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Commander's Comments

By Paul Davis, DC, PCC, MOLLUS, SVR



After traveling many snow and ice covered roadways, we are pleased to report that the Installation of Officers for the Camps within the Department, with one exception, have been completed. Inclement weather caused the postponement of just one Camp. My thanks to all Department Officers who assisted with Officer Installations. Camp Secretaries are reminded that in addition to the Form 22, you are also required to submit the Form 22MI for website updates and authorization to publish brothers' Email and contact information on the Department Website. The Form 22MI also designates a Brother from each Camp who can receive and distribute the *Messenger* to all brothers in his Camp. Department Secretary reports that there are a number of Forms 22MI that have not been submitted.

Other than snow removal, it is obvious that many of our Camps are extremely busy with a variety of activities keeping green the memory of our Civil War ancestors and once the snow dissipates, activities will surely be on the increase.

The 58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony is scheduled for April 12, 2014. It is held in Springfield, Illinois and the Department of Michigan will be represented during the wreath laying ceremony as well as by several members of the 14th Michigan Co. A, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Also, we are approaching the time for our 2014 Department Encampment. The Encampment will be held on May 10, 2014 at the Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 W. Willow Highway in Lansing, Michigan. Look for Registration Forms and further details in this issue of the *Messenger*.

As we look out the window, it is difficult to think of what 90 degree temperature might be like in Atlanta, Georgia in August. On August 14 –17, we will be "Marching Through Georgia," the site of the 2014 National Encampment.

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Put this date on your calendar as it should be a great encampment. Registration information was included in the latest issue of the *Banner* and can also be obtained at: www.2014nationalencampment.com

Brother's holding elected Department Offices, Appointed or Committee positions are reminded that their written reports are required before the Department Encampment. Please have your reports written and submitted to the Department Secretary, George Boller, at: rellob@prodigy.net not later than April 1, 2014.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Brothers of Robert S. Finch Camp 14, Department of Michigan, who will celebrate their 100th Anniversary on March 26, 2014.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Senior Vice Commander

By Dale Aurand, PCC



Greetings....As you are aware the winter months can be a bit slow for SUVCW events, especially, here in Northern Michigan. I conducted the installation of the camp officers in Marquette, whose members are from across the Upper Peninsula. Camp 266 is very fortunate to be able to hold meetings in D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

Commander Davis indicated in his General Order the importance of keeping current the contact information. Up-to-date information is essential when contact between camps is required announcing programs, and inviting other units to individual camp events.

On a lighter note I wish to congratulate Robert Finch Camp 14 in Traverse City on it's 100th Anniversary, which they will be celebrating in March with a Centennial luncheon. Also congratulations to the Austin Blair Camp 7 in Jackson on their 100th Anniversary in April. These are the two oldest camps in Michigan.

I hope to see many of you at the Department Encampment in May.

Never too early to plan.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

Patriotically Speaking

by Gary A. Granger, Department Officer

A Friendly Reminder

No Patriotic Message for this newsletter except to remind everyone that the deadline for their Patriotic Instructor reports are due now.

Please mail them to: SUVCW PI, Gary Granger, PO Box 41, Corunna, MI 48817. Or telephone the report to: (989)494-4993. You may also leave a message and I will call you back. Or email your report to: hagranger@hotmail.com thank you.



Civil War Memorials Committee

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Department Officer



Although there isn't much visible evidence that work is being done on the Civil War memorials in Michigan, it is the goal of the Department Memorials Committee to change that before the Department Encampment in May.

As a start, I will work with Department Signals Officer to put an index of known memorials by County and City on the Department website. Where we have a photo, it will also be posted. As time goes on, more information will be added to this index.

The Department Memorials Committee will also be contacting each Camp Commander and Memorials Officer to generate some dialogue as to how we can help each Camp fulfill their responsibility to locate, assess, photograph and document each memorial in their territory.

I encourage you to take a look at these Department websites to see what we could do in the future with each of us working together.

Kansas: <http://www.kscwmonuments.com/>

Iowa: <http://www.iowacivilwarmonuments.com/locate.html>

Many of you will recall Brother/Dr. Weldon Petz and the work he did over the years in trying to locate and identify the Civil War memorials in Michigan. Shortly before his passing in 2011, he and I had discussed transferring his research to me but at that time, the Lord had other plans. Several years passed without any communication with the family until last fall when I received an email from his daughter offering to give me her father's research.

Over the course of several weekends, I was given over 2,700 photo slides, three boxes of photos, and 16 banker boxes of research papers. I have promised the family to use this material on the Department website as a continuing legacy to Dr. Petz.

The Grand Rapids Home for Veterans will also benefit from the generosity of Dr. Petz's son and daughter as they gave me 47 additional boxes of books, videos, and audio cassettes of Big Band music.

Please direct any questions, concerns, or ideas to me at: Bruce B. Butgereit
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*Candidates for elected Department Office can be found
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Graves Registration Committee

by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Your Department Graves Registration Committee will meet on March 8 at the State Archives. Future dates for meetings are June 14, September 13, and December 13. Our database now has 63,218 Civil War burials and 3,487 Other War records. We also discussed the current VA direction on ordering headstones.

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, SUVCW. More to come.



As we wait for spring to "spring" I hope that Camps are either making a plan to start surveying the cemeteries in their areas, or if the work was done in the past, reviewing what has been done. We are finding that work done as part of the Bi-Centennial was done by many well-wishing volunteers, but all they looked for was a military headstone or a flagholder. We correct and update almost as many records as we do input new ones each month.

An how about those Camps that have not submitted any or very few records from their areas? I can list them here in a future article if the Camps want, but in the meantime, let me know what your plan is to submit those records.

Good luck, and stay safe!

U.S. Grant Camp 67

Submitted by Charles Buckhahn, CC

U.S. Grant Camp Initiates Two New Brothers

During the Installation of Camp Officers, U.S. Grant Camp 67 initiated two new Brothers. Grant Camp welcomed Brothers Jerry L. Crow and Gary D. Dietrich to the Order.

During the same meeting, Dean Lamphere, Commander of the 14th Michigan Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve, awarded the coveted Unit Citation to several members of Grant Camp who are also members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. These included: Don Shaw, Bob Boquette, Duaine Phillips, Len McInerney, Jonathan McInerney, Paul Davis and Jack Frost.

Jack Frost receives the SVR Unit Citation from Dean Lamphere, Commander of the 14th Michigan Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve.



TAPS

Submitted by Charles Buckhahn, CC, Dept. Chaplain

Glen A. Barry, age 87, of Fostoria passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI. A Memorial Service for Glen was held on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 12 PM at the Fostoria United Methodist Church with Pastor Kay Leitelt officiating. Glen will be laid to rest next to his grandmother in Woodlawn Cemetery in Columbiaville, MI on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 10 AM with Military Honors being conducted by the Mayville VFW Post # 108842 and the Mayville American Legion Post #181. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children. Glen was born April 1, 1926 in Fostoria, MI, the son of the late Glen and Margaret (Forrest) Barry. Glen graduated from Columbiaville High School in 1943. Glen proudly served his country during World War II and the Korean War in the United States Air Force as a SSG. Glen retired as Captain of the City of Flint Fire Department after 26 years of dedicated service.

Verlin "Bert" C. Dillman April 2, 1932 - Dec. 19, 2013

It is with sadness that I inform the Camps of the Department of the passing of our brother Verlin C. "Bert" Dillman on December 19, 2013, in Niles, Michigan. Brother Dillman was a charter member of Frederick H. Hackeman Camp #85. He was the Camp's former Commander. His Civil War ancestor was his great-grand uncle, 2nd Lt. Daniel W. Masow of the 9th Cav., 121 Reg. Indiana Vol. His obituary is attached. Condolences can be sent to Rex Dillman at 302 Oaks Street, Buchanan, MI 49107. He is survived by his wife, Elda Dillman. . Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Bert's memory may do so to The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 85 of Berrien County, Michigan, in care of Chuck Pfauth, P.O. Box 223, Baroda, Michigan 49101; or Pet Refuge, 4626 S. Burnett Drive, South Bend, IN 46614; or to Grace United Methodist Church, 501 Grant St., Niles, MI 49120.

John Edward Dudd, 83, of Three Rivers, passed away on Dec. 20, 2013 surrounded by loving family. He was born May 6, 1930 in Three Rivers, the second son of Clarence Merton Dudd and Lillian Ruth (Shafer) Dudd. His early boyhood was spent on their farm on Corey Lake in Fabius Township as well as in Three Rivers. His mother, a Mayflower descendant, traces her family back to John and Priscilla (Mullins) Alden. He attended school in Three Rivers, beginning his lifelong interest in music in the marching band. He may have been the first Three Rivers student to attend the two-week University of Michigan All-State program at the National Music Camp at Interlochen. He was also an outstanding Boy Scout. In 1943, he received his Eagle Scout Award. While an active scout, he received a total of 44 merit badges and four palms. Later in life he returned to scouting as an adult, becoming especially active after retirement. He graduated from Three Rivers High School in 1948 and enrolled in the University of Michigan's School of Music. There, he received many honors and awards. As an undergraduate, he was elected to Phi Eta Sigma and Pi Kappa Lambda. He received his bachelor's degree in 1952 in music education. Donations may be directed to the Boy Scouts of American or the First Presbyterian Church (music fund).

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife of 60 years, Joan Dudd

Envelopes available at Hohner Funeral Home in care of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.hohnerfh.com.

“I do nothing in malice. What I deal with is too vast for malicious dealing.”

Abraham Lincoln to a Louisiana Unionist, 1864

Henry E. Plant Camp #3

Submitted by Daniel Grabel, Secretary-Treasurer

This winter the Henry E. Plant Camp #3 held their 14th annual Holiday Muster at Vic's Restaurant in Spring Lake. There were 8 Brothers and one Junior Member present with six of the brothers wives. Also in attendance was Michigan Department Commander Paul Davis and his wife. We had a display of Civil War related items brought by the brothers. Lots of good conversation took place with the very enjoyable dinner. During the Meeting we had the install of our 2014 officers present by Department Commander Davis. The officers included the following:

Commander	Richard Scott
Senior Vice Commander	Donald Ogden
Junior Vice Commander	John Baldus
Secretary	Daniel Grable
Treasurer	Daniel Grable
Camp Council	Jonathan Scott Clifford Owen Carl Holsinger
Camp Delegate	Max Riekse, PCC
Chaplin	Michael Boschert
Assistant Chaplin	John Baldus
Civil War Memorial and Monuments Officer	Richard Scott
Grave Registration Officer	
North	Irvin Holdgreve
South	Jonathan Scott
Guide	Jonathan Scott
Guard	Ronald Bellenger
Color Bearer	Ronald Bellenger
Counselor	Max Riekse
Eagle Scout Coordinator	Daniel Grable
Patriotic Instructor	Ronald Bellenger
Signals Officer	Daniel Grable
Genealogist	Clifford Owen
Historian	Clifford Owen

Meanwhile the Camp continues to work to get M 231 from the Nunica area to M 45 in Robinson Township in Ottawa County named after our Camp namesake Medal of Honor Recipient Henry E. Plant. We have decided to raise funds for the signs to be placed by the Michigan Department of Transportation on the highway. Letters of this decision were sent to local Representatives and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman hoping to get the bill HB 4011 moving in the committee. Also our Funding program plan is being worked on. We haven't yet started the official fund raising yet but we already have \$150 in the account. The camp hopes to get the bill passed before the highway's building is completed. in 2016.

The camp again decided to hold its meetings split between Grand Haven (Tri-Cities Historical Museum Ackley Building) and Holland (Freedom Village) with one meeting at the Lakeshore Museum Center in Muskegon, where our Brother John McGarry is Executive Director.

The Henry E. Plant Camp would like the brothers of the Michigan Department to pray for our Chaplin Michael Boschaert, who is to have surgery on his back and spine this winter and our Junior Commander and Assistant Chaplin John Baldus who has problem with his knees recently that he has been unable to attend Camp activities. We hope they get better soon.

Henry F. Wallace Camp #160

Submitted by Gary Granger, JVC



NEW OFFICERS -- The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 of Shiawassee County based in Corunna were recently sworn into office by Past Department of Michigan Commander David Paul Arnold (second from right). Gathered here from left are: Junior Vice-Commander Gary Granger, Senior Vice-Commander Leston Curtis, Treasurer Mike McMillan, Commander Max Newman, Arnold, Secretary David Hilliker. The SUVCW is a patriotic organization of descendants of Civil War soldiers, sailors and marines who fought during The Civil War 1861-1865. This year marks the 150th anniversary of that war. (Courtesy Photo)

Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427

For Jerry Jacobs, Secretary

Camp 427 remained active and healthy during the winter months, electing an incumbent slate of officers to serve the 2014-2015 term.

Several highlights come to mind, a presentation on Lincoln's Birthday for the Dearborn Heights Library, and our recognition at the Museum Guild of Dearborn's Volunteer Brunch.

Thanks to the efforts of SVC Jon Reed, we have completed ten years of monthly talks, and have a full complement of speakers lined up for our Camp meetings- April, Pauline Cushman Civil War Spy, and May, William Clements Library Civil War Artifacts.

This year, in addition to our normal activities, we will survey Holy Trinity Cemetery in Detroit, and perform a headstone dedication for Philip Wilking, Battery C, 1st Michigan Light Artillery at Woodmere Cemetery.

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.

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 1st of the month that Michigan's Messenger is due for publication; 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 keep 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**

***Future Michigan's Messenger Publications
Submittal Dates and Publication Dates***

Spring - March 1 for a March 15 Publication

Summer – June 1 for a June 15 Publication

Fall – September 1 for a September 15 Publication

Winter – December 1 for a December 15 Publication

Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at mimesrd@aol.com or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3204

ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME

Robert Finch Camp 14

January to March 2014

Submitted by W. E. Skillman ~ Signals ~

As of March 1st, 2014; Camp 14's roster shows 41 Brothers present; 35 are Members and 6 are Associates. Our March meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8th. Our guest speaker will be History Detective, Chris Czopek. The title of his presentation will be: "*The Adventures of Sgt. Morgan Dowling- A Michigan POW who escapes with the help of a Southern Belle.*"

Camp 14 would like to welcome new Brother James A. Ottevaere. Jim lives in Warrenton (Mosby country) Virginia but spends summers vacationing in the Grayling area. He discovered Camp 14 through the National web site. His ancestor was great-great grandfather John Logue who served in Co. C, 2nd PA Infantry; Co. K, 126th PA Infantry, and Co. K, 21st PA Cavalry. Jim has been a cavalry reenactor, appeared in the movie *Gettysburg* and assisted actor Sam Elliot select the correct uniform and accoutrements for his role as Gen. John Buford. Jim plans to attend the April 26 meeting when he can be formally inducted into the Camp. Welcome Brother Jim.

On December 16th a stalwart squad of Brothers participated in the *Wreathes across America* ceremony at Petoskey's Greenwood Cemetery. Despite slippery roads and temps barely hovering above 10 degrees; GRO Tom Jenkins, PCC Dale Aurand, Chaplain John Lantzer, and Brothers Jerry Grieve, Doug Hulbert, and John Dyle comprised the military honor guard to pay tribute to veterans (and their families/descendents) buried at Greenwood. Photographs of the event are on the link to Petoskey News and Review. http://www.petoskeynews.com/life/multimedia/wreaths-across-america/collection_316c089e-65a3-11e3-84cc-0019bb30f31a.html

Following the ceremony, we hiked through the deep snow to place wreathes at the Civil War monument, the GAR graves section and John Duvernay (one of the first Native Americans from Michigan to volunteer, and be accepted, for military service).

We were honored to host Dept. Commander Paul Davis during our January meeting. Dept Commander Davis installed the elected and appointed officers for 2014. They are:

Camp Commander	Skip Bryant
Senior Vice Commander	Dave Smith
Junior Vice Commander	Joe Conger
Council	Dale Aurand
	Bill Skillman
	Jan White
Secretary	Tom Jenkins
Treasurer	Ted Mattis

Commander Bryant's first official act was to recognize PCC George Goodrich by presenting him a plaque on behalf of Camp 14 Brothers in recognition of his 2 years service as Camp Commander.

In mid January, Brother Grieve and Sec. Tom Jenkins met with the Kalkaska VFW to coordinate the July grave re-dedication of Medal of Honor recipients Charles Thatcher and Charles Depuy of the First Michigan Sharpshooters for their actions at the Battle of the Crater (Petersburg, Virginia). The VFW voted unanimously to support the dedication. Dean Farrier along with Brother Grieve are working the city fathers of Kalkaska to make the event community wide.

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We received the following correspondence from Brother Alan Werdehoff, on duty with the Air Force: *I recently finished my tour on the Honor Guard and as the Funeral Trainer. I was 'coined' by our Air Base Wing Commander at our graduation. This means I am back on the flight line. I have also been selected as Wingman of the Year for D-Flight, 633d Logistics Readiness Squadron. I won an appointment to become the new Vice Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary unit in Virginia Beach. Unfortunately I will not be able to fulfill my new position as I will be deploying 'down range to the sand box' for the Air Force. Not the ideal place to spend your 21st birthday (I bet there will be fireworks, just not the kind most people like). Hope all is well and have a good spring and summer! This is most likely my last update to Camp 14 until I return. Camp 14 sent young Alan a Centennial Coin before he deployed overseas to keep with him on the front lines as a gesture of our support for his service and our wishes for his safe return.*

On February 10th we learned Brother Richard Garman of Petoskey had passed away on November 18, 2013. His daughter, Cynthia wrote Secretary Jenkins saying that Brother Garman passed peacefully with his children by his side. She added: *"Dad enjoyed his association with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. His grandfather was a Civil War veteran."* Brother Garman was 92 years old.

The February 16th edition of the Traverse City Record Eagle featured an extensive article about Camp 14's mission and activities written by Lorraine Anderson. The link to the article can be found: <http://www.record-eagle.com/features/x1196437243/Robert-Finch-Camp-No-14-keeps-Civil-War-memory-alive>



Wreathes across America: J. Johnson, W. Skillman, D. Hulbert, D. Aurand, J. Dyle, T. Jenkins, J. Lanzer

On March 26 Robert Finch Camp 14 will turn 100 years old. We hold the distinction of being the oldest SUVCW Camp in the Department of Michigan. In recognition of this historic milestone we are hosting a Centennial Celebration Luncheon at the Elks Lodge at 525 Bay Street in Traverse City. Tickets are \$18 per person. If you are interested in attending and want more information, please contact the Centennial Committee:

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The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can, and keep moving on.

Ulysses S. Grant



Department Flag Training Video

**Saturday, 8:30 AM
April 26, 2014**

The Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 will host a day of flag protocol training.

Proper use of the flag will be demonstrated by Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, Third Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Members of your Camp are invited to attend. You may wish to just share the camaraderie of fellow Brothers or maybe even participate. If you do attend, please bring your flags.

This training will be professionally recorded for producing a DVD. Areas covered in this DVD will include presentation of the flag during parades, headstone dedications and memorial programs. Other areas may include ceremonies included in our Ritual.

Coffee, water, and lunch will be provided.

The GRHV is located at 3000 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. The video will be recorded in the cemetery behind the Home as it provides a setting with roads, headstones, and a monument. Over 2,412 Civil War soldiers are buried in that cemetery. Parking is available behind the Home as well.

So that we can accommodate beverages and lunch, please contact me if you wish to attend. Please do so by April 19.

Questions? Please contact me: Bruce B. Butgereit civil-war@comcast.net

"HE WAS ALMOST A HERO"

By Chris Czopek

Sgt. William Rowe of the 9th Michigan Cavalry was a prisoner for over 15 months. Some would say that being captured and sent to Andersonville was the worst luck a soldier could have. Yet Sergeant Rowe came very close to being the luckiest of all soldiers - a celebrated hero, with his name and picture in history books. How close did he come? Here is the story:

General Burnside was besieged in Knoxville, Tennessee, and his communications were cut. An important dispatch from General Grant had to be taken there, which meant a dangerous journey through enemy lines. Two sergeants in the 9th Michigan Cavalry volunteered for the mission, and they traveled together. On a dark night they were discovered and chased. The two split up. William Rowe was captured and ended up in Andersonville.

He managed to survive 15 months of captivity and made it home alive.

It is easy to imagine that with a little luck, William Rowe might have evaded capture that night and shared the fate of his companion.

The other man, Cornelius Hadley, managed to get away and deliver the important dispatches. He became a celebrated hero, and was awarded the Medal of Honor! After the war he returned in triumph to his home town, Litchfield, Michigan. On his gravestone is a copy of his Medal of Honor.

William Rowe missed his share of glory. But he did get his name in a history book - You will find him mentioned in the Ransom Diary.



This image of the Medal of Honor is engraved on the granite gravestone of Cornelius Hadley.

If he had not been captured, William Rowe would also have received the Medal of Honor.

Newburgh, Indiana: First Northern town Occupied by Confederates

"The rebels have taken possession of Henderson, Ky., on the Ohio, below Evansville. They have also crossed the river and taken Newburg, Ind.; killed one of our men and taken 250 of our sick in hospital prisoners. They took 250 arms and destroyed the hospital stores. A boat has left Evansville with arms. I will send an extra train with artillery, arms, and infantry immediately.

***O.P. Morton
Governor***



Adam Rankin Johnson

150 years ago today, this was the strident message Oliver P. Morton, governor of Indiana sent to Secretary of War Edwin Stanton on July 18, 1862. Adam Rankin Johnson would be the first Confederate commander to occupy a Northern town and Newburg, Indiana would have the dubious distinction of being the first town occupied.

This rebel soldier, not long in command and at the head of between 30 and 60 men, (accounts vary as to the actual number of soldiers) accomplished what no other Confederate leader had done. Less than six months previous to this Johnson was but a private scouting for Nathan B. Forrest, then for John C. Breckenridge. Now a Captain, in what can only be described as a "band", self styled as the "Breckenridge Guards" he made manifest the fear of every state governor along the Ohio River. Invasion!

He did it through bluff, using two sets of old wagon wheels, a length of pipe, and a blackened log, resembling a section of artillery placed conspicuously on the south bank of the river. He threatened to shell the town if his demands were not met. The town surrendered. He and his men did make off with 250 stand of arms, powder, percussion caps, medical supplies, and food, carried south on a flatboat that made several trips.

Although this raid had no lasting material impact, Johnson did cause some panic along the Ohio River and beyond and gained his nickname; "STOVEPIPE". He and his troopers would become a thorn in the side of the Federal soldiers and government for most of the war. He would also have a price on his head from then on.

It may be trivial in import when stacked against grander raids as Morgan was then carrying on, or larger battles or more illustrious personages, but incidents like this are what makes this time period fascinating. It is a "Side Show to the Big Show" as Sam Watkins subtitled his memoir, "Company Aytch".

I wanted to add this little piece as a "Sesquicentennial Moment", for posterity so to speak and I plan a more in depth post on the raid soon.

* The spelling of Newburg in the body of this post reflects the common spelling of the towns name in the mid 1860's. The spelling in the title is how it is spelled today.

I have been up to see the Congress and they do not seem to be able to do anything except to eat peanuts and chew tobacco, while my army is starving.

Robert E. Lee

16th Michigan Infantry

Submitted by James B. Pahl, PCinC

(The account is based upon and quotes frequently from "Michigan in the War" compiled by J. Robertson, Adjutant General.)

*"Come for your country! For all dear things, come,
Come to the roll of the rallying drum!"*

This poem begins the story of the 16th Michigan in "Michigan in the War", the official reference to Michigan's participation in the Civil War

The 16th, originally known as "Stockton's Independent Regiment" was organized at Camp Backus, Detroit, under the direct authority of the Secretary of War and took to the field as such. The officers for some time were without commissions and it was finally determined, to make their status legal, to have commissions from the State of Michigan, which they received. At the same time, the regiment was re-designated the 16th Infantry.

The regiment, commanded by Colonel T.W.B. Stockton of Flint, left for the field in Virginia on the 16th of September, 1861, with a total of 761 officers and men on its rolls. Before it left, the ladies of Detroit, through Mrs. Charles H. Dunks, gave the regiment a superb flag of the finest blue silk. It was inscribed on one side: "Stockton's Independent Regiment" with the state arms, while on the reverse was the arms of the United States and the motto: "Stand by the Union".

In February of 1862, a company was mustered into service at Detroit, with Kin S. Dygert as captain, known as "Dygert's Sharpshooters". The company was designated on the rolls as the first independent company and was attached to the 16th, serving with the regiment until the close of the war.

The regiment encamped at Hall's Hill, Virginia, during the winter of 1861-1862. They moved to the Peninsula under McClellan in March, 1862, assigned to the 3d brigade, 1st division (Porter), 5th corp., in which the regiment served during the entire war. The 16th shared in the siege of Yorktown in April and then participated in engagements at Hanover Court House May 27th and Gaines' Mills June 27th. In this affair, Col. Stockton had his horse shot and being much debilitated, was taken prisoner and carried to Richmond, where he was held in prison until August of 1862. Gaines's Mills also saw heavy casualties, three officers and 46 men killed, six officers and 110 wounded, with two officers and 53 men missing.

The regiment, now under the command of Lt. Col. Welch, was engaged at Malvern Hill July 1. In August, immediately following the Peninsula campaign, it joined Pope's army at Fredericksburg and fought at the 2nd battle of Bull Run August 30, with three officers and two men killed, one officer and 36 men wounded and three missing.

The regiment entered into the Maryland campaign and was present at Antietam, posted in support of a line of artillery, so not actually engaged.

They left Harper's Ferry on November 1st with the 1st brigade and arrived at Falmouth on the 23rd, crossed the Rappahannock on December 12, still under the command of Lt. Col Welch, Col. Stockton being in command of the brigade. The regiment was with the army at the battle of Fredericksburg, losing three killed, 30 wounded and eight missing.

The regiment crossed the Rappahannock again and then the Rapidan, from May 2 to May 5, then engaged in the battle Chancellorsville, with only one killed and six wounded. The regiment was also engaged at Middleburg June 21st.

The regiment, now under the permanent command of Col. Welch, promoted to rank from May 18th (Col. Stockton having resigned his commission), now entered upon the Pennsylvania campaign and by a series of forced marches with its brigade and division, reached Gettysburg on July 1.

The brigade, including the 16th, 44th New York, 83rd Pennsylvania and 20th Maine engaged in the struggle for possession of Little Round Top. The brigade, accompanied by the 100th Ohio, 40th New York and Hazlett's battery, with almost superhuman effort, placed the battery behind breastworks of stones thrown together and met Hood's Texans, then climbing up the other side.

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It was deadly strife with hand to hand encounters, clashing bayonets, clubbed muskets and rough stones. The struggle heroically ended by a gallant charge and Union troops swept the rebels from the hill – Little Round Top was saved.

July 5th saw the regiment engaged in the pursuit of the enemy. The regiment was present during the engagements at Wapping Heights and Brandy Heights, but was not directly engaged. Between November 1, 1862 and November 1, 1863, the regiment (exclusive of marches on picket and reconnaissance's) marched over 800 miles.

Having reenlisted 294 men, the regiment was again mustered into service December 24, 1863 and on January 2, 1864, started for Michigan, arriving in Detroit on the 9th and furloughed for 30 days. February 9 was the regiment reporting at the rendezvous at Saginaw and again left for the Army of the Potomac, assigned to the same brigade, division and corp. They went into winter quarters near Bealton Station until May 1, then moved to Brandy Station. The regiment then engaged in the battle of the Wilderness. They fought without loss on the 6th, but lost 35 killed and wounded on the second day of battle.

The regiment was also engaged at Po river and then at Spotsylvania. They continued to skirmish as the army moved forward. On May 3, 1864, a company of sharpshooters was mustered into service at Detroit under Captain George Jardine and was assigned to the 16th as the second company of sharpshooters of that regiment.

On the 2d, 3r and 4th of July, they were engaged near the vicinity of Bethesda Church, then moved toward Cold Harbor. They arrived at Petersburg on the 17th of August and employed in the trenches, then participating in the move on Weldon railroad, where they remained in the line of defenses.

The regiment engaged in a series of actions throughout the siege of Petersburg. They were engaged at Five Forks April 1 and followed Lee's army until the surrender at Appomattox Court House. In May, the regiment moved to Washington, D.C., arriving on the 12th and participated in the grand review of the army of the Potomac. June 16 saw orders to move to Louisville, KY, then crossing to Jeffersonville, Indiana, where the regiment was mustered out of service. They arrived at Jackson, Michigan on July 12 and on the 25th was paid off and disbanded.

The regiment had a total of 2,318 officers and men, losing 343 killed in action, 128 died of wounds, and 128 men died of disease.

That Wasn't the Way It Happened

Submitted By Howard Fite, JVC, Camp 427

I remember a Civil War story that I used to hear Irwin S. Cobb tell when he was a newspaper reporter and I was a struggling lawyer in Paducah, Kentucky. It seemed that two Confederate Veterans were reminiscing about the days during the War when Paducah was being fought over by both the North and the South.

"I remember" one veteran said "when we pushed those damn Yankees all the way across the Ohio (River) into Illinois". The other old soldier regretfully corrected him, "I was theretoo, old friend" he said, "and I'm afraid that wasn't the way it happened at all. Those Yankees drove us out of Paducah and almost to the Tennessee line". The first Veteran thought about that a bit, then sourly remarked, "Another good story ruined by an eye witness." – Allen W. Barkley

Source: "Tales, Legends, and Folklore" by B. A. Bolkin

2014 Department of Michigan Allied Orders Encampment

Saturday, May 10, 2014, Lansing, Michigan
Hosted by the Allied Orders

Encampment Location:



Great Lakes Christian College
6211 W. Willow Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48917

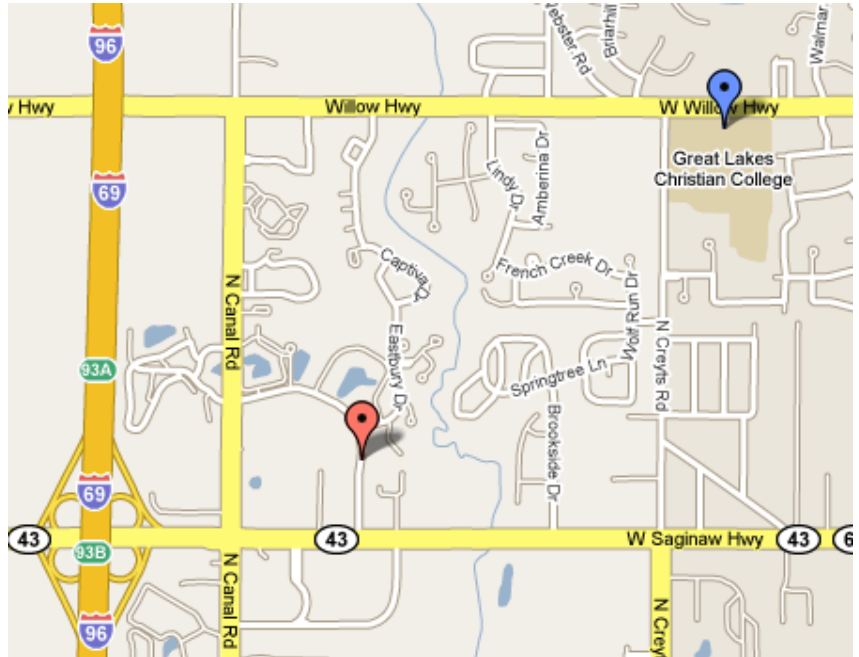
Accommodations:



Quality Suites Inn
901 Delta Commerce Drive
Lansing, MI 48917
Phone: (517) 886-0600

Allied Orders room rate \$98.00 per night,
(\$3.00 extra for hot breakfast) plus tax.
Reservations deadline April 15, 2014 to get
the group rate.

When making reservations, be sure to tell
them you are with the **Allied Orders**.



Meal Information:

Saturday Luncheon — 12:30 pm — \$10.00

Chicken salad/deli meats for croissant sandwiches, soup, salad, cookies, beverage.

Allied Orders Banquet — 6:30 pm Saturday Evening — \$20.00

Choice of pot roast or baked chicken with parsley gravy, roasted rosemary red skin potatoes, California blend vegetables, pasta salad, tossed salad, rolls and butter, cake assortment, and beverage.

Note: The college cannot accommodate requests for meals that are not pre-paid as they have to arrange for the appropriate quantities of food in advance. Meal reservations **MUST** be made in advance.

Schedule:

Friday, May 9th

5:30 PM: Pizza Party in the Garden Path area. Cost is \$6:00 per person

Saturday, May 10th

8:00 AM: Registration opens

8:00-10:00 AM: Tea, coffee, and donuts available for purchase in the cafeteria

9:00 AM: Encampment Begins

12:30 PM: Luncheon

6:30 PM: Allied Orders Banquet

Following the Banquet, entertainment will be provided by Brother Steve Ball, Civil War musician and historian

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Meal Reservation Form for the 2014 Department Encampments / Conventions

*Please indicate quantity for each meal. Reservations must be received by **April 21, 2014**. No refunds after this date.*

Saturday Luncheon — 12:30 p.m.

_____ X \$10.00 per person = Total for Luncheon \$ _____

Allied Orders Banquet — 6:30 pm Saturday Evening — Dinner Buffet

_____ X \$20.00 per person = Total for Dinner Banquet \$ _____

Check Total \$ _____

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SUVCW Department Encampment Pre-Registration Form

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Name _____ **Camp Number** _____

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Aurora, Illinois 60504

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