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## **Commander's Comments**

*By Paul Davis, PCC, DC*

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We would like to begin our Report to the Department by thanking all the Brothers for your attendance at our Department Encampment and your support and confidence in electing me as your Department Commander and your support for our elected Department Officers. We would like to also thank all Brothers and the Ladies of the Allied Orders for their efforts in making the Encampment both possible and successful.

A point of interest at our 124<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment now past, was the discovery that it was not actually the 124<sup>th</sup>. After a search of records by Brothers Gary Gibson and James Pahl, the error was discovered. As a result, our next Department Encampment in 2014 will be designated the 131st Department Encampment.

Please note that the 132 National Encampment will take place August 8 through 10, 2013 in Brookfield, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel.

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Phone: (262) 364-1100

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<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/alliedordersofthegar>

Hotel website: [www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton)

Special room rates are \$99.00 and are available until July 17, subject to availability.

Pre-registration Deadline is July 31, 2013.

Banquet is Aug 10, Deadline for Reservations is July 31.

SVR Breakfast is 8:00 am Saturday Aug 10. Breakfast Reservations are due before Aug 1, 2013.

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For additional information, registration forms and updates see the SUVCW Wisconsin website at: <http://2013.suvcw-wi.org/>.

Thank you to all those Camps who have shared their Newsletters or forwarded Emails regarding the activities of your Camps. These communications are very helpful in drafting the Department's Reports concerning our activities to the National organization. We encourage all Camps to also submit a report of their activities to the *Michigan Messenger* as well as to the *Banner*.

At this writing, several of the Camps in the Department of Michigan have reported on many observed Memorial Day events and activities keeping green the memory of our ancestors. We, along with other Department Officers, have already attended some of these events with more scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

On a somber note, we mark the passing of Past Department Commander Rick Greene. Brother Green passed away after a courageous battle on May 18, 2013. Funeral services were held for Brother Greene on May 22, 2013. His Memorial Service and Burial Service were performed in true Civil War fashion as requested by Brother Greene. Officiants were Department Chaplain Charles Buckhahn and Past Department Chaplain William McAfee. Several Brothers from various Camps participated in Rick's funeral. The 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Co. A Sons of Veterans Reserve served as an Honor Guard and fired a musket salute. Five Past Department Commanders were in attendance to honor Brother Greene including: PCC Dave Arnold, PCC Don Shaw, PCC Chuck Worley, PCC Dave Wallace, and PCC, P C-I-C, Keith Harrison. We have all worn the same Commanders badge as Rick did. Members of the Military Order Of The Loyal Legion Of The United States from the Commanderies of Michigan and Ohio also paid their respects.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

### **Senior Vice Commander**

*By Dale Aurand, PCC*

I would like to thank the brothers of the Department of Michigan for electing me to the position of Senior Vice-Commander. I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming year.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> I attended the Benzie Area Historical Society rededication of the A.P. Case Post of the G.A.R. Two days later on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the commercialized Memorial Day, I attended a ceremony at Hollenbeck Cemetery near Columbiaville. G.A.R flag holders were placed honoring 9 veterans of the Civil War.

On a more serious note, many brothers and I attended the funeral and graveside service of Rick Greene, Past Department Commander and fellow descendent of a 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry soldier. Rick influenced many members of the order, including myself. He was an asset to the Department and will be greatly missed.

In F. C. & L.

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Department Orders #9



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*Paul D. Arnold, Past Department Commander**Headquarters, Lansing, MI**28 April 2013*

Greetings Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

The 124th Department of Michigan Encampment will soon be upon us. I would like to thank you for the exceptional job that all of you have done during the past year in "Keeping Green the Memory" of your ancestors that served the Union so many years ago.

In talking to Department Secretary Dennis Fyke he indicated that things are progressing in regards to receiving the **Camp Annual Reports - which are due by the end of April**. If you have not done so, I am requesting that Camp secretaries complete them and get them in immediately, so they can be processed and forwarded to the National Organization. Thank you for your diligence in filing your camp reports on time.

Included below is information on the up coming Department Encampment that you might find useful.

**Encampment Information:**

Brothers are reminded that the **(124th Department of Michigan Encampment)** will be held at the Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 W Willow Hwy in Lansing, Michigan on May 3rd & 4th, 2013. (The Encampment will be hosted by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Woman's Relief Corp and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic).

**The Actual Encampment is Saturday, May 4th, 2013.**

There will be a pre encampment Pizza Party at the the Quality Suites Inn, 901 Delta Commerce Dr, Lansing Michigan, 48917 on Friday, May 3rd at 5:15 pm in the Hospitality room (with a small fee to defray expenses), as well as an Ice Cream Social beginning at 7:30pm at the same location. (All Allied Orders members and guests are invited.)

**NOTE :** Encampment Pre registration and Pre-registration for Meals is now closed. Brothers will now have to register the day of the encampment.

As stated in previous correspondence Meal Tickets (Will Not) be sold the day of the encampment.

**Encampment Appointments:**

I hereby make the following Appointments for the 124th Department of Michigan Encampment to be held on the campus of the Great Lakes Christian College, Lansing Michigan on May 4th, 2013.

**Encampment Credentials Committee: (Previously appointed)**

Brother L Dean Lamphere, - Gov Crapo, Camp #145 - (Chair) - Members: Tom Jenkins, Finch Camp #14, Jack Frost, Grant Camp #67, Bill Haines, Curtenius Guard, Camp #17;

**Brother Chuck Worley:-** March to the Sea, Camp #135 as Assistant to the Department Treasurer (Encampment purposes only).

**Brother Gary Gibson:** - Gen Pritchard, Camp #20 as (Chairman) of the Encampment Committee on Officers Reports.

**Brother Donald Shaw:** - Gov Henry Crapo, Camp #145 as (Chairman) of the Encampment Committee on Resolutions.

**Brother James B. Pahl:** - Curtenius Guard, Camp #17 as Encampment Parliamentarian.

**Brother George L. Boller:** - Sgt John Cosby Camp #427 as Assistant to the Dept Secretary.(Encampment purposes only)

**Brother Robert Griggs:** - Austin Blair, Camp #7 temporary appointment as a member of the Department Council for (Encampment purposes only).

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**Other Appointments:**

I hereby appoint Past National Commander-in-Chief, Past Michigan Department Commander Keith G. Harrison to be the Michigan Department, Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War nominee to serve and represent the interests of the Michigan Department SUVCW, and, consequently, the Grand Army of the Republic, on the Board of Directors of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan, Inc. and the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum of Eaton Rapids Michigan. This is a former GAR Hall located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The community is working on developing this into a GAR Museum.

Also Included is a review of the 2012 Financial's as well as 2013 First Quarter Financial's.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty:  
Paul D. Arnold, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Dennis Fyke  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Orders #10



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Paul D. Arnold, Past department Commander

Headquarters, Lansing, MI

30 April 2013

Effective on and for the day of Saturday, May 4th, 2013 the headquarters of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall be located at the Great Lakes Christian College, located at 6211 W. Willow Hwy., Lansing, Michigan, to allow for the transaction of business by the 124th Department of Michigan Encampment. Thereafter, Department of Michigan headquarters shall revert to the previous address, until such time that the new Department Commander shall designate a different location in his Department Orders.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making the past year one of the most fulfilling of my life. It never ceases to amaze me the good works that our Camps and Brothers around the State perform to remember and honor our ancestors who fought so valiantly during the Civil War.

Press on, when it comes to honoring those that have come before us, as well as those that currently serve in our military. In the spirit of **Fraternity**, remember those in our order that are struggling, whether it be with an illness or other challenge and reach out in **Charity** to lend a hand. It is through the **Loyalty** that we show to the S.U.V.C.W by conducting the work of the order, as well as supporting our brothers and sisters in need, that we fulfill the true mission of our organization.


Traditional Memorial Day will soon be upon us. I would like to encourage all Brothers & Camps to actively participate in Memorial Day observances in your local communities "Keeping Green the Memory" of our Civil War ancestors and those now departed, that have safeguarded our Nations freedom.

In closing I would like to thank all those Department & Camp elected and appointed officers, who devoted so much of their time during the past year to the Department and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty:

Paul D. Arnold, PCC  
Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:  
Dennis Fyke  
Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Orders #1  Series 2013 – 2014  
Paul Davis, Commander, PCC, MOIUS, SVK  
Headquarters, Saginaw, MI  
5 May 2013

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Headquarters for the Department is hereby transferred to 535 Mayflower Drive, Saginaw, Michigan 48638. General correspondence to the Department should be sent to the Secretary for the Department of Michigan, George Boller, Suite 7, 17199 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48152, or Emailed to: [RELOB@Prodigy.net](mailto:RELOB@Prodigy.net). Correspondence to the Department Commander should be sent to: Paul Davis, P.O. Box 6517, Saginaw, Michigan 48608, or Emailed to: [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com).
3. We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude of the Department to all of the outgoing officers who served the Department so well and so faithfully over the last term. To Past Department Commander David Arnold, thank you for your service to the Department and the Order.
4. We offer the thanks of the Department to all those brothers filling elected and appointed offices for the 2013-2014 term as well as all of those who are currently serving the Order on committees.
5. The Department also extends our appreciation and gratitude to the Allied Orders including the Auxiliary To The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Womens Relief Corps for their efforts in hosting the 124th Encampment of The Allied Orders. We thank C in C Perley Mellor who took time out of an incredibly busy travel schedule to be with us at the Encampment and install our officers for the 2013-2014 term. Finally, we thank all the brothers of this Department who took the time and trouble to attend the 124<sup>th</sup> Department Encampment, helping us to do the business of the Department. Brothers, decisions are made by those who attend and participate. Thank you for being there to help.
6. Having a current and correct Email address is essential for efficient communication within the Department. All Camps must have at least one person designated to receive Email messages from the Department. These communications include Department Orders, General Department Communication and the Messenger newsletter. If neither the Camp Commander nor the Camp Secretary has a valid Email, Camp Commanders will please designate one person within your Camp to receive Email communication from the Department. Please inform the Department Secretary as to the person so designated.
7. In his report to the Encampment, the Department Monuments Officer expressed serious concern as to the minimal number of Forms 61 he has received during the past year. He further stated that he believed that many of the Camps within the Department have identified and/or photographed Civil War monuments within their jurisdictions. Please support our Department Monuments Officer by making it a priority within your Camp to identify and report Civil War Monuments using the Form 61 designated for that purpose.
8. Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 27th this year. The actual date is May 30th. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green The Memory. If you can do an activity with Brothers from your camp, so much the better. If you are unable to do something with your Camp Brothers, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business honor him. Place a flag and flowers on the grave to honor that soldier. Memorial Day is a date central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to keep green the memory of those soldiers and sailors of 1861 to 1865.

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9. The National Encampment will be held this year in Brookfield/Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Site of the Encampment is the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield. Dates for the Encampment will be August 8th through 11th, 2013. Pre-registration materials are now available at <http://2013.suvcw-wi.org/>. The deadline for preregistration is July 31st 2013.

*In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty*

/s/  
Paul Davis  
Department Commander  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/  
George Boller  
Department Secretary  
Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

### **Junior Vice Commander**

*By Kevin Lindsey, PCC*

Brothers,

It is my honor to serve as the Department Junior Vice Commander again, and I thank the encampment for the chance. If any of the camp Junior Vice Commanders have questions or concerns I encourage them to contact me at [klindsey@comcast.net](mailto:klindsey@comcast.net).

As an aid to those who hold the position of JVC below is the job description from the National SUVCW page:

**Camp Junior Vice Commander.** The activities of the Camp Junior Vice Commander should include: (1) Contacting prospective Brothers whose names are supplied to the Camp by the Department Junior Vice Commander; (2) Supplying prospective Brothers with membership materials including two membership applications, a copy of a SUVCW organization descriptive leaflet, and an invitation to the next Camp meeting; (3) Keeping track of applicants' progress in completing membership applications; (4) Encouraging delinquent Brothers to remain in the Order; (5) Presiding at Camp meetings in the absence of both the Camp Commander and Senior Vice Camp Commander; (6) Carrying out other responsibilities delegated to the office by the Camp Bylaws, Camp and Camp Commander.

Finally I am in possession of the Department Membership Brochure's which are now available for distribution. This is a high quality, 2 sided color brochure, printed on 80 lb glossy paper at very reasonable low price. They are offered for sale in quantities of 100.

The cost is \$11.00 per hundred brochures, plus shipping. They are shrink-wrapped to assist with storage.

Shipping costs are;  
100 brochures = \$5.15  
300 brochures = \$9.50  
500 brochures = \$11.35

Orders and Payment should be sent to:  
Bruce Gosling  
20388 E. US, Hwy 12  
White Pigeon, Mi  
49099

### **Department Chaplain**

By Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn

I cannot begin this report without first offering a prayer of thanks for the ministry given to the Department over the past 15 years by our brother, Bill McAfee. His help and counsel to me during the past winter prepared me for this position. Many thanks, Bill!

I was honored by the Greene family with the privilege of conducting his funeral service. Past Department Chaplain, Bill McAfee read the Scripture Readings for the Service. Department Commander Paul Davis spoke eloquently at the funeral on behalf of the Department, along with several other Past Department Commanders.

It was a fine tribute to a beloved brother.

I will continue my report under the "Taps" section of this newsletter.

### **Patriotically Speaking**

by Gary A. Granger, Department Officer

*It's June 1, 2013 and I've already attended the Annual SUVCW Department of Michigan Encampment followed by two Memorial Day parades, two Memorial Day ceremonies and the Alma Highland Festival ... this next week I will be with members of the SUVCW Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 at the annual Curwood Festival. For many years we have set up a couple of Civil War Tents and handed out brochures and information about the SUVCW while enjoying a spot that overlooks the Shiawassee River.*

*This spring I've also been assisting my wife with the military monuments on the lawn of our historic county courthouse with the help of Shiawassee County Building and Grounds Superintendent Phil Heavilin.*

*More than 15 years ago the SUVCW Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 and the DUVCW Juliette Stevens Tent 14 began tending two Shiawassee County G.A.R. monuments -- one in Owosso, Michigan and the other in Corunna dedicated to ALL Shiawassee County G.A.R. Camps. Also on the lawn was the county Vietnam monument and a few years after we started tending the monuments a county-wide monument was added to honor the county's Korean War veterans.*

*At my home I try to fly the United States Flag whenever tornadoes aren't threatening.*

*Members of the Wallace Camp 160 have participated in various community events -- sometimes it is just one member, other times more.*

*I know this sounds like I'm "tooting the horn" of the Camp I belong to and myself ... maybe I am ... just a little.*

*My point is that it doesn't take a large, grand gesture to be patriotic. It does take patriotic people to participate in events and be a representative for the SUVCW ... even if it is ONE person from the Camp giving a talk about the Civil War or attending a parade and simply standing up when the United States Flag passes by and saluting it or placing your hand over your heart.*

*Patriotism begins in your heart and then goes out into your local community, your county and into your state. It can be as small as putting a lapel pin of the U.S. Flag on your everyday jacket.*

*This year as we begin the summer with all of it's events, re-enactments, activities and holidays ... let us all be that ONE person who shows their patriotism.*

## TAPS

By Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn - Chaplain Department of Michigan

*I regret to inform you of the death of three brothers in the Michigan SUVCW. They are:*

**Charles T. "Chuck" Heffer** was a World War II veteran, who was born in Rochester, NY, on January 9, 1924. His Civil War ancestor was a great uncle who was killed at 2nd Bull Run. Brother Heffer died at Traverse City at the age of 89 years and has been cremated. There is no family to contact, so any condolences may be sent to Robert Finch Camp #14. I can find no obituary for Brother Heffer.

**William P. "Bill" Watson II** was a U.S. Army veteran, serving his country from 1959-1962. He was born in Dearborn, MI. on July 15, 1940. His Civil War ancestor was a Great-great Uncle, Private Lemuel F. Smith, Co. G, 3rd MI Inf., and Co. F, 5th MI, Inf. Brother Watson died in Traverse City, MI. at the age of 72 years, leaving behind his wife, Lynne, and three children; Scott, Stephanie, and Michelle. Condolences can be sent to Lynne's home, 10460 S. Leelanau Way, Traverse City, MI. 49684, and to Robert Finch Camp #14.

**James Richard (Rick) Greene**, age 66 of Mayville, MI passed away Saturday, May 18, 2013 at home with his family. Funeral services will be 11 AM Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at the Mayville United Methodist Church with Pastor Charles Buckhahn officiating. Family will receive visitors 3-8 PM Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the Avram Funeral Home in Mayville, MI and from 10 AM until time of service Wednesday at the Church. Interment will be at the Watertown Township Cemetery, grave side honors will be conducted by The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Suggested memorials to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Rick was born December 31, 1946 to James Reber and Kathryn (Heusted) Greene. He was a graduate of Mayville High School and attended two years of college. He married Karen Morse on November 12, 1982 in Goodison, Mi. Rick was a Past Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, and a member the Mayville Museum. He loved antique tractors, Civil War reenactments, and working on his farm. Richard is survived by his wife: Karen, one daughter: Meagan (Anthony) Lyle of Mayville, MI, three grandchildren: Morgan, Matthew, and Noah. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may share an on-line condolence at [www.avramfuneralhome.com](http://www.avramfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Avram Funeral Home, 6028 Lincoln St., PO Box 130, Mayville, MI 48744. Telephone 989-843-5441



*The Department of Michigan delegation at the Greene Funeral*



## Guideline for Transport and Use of Department Flag Event/Battle Streamers

Submitted by Lloyd Lamphere, Jr.

**Purpose:** The Department Event/Battle Streamers are irreplaceable. Consequently, the purpose of the guideline for use and transportation of the Department Event/Battle Streamers is to ensure that they continued to be displayed as much as possible, but at the same time reasonable care is taken ensured their maintenance for many years.

**Procedure:** *Do Not:*

1. Roll the battle streamers up into the flag
2. Wad up the battle streamers
3. Fold the battle streamers
4. Put the battle streamers into any type of case for transport
5. Lay the battle streamers down in the vehicle
6. Put the battle streamers on the flag on if there is a chance of rain/snow/high winds (outside use of the Department flag).

*Do:*

1. Hang the metal ring holding the battle streamers on the Department hanger and hang it up in your vehicle when transporting the flag to events.
2. Hang the metal ring holding the battle streamers on the Department hanger and hang it up in a closet when the Department flag is being stored in between events.
3. *Only if needed*, periodically iron wrinkled battle streamers (use a protective cloth over the streamer and use light heat).

I purchased a ring for streamers for our Camp flag at [paradestore.com](http://paradestore.com) for \$29.95 plus S&H.

Date Adopted, May 4, 2013

### 2013 Department Encampment



## General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2

*Submitted by Bruce Miller, PCC, SVC*

The brothers of General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 had a busy and fulfilling Memorial Day 2013. The City of Birmingham is home to the Oakland County Civil War monument and the camp is an active participant in that city's Memorial Day Service. The SUVCW was highly visible with Commander Bill Nash's address on the origins of the day and his introduction of our special guest, President Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln (portrayed by Fred Priebe) enthralled the crowd with the history behind the Gettysburg Address whose 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary we commemorate this year. As always, the camp placed a wreath at the Civil War monument in addition to serving as President Lincoln's escort.



At the conclusion of the service the camp moved to historic Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac and the grave site of namesake General Richardson. The memorial service was highlighted by the stirring biography of the general delivered by Brother Kevin Lindsey, taps played by Brother Jack Haus and the placing of appropriate floral tributes.

Memorial Day 2013 was our duty and honor and we had fun doing it.

## More 2013 Department Encampment



### **Henry E. Plant Camp 3**

*Submitted by Daniel Grable, Secretary/Treasurer*

Following the rough winter of 2013 the Henry E. Plant Camp #3 started planning for their activities in the up and coming months and participated in several activities.

At our April meeting we had in attendance our new old member Joseph Scott Payne II. Scott Payne was a member of our camp from September 2003 - April 2004. He was reinstated as a current member of our camp. His membership Civil War ancestor is Corporal Joseph H. Little of Company B, 83rd Pennsylvania Infantry, who fought in the battle of Gettysburg among other battles. Brother Scott Payne is a retired newspaper reporter from Norton Shores, Michigan

In May four of our brothers gave a general talk on the Civil War to the two 7th grade history classes of Wailand Groenendyk. at the Grand Haven Christian School. Brother Daniel Grable gave a short explanation of the Grand Army of the Republic and the reason for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He also introduced his fellow presenters. Commander Richard Scott started out by comparing the bloodiest day in the Civil War which occurred 150 years ago in 1863 at Antietam on the same date as the camp's school. Clifford Owen covered the causes and the legal compromises from the time of President Andrew Jackson and Vice President John C. Calhoun to the firing on Fort Sumter.

Then we entertained the students by having Donald Ogden showing a few items from his Civil War collection. He started out by showing the two major flags of the Confederacy - the National Stars and Bars and the famous Confederate battle flag of the crossed bars of stars. He showed a sample confederate uniform and a sample Union uniform and mentioning the emblems representing the branch of the army found on the kepi. This he followed by showing some real Confederate money and a Confederate War Bond. He ended his presentation by showing some personal Union items such as a tin cup and plate, a knife fork and spoon kit, a collapsible cup, a shaving kit, a housewife kit, a deck of cards, and a New Testament. The Camp's presentation was ended by Brother Owen talking about the number and causes of the casualties during the Civil War.

On Memorial Day weekend this year Grable attended the Memorial Worship service sponsored by the Grand Haven Memorial Day Association. It was held at the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven on Memorial Sunday Evening. Rev. John Kenny of the church, a veteran military Chaplin, preached on "The Responsibility of Freedom" based on 1 Peter 2:16. Rev. Kenny explained the rights of Peter's and Jesus' freedom and how it applies to our country.

On Memorial Day the camp participated in the Spring Lake Parade and Ceremonies. The Camp was the Honor Guard for the day. We marched at the front of the parade carrying our National and Camp flags behind the local police car and the American Legion Riders motor cycle group. The parade went from downtown Spring Lake to the Spring Lake cemetery north of the village.

During the ceremonies coordinated by the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee at the Spring Lake Cemetery the camp posted the camp's flags on the speaker's platform following the welcoming and introducing of the Grand Marshall Robert Twa. Later Camp Asst. Chaplin John Baldus read GAR Commander-in-Chief Gen. Logan's order #11 which started Memorial Day in 1868. Then Grable officially placed the memorial wreath on the speaker's platform in honor of the deceased veterans

Following the reading of the list of the local veterans who died during the last year the camp's Honor Guard of Baldus, Donald Ogden, Jonathan Scott and commander Scott fired the gun salute. This was followed with taps played by trumpeters from the Spring Lake High School Marching Band.

Grable then raised the Cemetery's American and POW flags from half-mast to full mast.

After the ceremonies the camp held their annual Anniversary Picnic for our brothers and their family members. It was held in the nearby Central Park We had seven brothers and family members who enjoyed our good food and camaraderie.

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Also we had members of our Camp participating in other local ceremonies. In Fruitport PCC Max Riekse (Past Commander of Fruitport VFW Polar Bear Post 3734) and Jr. Member of our camp and Cub Scout Richard Riekse participated in the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Memorial Day Parade.

In the Whitehall area local Brother Irvin Holgreve participated in the local Memorial Day ceremonies.

In June and July the Henry E. Plant Camp #3 will be very busy. In June the camp will be conducting a presentation during the Spring Lake Heritage Festival on the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and its local connections with veterans from the Northwest Ottawa County area, Camp Brothers ancestors that fought in the Battle of Gettysburg, and memories of our brothers that appeared as re-enactors in Ted Turner's film entitled "Gettysburg".

In July the camp will participate in the City of Ferrysburg's Fourth of July Parade. The camp will have four uniformed brothers participating in a program conducted by the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and the Louitt District Library (of Grand Haven). We will also be holding our July Camp Meeting in the City of Holland.

This May our camp celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the formation and initiation of our camp. We were initiated into existence by the then Department of Michigan Commander James Pahl who would later become Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. Pahl was assisted by PDC Keith Harrison who would also become Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW and MOLLUS and James T. Lyons who served as the first ever Executive Director of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Also involved in our initiation were two Brothers who would become future Department of Michigan Commanders. They were J. Douglas Park and PDC Gary L. Gibson. We currently still have two of our original eight Charter members active in our camp. The Charter Members still active in our camp are John C. Baldus and Max J. Riekse. We also had one Charter Member Paul M. MacDonald who was very active in our camp until he departed in January 2010.

### **Austin Blair Camp 7**

*Submitted by Bob Griggs, PCC*



The Austin Blair Camp has been very busy since the last *Messenger* was released. At our regular meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April Past Commander in Chief Keith Harrison, visited our meeting to give instruction on presenting the Colors and working as a Color Guard. Many thanks to PCinC Harrison for his time and assistance in this.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of May found members of the camp at the 124<sup>th</sup> Department of Michigan Encampment. To the right Camp members with CinC Perley E. Mellor. Two members of the Austin Blair Camp now hold Department positions.

Brother Chris Cox (second from left) was again appointed Department Guard, and Brother Bob Griggs (middle) was elected to the Department Council. Rounding out the picture are Brothers Roger Manning, and Commander Howard Lloyd.



The 18<sup>th</sup> of May found Camp members setting up camp at the Historical Grosvenor House in Joneville.

During the day members of the camp talked to many people about the life of Civil War soldiers and had on display many articles of the equipment they would have had to use. We also put on firing demonstrations and had a plate of hardtack for the visitors to try if they wished.

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The 21<sup>st</sup> of May found Camp and Auxiliary members at the Paragon Charter Academy in Jackson for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Day. Many displays and stations were set up for the students to view and ask questions about life during the Civil War. (At left our Union and Confederate troops, right; Ladies of the Auxiliary set up for the students to make period rag dolls.)



Memorial Day weekend found our members remembering the "Boys in Blue" in many different locations. Throughout the weekend members of Camp No. 7 were at Greenfield Village for the Living History event held there. On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> in Lansing assisting Camp 17 with their Memorial Day Event by falling in with them and firing a volley at the Civil War Monument in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial Day found our members and members of the Auxiliary splitting forces and marching in two different parades. One in Jackson, the other in Concord, once again spending the day set aside for our ancestors honoring their memories and the sacrifices they made. (above left; members of our Camp along with members of Camp No. 17 firing a volley, above right; members of our Camp at the Civil War monument in Concord.)

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**Alexander Finch Camp 14**

**April to June 2013**

*Submitted by Wm. E. Skillman ~ Signals ~*

As of June 1, 2013; Camp 14's roster shows 41 Brothers present; 35 are Members and 6 are Associates.

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of two faithful Brothers. Camp Treasurer Bill Watson on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Charles "Chuck" Heffer on May 27<sup>th</sup>, please see further information about these Brothers in the Taps Section of this newsletter – ed.

Emily Breaugh arranged a tour of Michigan's Civil War battle flags for Brothers and sisters attending the Dept. Encampment in Lansing. Host Matt Van Acker brought forth tattered and stained treasures most of us had never seen before. Skip Bryant, Judy Jenkins and Lisa Smith (23<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry), John Lantzer (27<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry), Dale Aurand (9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry) had the opportunity to examine up close the standards their ancestors fought under.



Matt Van Acker with the remains of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Sharpshooter flag



Skip Bryant, Judy Jenkins and Lisa Smith view the battle flag 23<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry



John Lantzer & wife view the 27<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry's flag, with Chris Czopek, Emily Breaugh and Dan Wambaugh



Dept SVC Aurand examines the 9<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry his great-great grandfather's regiment

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Eight Camp 14 Officers and Brothers participated in the 124<sup>th</sup> (or the 129th or the 130<sup>th</sup> - depending on who was counting) Encampment in Lansing. Brother Gary Gibson made this startling revelation during the proceedings that led to a scramble to account for the nearly 6 year difference. Brother Dale Aurand was elected as Department Senior Vice Commander and Tom Jenkins to Department Council. Congratulations, Brothers!

During our May meeting, Eagle Scout Coordinator Jeff Morse apologized for his absence in March. Jeff is a former Eagle Scout, a past Scout Coordinator, and has a son, two brothers and two nephews who are also Eagle Scouts. Five years ago Jeff created a service project for adult Eagle Scout leaders so their scouts could attend the TBA Career Tech School and be introduced to career opportunities and earn merit badges. That year 75 scouts from around the region participated; earning merit badges in electronics, cooking and other trades. Since then 1100 Scouts have completed the program with 3000 merit badges being awarded. This year, Jeff arranged for every Eagle Scout to receive a Certificate during the annual Scout Recognition Dinner. Jeff's 'be prepared' instincts came in handy when he prepared an additional 25 certificates 'just in case'. It turned out that Jeff needed exactly 100 certificates to hand out to the Eagle Scouts in attendance. Brother Joe Conger was also in attendance.

Camp 14 salutes the work of Memorials Officer, Gerry Grieve. Gerry created a Memorials page on the Camp website that is filled with photographs of the various War memorials he has personally researched throughout Northern Michigan. He lists communities, a brief description of the Memorial and a photo. The link to Gerry's fine work can be found under "Memorials" at <http://www.robertfinch14.org/>. Thank you, Brother Gerry!

Camp 14 welcomed Mr. Lou Youk of the Benzie Historical Society in preparation for the 'GAR Days' celebration at the Benzonia Cemetery. Mr. Lawton described the founding of Benzie County by Congregationalists who immigrated from Oberlin, Ohio (home of the progressive and Abolitionist College). Union veterans who had supported emancipation were drawn to the community after the War. During the 1880-90's the community observed 'GAR' days when children went to the cemetery to place lilacs on the graves of veterans. One of the youngsters listening to the old veterans describing their War time adventures was future author, Bruce Catton.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Camp 14 and Frances Finch Auxiliary presented a dedication service for the Benzie Area Historical Society for their G. A.R. Day on May 25th. Among the 100 guests was the niece of author, Bruce Catton, whose grave lies near the GAR monument where the ceremony took place. Following the ceremony visitors clustered around the Brothers and Sisters to express their appreciation for the touching tribute to honor the veterans of Benzie County.



Front rank (l to r) G. Grieve, D. Hinkley, J. Ribby, CC G. Goodrich. Rear Rank: S. Bryant, D. Hurlburt, bugler, N. Breaugh, A. Bonecutter, J. Sawyer, B. Hanusik, D. Aurand, D. Smith, Judy Jenkins, Lisa Smith, J. Lantzer, T. Jenkins

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On Memorial Day, Robert Finch Camp 14 and Frances Finch Auxiliary participated in a number of observances throughout Michigan:

- DSVC Dale Aurand; Columbiaville Michigan
- PCC Neal Breauth; Leelanau County (celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) Veterans Park
- Sec/GRO Tom Jenkins and Auxiliary VP Judy Jenkins; Williamsburg's Circle Hill Cemetery.
- In Lake Ann, Brother Jim Morse, the Battle of Gettysburg and veteran Reuben Stetson (of 164th New York infantry) who is buried there.

SVC Bryant invited the Farrier family to attend the Elk Rapids Memorial Day festivities and watch their fourteen year old son, Ben, participate with Skip in the parade, roll call and rifle squad. This year marked the first time a voice answered; "Here Sir", for the three dozen Civil War veterans buried in the Elk Rapids cemetery. It was inspiring experience for Ben to stand shoulder to shoulder with veterans of other wars. At the close of the ceremonies the officiating Marine Sergeant shook Ben's hand and said "Thanks for joining us today. I hope you're coming back next year."

Brother John Dyle represented Camp 14 for Boyne City's Memorial Day ceremony. John (with wife, Julie) and Chris Skillman (arriving in the 'nick of time' to join the parade after a 250 mile drive from Greenfield Village's Civil War Remembrance Weekend) joined the American Legion Honor Guard marching through downtown to the Veteran's Park by the waterfront. Master of Ceremonies, Dean Kleinhert announced John and Chris were present to represent the Sons and Boyne City's Civil War veterans. Sgt. Fred Leyh invited the two to join the Legion's Rifle Squad to fire three volleys (positioning them upwind so his detail "could get a good whiff of black powder") before 'Taps' closed the ceremony. John and Chris cheerfully answered questions of veterans, visitors and citizens; posed for photos and agreed to be back for Veterans Day.



Ben Farrier at the Elk Rapids Memorial Day Observances



John Dyle and Chris Skillman at Boyne City

CC George Goodrich, (who served with Camp 14 and Battery D, First Michigan Light Artillery), was in Benzie on Saturday; in Honor on Sunday; and Ludington on Memorial Day. George finished his report with a weary: "It's been a busy three days!"



**U.S. Grant Camp 67**

*Submitted by Charlie Buckhahn, CC*



The Brothers of U.S. Grant Camp 67 have had a busy couple of months. On May 18, they performed a Memorial Service for two Civil War Soldiers in the Arenac Cemetery in Standish, Michigan. Henry Serens was a Private in Company B of the 29<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry and John J. Caton was a Private in Company E of the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Cavalry. Several family members were in attendance for the ceremony and placing of the headstones on the previously unmarked graves.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, several members of the Grant Camp participated in the Memorial and Burial Services in Mayville, Michigan for Past Department Commander Richard Greene. Approximately 23 Brothers from several Camps participated in the Rituals honoring and in remembrance of Brother Greene.

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Brothers of Grant Camp participated in services at Greenfield Village and the Hollenbeck Cemetery. Brothers from Grant and Crapo Camps combined in this effort.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, despite torrential rains, severe hail and 60 mile per hour winds, the Brothers of Grant Camp traveled to Elmwood Cemetery in Bay City, Michigan and managed to perform a Memorial Service for General Benjamin Franklin Partridge.



Pictured are Grant Camp Brothers from left to right: Bob Boquette, Department Commander Paul Davis, Jack Frost, Len McInerney, Jonathon McInerney, and Jim Petrimoulx.

## Gov. Crapo Camp 145

Submitted by David Wallace, PCC



The Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp responded to a request for assistance to purchase flags for 300 Civil War veterans' graves in historic Glenwood Cemetery in Flint. A donation was made by the Camp in memory of Brother Rick Greene, PDC, who passed away earlier in May. "We felt it was a fitting tribute to Rick to be able to assist in 'Keeping Green the Memory'," commented Camp Commander Dean Lamphere. Glenwood Cemetery was established in 1857, two years after Flint became a city. Glenwood Cemetery was listed on the Michigan State Register of Historic Places in 1988 and the National Register of Historic Places in 2010. Several prominent Civil War veterans are buried there, including BG William Hawley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Col. William Fenton, 8<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Col. T.W.B. Stockton, 16<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, and Col. William McCreery, 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry. All were Comrades of the Gov. Crapo Post No. 145 of Flint. Henry H. Crapo, 14th Michigan Governor (1865-1868) is buried in Glenwood Cemetery. LTC George Deas, CSA, Inspector General and staff officer with Robert E. Lee and Samuel Cooper, is also buried in Glenwood. He was the brother-in-law of Gen. James Longstreet, CSA. Longstreet was a nephew of Col. Stockton and a frequent post war visitor to Flint. The photo shows the oldest Civil War memorial in Flint, dedicated in 1866 to the memory of the soldiers who did not return. The GAR flag holder was placed by the Gov. Crapo Post No. 145 of Flint. PDC Greene would be pleased.

The Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 of Flint concluded a busy week of ceremonies in Columbiaville and Flushing with a May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony at Aventine Cemetery in Flint. Also participating were members of the Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861 – 1865, and the Junior ROTC Color Guard from Flint Northwestern High School. Commander Dean Lamphere conducted the ceremony including a reading of General Orders No. 11 (Series 1868) and General Orders No. 15 (Series 1882). At the conclusion of the ceremony, the participants placed flowers on all veterans' graves. Aventine Cemetery has been a special project of the Gov. Crapo Camp since the Camp was chartered in 1992.

Abandoned in 1959 when its trust fund was depleted, several volunteer groups have helped maintain Aventine Cemetery. The Gov. Crapo Camp has been a

spearhead in organizing maintenance since 1993. The Camp has also investigated, documented and obtained headstones for many unmarked veterans' graves under the supervision of Graves Registration Officer, Matt Adair. Pictured in the photo, Camp members PDC Don Shaw, Neal Zabicki, Commander Dean Lamphere, Lloyd Lamphere and Gene Taylor review their cemetery maps to ensure all veterans' graves have been marked with a flag for Memorial Day.



***From our Sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865***

*Submitted by Department of Michigan Press Correspondent Wenda Fore*

At the DUVCW Convention held in Lansing, MI on May 4, 2013, the Marie Robinson Award for the tent with the most new members in 2012 was presented to Eva Gray Tent No. 2 President Bethany Hoover by Department Secretary Cynthia VanAntwerp. Tent 2 received five new members in 2012.



A Memorial Service was held at the convention for Past President Sandra Longpre who passed away in June 2012 along with her husband and two grandchildren in an auto accident in Indiana. Department Chaplain Bethany Hoover brought eight red and white roses to commemorate the number of years that Sandie (as she was best known) was involved with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. Although living in Mancelona, she served in the capacity of Department Treasurer, and was a member of both Tent 14, and Tent 59. She attended the Department and National Conventions where she served on various committees. Those who knew her best spoke of the many memories they had in working with Sandie over the years. Memorial gifts totaling over \$1,000 will be sent to the National Organization for the purchase of items for the Library.

Outgoing President Carol Santini who so gracefully completed the term of Department President in place of Sandie Longpre was presented with gifts from the tents. One special gift was a commemorative plate from the Michigan Department Centennial Anniversary Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans, June 1884 – June 1984 in Clare, Michigan where she resides. This was such a pleasant surprise. We give our sincere thanks to Carol for stepping into this position.



**Lincoln Tomb Ceremony in Springfield Illinois on April 13th, 2013.**

*Submitted by Paul Arnold, PCC, PDC*



Group photo of those involved from the Dept of Michigan

14th MI SVR



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Cin C Mellor at the B.F. Stephenson service

## Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427

By Jerry Jacobs, Secretary

Camp 427 has recently been honored in several ways. At the Department Encampment, it was recognized with the Gov. Austin Blair Membership Award for initiating the most new Brothers in the Department in the year 2013. Commander Danes was awarded the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award for his work as Chairman of the Department Graves Registration Committee and as editor of *Michigan's Messenger*. George Boller was elected as Department Secretary, replacing Brother Dennis Fyke, and Commander Danes and Eagle Scout Coordinator Jerry Olson, PCC were recognized for their work in 2013 and re-appointed to their positions for the 2013 – 2014 term.

In March the Camp awarded its first ROTC Award to Cadet Mason Mullins of Romulus and established a Camp committee for future awards headed by Jerry Radloff.

The Memorial Day Parade in Saint Clair Shores for which the Camp received the award for the "Best Color Guard" was attended by Bruce Miller, PCC of Camp 2, and Camp 427 members Danes, John McGill, Ed "Abe" Binkley, Jerry Jacobs, and Ken Roberts.



The Camp marched in the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade, attended by Danes, John McGill, Ed "Abe" Binkley, Jerry Jacobs, Aaron Schrader, Jon Reed, Rich Bower, Jerry Olson, and Ken Roberts. and held a Decoration Day Ceremony at the historic "Detroit Arsenal at Dearbornville" Commandant's Quarters on May 30.

*Editor's Note: Why Michigan's Messenger is now distributed electronically:*

In 2005 the Department was faced with rising printing and mailing costs for the nationally recognized Michigan's Messenger. Very few options were available to Department Officers, so the issue was put on the floor at the Department Encampment.

The Members voted to publish Michigan's Messenger in an electronic format, with each edition being forwarded to one person in each Camp (thereafter called a Camp Signals Officer), who would then distribute the newsletter to Camp Members.

As a result of this action by the Membership, dues have not been raised.

**I believe that the Camps have the responsibility to report changes, so that we can continue to serve you, you must provide me with a current contact for electronic mailing.**

I have tried to include every article that was sent to me prior to publication, so that all future issues will be timely. I welcome all constructive suggestions, and encourage all of you to submit relative news about your committees, your Camps, and your ancestors. This is your newsletter, and its success depends on you. Rick Danes, Editor [mimessrd@aol.com](mailto:mimessrd@aol.com).

## Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Your Department Graves Registration Committee met on June 8 at the State Archives. Attending that meeting were members Chris Czopek – At Large, Dick Williams – Camp 58, Dick Hutchins – Camp 120, Gary Copenhaver – Camp 17, Jim Petrimoulx – Camp 67, Charles Waters – Camp 7, Tom Bruce – Camp 20, and myself for Camp 427. Our database now has 62,046 Civil War burials and 3,456 Other War records. We discussed the current VA direction on ordering headstones, and concurred that the ruling would probably not be rescinded, so now what?

We re-hashed the ideas of 1) Creating a low-cost design (maybe home-made) for a “temporary marker” so that if we cannot find a descendent, we can manufacture and perhaps get a plastic attachment that states the man’s name and regiment; and 2) at the suggestion of George Wilkinson, a 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry historian, we will partner with Alan Teelander, who has offered his Faded Footsteps site to list known burials of soldiers who do not have grave markers, and ask the public for a descendent to step forward aiding our task in marking the grave (we will also try and list these man on Find a Grave for the same purpose). If anyone has an idea about a “temporary grave marker” or resources for the same, let me know. A recent article by Katheryn Jorgensen in the May 2013 Civil War News states that “Steve L. Munro, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs (VA) told the House Veterans Affairs on April 10 that current Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 38.632) – Headstone and Marker Application Process – appeared to be too restrictive. He said his agency is willing to do some rewrites and make it ‘more user friendly’.” These comments were prompted by New jersey Congressman Jon Runyan and were prompted by the Department of Ohio SUCVW. More to come.

We have many headstone dedications scheduled for the summer – attend as many as you can to honor our passed heros.

Good luck, and stay safe!

### Another Editor’s Note:

**In order that we maintain the high level of excellence that we have set for this publication, it is important for each of you to become owners of this effort.**

**To that end, some helpful hints are: make sure that your articles are submitted on time – that is before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month that Michigan’s Messenger is due for publication (I just received 2 articles today that did not make this edition); in order that each Camp has equal opportunity to have their information published, please limit your submissions to two pages including photos; do not use exotic photo programs, .pdf or .jpg works just fine, and do not use “editor” programs, a simple word program is good.**

**We have been very fortunate to have such dedicated brothers that keeps this effort fresh, and that effort is evident by the recognition that we have received by the National Organization. In advance, thank you for your continued help in making this a multiple-award winning publication.**

**Rick**