sup>th</sup> — Saturday** **Grand Rapids**  
Headstone re-dedication for Brig. Gen. Stephen Champlain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry at the Fulton Street Cemetery, Grand Rapids. See details on page 16.

**15<sup>th</sup> — Friday** **Messenger Deadline**  
Please have your articles and photos in the hands of the editor by this date for inclusion in the July issue.

**30<sup>th</sup> — Saturday** **Lansing/Okemos**  
Save the Flags Preservation March and Living History Weekend. See details on page 15.

*JUNE*

**2<sup>nd</sup> — Saturday** **Lansing**  
Graves Registration meeting 1:00 pm at the Library of Michigan, 717 West Allegan St., Lansing, MI. Call Committee Chairman Rick Danes, (313) 278-8948 or e-mail [REDanes@aol.com](mailto:REDanes@aol.com) for further details.

*AUGUST*

**9<sup>th</sup> — 13<sup>th</sup>** **Springfield, MO**  
120<sup>th</sup> National Encampment of the SUVCW.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

ENCAMPMENT LUNCHEON AND DINNER INFORMATION

Luncheon Selections

- #1 Southwest grilled chicken sandwich, French fries, pasta salad, coffee or iced tea. \$12.44
#2 Philly beef sandwich, French fries, cole slaw, coffee or iced tea. \$12.44

Dinner

- #1 Chicken Primavera, fresh garden salad, warm rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea. \$19.95
#2 Seafood Pasta, fresh garden salad, warm rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea. \$21.20

Note: Prices include tax and gratuity

Form containing ticket selection options, contact information for Rolene Robinson, and a cut-off date of April 17, 2001.

PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-registration cost is \$5.00. Registration on-site the day of the Encampment is \$7.00. Regardless if you pre-register or do so in person, you will need to present your delegate card at the registration desk, properly endorsed by your Camp Secretary, to be admitted as a delegate. Please use the form on the right.

Mail to: Richard Lee, Department Secretary, 1111 S. Kern Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836-9257

Encampment Pre-Registration Form

I am pre-registering as a:

- Department Commander
Camp Commander Past Camp Commander
Camp Delegate Past Department Commander
Camp Alternate Past National Commander

I have enclosed my \$5.00 pre-registration fee in the form of a check or money order made out to: Dept. of Michigan, SUVCW

Name Camp No.

## DEPARTMENT ~ BY THE NUMBERS

Number of members in each Camp (does not include Juniors), as of January 1, 2001.

Camp	Name	Location	Membership
1	Gen. John A. Logan	Grand Rapids	25
3	Henry E. Plant	Grand Haven	11
7	Austin Blair	Jackson	33
9	George W. Howe	Port Huron	12
14	Robert Finch	Traverse City	24
17	Curtenius Guard	Sunfield	43
20	Gen. Benjamin Pritchard	Kalamazoo	34
22	Colegrove-Woodruff	Marshall	23
28	Alexander French	Big Rapids	16
43	Nash-Hodges	Blissfield	23
58	George W. Anderson	DeWitt	29
67	Gen. Phil Kearny	Bay City	10
76	Col. George LaPoint	Monroe	10
85	Frederick Hackeman	Berrien Center	19
101	Ulysses S. Grant	Detroit	30
120	Gilluly-Kingsley	Howell	21
145	Gov. Henry Crapo	Flint	47
147	Henry W. Quigley	Cadillac	15
160	Maj. Henry F. Wallace	Corunna	15
180	Carpenter-Welch	Ann Arbor	18
250	Wa-Bu-No	Shepherd	29
259	Archibald Stewart	Litchfield	14
266	Albert and James Lyon	Marquette	26
427	Sgt. John S. Cosby	Dearborn	8
462	Russell A. Alger	Camp-at-Large	25
		<b>Department Total</b>	<b>560</b>

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