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Department Commander

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1. I would like to take the opportunity to express condolences on behalf of the Department to Bro. Mark Pangburn and Bro. Terry Giffin. Both men are members of Austin Blair Camp No. 7 and recently lost their fathers. Also, Commander Don Workman, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 recently had his daughter Nancy undergo worrisome but successful open heart surgery. Others have had personal and family illnesses which have been debilitating. To these, we convey our heartfelt best wishes for a speedy recovery. To all brothers, I wish a Happy and Healthy New Year.

2. As the Department voted in encampment to participate with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War in adopting a flag of the Civil War era for preservation, this office has remained in contact with the Daughters regarding many aspects of this project. As of this writing, they are very near or have achieved their goal of raising \$500 or one half the total cost, i.e. \$1000, of preserving one flag. I call upon every brother who has not, heretofore, participated in this project to join with us to see our goal of raising \$500 is reached. Purchase one of the Civil War posters which the Capitol Committee has provided at no cost. Purchase a Civil War mug which the DUVCW have provided at no cost. If you have posters or mugs, sell them and relay the proceeds to Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams without delay. If you wish, donate funds in the name of an ancestor or relative you wish to honor. This can be accomplished by forwarding the donation and information on the honoree to Sec./Trea. Williams. The data will be published in the next issue of Michigan's Messenger. Simply stated, don't sit on the sidelines any longer; help us in the manner of your choosing to reach our goal.

3. Elsewhere in this issue of the Messenger you will find information on

the upcoming Michigan Department Mid-Winter Conference which will be held again at the Midway Motor Lodge, 7711 West Saginaw St., Lansing, MI. The meeting will be from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. The training conference will be structured much like a clinic. After the opening and announcements, Department Officers will meet in session with Camp Officers of similar title to provide training, share success stories and develop a working rapport between camps. I suggest each attendee bring their copy, if available, of SUVCW job descriptions previously provided by this office through the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison and the National Policies and Procedures Committee. Where required, the least tenured camp officers will be given highest priority. Unless Provisionally hindered, all Department Officers are expected to attend and assist in this once annual opportunity for training.

4. The Mid-Winter Conference noted above will be followed that evening by our annual Washington-Lincoln Dinner at the same hotel. Toastmaster for the evening will be National Secretary James Lyons (probably in resplendent Badger Red and White). Social hour will begin the evening at 5:30 pm. Dinner will commence at 6:30 pm and dinner will be followed by a presentation by Weldon Petz, a world renown Lincoln scholar, who plans to speak on the events following Lincoln's assassination including the details of Lincoln's funeral train which traveled from Washington, D.C. to Springfield, Illinois. Please complete the reservation form (*see insert following page 10, ed.*) and forward along with your check to Richard Williams, 1917 Teel Avenue, Lansing, MI 48910. Reservation deadline is February 5, 1994.

5. Through research conducted with the 32nd Division Veterans Association (32VA) and through yeoman efforts of

Bro. Kent Armstrong and active participation by Bro. Michael Nye, a representative in the Michigan Legislature, I have good news to relate in regard to the Department's efforts, along with the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, to designate US-12 as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. (The Iron Brigade was made up of the 2nd, 6th and 7th Wisconsin, the 19th Indiana and 24th Michigan Infantry Regiments.) This effort was thought to be derailed when we discovered US-12 had already been designated as the Red Arrow Highway. Recently, however, 32VA confirmed for us that old US-12, which approximates the route of present-day I-94, was designated as the Red Arrow Highway. In the early to mid 1920's, old US-112 (the Chicago Road) was redesignated as the new US-12. Therefore, present-day US-12 is actually undesignated at present and, accordingly, Representative Nye has put in motion legislative action to have the highway designated as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. The State of Indiana has already passed legislation which accomplishes this work. Efforts are also underway in Illinois and Wisconsin to so name US-12 as the Iron Brigade Memorial Highway. When these separate legislative efforts are completed, signage will permit the public to be informed of the designation and that the Brigade was formed from three of these states, and had ties to Illinois. (The 24th Michigan served as the Military Honor Guard at Lincoln's funeral in Springfield.) Further efforts are underway to raise funds to prepare historical markers to inform the public of the service and sacrifice of the Iron Brigade during the Civil War. We expect to receive and, subsequently, raffle off a Civil War art print by a well known Civil War artist to financially support this important work.

6. As has been reported, the Department is hosting the 1994 National Encampment, (*continued on page 2*)

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Department Orders (continued)

August 12 - 14, 1994. We have received notification from Commander Don Workman, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53, that Norm LaBarge, who owns an art dealership in Midland, has offered to donate a framed, matted Civil War art print (see insert preceding page 11, ed.) to the Department. This print, not to be confused with the art print in Order No. 5 above, will also be raffled off. The proceeds will be used to defray costs of hosting the National Encampment. Mr. LaBarge also informs us that he is offering all his Civil War art stock at a 30% discount to those interested. I trust all brothers see the value and purpose in supporting both fund raising projects.

7. I would like to thank Keith Harrison, PDC and SVC-in-C for bringing the Department Bylaws up to date and providing for a timely review of the document. Time for review and suggesting changes to Department Bylaws will soon be fading. The time remaining is essentially the first quarter of 1994, given the 60 day notice requirement prior to the Department Encampment. If your camp has suggestions in this regard, please convey these to Senior Vice Commander Bill Brennan or a member of his Bylaw Committee without delay.

8. Brothers are hereby informed Bro. Terry McKinch, a member of the Governor Crapo Camp No. 145, has been appointed as Department Camp-at-Large Coordinator. Terry has already been very busy with organizational details and we have at least one camp-at-large member enrolled. Tri-color certificates are prepared and the Camp is actively being promoted. Please forward names of indi-



Tidbits from the Past: The Department of Michigan

The following statistics were taken from the "Proceeding of the Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War", on file at the Michigan State Library, Lansing.

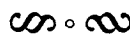
An all time high in the number of Camps and Members was reached in the year 1917, when the Department of Michigan had 1,269 Members in 34 Camps.

viduals who are interested in joining the Order but are not located near a local camp to Bro. McKinch. His address is: 1640 Kentucky Ave, Flint, MI 48506.

9. We are informed by the DUVCW that their national Order gives, at the time of their National Encampment, a worthy high school senior \$50. The conditions are: a) the student must be a direct descendant of a Civil War descendant, b) the student must have an interest in the Civil War, c) the awardee must live in the city in which the encampment is held. As the DUVCW meet in Delta Township just outside Lansing in 1994, this office would be pleased to hear of a greater Lansing area student who meets the above criteria so this award can be presented by the DUVCW.

10. A one page SUVCW recruiting brochure has been prepared which carries the Department letterhead. This contains general material on the SUVCW, the GAR and the essential tasks to which we are all called in keeping green the memory of those served to preserve the Union during the Civil War 1861-1865. These can be made available to those camps which do not already have specific recruiting materials.

11. Bro. Keith Harrison and members of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 are hereby commended for their excellent representation of the Michigan Department at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Gettysburg, PA on November 20, 1993. These men led the 37th Annual SVR Parade and held our Department colors high. It is likely the feat can be repeated next year if a certain Michigan native should be elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief (No, it's not Jeff Daniels).



Year	Camps	Members
1926	20	744
1927	18	786
1928	18	796
1929	18	738
1931	19	658
1932	18	600
1933	20	555
1934	21	540
1935	18	514
1936	18	472
1937	13	479

Information was not available for years other than those listed above.

12. At this writing, Brothers David Wallace, James Lyons, Richard Williams, John Mann, Keith Harrison, Don Workman, Don Schimmel, Rick Ainsworth, among others, have provided exemplary assistance in spearheading efforts to create new SUVCW camps in Grand Rapids, Howell, Ypsilanti, Bay City, and Litchfield. We also know of a gentleman who desires to start a camp in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. If you know of men who could join any of these new camps or could further assist this important work, please direct them to me or the gentlemen noted here.

13. Gentlemen, let's endeavor to reach as many members and applicants as possible in 1994 with growing camps, stated goals, exciting camp programs, and activities which inform the public of the history and heritage we bear. With this in mind, let's keep our business meetings short and confined to reporting the business carried out by committees and camp officers. We can then get to the educational and historical programs which attract and retain our most valuable resource, the new member.

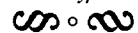
14. Members are reminded to send notices to this office to update the Department calendar so these can be published in upcoming issues.

By Order of:

J. Douglas Park
Department Commander

Attest:

Richard Williams
Department Secretary/Treasurer



And the Present:

Camp-at-Large	Department	4
Henry Plant	Fruitport	11
Austin Blair	Jackson	32
George W. Howe	Port Huron	1
Robert Finch	Traverse City	16
Curtineus Guard	Sunfield	63
Benjamin Prichard	Kalamazoo	25
Colegrove-Woodruff	Marshall	25
Nash-Hodges	Blissfield	22
Wa-Bu-No	Mt. Pleasant	20
Ulysses S. Grant	Detroit	21
<u>Governor Crapo</u>	Flint	<u>35</u>
12 Camps		275

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Sage Sayings of the Senior Vice Commander

Dear Brothers:

The Michigan Department would like to have a Civil War display room for the National Encampment, to be held on August 11, 12 and 13, 1994, in Lansing.



Any Camps or Brothers that would like to display some of their collections, as we did in 1988 for the National Encampment, are encouraged to do so. We're looking at a room size of about 26' x 51' that would hold many tables. The location will be at the Holiday Inn South Lansing.

We will discuss this topic at the Mid Winter Department Conference, February 12, 1994, in Lansing.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

William A. Brennan
Senior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan
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Financial Matters from the Treasurer

The following Brothers donated toward the purchase of the installed plaque dedicated at the Capitol during the last Department Encampment:

— Wayne J. Barrett, in memory of his Great Grandfather, Jason Hunt.
— Bernard C. Webster, in memory of his Great Grandfather, Charles Richardson.
— Donald H. Workman, in memory of his Great Grandfather, Joseph Workman.

In addition, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 donated \$12.00 toward the Save the Flags program and \$7.00 toward the outstanding liability of the previously purchased Department Flag.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard Williams
Secretary/Treasurer
Department of Michigan

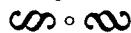
Jottings from the Junior Vice Commander

*How One Camp Turned 203 Pennies
Into 1000 Words*

In my last column, I reviewed the importance of publicity as a part of your Camp's recruiting process. I'd like to relate the following experience from the Governor Crapo. The Camp had decided to participate in Veterans Day services at the Lakeside Cemetery in Holly (north Oakland County) and in the American Legion's Flag disposal ceremony in Lapeer. Plans were made, ceremonies were reviewed with the VFW and American Legion, programs were printed and the Camp Guard drilled. To weeks prior to the service, the Program and Publicity Committee sent out a "news Release" to three local television stations and four local newspapers. It said:

"Governor Crapo Camp No. 145, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are participating in the following Veterans/Remembrance Day Ceremonies:"

The rest of the news release outlined the ceremonies at the cemetery and at the American Legion. It also gave a brief history of the cemetery and some of the veterans buried there. A program for ceremonies at the cemetery was also included in the package along with names



During the Civil War, a number of Confederate Prisoners were held at a Western military post under not too difficult conditions. Most of the prisoners appeared to appreciate the situation, but one fellow wasn't reconciled and took every opportunity to express his views. He rubbed it in continually about the Battle of Chickamauga, which had resulted so disastrously for the Federal forces.

Finally, it got under the skin of the Union men and they complained to General Grant, who had the prisoner brought before him.

"Look here," Grant said. "you are being very insulting to the men here with your constant references to the Battle of Chickamauga. Now you've either got to

and telephone numbers to contact in case of any questions. The result?

For the cost of seven first class postage stamps (that's 203 pennies), the lead article in the "Holly Herald Advertiser" was about the Grand Army of the Republic ceremonies at Lakeside Cemetery with photograph; the "Flint Journal" publicized the Camp's plans in its review of Veterans Day Ceremonies; the "Tri-County News" (Genesee, Livingston and Oakland Counties) published an article in its Sunday edition; the "Suburban News" published an interview with a Camp member about his reenacting experiences and his participation in the SUVVCW; and WJRT TV 12 had coverage on its 6 o'clock and 11 o'clock news. The best coverage came the next morning, though. On the center of the front page of the "Oakland County Press" was a full color quarter page picture of the Camp Guard with the caption — "Members of the Sons of Union Veterans stand tall at Holly Cemetery Ceremonies".

Publicity is very important to your Camp. It takes time to develop, but the results are worth the effort. Good luck in your recruiting efforts!

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

David F. Wallace
Junior Vice Commander
Department of Michigan
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take the oath of allegiance to the United States, or you'll be sent to a Northern prison. Make up your mind."

The prisoner took some to come to a decision. Finally he said, "I reckon, General, I'll take the oath."

The oath was duly administered. Then the subdued soldier asked if he might speak.

"Yes," said Grant, "what is it?"

"I was just thinking, General, those Rebels certainly did give us hell at Chickamauga, didn't they?"

Submitted by Don Schimmel
Austin Blair Camp No. 7

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Commander's Corner

Fellow Officers and Brothers:

In the Department Orders, you will note the details of two Department fund raisers, both of which relate to Civil War art prints being raffled. Again, these are separate raffles of separate art prints by different artists. We would not want you to feel slighted, however, thinking that you can support the Department only through your interest in Civil War art prints. In addition, we have available, on a first come, first served basis, Michigan Department cap marks which were approved at the 1993 Department Encampment. The cap marks are essentially the 7th Corps Badge complete with gold and silver bullion and a red center denoting department. These sell for \$15.00 and will be made available to each Camp Secretary/Treasurer by Dept. Secretary/Treasurer Richard Williams. Proceeds from sales will help support our hosting the National Encampment. (Stay tuned; we're not finished with our 1994 fund raising ideas!)

The quality of the newsletters published by some of our Michigan SUVCW camps continues to amaze. I receive newsletters from around the country because of the national office I also hold and, frankly, I believe our Michigan Camps have set a standard for others to follow. Our own Department editor is equally without peer as far as I have seen and, yet, he is not happy; he wants to give you a three column format and add other nice touches which you may or may not even notice. My hat is off to all of you, the hard working editors, publishers and word mongers who strive to inform, educate, organize and perpetuate. Our Camps and our Department happen to not be growing by accident. The growth, in large part, is due to the hard work of those who sharpen the written word and WE THANK YOU!

Speaking of hard work, there is a fellow who undoubtedly will one day be your Department Commander. He is a diligent library hound, works well with details, e.g. bylaws, produces photographic records of Civil War grave markers he investigates, avidly pursues lost Civil War records on a local and state/GAR and SUVCW basis, and is conversant in many aspects, e.g. military, political, etc., of the Civil War, but remains unassuming in a typical C.W. discussion.

He has communicated with many of you to ask for your assistance in compiling an even more complete historical record of the Department. When he writes you to ask your assistance on researching local Civil War history, take him as serious as he takes his task. He will often return the favor and offer answers and assistance you require. I am speaking of course of our Department Historian, Dean Lamphere.

During the Mid-Winter Conference in February, I will call upon representatives of Department committees to provide a brief report of activities to date. Much has been accomplished in just six months and these activities are well worth sharing. If you have questions regarding committee assignments, please consult page 5 of the August, 1993 edition of Michigan's Messenger.

The 1994 outdoor recruiting season will be upon us very soon and this activity reminds me of the many comments I received last year regarding our present recruiting tent. Our present tent was graciously donated by Keith Harrison and we are very appreciative. Now, however, we find the tent is quite small for our needs, especially due to the short rear wall, the many Sons who use the tent, and the multiple uses which it must now house, e.g. recruiting table, display table, initiations, storage of ancillary materials, etc. It has also suffered from literal wear and tear during terrific wind storms, each time being repaired by the magnanimous Bro. Harrison. Gentlemen, it is time to retire this war-horse to smaller and more docile recruiting activities. We need to find a larger, more accommodating tent which permits one to stand and we also need an appropriate fly to permit conversations and activities out of windstorms and rain. If recruiting is our lifeblood, the acquisition of a new tent and fly should be seen as our next important project. Let's not forget this task as we complete other projects and raise funds for department needs.

As you will recall from previous issues, it was agreed that each local Camp would hold individual Memorial Day ceremonies this May 30, 1994 in place of a single large event as was held last year in Lansing at the State Capitol. This will allow local communities to enjoy the proper observance of this day through the activities of local SUVCW Camps. If your Camp has not already

planned an activity for May 30, it is not too early to begin preparations with local veteran groups, the media, city, village or township leaders, the local high school trumpet player (bugler) and, if needed, the cemetery sexton. The ceremony in the Ritual is simple and may, or may not, be embellished with additional activities. It is not how the ceremony is performed but that it is performed. So, let the planning begin.

In regard to planning, Chris Dancisak, Michigan Department of State, Bureau of History reports the State Archives/Library/Museum complex in Lansing will be open during the time we host the National Encampment in August and they will have their Civil War display out for viewing. He also indicated they would be willing to work with others should there be an interest in displaying one or more authentic Civil War flags that week. Oh, Kerry.....

Many of you are engaged in grave registration work, either through your activities on the GAR Memorial and Graves Registration Committee, or because of personal or local camp interest. Through informal reports, I have learned of more Congressional Medal of Honor winners who are buried in Michigan. Among our many responsibilities, we need to ensure the graves of these veterans are properly marked and present day records of these graves are up to date. Please remember to share the results of grave registration activities with the Department Committee so, ultimately, this work is complete and not duplicated.

Camp Commanders, please be sure to report important activities to Banner Editor Rus Gregory. He complains not enough information is forwarded to his office to put in the Banner. Let's be sure to blow our own horn or we will stand idly by and read of SUVCW activities accomplished in some other state. There is simply no excuse for a Michigan born and bred newsletter to have no news of Michigan SUVCW functions. While on the subject, remember a picture is worth a thousand words, so take **black and white** pictures of your events wherever and whenever possible and get these to Rus along with your text. THANKS!

Also, don't forget our own newsletter, Michigan's Messenger. By the time you read this, *(continued on page 6)*

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An Interview with a True Son of a Union Veteran

The following are the results of an interview of Mr. Lowell H. Orebaugh, 6680 East Shore Road, Traverse City, MI, Wednesday, October 20, 1993.

- Q. What is your full name?
A. Lowell Herbert Orebaugh.
- Q. Your birth date?
A. February 5, 1901.
- Q. Where were you born?
A. Marathon, Ohio (Clermont County).
- Q. From what high school did you graduate?
A. Milford High School, Milford, Ohio (Clermont County).
- Q. Did you graduate from a university?
A. I attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio for three years. I did not graduate or receive a degree.
- Q. What was the maiden name of your wife?
A. Esther Louise Hunt.
- Q. Where did you meet your wife-to-be?
A. At Oxford, Ohio, where she was a student at Western College for women. It is now consolidated with Miami University at Oxford.
- Q. When were you married?
A. September 18, 1926.
- Q. Where were you married?
A. Salem, Ohio (Columbia County).
- Q. Your employment during your working years?
A. Thirty-three years with divisions of the Treasury Department and the Department of Justice, government of the U. S.
- Q. When did you come to live in Traverse City?
A. In 1962.
- Q. Tell me of your children.
A. We had two daughters.
Jean Orebaugh Barnard. She was born in 1933. Her husband is Talbott Bernard, Colonel, U. S. A. (Retired).

They have two children.

Ann Elizabeth Orebaugh Gleason Stevens. There are two children as the result of her first marriage to Jack Gleason, DDS, who died. Her second husband is Mr. George Stevens.

- Q. What is the name of your father?
A. Alfred Orebaugh.
- Q. What is the birth date of your father?
A. March 26, 1838.
- Q. What is the maiden name of your mother?
A. Maggie Day.
- Q. What is the birth date of your mother?
A. August 11, 1869.
- Q. When and where your parents married?
A. Marathon, Ohio (Clermont County), in September, 1892.
- Q. Can you tell me of the military service of your father during the Civil War?
A. My father, Alfred Orebaugh, enlisted at the age of 23 years in the service of the United States, at Camp Benton, Missouri, on September 4, 1861. This was in Captain William Feeny's Company K, 27th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment, (Fuller's Brigade) for three years. He was transferred to the regimental band on September 5, 1861. As a bandsman, he participated in the battles of: Blackwater, Missouri, December 18, 1861; New Madrid, Missouri, March 13, 1862; Island No. 10, Tennessee, April 8, 1862; Farmington, Mississippi, May 3, 1862; and Corinth, Mississippi, May 20, 1862.
- He was honorably discharged August 17, 1862, by Act of Congress disbanding all regimental bands.
- He reenlisted May 2, 1864, and was mustered in at Camp Dennison, Ohio, as a private in Captain Bickmore's Company B, 153rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment for 100 days. He performed guard and picket duty in and around Harper's Ferry, Virginia and the Bermuda Hundred, Virginia. He engaged in skirmishes at Hammack's Mills and Blue Gap, West Virginia on July 3, 1864 and at Green Springs, West

Virginia on August 2, 1864. He was honorably discharged with his Company, September 9, 1864, upon expiration of term of service.

He reenlisted February 14, 1865, at Hillsboro, Ohio (Highland County), for one year, as a private in Captain Richard's Company E, 191st Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment and was ordered to Harper's Ferry, Virginia. He reported to Brigadier General John R. Brooke for special duty with the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Army of the Shenandoah. He was promoted to Principal Musician, July 1, 1865. He was honorably discharged August 27, 1865, at Winchester, Virginia, following the end of the Civil War.

Q. Can you tell me anything of your father's life following his service in the Civil War?

A. I should also mention that my father and my maternal grandfather, Joseph E. H. Day, served together during the Civil War. My father was in his fifties when he married my mother, probably about age fifty-four. Mother was age thirty-two when I was born. My father was age sixty-three when I was born and he was sixty-nine when he died.

Q. What was the date of the death of your father, Alfred Orebaugh?

A. He was age sixty-nine when he died on April 16, 1907, at Marathon, Ohio (Clermont County). He is buried at Monterey, Ohio (Clermont County) near Marathon.

Q. Do you recall anything specific of your father since you were but age six when he died?

A. My father owned farms, was interested in construction, especially construction of electric railroads, and I often accompanied him on visits to all locations.

Q. Can you comment on growing up in the care of your mother from the age of six at the time of the death of your father?

A. My mother was my constant companion during my youth. She was with me much of the time and provided supervision, compassion and love. Also, I had grandparents who lived with mother and me and lived to an old age. My maternal grandfather, *(continued on page 6)*

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Interview (cont.)

Joseph E. H. Day, lived to age eighty-six. My paternal grandmother who lived with us for many years, and a sister of my mother, lived to the age of ninety-three. My mother lived to the age of ninety-seven.

Q. When did your mother die?

A. She died on June 16, 1966, at Traverse City and is buried at Salem, Ohio (Columbia County). She was age ninety-seven when she died.

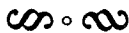
Q. When did your wife, Esther Louise Hunt Orebaugh die?

A. On September 11, 1982 at Traverse City. A sudden death.

Q. I understand you have for many years a real interest in food and cooking.

A. Yes, I do the shopping for food and prepare my own meals. I frequently select the food, prepare it and have my family here for Sunday dinner.

Remarks: Mr. Orebaugh then let me examine several original letters and a diary from members of his family who had served as both officers and enlisted men in the Union Army during the Civil War. He has preserved these well and has also prepared a history of his Orebaugh family. I recommended that these



Historical Happenings

The National Historian of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Jerome Orton, 213 Dixon Dr., Syracuse, New York 13219-2711 has requested the following items/information from Camps within the SUVCW.

1. The National Historian will be putting together a scrapbook for presentation at the National Encampment and repository in an appropriate institution. He is looking for newspaper articles, photographs, programs or anything else of interest. This is the same material as the Department Historian is looking for from the Camps to place in our history book for the Department of Michigan. If the Camp Historians would provide this material to me at the address at the end of this article, I will forward copies to the National Historian for the Camps for inclusion in the National scrapbook.

letters and diaries be retyped with the purpose of placing them on file at appropriate research facilities in Michigan and Ohio.

I thanked Mr. Orebaugh for his time and patience. He is a delightful person and truly a favorite of mine. He will be age ninety-three on February 5, 1994.

Mr. Orebaugh also mentioned that his late wife was buried at Salem, Ohio and that he too, would one day be buried there.

Ervan L. Amidon
Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.)

The preceding interview of Bro. Lowell Orebaugh by Bro. Ervan L. Amidon, both of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, is being submitted because I believe other Sons will enjoy reading this interview as much as I did. Bro. Orebaugh is a true son of a Civil War Union Soldier. We are very proud of Mr. Orebaugh and feel honored that he has shared his stories with us.

Sincerely, in F., L. and C.,
Daniel V. Bennett
Commander
Robert Finch Camp No. 14



Commander's Corner (cont.)

all Camps should have a designated reporter to forward Camp information to the editor on a regular basis. If no one has volunteered for the job by this time, the Camp Commander should appoint a Camp member to the task. Please note the publication deadline (*April 15, Ed.*) for the next issue of Michigan's Messenger and submit your ideas and thoughts and Camp news for publication.

If I can be of assistance or, if in your opinion, we can do a better job in fulfilling our mission, please call or write me. I would like to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

J. Douglas Park
Department Commander
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Civil War Veterans Who became U. S. President

Andrew Johnson	1865 - 1869
Ulysses S. Grant	1869 - 1877
Rutherford B. Hayes	1877 - 1881
James A. Garfield	1881
Chester A. Arthur	1881 - 1885
Benjamin Harrison	1889 - 1893
William McKinley	1897 - 1901



2. The National Organization is also looking for the history of each Camp currently within the Order. This should be targeted for completion and submission to the Department Historian by the 2nd week of May. Again, this information will be used in the history book for the Department and forwarded to the National Historian. This information, once gathered, could be used by the respective Camps in recruiting, explaining to others what the SUVCW does in each of the communities it serves. Briefly, the following items should be included in these histories:

— The Camp name, number and charter date.

— The history behind the selection of the Camp name.

— Significant events of the Camp, especially those items which involve the preservation of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who wore the blue uniform.

3. Finally, we will be putting together a list of living sons and daughters of Civil War veterans. If you know of any, or are interested in this list, please contact Bro. Orton or myself. Bro. Orton is also interested in finding out who our oldest member is in years of membership. One of the oldest in years is Howard B. Shepard, DDS, of Chicago, Ill., who was a manager of the Henry Harden Camp No. 2 Fife and Drum Corps in Madison, Wis. in 1915-1917.

Please continue to send in those Camp newsletters, the Department has begun to see some new newsletters from Camps I have not received from before. Keep up the good work.

In F., C. and L.,
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A Technology-Eye View

Airborne Instruments Seek Burial Sights At Antietam and Manassas Battlefields

By D'Vera Cohn

Washington Post Staff Writer
November 3, 1993

An airplane fitted with sophisticated radar and cameras invented for spy planes and satellites flew over Antietam and Manassas battlefields yesterday on a high-technology archaeological hunt for unmarked graves and hidden Civil War artifacts.

The flight allowed the National Park Service, which oversees the battlefields, to scan hundreds of acres quickly and cheaply. The haste of combat resulted in dozens of unmarked graves at the two battlefields. Yesterday's search may help guide Park Service workers to those graves before they are found by looters in search of Civil War relics.

"We're going to find some graves on the (Antietam) battlefield itself, no question about it," said Stephen R. Potter, regional archaeologist for the Park Service. He believes there are dozens of undiscovered burial areas—particularly of Confederate soldiers—at Antietam, where 23,110 men were killed, wounded or never found on September 17, 1862, the bloodiest day in U. S. combat history.

"We want to make sure those sites are protected," Potter said.

The flight was donated to the Park Service by the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, a private, non-profit laboratory that owns the plane and wants to expand its civilian uses.

The Park Service hopes to obtain Pentagon funding and use the images from Antietam and Manassas to develop a "signature" of an unmarked grave that could help find more modern burial grounds.

Yesterday's flight also may uncover campsights, trails, buildings or other Civil War-era features of the land,

Potter said. Historians know, for example, that a now-destroyed orchard played a role in the combat at Manassas, and Park Service officials would like to find it.

The institute's twin-engine Convair 580, built in 1959, has a conventional cockpit but some gee-whiz equipment in the cabin—two high resolution cameras and synthetic aperture radar, which penetrates clouds, foliage and even the ground.

The plane has been used mainly for U. S. and foreign missions to verify nuclear and other weapons installations under international treaties. The radar technology, about two decades old, also has been used on spy planes and on NASA's Magellan mission to map the planet Venus.

But with the Cold War now in deep freeze, the search is on to find civilian applications for military technology—"dual use," in inside-the-Beltway parlance. So the environmental institute is marketing its equipment to clients such as energy companies exploring for new oil fields, or cities seeking more precise maps.

"This is the ground floor for us," said Michael C. Dudzik, research manager in the institute's sensor systems division.

As the airplane passed over Antietam at 11,000 feet yesterday, the five Park Service officials on board crowded around the windows, pointing out battlefield features they previously had seen only at ground level.

"This is amazing, isn't it?" said Susan Moore, superintendent of the battlefield near Sharpsburg, Maryland. "You understand why (soldiers) took the route they did when you see it from the air."

Two-thirds of the way back in the 81-foot plane, radar operator Charles A. Willey turned on his instruments.

"We're recording a ten mile wide swath," he said. Green fluorescent lines oscillated on a grid-lined screen not much bigger than the palm of his hand.

The radar pulses bounce off the land and back to the aircraft. Willey won't know exactly what is on the pictures he got until the radar's digitized tape is turned into photographic images at the Ann Arbor, Michigan lab, a process that will take a day or two.

Toward the front of the aircraft, a small screen at camera systems operator Steven Havens' work station displayed a red marker showing the aircraft's current position. Green stripes indicated the field of his panning camera. A blue flash showed his still-camera focus.

Even more than two miles high, the resolution is sharp enough so "they'll be able to tell a car from a pick-up truck," Havens said.

Also aboard yesterday's flight was Joseph W. Deaver of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, which may hire the institute's airplane to carry its next-generation land-mapping equipment, expected to be ready for testing next spring.

Deaver brought his wife and daughter, a teacher and fifth-grader at Silverbrook Elementary School in Fairfax County, and friend Margi Marsett, a fifth-grade teacher at Fairfax's Groveton Elementary School.

"It's a great opportunity—something to take back to the kids to give them a little insight into the field of technology," Marsett said.

Meaghan Deaver, 11, pronounced it "great....an adventure I'll never forget."

The above article was supplied by Bro. Donald Schimmel, of Austin Blair Camp No. 7. Don is employed by Environmental Research of Michigan and has promised to keep us informed of any updates to the above information.



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Camp News

Camp No. 7 — Austin Blair

Jackson — Austin Blair Camp members elected a new slate of officers at their November 8th meeting. The newly elected officers are:

Commander.....Jack Patch
S V Commander.....Gary Woodman
J V Commander.....Gordon McGarey
Secretary.....Dale Tuckey
Treasurer.....John Mann
Camp Council.....John Esterline
Camp Council.....Robert Metcalf
Camp Council.....James Neely
Delegate.....Warren Gidley
Delegate.....Todd Holton
Delegate.....Max Miller
Delegate.....William Shoemaker

Commander Patch has made the following appointments to office:

Aide-de-Camp.....Richard Halsey
Chaplain.....Kenneth Strickler
Counselor.....Donald Hoch, PDC
Counselor.....Thayne LaBanta, PDC
Color Bearer.....Warren Gidley
Guard.....Jay Babcock
Guide.....Robert Knowles
Historian/Librarian.....Jack Patch
Newsletter Editor.....John Mann
Patriotic Instructor.....Todd Holton
Quartermaster.....James Neely

The November meeting also saw two members initiated into the Order, Daniel Doyle of Somerset and Max Miller of Jackson. Dan's ancestor was Stephen Hadfield of Company D, 53rd Pennsylvania Infantry. Max's ancestor was Elias F. Pierce, a private in Company I, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Bro. Miller also displayed the framed GAR membership certificate of his ancestor.

At the January 10th meeting two more members were accepted into the Order. William H. Lowe of Jackson petitioned for membership under his ancestor, William Lowe, who served in Company C, 36th Indiana Infantry. Floyd E. Gittings of Hillsdale petitioned for membership under his ancestor, Timothy Gittings, who served in Company D, 12th Michigan Infantry. Mr. Lowe was duly initiated and Mr. Gittings will be initiated at a later date, as he was unable to attend the January meeting.

Austin Blair Camp is also planning a special meeting on April 11, at 7:00 pm at the Jackson District Library Auditorium, 244 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson. The program will be on the filming of the movie "Gettysburg". All SUVCW members and the public are invited to attend.

John Mann

Camp No. 9 — George W. Howe

Port Huron — George W. Howe Camp is in need of members. Anyone knowing of any prospective members in the Thumb area is encouraged to send their name and address to the Department Junior Vice Commander, David Wallace.

Camp No. 14 — Robert Finch

Traverse City — Robert Finch Camp members elected the following officers for the year 1994:

Commander.....Allen A. Pifer
S V Commander.....Dan Bennett
J V Commander.....Ronald Geer
Secretary.....Gary Manville
Treasurer.....Gary Manville
Camp Council.....Dwight C. Kennard
Camp Council.....John M. LaRue
Camp Council.....Allen A. Pifer

Commander Pifer has made the following appointments to office:

Chaplain.....Allen A. Pifer
Color Guard.....Jeff Jones
Guard.....Jacob Bennett
Guide.....Ronald Geer
Historian.....Dan Bennett
Patriotic Instructor.....Allen A. Pifer

Dan Bennett

Camp No. 17 — Curtenius Guard

Lansing/Sunfield — A slate of prospective officers was presented by Bro. Harrison at the December meeting. The slate was adopted unanimously. 1994 officers are:

Commander.....James R. Neal
S V Commander.....Vaughn J. Rawson
J V Commander.....Jeffery Adams
Secretary.....James B. Pahl
Treasurer.....William Warren
Camp Council.....David Downing
Camp Council.....Lavern Aves
Camp Council.....Ronald G. Schull
Eight Delegates to the Michigan Department Encampment were also elected.

Commander Neal has made the following appointments to office:

Chaplain.....James T. Lyons
Color Guard.....Lavern Aves
Counselor.....James B. Pahl
Guard.....David D. Rehkoph
Guide.....David Downing
Historian.....Keith Harrison
Patriotic Instructor.. Charles Langworthy

There was a motion made and passed at the November meeting, that the Camp locate an artisan to repair the plaster. The Camp will pay 50% of the bid up to \$2,000 for plastering. (*Editors note: The Camp meets in the Sunfield GAR Hall, which is owned by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*) Bro. Harrison was recognized with the Camp's appreciation for his continuous and untiring contributions to the Camp and the Order. Bro. Pahl presented an interesting and entertaining talk entitled "The Incredible Civil War", featuring many overlooked and little known facts about the conflict.

The November meeting also saw the admission and initiation of Byron C. Weed of Ann Arbor. Byron derives his right of membership through Sergeant Seth H. Weed, Company I, 19th New York Cavalry. Sergeant Weed was killed in action May 7, 1864 at Todd's Tavern, Virginia, during the battle of the Wilderness. Also, H. Howard Jordan was reinstated as a member.

The January 25th meeting will have the installation of the 1994 officers by Department Commander Park. There will be a brief overview of the SUVCW and Camp No. 17 by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Keith Harrison. (This is a great way for new members to learn about the Order and our Camp.)

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Camp No. 22 — Colegrove-Woodruff

Marshall — Colegrove-Woodruff Camp elected the following officers for 1994:

Commander.....Louis Cuyler
S V Commander.....John Hughes
J V Commander.....Flip Johnson
Secretary.....John Lohrstorfer
Treasurer.....John Lohrstorfer
Camp Council.....Roger Graves
Camp Council.....Howard Streeter
Camp Council.....Camron Davis
Delegate.....Russ Streeter

Commander Cuyler made the following appointments to office:

Chaplain.....Howard Streeter
Color Bearer.....David Conklin
Guard.....Russ Streeter
Guide.....Jerry Friend
Patriotic Instructor.....Cameron Davis

On Thursday, January 13th, in spite of the cold and snowy evening, approximately 50 "Sons" and guests visited the GAR Hall Museum in Marshall, for a joint meeting of the SUVCW. The meeting was hosted by Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 who regularly meet at the museum.

Present were representative "Sons" from the Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 of Kalamazoo, Austin Blair Camp No. 7 of Jackson and Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 of Lansing/Sunfield. There were also a number of other guests who were welcomed at the meeting.

Prior to the formal opening of the meeting, guests had an opportunity to view the various Civil War items on display. The Hall was originally built in 1902 by Marshall's Civil War veterans, who were members of the GAR Colegrove Post No. 166. Although a relatively small community, Marshall's commitment to the conflict was an important and meaningful, as it sent three units off to war. The first of these was the Marshall Light Guard, which became Company H of the First Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

The main business transacted was the induction of the new officers by

Department Commander Park. The business meeting was followed by refreshments of coffee and famous filled donuts from Louies' Bakery of Marshall.

The "Sons" and the visitors were then treated to an excellent program conducted by Dr. Ralph C. Gordon, M. D., of the Pediatric Staff of Michigan State University. Dr. Gordon has researched and developed an informative slide program on medical facilities used during the Civil War. His main area of interest is the western theater of the war, as the Doctor is from Kentucky. Dr. Gordon has amassed a tremendous amount of interesting facts and anecdotes of the medical personnel of the war, which are interspersed with historic and modern photos. All present seemed delighted with the Doctor's presentation and I recommend anybody who has the opportunity to hear him speak, should do so.

The meeting was officially closed according to ritual at 9:45 pm and hopefully everyone had a safe journey home.

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp initiated a new member, John D. Baker, into the Order during the final quarter of 1993.

Roger Graves

Camp No. 43 — Nash-Hodges

Blissfield — All officers were reelected by acclamation for 1994. They are:

Commander.....William Lentz
S V Commander.....James Frye
J V Commander.....Adam Frye
Secretary.....David Schneider
Treasurer.....David Schneider
Camp Council.....James Frye
Camp Council.....Gary Holmes
Camp Council.....Macklin Pangburn

Commander Lentz also reappointed Richard Beach as Chaplain.

Nash-Hodges Camp initiated one new member into the Order in the last quarter of 1993, Thomas John Spiegel.

Richard Williams
(Information provided by Dept. Sec.)

Camp No. 53 — Wa-Bu-No

Mt. Pleasant — Wa-Bu-No Camp elected the following slate of officers for the year 1994:

Commander.....Donald Workman
S V Commander.....Bernard Webster
J V Commander.....James Nedela
Secretary.....Wayne Nash
Treasurer.....Wayne Nash
Camp Council.....Leo Cohoon
Camp Council.....Donald Killough
Camp Council.....Mark Lewis

Commander Workman has not completed his appointments to office as of yet, except for:

Chaplain.....Solon Yax

Wa-Bu-No Camp meeting dates have been changed. The Camp will now meet on the first Thursday of every odd numbered month.

Richard Williams
(Information provided by Dept. Sec.)

Camp-at-Large Department of Michigan

State of Michigan - During the final quarter of 1993, the Camp-at-Large added four new members to its roll. They are Daniel Boeskool, Steven Charles, Patrick Blohm and Steven Olson.

Richard Williams

Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor

by Bertram Hawthorne Groene

This is a very helpful book giving hints and tips on finding sources for information to further your information search on your ancestor. It contains a large listing of addresses of where to write for information. This book should be a part of every Camp's library.

The book is published by Ballantine Books, is paper bound and costs \$6.95. It can currently be ordered through most magazine or bookstores.

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Camp No. 145 — Governor Crapo

Flint — The members of Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 have elected the following officers to administer their Camp during 1994:

Commander.....David F. Wallace
S V Commander..... L. Dean Lamphere
J V Commander.....Richard Greene
Secretary.....Gregory D. Hayes
Treasurer.....Daniel V. Graves
Camp Council..... James L. Redumski
Camp Council.....Kurt A. Schulze
Camp Council..... Paul D. Williams
Delegate.....John W. Campbell

Commander Wallace, appointed the following officers:

Chaplain.....Terrance L. McKinch
Color Bearer.....Gene A. Taylor
Counselor.....Dennis C. Derr II
Graves Registration..... William D. Bolt
GuardMichael J. McCreedy
GuideEdgar A. Dowd
Historian..... William D. Bolt
Patriotic Instructor.....David M. Post

Governor Crapo Camp initiated three new members into the Order during the final quarter of 1993, Jeremy Bois, John Walker and Edgar Dowd.

Greg Hayes

Many Thanks

My thanks to all the Camps that responded to my plea for Camp News items for the Messenger. An extra special thank you to those that got their information in well before the deadline. Please keep up the good work.

I would like to ask that you send your items typed so that I only have to copy what you have written.. Also, please include a note with the copy as to what it is for, i. e. Camp News, feature article, suggestions for an article, etc. I sometimes get things in the mail and don't know what it is for, my own personal information, the Messenger or whatever. If at all possible, send the copy well in advance of the deadline. This allows me to better plan the layout of the Messenger.

Due to space limitations, please limit your copy to no more than one page of single spaced 12 point (pica size) type-written copy for the Camp News section. (Approximately 3/4 of one page of type written copy with one inch margins all around equals one printed column of newsletter space.)

For those Camps that didn't respond in time for inclusion in the February issue, please make an effort to report your news in the May issue of the Messenger. I also would like a list of meeting dates, times and places for the calendar page from each Camp. At least one regular meeting date for each Camp will appear in each issue. The deadline for inclusion in the May issue will be April 15.

Plans for the May issue include printing a list, by Camp, of the entire membership within the Department. Once the membership list is printed, new member updates will become a regular feature of this newsletter. The membership lists and new member information will be gotten from Department Secretary Williams, so it is unnecessary to send me a duplicate copy. This will require that Camp Secretary send their quarterly reports to the Department Secretary as soon as possible after the close of the quarter. The filing of new member name and addresses promptly will also allow the new member to begin receiving the Messenger right away.

Any member wishing to send in articles for the newsletter is encouraged to do so. The Messenger is the newsletter of the Department and its members, not just an organ for the Department officers.

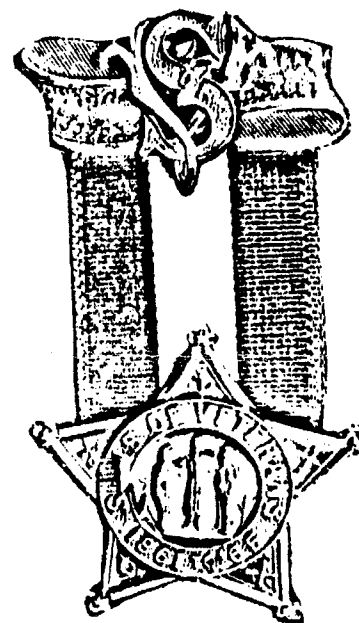
Please note that due to postal regulations the return address for Michigan's Messenger is different from my address. Please forward Camp News items to my address, not the return address on the outside of the newsletter. Again, Thank You.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

*John Mann, Editor
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Souvenir

A restrike of the Original Sons of Veterans Membership Badge is being offered by the Grand Army of the Republic Museum in Philadelphia, PA. The badge is struck from the original dies. The medal and pin bar is of bronze and the ribbon is red - white - blue.



Proceeds from the sale of the badges will benefit the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library in Philadelphia. The cost of the badge is \$15.00 at the museum and \$17.00 if mail ordered (postage paid).

Department Commander Park has a sample of the badge and will display it at the Mid-Winter Conference for those interested.

Orders should be sent to:

The Grand Army of the Republic
Civil War Museum and Library
4278 Griscom Street
Philadelphia, PA 19124-1346

The phone number for the museum is:

(215) 289-6484

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Annual

Washington - Lincoln Dinner

Following the Mid-Winter SUVCW Conference

Social hour at 5:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

After Dinner Speaker

Dr. Weldon Petz

“Journey to Immortality”

A world renown Lincoln scholar, Dr. Petz will speak on the pilgrimage of Lincoln’s funeral train from Washington D. C. to Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Petz is a member of Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101, Detroit.

Menu:

- Salad
Swiss Steak Jardiniere
Baked Potato
Vegetable
Dessert
Beverage

The Dinner and Speaking Engagement is open to the Public.
Guests are Welcome.

Please use this coupon for dinner reservations.

I am planning on attending the Washington - Lincoln Dinner at the Mid Way Motor Lodge, 7711 West Saginaw, Lansing on Saturday, February 12, at 6:30 pm.

I would like to purchase ___ tickets @ \$15.00 each for the dinner. Total amount enclosed is \$____.00.

Deadline for Ordering Dinner Tickets is February 5th.

Please make the check payable to: Michigan Dept., SUVCW

Mail to:

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Major General
George Armstrong Custer
at Five Forks, Virginia

by Don Spalding

Few other words can describe George Armstrong Custer. The young, Ohio-born midwesterner who began as a lieutenant in 1861, and rose to be a major general by war's end. Bold. Daring. Controversial. All of these, as well as a truly inspiring leader.

Five Forks, Virginia — April 1, 1865. General Lee had sent George Pickett's Division to guard the critical crossroads which covered the South Side Railroad, the last route of communication and supply from the south into beleaguered Petersburg. Behind the strong line of earthworks, Pickett's worn troops waited. Recent heavy rains made the going tough for the Union forces, maneuvering to assault Pickett's line. The gray, gloomy day wore on, and time began to run out. Finally, at about four o'clock, the Union Fifth Corps attacked on the right and General Custer led his men against the left. Colonel Alexander Pennington's Brigade of dismounted troopers had kept up a strong skirmish line against the Confederates for most of the day. The Second Ohio Cavalry was still out on the skirmish line, when the "boy general" rode out to the front with his staff. Above them flew a new flag, just recently presented to the general by his adoring wife. Over the spattering gunfire, Custer ordered his troops forward.

Sabers jingling at their sides, the Union troopers bolted across the field toward the bristling Confederate entrenchments. Halfway across, they were met by a crushing volley which Custer miraculously escaped, but his guidon bearer did not. "Swinging down from his saddle like a stunt rider, he grabbed his fallen guidon without dismounting, swirled it over his head, jammed his spurs into his horse, streaked right up to the enemy, and leaped his charger over the earthworks. Pennington's troopers sprang to their feet and sprinted over the spongy soil in their heavy riding boots, waving their carbines in their right hands and keeping their clanging sabers free of their feet with the left. Throwing themselves against the fortifications, they paused long enough to pump their Spencers into the wavering gray and butternut masses, and then they were scrambling over the mud and logs, shooting, shouting...catching prisoners...Picket's command disintegrated before them."

It was the beginning of the end for Lee's worn out army, and the Confederacy.

Or write to:
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Calendar Of Events

February

3rd — Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 - Marshall

Meeting - 7:30 pm at the GAR Hall, 402 East Michigan Avenue, Marshall.

12th — Department Mid-Winter Conference

Meeting - 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Midway Motor Lodge, 7711 West Saginaw, Lansing.

All Camp officers are encouraged to attend this workshop to exchange ideas on the running of Camps and recruiting procedures to increase membership.

The Annual Washington-Lincoln Dinner follows (optional), at 6:00 pm. Dinner reservations are required. Contact Department Secretary Richard Williams for dinner tickets.

16th — Governor Crapo Camp No. 145 - Flint

Meeting - 7:30 pm, Flint Public Library, 1026 Kearsley, Flint.

22nd — Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 - Kalamazoo

Meeting - 7:00 pm, American Legion Hall, 431 East South Street, Kalamazoo.

March

3rd — Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 53 - Mt. Pleasant

Meeting - 7:00 pm, Shepard Museum, 1st and Maple Streets, Shepard.

14th — Austin Blair Camp No. 7 - Jackson

Meeting - 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, 3200 Lansing Avenue, Jackson.

15th — Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 - Blissfield

Meeting - 7:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, 451 High Street, Blissfield.

26th — Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 - Detroit

Meeting - 2:00 pm, Elmwood Cemetery, 1200 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit.

27th — Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show

10:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Lansing Center Auditorium, 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing.

Books, Maps, Postcards, Advertising, Pamphlets, etc. Approximately 10% of the materials are related to the Civil War era.

29th — Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 - Sunfield

Meeting - 7:00 pm, GAR Hall, Main Street, Sunfield.

April

11th — Austin Blair Camp No. 7 - Jackson

Special Meeting - 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm, Jackson County District Library Auditorium, 244 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson.

Program - The filming of "Gettysburg", by Sons participants.

All SUCVW members and the general public are invited to attend this program.

15th — Messenger Copy Deadline Date!

April

30th & May 1 — Ohio Civil War Collectors Show

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Richland County Fairgrounds, U. S. 30 and Trimble Road Exit (then follow the signs), Mansfield, Ohio.

The largest Civil War Relic and Memorabilia Show in the Mid-West, 550 tables. Buy, sell, trade and show. Many display only tables that are worth the trip in itself. Restricted to Military and related items (GAR, MOLLUS, SUVCW, etc.). Reproduction items allowed, if clearly marked.

This is the largest show of its kind in the Mid-West.

Admission is \$3.00, with a portion of the proceeds going to the "Johnson's Island Confederate Prison Preservation Society" and the "Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg, Inc."

May

14th — Robert Finch Camp No. 14 - Traverse City

Meeting - 12 Noon at Embers on the Bay restaurant, just North of Traverse City on U. S. 31 near Acme, MI.

30th — Memorial Day

Each Camp should hold Memorial Day ceremonies in their own community. Preferably in conjunction with other local Veteran Organizations

June

11th & 12th — 105th Michigan Department Encampment.

8:00 am, registration starts. Meeting lasts until 4:00 pm with a break for lunch at noon. Holiday Inn West, 7501 West Saginaw, Lansing.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Women's Relief Corps Department Encampments also held concurrently, with the Women's Relief Corps as the host Order.

Luncheon and Dinner available.

All Sons Members are encouraged to attend the Encampment and express their views.

18th & 19th — Civil War Reenactment

Allegan Co. Fairgrounds. SUVCW recruiting tent hosted by Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20.

July

16th & 17th — Civil War Reenactment

Charlton Park, Barry County. SUVCW recruiting tent hosted by ???????? Camp.

August

12th, 13th and 14th — National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Holiday Inn South (former Clarion Hotel), 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Ladies of the GAR Auxiliary to the SUVCW and WRC Encampments will also be held at the Holiday Inn South. The DUVCW Encampment will be held at the Sheraton Inn, Creyts Road and I-496, Lansing.

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