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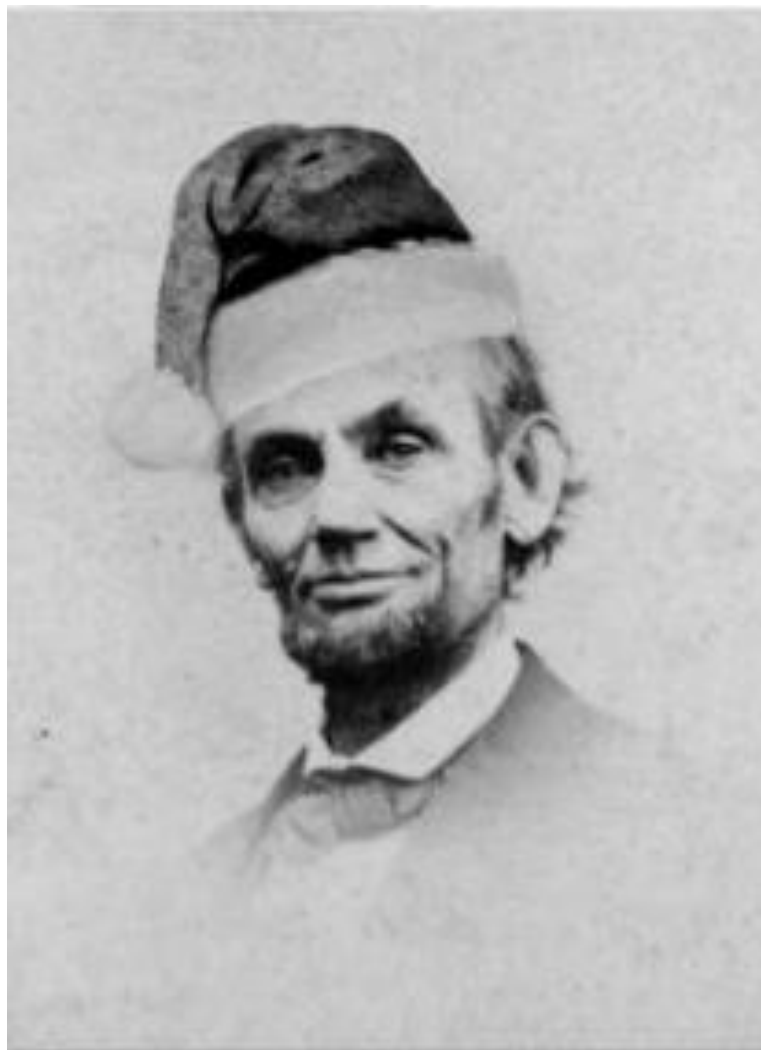
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Recipient of the Marshall Hope Award for Best Department
Newsletter of the Order 2002, 2007, and 2011

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Department Commander

David S. Smith, LM, PCC



Brothers,

I hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was relaxing and a chance to catch up with friends and family over a wonderful meal. The Christmas season is fast approaching with time spent with friends and loved ones, along with planning for events and activities in 2018.

With the year winding down, Camp Officer installations are upon us. I would like to thank all of the Camps that have been so gracious to me and the duly appointed Department representatives that have been conducting the installations. Your kindness and camaraderie is highly appreciated, and one of the great things about visiting Camps.

Additionally, with the end of the year Brothers should be documenting their mileage and money spent for SUVCW activities or related events to give their Camp Patriotic

Instructors for the Camp PI's report to the Department Patriotic Instructor. This is a responsibility for all of us, and is important feedback to the National, as well as providing proof of the charitable efforts that our organization performs for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please contact Department Patriotic Instructor Bob Boquette at patrioticinstructor@suvchwmi.org or me at david.smith@suvchwmi.org.

Thank you to all Camps that have shared their newsletters with me. I enjoy reading about your events and Brothers, as well as the various Civil War topics of interest. Keep them coming!

Finally, on behalf of the Officers of the Department of Michigan, have a blessed, glorious, and safe Christmas and New Year's Holiday Season!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Camp 20

Submitted by John R. Keith, PCC

At our Camp 20 Meeting November 7th, Brother Bill Brennan PDC installed officers for 2018. The well qualified Brothers that got installed are-

Commander Mike Culp

SRVC Gary Thomas

JRVC Steve Rossio

Secretary Gary Gibson

Treasurer David Conklin

Counsel members are Bill Costello, Robert Townsend and Jeff Baker

We have installed, 5 Past Camp 20 Commanders and 1 Past Department Commander. It is great to have so much experience to lead our Camp in 2018. I would like to welcome our new member, Brother Thomas Duncan from Parker, Co. He is the great great grandson of Corporal James Cloney, who served the Union in Company C 14 Michigan Infantry.

We have the gravestone coming for Pvt. Daniel Garberson, who was in Company K 5th Michigan Heavy Artillery. His stone will complete the Civil Soldiers in Maplewood Cemetery, Hopkins Township, Allegan County. We have been getting stones for those in that cemetery for probably 5 years, 12 total. I feel a dedication coming in the spring there!



Department Orders #10 Series 2017 – 2018
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
10 December 2017

Camp Suspensions

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Within the recent release of the SUVCW Treasurer's Handbook by National Treasurer David McReynolds, guidance regarding Camp Form 990N annual filings and tax exempt status has been documented. Furthermore, the SUVCW Treasurer's Handbook states the latest changes to the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations regarding said Form 990N annual filings and tax exempt status.

Section 2 – Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 17: Any Camp which fails to file its U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form 990 appropriate to the individual tax circumstances of the Camp (usually Form 990N), or any future replacements for Form 990N or other Form 990, by the due date specified by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension. A Camp may be reinstated by providing proof of filing the appropriate Form 990. Proof shall constitute a receipt of the Form 990 by the IRS, usually an online confirmation for the Form 990N.

Section 3 – Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 18: Any Camp which has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS shall be automatically suspended. The Department Commander shall issue a Department Order noting the automatic suspension. A Camp may be reinstated by providing proof of the reinstatement of its tax-exempt status under either section 501 (c) 3 or 501 (c) 4 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 4 – Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 19: A Camp that has had its tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS for failing to file its Form 990 for three consecutive years cannot be part of the Group Exemption of the National Organization. Its tax status must be standalone.

Section 5 – Per the SUVCW Constitution & Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 20: Camps which had their tax-exempt status revoked for failure to file its Form 990N for three consecutive years prior to July 1, 2017 may apply to the Department for reinstatement, at the discretion of the Department Commander, as an unincorporated association without formal tax status if: (1) its assets are less than \$1,000 and (2) its revenues are less than \$5,000 annually. Any Camp operating as an unincorporated association without formal tax status shall take no action that jeopardizes the tax-exempt status of the Department or the National Organization. If a Camp's tax status has negatively impacted the tax-exempt status of the Department or the National Organization, the Camp will be suspended until it has taken such action as to prove that it has remedied the problem. Such proof shall be an official communication from the IRS resolving the matter.

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Section 6 – As directed by the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 17 and Section 18, the following Camps within the Department of Michigan are hereby automatically suspended for failure to file their IRS Form 990N by the specified due date, as well as having their tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS for failing to file their Form 990N for three consecutive years: U.S. Grant Camp No. 67, Saginaw-Bay City-Midland Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85, Bridgman Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, Shepherd-Mount Pleasant

Section 7 – All affected Camp Commanders were contacted prior to the issuing of these Department Orders with assurances of aid to each Camp from the Department and its Officers. A document of specific instruction and requirements for reinstatement is being immediately provided to each Camp along with a copy of the aforementioned SUVCW Treasurer's Handbook. It is the expectation of this office that all automatically suspended Camps will be reinstated at the earliest possible opportunity.

Section 8 – Per the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Annotation 11, C-in-C Orr, Decision X, 117th, 116: *When under suspension a Camp cannot function in any manner except to perform those things which will result in termination of the suspension.*

Section 9 – All Brothers are highly encouraged to review the SUVCW Treasurer's Handbook, and especially all Camp Commanders, Camp Treasurers, Camp Secretaries, and Camp Council members. This handbook provides invaluable guidance and direction for Camps and Departments. It can be found at:

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Treasurers-Handbook-Revised.pdf>

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/

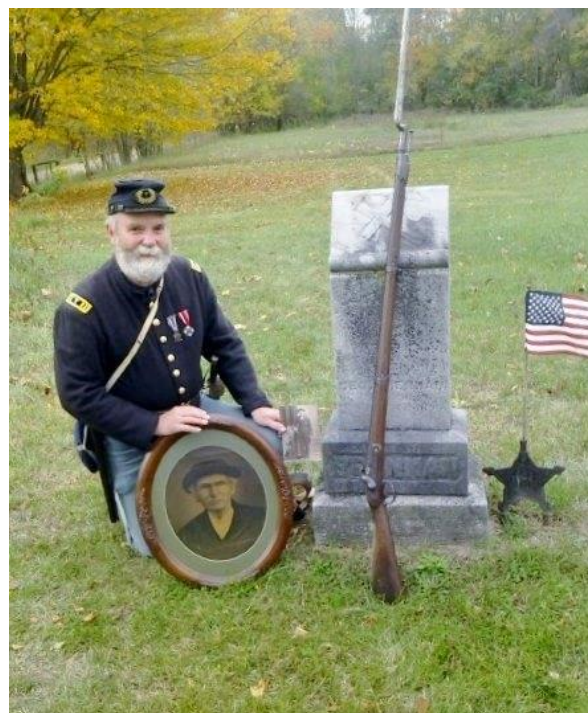
David S. Smith, LM, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/

Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Camp 20's own Brother Bill Brennan, PDC at the grave of his Great Great Grandfather George Brennan who was in the 11th United States Infantry in the Civil War. Bro. Bill is holding a picture of George Brennan and the musket leaning against the stone was the one his Great Great Grandfather carried in the war. He enlisted at 46 years old and was 48 years old when he mustered out!




Department Orders #11 **Series 2017 – 2018**
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
10 September 2017
 David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Future Camp 990N Filings

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Effective immediately, all 990N IRS annual filings for each Camp will be administered by the Department of Michigan. All Camp 990Ns will be filed by the Department Treasurer.

Section 2 – This change in filing management will ensure that all Camps will fall under compliance, and prevent automatic Camp suspensions due to not annually filing their 990N with the IRS. Additionally, this change guarantees that Camps cannot lose tax-exempt status due to three or more consecutive years of failing to file the 990N.

Section 3 – Camps with a fiscal year ending on 31 December will continue to have the same fiscal year and appropriate filing deadlines. Camps with a fiscal year ending on 30 June will also continue to have the same fiscal year and appropriate filing deadlines.

Section 4 – Camps shall annually provide the Department Treasurer with the following information: Camp name and number, EIN number, name of an authority of the Camp, the address of that authority or Camp headquarters, year-end date (June or December), and written assurance that the Camp's revenues are less than \$50,000. This will be submitted by 01 May if the Camp's fiscal year ends on 31 December, or submitted 01 November if the Camp's fiscal year ends on 30 June.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
 David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
 Commander, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
 /s/
 Richard Denney, CC
 Secretary, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Editor's Note: Why the 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 all 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@suvcwmi.org.


Department Orders #12 Series 2017 – 2018
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
11 September 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 Reinstated

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Effective immediately, U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 is reinstated and its suspension terminated.

Section 2 – Camp No. 67 has complied with all criteria required for reinstatement by the Department Commander. Camp No. 67 is highly commended for their prompt response in addressing this matter.

Section 3 – U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 will operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status beginning immediately, following the requirements per the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 20.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
/s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Department Orders #13  **Series 2017 – 2018**
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
24 September 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Past Department Commander Paul David Hodges

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – It is with heavy heart that it is announced that Past Department Commander Paul David Hodges has passed away at the age of 88 on 16 September 2017.

Section 2 – Brother Hodges was elected to serve as Department Commander during the 1997-1998 term, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Herrick Hodges, the first Commander of the Department of Michigan. PDC Hodges was awarded the Department of Michigan's Abraham Lincoln Award in 1992.

Section 3 – Paul David Hodges joined the Order in January 1986, becoming a member of Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 in Lansing-Sunfield. He held several offices within Camp No. 17, being elected to Camp Commander in 1996. Brother Hodges served in several offices within the Department as well. In addition to his membership within this Order, PDC Hodges belonged to the following historical societies: Sons of the Revolution in the State of Michigan (Past President), Order of Founders and Patriots of America, and the Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans (Life Member). Brother Hodges also served in the U.S. Army as a topographic surveyor in Alaska. He was a longtime member and elder of the North Westminster Presbyterian Church, as well as Clerk of Session and church treasurer.

Section 4 – A memorial service will take place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at North Westminster Presbyterian Church, 743 N. Martin Luther King Blvd, Lansing, Michigan 48915. The family will receive friends for visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. PDC Hodges' full obituary can be found at: www.grlansing.com

Section 5 – Paul David Hodges was kind and highly intelligent, a family man, an honorable Veteran, a friend to all in the Order, and will be tremendously missed. His service to his Camp, this Department, and the Order will not be forgotten.

Section 6 – All Camp Charters within the Department of Michigan, the Department Charter, and the Department website shall be draped for 30 days from this date. Additionally, all Brothers of the Department of Michigan shall affix a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for same 30 days from this date.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
/s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Orders #14  **Series 2017 – 2018**
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
26 September 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85 Reinstated

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Effective immediately, Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85 is reinstated and its suspension terminated.

Section 2 – Camp No. 85 has complied with all criteria required for reinstatement by the Department Commander. Camp No. 85 is highly commended for their prompt response in addressing this matter.

Section 3 – Frederick H. Hackeman Camp No. 85 will operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status beginning immediately, following the requirements per the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 20.

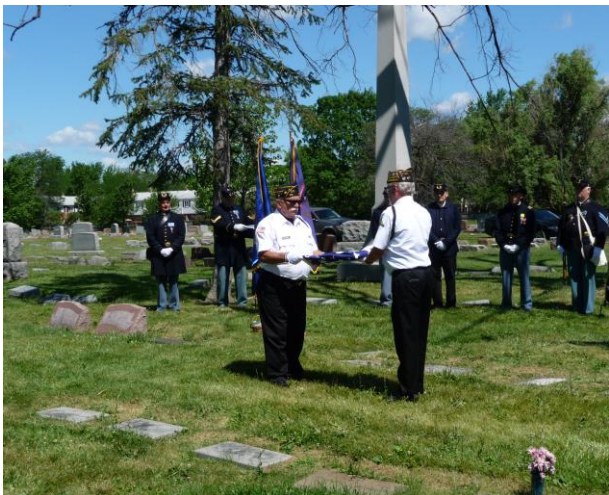
The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-sixth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
/s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427 continued on page 11
Submitted by Rick Danes, CC



Camp 427 participated in many events during the last quarter of 2017. They are presented on pages 8, 11, 13, and 17. Shown above is a headstone dedication in Riverview, Michigan, and an Eagle Scout presentation.


Department Orders #15 Series 2017 – 2018
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
2 October 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250 Reinstated

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Effective immediately, Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250 is reinstated and its suspension terminated.

Section 2 – Camp No. 250 has complied with all criteria required for reinstatement by the Department Commander. Camp No. 250 is highly commended for their prompt response in addressing this matter.

Section 3 – Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250 will operate as an unincorporated association without formal tax status beginning immediately, following the requirements per the SUVCW Constitution and Regulations, Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 20.

Section 4 – At this time all suspended Camps have been reinstated. Each Camp's efforts to remedy this situation are highly appreciated by the Department.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
 /s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Graves Registration

By Rick Danes, Department Graves Registration Officer

At the December Graves Registration Committee Meeting, we had 9 attendees, and I announced that the Department Database now has 70,531 Civil War Soldiers' Gravesites recorded, and 3,838 gravesites from "other Wars". Thank you to Camps 17, 58, and Chris Copeck, for their recent large submittals.

Our next Committee meeting at the State Library is scheduled for March 10 at 10 AM with 2018 meetings tentatively set for March 10, June 9, September 8, and December 8 – all are welcome, especially those GROs who have never attended a meeting..

Department Orders #16  **Series 2017 – 2018**
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
10 October 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – As part of several initiatives that are being launched during this administrative term, a special committee was appointed regarding Military & Veterans Affairs. It is of the utmost importance that we the descendants of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic should make strides towards assisting our Veterans and active duty Military as they did in their post-war lives.

Section 2 – The purposes of this special committee are to determine methods of engagement in which the Department can better aid, serve, and work with our Veterans and active duty Military. Additionally, this committee has been tasked with conducting a voluntary Veterans Census for each Camp within the Department.

Section 3 – Members of the Military & Veterans Affairs Committee include: Nathan Smith (Chair), Edgar J. Dowd, Lloyd D. Lamphere, Sr., Calvin Murphy, Paul A. Nelson, Robert Payne, David Ramsey, and Max Riekse.

Section 4 – Any suggestions or comments are welcome and can be sent to the Department Commander (commander@suvcwmi.org), Department Secretary (secretary@suvcwmi.org), and/or the Committee Chair (counselor@suvcwmi.org), and they will be forwarded to the Committee.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
/s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ANNOUNCEMENT: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ALL MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER ARTICLES MUST BE SENT TO A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS – EDITOR@SUVCWMI.ORG.

ALL E-MAILS TO THE GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER MUST BE SENT TO DGRO@SUVCWMI.ORG. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION. R. DANES


Department Orders #17 Series 2017 – 2018
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
10 October 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Military & Veterans Affairs Officer

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – I hereby appoint Nathan Smith, CC, and Department Counselor to the newly appointed office of Military & Veterans Affairs Officer. This is the first known appointment of an Officer to serve in this role for the Department of Michigan.

Section 2 – The idea for a Department level Military & Veterans Affairs Officer came from the successful implementation of the position within Robert Finch Camp No. 14. Camp No. 14 has demonstrated the advantages of having someone within this role with a very active area Veteran serving in the office and acting as a liaison to the various Veterans organizations, Veterans support organizations, active duty Military, and government officials. This has given Camp No. 14 the ability to have their finger on the pulse of the latest news, concerns, information, events, etc. for area Veterans and Military. With this proven exemplar, it was a natural progression to create this appointed office on a Department level.

Section 3 – Brother Smith will continue to serve as the Chair of the Military & Veterans Affairs Committee, as this is the intended responsibility of the new office. He has done an outstanding job in leading the Committee thus far, and will continue to advise and lead the Department in the pursuit of better engagement with our Veterans and those currently serving in the Military. I cannot thank Brother Smith enough for his willingness, enthusiasm, and efforts in tackling this brand new role.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
 Commander, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
 /s/
Richard Denney, CC
 Secretary, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427 continued from page 8



Dearborn's Memorial Day Parade and a cemetery re-dedication in Dearborn Heights.



Department Orders #18  **Series 2017 – 2018**
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
27 October 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Department Historian

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Brother John Keith, CC has stepped down from the office of Department Historian due to family considerations.

Section 2 – I hereby appoint Brother Dale Aurand, PDC to the office of Department Historian, effective immediately.

Section 3 – The Department appreciates the efforts and support of Brother Keith, and thanks him for his service.

Section 4 – The Department welcomes Brother Aurand to this office and looks forward to working with him in preserving Department history.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
/s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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

Winter - March 1 for a March 15 Publication
Spring- June 1 for a June 15 Publication
Summer – September 1 for a September 15 Publication
Fall – December 1 for a December 15 Publication

Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at
editor@suvcwmi.org or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan
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ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME

**Please do not send me photos without the names of persons in the photo and
 a suggested caption. Thanks for your support!**


Department Orders #19 Series 2017 – 2018
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI
10 November 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Veterans Day

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – Saturday, 11 November 2017 is the traditionally observed Veterans Day within these United States. It is a day to honor all American Veterans – living and deceased – that have served in times of war and peace.

Section 2 – Originating on 11 November 1919 on the first anniversary of the end of the War to End All Wars – World War I – it was originally named Armistice Day. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 to observe the date annually, and the date became a national holiday in 1938. In 1954, the 83rd Congress officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Section 3 – It is highly encouraged that all Brothers attempt to participate in ceremonies and/or events within their communities in observance of Veterans Day. As has been stated in previous Department Orders – during your attendance, participation, and travels this Veterans Day and always, please extend appreciation to our Veterans that you may meet or see. Freedom is not free, and our Veterans have paid the price to preserve our liberties. Let them know that we are grateful for their sacrifices and service to our Nation.

Section 4 – Furthermore, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the Department in honoring or helping Veterans or our active duty Military, please contact the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee via Chair and Military and Veterans Affairs Officer Nathan Smith at military.affairs@suvcwmi.org.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
 Commander, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
 /s/
Richard Denney, CC
 Secretary, Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427 continued from page 11



Rededicating a historical cemetery in Flat Rock and a headstone dedication at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.



Department Orders #20  **Series 2017 – 2018**
Headquarters, Traverse City, MI

22 November 2017
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Remembrance Day Appreciation

By the authority vested in me as Commander, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1 – On the weekend of Saturday, 18 November 2017, Department of Michigan Brothers and Sisters of the Allied Orders of the GAR attended annual ceremonies and events in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in honor of the 1863 Consecration of the National Cemetery located there, and President Lincoln's delivery of the Gettysburg Address on that date.

Section 2 – It is with sincere appreciation that I thank each and every Brother and Sister that participated in placing the flags at the National Cemetery, played a part at the Woolson Monument Ceremony, marched in the parade, and honored the brave soldiers of the 16th Michigan Infantry at their monument on the southwest slope of Little Round Top.

Section 3 – Heartfelt and high gratitude is given to the various law enforcement agencies on the local, county, state, and federal levels that protected all of the Remembrance Day participants, and kept everyone safe.

Section 4 – I would like to thank PDC Gary Gibson for his efforts in securing the necessary permits with the National Park Service on behalf of the Department of Michigan.

Section 5 – The Department of Michigan thanks Dutchman Tree Farms in Manton, Michigan for supplying the two wreaths that were placed at the cemetery and at the monument at no charge. Their patriotism is greatly appreciated.

Section 6 – A special thank you to Captain Dean Lamphere and the Irish Rifles of Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR for making the Department proud. Your professionalism and attention to details is clearly evident in how valued the 14th Michigan is by the National Order.

Section 7 – Special recognition is extended to Department Color Bearer and 14th Michigan Color Sergeant Ed Dowd for his efforts during Remembrance Day. Brother Dowd carried and presented the National Colors at the Woolson Monument Ceremony, carried the National Colors at the front of the parade, and carried and presented the Stars and Stripes at the 16th Michigan Infantry monument. Color Sergeant Dowd's commitment and dedication as a Color Bearer for the Department and SVR is exemplary, and we are honored to have his service to the Order.

Section 8 – Finally, I wish each and every Brother and Sister of the Allied Orders of the GAR a safe and joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

The preceding Department Order is proclaimed this twenty-second day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen, the one hundred and fifty-first year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the two hundred and forty-first year of Independence of these United States of America.

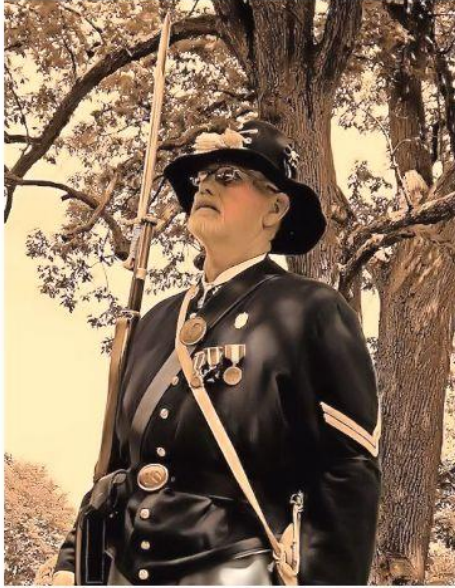
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

/s/
David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC
Commander, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:
/s/
Richard Denney, CC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Senior Vice Commander

by Bob Griggs DSVC



Brothers,

The last three months have been a very busy time for me. I have taken part in dedications, living histories, school programs, memorial services, and put on presentations from Albion to Waterloo. I also had the privilege of carrying the National Colors in the Mason Veterans Day Parade.

Moving into the months of December and January I will have the honor of conducting or attending Officer Installations at several Camps. I look forward to attending these meetings and getting reacquainted with the Brothers of these Camps.

We all know that these two months also mean we are entering the Holiday Season, and spending time with loved ones. I ask that you not forget your fraternal Brothers. If you know of a Brother in need, please reach out to them with the spirit of fraternity and brotherhood and let them know that they are not alone.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Company A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR (Irish Rifle)



had the privilege to assist Carpenter-Welch Camp No. 180, Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor with the dedication of a grave marker on September 23. Pvt. John Geaghan, Co. C, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

Pictured from left to right, Bill McKafee, Steven Martin, Bruce Gosling, Robert (Bob) Griggs, Mike Tava, Lloyd Lamphere, Michael VanWasshnova, David Wilkening, David Speer, and Howard Lloyd

14th Michigan SVR

Michigan at Gettysburg: Remembrance 2017

The Department of Michigan, despite disturbances and bomb threats, would not be deterred and attended the annual Gettysburg Remembrance activities to participate and do our business as usual.



Michigan gravesite marker



Dean Lamphere and Jan Davis distributing flags to participants

On Saturday morning, we started out with the placement of National and State flags on the graves of each of the 171 Michigan soldiers buried at the Gettysburg National Cemetery.



Lloyd Lamphere places tribute recognition coin on grave



Len "Irish" McInerney reads the name of the soldier buried there

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Included in our ceremony is recognition and reading of the names of those buried there. We managed to get all of the flags placed before the rain started. Rain would be the order of the day continuing throughout Saturday.



A moment of prayer and recognition for their sacrifice Company A, 14th Michigan, Sons of Veterans Reserve

Next on the Agenda was the ceremony at the Woolson Monument. By now it was time for ponchos and umbrellas everywhere as the rain was coming down in torrents.

Company A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, a Sons of Veterans Reserve Company from Michigan again served as the Color Guard.

Following the Woolson service, the members of Company A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry formed up to march in the parade. The rain had not let up and continued to fall in buckets. On the way to the staging area, the water in the gutters was three feet wide and running like a trout stream. The event organizers had taken extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of parade participants including the placement of massive barricades to block vehicle access to the parade route, posting mounted security as well as bomb sniffing dogs and their handlers.



Memorial service at the 16th Michigan monument on Little Round Top. (L to R) Department Color Bearer Ed Dowd, Department Commander David Smith, Rob Payne and Len "Irish" McInerney

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With the deluge continuing and no sign of letting up, the Michigan contingent met at the 16th Michigan's Monument for a memorial service. A wreath was placed and the names of all of the men who made the supreme sacrifice were read. Each year on a rotational basis, the representatives from Michigan perform a similar service at all Michigan monuments in Gettysburg.



From Left To Right in foreground: Jan Davis, Ron Shull behind boy with musket and Len "Irish" McInerney with musket.

Sunday morning brought sunshine and much better weather. A number of our Michigan delegation volunteered to appear as photo models for a re-creation photo of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

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A headstone dedication at Riverview Cemetery, Plymouth and installation of 2018 Officers.

Gravestone Dedication for Corp. James Cloney Company C 14th Michigan Infantry

Submitted by John R. Keith PCC
General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20,

On October 22, 2017, several people attended an event at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Watson Township, Allegan County, Michigan. We were there to honor a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, Mr. James Cloney. Mr. Cloney enlisted in Company C of 14th Michigan, the Irish Regiment.

He was a resident of Martin, Michigan at the time of his enlistment. Ironically, according to the 1894 Soldiers Census he lived 2 houses down from Andrew Bee, a soldier who was in the 4th Cavalry that we dedicated a plaque for him in 2015 for being the "first man to lay hands on Jefferson Davis at his Capture"

Thanks to Mr. Thomas Duncan from Parker, Colorado, he is also a Great Great Grandson of Corp. Cloney, he located where he was interred, ordered a gravestone and it was delivered to the Watson Township sexton. This was a very unique event with several variables.

Mr. Duncan was in town, visiting family and also took in a MSU Football game the weekend of the 22nd, he asked if we could conduct the dedication then, the stone had only been delivered 2 weeks before and wasn't set yet, and since it hadn't been set, Mr. Duncan helped set the stone, helped us do the ritual as we were short on Brothers. The 14th Michigan re en actors fired volleys and this for a soldier from the real 14th Michigan Infantry. I'm proud to say, we have a new member in Camp 20, Tom Duncan liked our organization so much he joined it!

The event was attended by Norreen Cloney Roberts - great granddaughter, Patty Roberts Hokanson - great great granddaughter and Tom, Jim and Mark (and wife Sue) Duncan - great great grandsons.

Also members of the 14th Michigan, Capt. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., PDC; 1st. Lt. Paul Davis, PDC; Sgt. Ron Shull, PCC; Pvt Lloyd Lamphere Sr, PCC; Pvt Bob "Sailor" Boquette; Pvt Dwayne "Badger" Phillips.

The Hopkins Chapter of the FFA provided their Color Guard and the Bugler who did a great job playing Taps. We want to thank all those that came together in just 2 weeks notice, and all those in attendance, you all made this one event I won't forget and I hope those that were in attendance won't either!



Camp 7

Submitted by Bob Griggs, DSVIC

Over the last three months the Brothers of Camp No. 7 have been very busy "Keeping the Memory alive". A few of our highlights are listed below.

On the 10th of September our Brothers set up in Grass Lake for their Heritage Festival. As with several of our events this year, Mother Nature did not cooperate, but we didn't let that dampen our spirits as we joined with others portraying soldiers from the French and Indian War through WWII. On the 23rd Brothers from our Camp traveled to Ypsilanti to fall in with Brothers from the 14th Michigan SVR and the Carpenter-Welch Camp to dedicate a flag holder for Private John Geaghan Co. C., 14th Michigan Infantry. Many descendants of Private Geaghan were on hand to witness the ceremony during which three volleys were fired and TAPS played.



In October many Camp members were at the Waterloo Farm Museum for their annual Pioneer Day. It was a great day to visit the museum and there was a very large crowd who came out to take in the sights and sounds of a 19th century farm. While there the Brother were able to "sign up" many new recruits for Father Abraham's Army and we're glad to report that each and every one of them made it through their time in the service unscathed and returned home safely to their families.

On November 11th, ninety-nine years after the end of the War to end all wars, Brothers of Camp No. 7 came together with many others to celebrate our veterans. Starting in Jackson a service



was held to honor local veterans. After a quick lunch the Brothers moved on to Mason to fall in with Brothers of the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, and members of the 7th Michigan re-enactors to take part in the Annual Veterans Day Parade. Returning to Jackson Brothers assisted the Ladies Auxiliary in placing luminaries at the headstones of veteran's graves in Mount Evergreen Cemetery. This was a very fitting way to say "Thank



You" to the men and women who have and continue to serve our Country. On the 17th Brothers accepted an invitation to fall in with the 102nd USCT to lead off the Jackson Christmas Parade by carrying the Colors for the event.

It has been a very busy year for our Camp and we're looking forward to continuing the work next year.



Loss of Brother Paul A. Lyke

Submitted by

Brother Robert Townsend Camp 20 SUVCW and
Sister Patti Lyke Townsend Tent 58 DUVCW

On October 7, 2017, Sons from Camp 20 General Benjamin Pritchard and Daughters from Tent 58 Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon, Department of Michigan, along with family and friends gathered to honor with a Loss of a Brother Graveside Dedication for their brother Paul A. Lyke. Paul did not belong to the camp for a long period of time but he was its oldest member.

The day had started out looking dreary, rainy and windy but the sun was out and shining as Commander John R. Keith called us to order. The colors had been posted and all said the pledge then Chaplain Jeff Baker led us in prayer. A marker and SUVCW flag was placed next to his American flag and WWII marker. The Brothers were stationed at the 4 corners and spoke, followed by Sister Patti Lyke Townsend, Paul's daughter who spoke of her Dad and thanked everyone. Then Brother Bill Brennan called the guard to attention and musket volleys rang out. The Guard was composed of Brothers, Bill Costello, Robert Townsend (Paul's son in law), and Tom Bruce. Brother Dave Delemme played taps. The dedication was closed with a luncheon at Brother and Sister Townsends home.

Paul served as a Coxswain in WWII on the LST#1061, stationed in the Pacific. He was in Okinawa when Japan surrendered a fact he was grateful for as he would have been bringing troops to shore otherwise. He witnessed from the deck of his LST the Japanese signing the surrender papers. Later they had to put out to sea when a typhoon blew in which took out their bow door,



Sister Patti Lyke Townsend

they ended up coming all the way back across the Pacific without it arriving stateside in January of 1946. When he came home he helped to start the American Legion Post in downtown Kalamazoo and was its first membership chair. He was a lifelong member as well of VFW Post#1527.

The Sons were the last group he joined after he found his Civil War ancestor. His Grandpa Lewis A. Lyke served in the 9th New York Calvary from 1862 till discharge June 1865. He died in 1913, four years before Paul was born. Unfortunately, even though his Dad and 1 brother and sister could have known about Lewis it was left till 2008 to find it out. Indeed,

he was fond of telling folks that he was a "civil war veteran" as he joked about his age.

We (Paul's family), were very honored to have his brothers and sisters do this last honor for him with family and friends as witness to a life well lived.

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"Fair Winds and Following Seas Sailor We have the Watch."



Robert Finch Camp No. 14

Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, PCC, DC

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 has had a busy second half of the year with on-going activities, ceremonies, and attending the National Encampment. Civil War Memorials Officer Schwander and Graves Registration Officer Sawyer continue to be highly active performing inspections of memorials, parks, and cemeteries throughout the area. Both Brothers continue to clean headstones and repair GAR flag holders – with the repairs being an initiative of the Camp over the past two years. Brother Schwander has been absolutely prolific cleaning Veteran's headstones in the area, which number around 400 stones cleaned just this year!

Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 along with support from President Lisa Smith of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 conducted a grave dedication ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey for George Washington Seger, Company D, 24th Michigan Infantry. The event was held near twilight on 19 July 2017. Several Brothers donned their Hardee hats in honor of Comrade Seger's service with the Iron Brigade. George Washington Seger is the G-G Grandfather of Michigan's very own rock and roll music legend, Bob Seger.



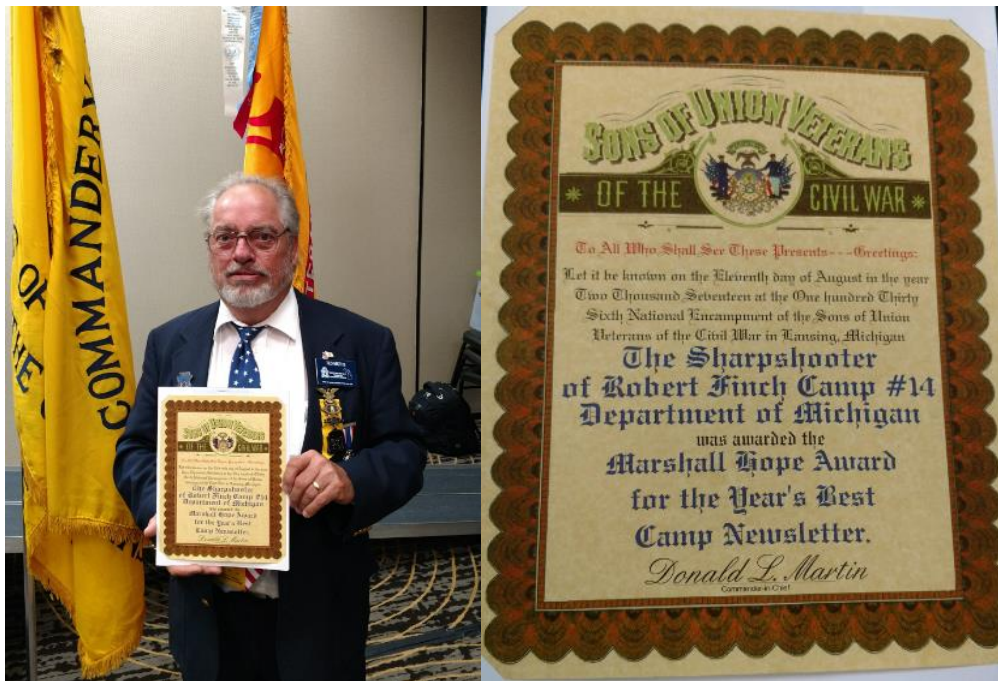
George Washington Seger Grave Dedication – L-R: CC Ted Mattis, AP Lisa Smith, BAA Bugler Thelma Paul, DC David Smith, Camp Guard Walker Schwander, CWMO Scott Schwander, CSVC & Chaplain John Lantzer, PCC Jeff Morse, Br. Doug Hulbert, CJVC Joseph Conger, PDC Dale Aurand, Br. Thom Duvernay, PCC Bill Skillman, and Br. Jim Morse, Sr.

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A few Brothers of Camp No. 14 attended the Loomis Battery Historic Cannon Competition held at Range 35 of Camp Grayling on 22 July 2017. A good time was had by all, and the sheer terror experienced by our ancestors of facing opposing artillery was very slightly better realized. It was highly interesting, and a great day to meet new friends and discuss our mutual interest.

Early August saw the hosting of the National Encampment in Lansing. Several Brothers of Camp No. 14 were in attendance including: PDC Aurand, PDC Davis, DC Smith, CC Mattis, PCC Goodrich, and Br. Hinkley. During the Encampment, Commander-in-Chief Don Martin awarded The Sharpshooter newsletter the Marshall Hope Award for the best Camp newsletter in the Order.



Marshall Hope Award – CC Ted Mattis with the award at the National Encampment in Lansing.

Camp No. 14 Brothers were busy the next weekend after the National Encampment attending or participating in the Mackinac Island Civil War Monument Dedication on 19 August 2017. The Department of Michigan conducted the 1917 GAR Monument Dedication Ceremony. Department Commander David Smith led the ceremony with CSVG John Lantzer serving as the ceremony Chaplain. Additional Camp No. 14 Brothers that attended or participated include: CC Ted Mattis, PDC Dale Aurand, PCC Jeff Morse, and Br. David Ramsey. Also performing was BAA Bugler Thelma Paul.

The following links are to media stories that discuss some of the aforementioned efforts that have been completed, doing the good work of the Order:

<http://upnorthlive.com/news/local/nmc-students-create-unusual-bond-with-civil-war-veterans>

[https://www.nmc.edu/about/nmc-stories/success-stories/students-take-on-](https://www.nmc.edu/about/nmc-stories/success-stories/students-take-on-restoration.html?utm_source=NMC+Now+Community+Newsletter&utm_campaign=459a1f8a0d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_10_10&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a3fd701e6e-459a1f8a0d-119933365)

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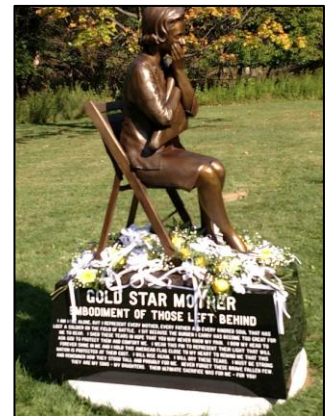
Camp No. 14 @ Mackinac Island – L-R: DC David Smith, PCC Jeff Morse, PDC Dale Aurand, and CC Ted Mattis (not pictured: CSVC John Lantzer and Br. David Ramsey)



Camp No. 14 @ Mackinac Island – L-R: CSVC John Lantzer & DC David Smith; Br. David Ramsey & CC Ted Mattis



In Traverse City's Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial Park, a new memorial statue was unveiled to the public during the Gold Star Mothers and Families Ceremony on Sunday, 24 September 2017. The new monument is the first one of its type in all of Michigan. Brothers from the Camp served along with other area Veterans groups for the Color Guard of the event. Camp 14's Military and Veteran Affairs Officer Calvin Murphy worked heavily on this project in planning and fundraising.



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Above Left (L-R): CC Ted Mattis, PDC Paul Davis, PDC Dale Aurand, CSVC John Lantzer, GRO John Sawyer, DC David Smith, and Br. Richard Schafer. Missing from photo: MVAO Calvin Murphy and CJVC Joseph Conger.; Above Right: Gold Star Mother Monument

Brother Scott Schwander, the Civil War Memorials Officer and Brother John Sawyer of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 have been highly active in Camp 14's area working on Civil War Memorials, gravestones, and GAR flag holders. These efforts have included significant research, cleaning, and repairs, along with the submission of applications for unmarked Veterans' graves. Brother Schwander tackled Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City, cleaning around 300 Civil War Veterans' headstones (Government and private) this year. His grand total for the year is over 400 Civil War Veterans' headstones in the area.

Brother Schwander has worked with GRO John Sawyer in repairs and refurbishment of the GAR flag holders at many of these graves. Currently, they have partnered with the welding program at Northwestern Michigan College in repairing GAR flag holders where possible, or reconfiguring them so that they can be used again. PCC Jeff Morse has been helpful in establishing this relationship with NMC. After the GAR markers are structurally repaired, they are repainted. This work is preventing the flag holders from falling into complete disrepair, and reestablishing their luster next to the headstone where they were installed. The final step is to place the flag holders with the exact Veterans' graves (as documented in the process).



Above (L-R): PDC D. Aurand, a member of the Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums, DC D. Smith, AP L. Smith, PAP D. Roush, SAR member H. Bridges, CJVC J. Conger, Bugles Across America Bugler Thelma Paul, and Brother Jim Morse Jr. at the Veterans Day ceremony in Traverse City at the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Memorial Park.

For more information on Camp 14 activities, please visit our website www.robertfinch14.org, where our archived newsletters can be found, as well as our facebook page at: www.facebook.com/robertfinchcamp

“A Boy Scout is ... helpful, friendly, courteous ...”

MICHIGAN'S GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM (224 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan) is pleased to announce its New Exhibit commemorating the role of the Boy Scouts of America at the Blue-Gray Veterans Reunions during the 50th (1913) and 75th (1938) Anniversaries of the Battle of Gettysburg; and the Boy Scouts' little known association the Grand Army of the Republic (1866 - 1956 Veterans organization composed of Union Civil War Veterans). The Exhibit will run from December 2, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910. Just three years later, they would have their first opportunity for a large-scale service project. The 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the first reunion of the Blue and Gray on the battlefield where they fought were held June 29 through July 5, 1913. Over 53,400 Civil War veterans, with an average age of 70 years, attended. Finding their way around the thousands of tents and going to and from the planned events would be difficult. The Boy Scout Commission of Pennsylvania was contacted. Scouts were to be no younger than 14 and have attained the rank of Second Class. As there were not enough scouts in Pennsylvania, more were called in from Maryland and New Jersey. A total of 385 scouts were found.

At first, the scouts assisted the U.S. Quartermaster Department in erecting tents and preparing for the reunion. As the veterans began arriving, the scouts met each veteran as they disembarked the trains, carried the veterans' luggage, and lead them to their designated tent. During the week-long reunion, the scouts pushed wheelchairs, escorted veterans, and, had the opportunity to sit and listen to the stories of the old soldiers' wartime experiences.

The veterans were very much impressed with this new organization for boys. This began a supportive relationship between the Boy Scouts and the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). The G.A.R. became one of the largest organizations to endorse the purpose and objectives of the Boy Scouts of America. For many years, scouts were present at Department and National Encampments of the G.A.R. and even walked with the veterans as they marched in their annual parades. Another Blue and Gray Reunion was held in 1938, the 75th anniversary of Gettysburg. There were only 3,690 veterans in attendance, but once again, the Boy Scouts were there to assist.

We invite you to come and see both the new exhibit commemorating the Boy Scouts and the 1913 and 1938 Blue-Gray Reunions at Gettysburg and all the new items that have been added to Museum. The museum is open the first two Wednesday of each month, patriotic holidays and by appointment. The Museum can be contacted by visiting its website at www.garmuseum.com.weebly.com and/or its Face Book page at [GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum/); or emailing at garmichigan@gmail.com. Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is the only such museum in the state that is solely dedicated to ensuring that the memory and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its members in Michigan are not forgotten.

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