



# Michigan's

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*Richard E. Danes, Editor*

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

## **Commander's Corner**

*Terry McKinch, Commander*



Brothers of the Department Michigan SUVCW, we have had a number of Brother in distress with illness and deaths both in the camps and at home. It is sad to see our loved ones go, so I ask that you keep them in your prayers.

I wish that I could have attended more of the installations in person. I miss all my Brothers and visiting our Michigan camps. The virtual meetings are not quite the same. We had had a number of Brother assist with our virtual meetings to keep our order updated. Thank you to those Brothers who helped and those who attended.

The passing of Woman's Relief Corps Past Nation President Lucille "Peaches" Streeter is a sad time in the history of the WRC. Peaches definitely made her mark in the Department of Michigan and the National WRC. It is my privilege to have known a woman of her magnitude.

The upcoming Department Encampment on May 1, 2021 is still planned to be an in-person encampment. The information for the Encampment is on our website <https://www.suvcwmi.org>. Thank you, Signals Officers Rob Payne, PDC and David Wallace, PDC for all of your assistance in keeping the website updated.

I want to take this time thank some of those Brothers that keep our Department going. Without their assistance, I would not be able to do my job. Thank You Brothers Dick Denny, Bruce Gosling, Rick Danes, Steve Williams, Chuck Worley, Paul Davis, David Smith and all the others who make our Department a awesome success.

Brothers in closing I wish you all well and hope we keep all of our Brothers safe and healthy.

**Department Order #9**



**Series 2020 – 2021**

**Headquarters, Lennon, MI  
December 21, 2020**

- 1. Brothers of the Department of Michigan SUVCW**, I want to wish everyone one a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays for you and your family
- 2. Therefore**, It is important to check on all of our Brothers who may be shut in and need a word of encouragement this holiday season.
- 3. Furthermore**, It is requested we remember those Brothers who have passed this year and keep their families in our thoughts.
- 4. Finally**, Remember to drape all charters and wear a morning ribbon on the membership badge for the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Allen W. Moore for 30 days from December 16, 2020.

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty  
/s/ Terry McKinch,  
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 Order #10**



**Series 2020 - 2021**

**Headquarters, Lennon, MI  
October 4, 2020**

- Brothers of the Department of Michigan SUVCW, the Department Council has chosen a new Department Junior Vice Commander and I am pleased to announce it is Brother Gary Swain, PCC Benjamin Pritchard Camp #20 Kalamazoo.
- Therefore, DJVC Gary Swain, chosen on September 28, 2020, will carry on, filling the vacancy.
- Furthermore, it is ordered that the camps give the new DJVC as all respect due him and his position.

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/s/ Terry McKinch,  
Commander Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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Secretary, Department of Michigan  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

**2020 - 2021  
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**Graves Registration**  
Richard E. Danes, Sr., PCC

**GAR Records**  
Gary L. Gibson, PDC

**Civil War Memorials**  
John H. McGill, CC

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**Camp Organizer**  
James B. Pahl, PC-in-C

Department Order #11



Series 2020 - 2021

Headquarters, Lennon, MI  
October 4, 2020

**SUVCW AWARDS**

1. In accordance with Department By-Laws Article XIX, Section 3, the Department is authorized to award a Department Certificate of Appreciation, known as the Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award. The award shall be conferred by the Department Commander upon any individual or entity who, in the judgment of a three-member panel appointed by the Department Commander, has through his/her actions, words and/or deeds significantly contributed to the furtherance of the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan.
2. Recommendations for possible recipients of said award shall be submitted, along with a one-page description of the contribution made, to the Committee Chair whose email shall be included in the notice that nominations are open, no later than two (2) months prior to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. Recipients of the Award shall be publicly announced, and a certificate presented to the Annual Michigan Department Encampment. No more than three (3) recipients shall be selected for the award in any one year.
3. The Committee shall consist of:  
Rob Payne, PDC, - Chair  
Keith Harrison, PC-in-C  
David Wallace, PDC

Submissions shall be sent to: [rrpayne@sucwmi.org](mailto:rrpayne@sucwmi.org)  
The nomination period shall end on Monday, 20 April 2021

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*/s/ Terry McKinch,*  
*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*

*Nash - Hodges Camp #4 invites all Brothers and their families to join us in a program on May 23, 2021 at Macon Village Cemetery . We will be placing a plaque in recognition of Corporal William H. Crittenden 4th Michigan Cavalry Company E. He was one of four soldiers who captured Confederate President Jefferson near Irwinville, Georgia. The dedication will be May 23 at 3:00 PM at the Macon Village Cemetery, located on Mills - Macon Road, in the Village of Macon. If more information is needed please E-mail me at [ggnaugle@d-pcomm.net](mailto:ggnaugle@d-pcomm.net) or phone 517-673-0993.*

**Department Order #12 Revised**



**Series 2020 – 202**

Headquarters, Lennon, MI  
January 15, 2021

**Nominating Committee and Letters of Intentions**

1. Brother Rick Danes, because of health, issues is resigning from the nomination committee, it is therefore my duty to appoint another committee.
2. In accordance with Department of Michigan Bylaws, Article IX, Section 12. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Brothers NOT currently elected to an office of the Department. The committee's purpose shall be to prepare a slate of officers, listing one or more brother(s) for each elected office (of the Department), for the presentation at the Annual Encampment. Nominations from the floor will continue to be accepted at the Encampment.
3. The following brothers have been appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2021-2022: Paul Davis, PDC – Chair; L., Dean Lamphere, PDC; Al (Nate) Tingley, Gary Gibson, PDC, & Reverand Charles Buckhahn, PCC.
4. Any brother interested in an elected office should submit their letter of intent, credentials, and any recommendation letters to Paul Davis at [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com) or via USPS at:, 4490 Buteo Dr. Traverse City, MI. 49684.
5. The deadline to submit letter of intent shall be Monday, 15 March 2021.
6. Brother David Smith, PDC has be chosen to Chair the Richard Greene Newsletter

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*/s/ Terry McKinch,*  
*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 Order #13**



**Series 2020 - 2021**

**Headquarters, Lennon, MI**  
**February 17, 2021**

**Suspension of Camps in Department of Michigan**

1. Whereas Austin Blair Camp No.7 and Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has failed to file the updated Form 22, Form 22MI, and an updated roster, by 15 February 2019.
2. I am hereby suspending Austin Blair Camp No.7 and Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250 until the proper forms have been filed.

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*Commander Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

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*Secretary, Department of Michigan*  
*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

Department Order #13



Series 2020 - 2021

Headquarters, Lennon, MI

February 19, 2021

**Suspension of Camps in Department of Michigan**

1. Where as Austin Blair Camp No.7 and Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has filed the updated Form 22, Form 22MI, and an updated roster.
2. I am hereby reinstate Austin Blair Camp No.7 and Wa-Bu-No Camp No. 250

*Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty*  
 /s/ Terry McKinch,  
 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**

*Submitted by Graves Registration Officer Rick Danes*



*Headstone of Orson Blair  
 Curtis, author of "The  
 History of the Iron Brigade"  
 at Glenwood Cemetery,  
 Wayne, Michigan*

This officer has recently been informed that a multi-year effort to update the Department website has taken a major step towards reality, as funding and approval have come together, and have been forwarded to our contractor for implementation.

David Wallace, a prime advocate of this action indicates that we should be testing the site within a month, and getting ready for a launch.

The newly updated site will closely mirror closely the National website, and will allow direct input by the Committee, and after a validity check by the DGRO, will be entered into the site.

No more waiting for a quarterly update!

We have recorded over 76, 760 Other War and Civil War records to date.

For those interested, our next committee meeting is on June 12, either live or electronically.

## Robert Finch Camp - 14 March 2021

Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, PDC



PDC Aurand with Commander Davis, PDC receiving the Sgt. Robert Finch Award (picture courtesy of Guard & Asst. GRO Kenny Jones)

On 09 January 2021, a small contingency of Officers and Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 met to discuss several items for the upcoming year. 2021 promises to be a very busy year, and the January meeting was aligned with that sentiment.

Camp Commander Davis, PDC, bestowed the Sgt. Robert Finch Award to Past Department Commander Dale Aurand for his many years of leadership and long sustained efforts to Robert Finch Camp No. 14, as well as to the Department of Michigan. PDC Aurand is only the fourth person to receive the award since its inception in 2014, and only the second Brother of Camp 14 to be conferred it. Brother Aurand has served two terms as Commander of Camp 14, as well as one term as Commander of the Department of Michigan. Additionally, he has served in numerous other elected and appointed offices within the Camp and Department, and also serves with Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Currently, PDC Aurand serves as Secretary-Treasurer, Welfare Committee member, and Quartermaster of Camp 14.

The Sgt. Robert Finch Award is presented to the select few of those that exhibit extraordinary and meritorious service on behalf of the good of the Order, and is the highest award given by Robert Finch Camp No. 14.

Also on 09 January 2021, Commander Davis, PDC bestowed the Sharpshooter Award for 2020 to Council and SUVCW Life Member, Brother John Milks. Brother Milks was instrumental in securing a new meeting location for Camp 14, as the Camp lost its long-time home in Elks Lodge #323 in Traverse City due to the pandemic. With all of his efforts, Camp 14 currently calls the Cherry Land VFW Post 2780 in Traverse City its new home. He is the third Brother to ever receive this award. Additionally, Brother Milks serves on the Traverse City Honor Guard where they conducted Military Honors for 65+ Veteran funerals during 2020 (total numbers were probably even higher for the year at last count). Brother Milks is a stalwart member of the TC Honor Guard. He is the Past Commander of American Legion Post 35, and is the current Junior Vice Commander of Cherry Land VFW Post 2780. The Sharpshooter Award is presented to the Most Outstanding Brother of the Camp during an administrative year, and was established by PCC Mattis during his term as Camp Commander.

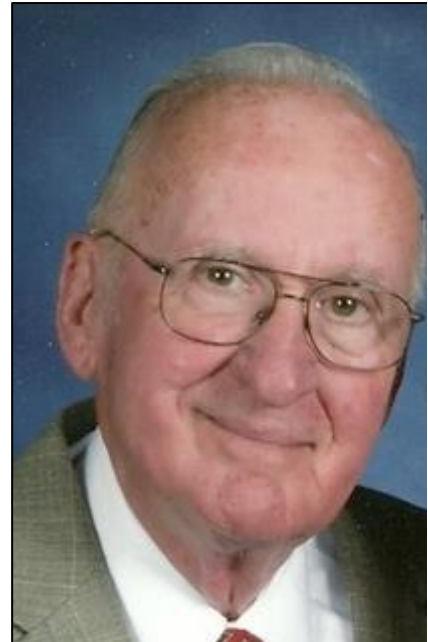


Commander Davis, PDC with Council Member Milks receiving the Sharpshooter Award (picture courtesy of Guard and Asst. GRO Kenny Jones)

Also on 09 January 2021, Past Camp Commander John Lantzer finally received his Past Camp Commander's Badge presented to him from current Camp Commander Paul Davis, PDC. Unfortunately, during the November 202 meeting with the change in administrations, a PCC badge was not available within the Camp Quartermaster's stores. Commander Davis asked PCC Lantzer whom he would like to pin his badge on for him, and PCC Lantzer selected Chaplain Ted Mattis, PCC for the ritual. PCC Lantzer served the past two administrative terms, while PCC Mattis served the two terms prior to PCC Lantzer's. The two PCCs currently serve as the Camp's Chaplains with PCC Mattis as Chaplain, and PCC Lantzer as Assistant Chaplain.



Left: PCC Mattis pins the PCC Badge on PCC Lantzer. Right: PCC Mattis congratulates PCC Lantzer on his successful term and his much deserved PCC badge.



Brother Howard Byrne

On 27 December 2020, Camp 14 lost one of our Brothers when the Lord called Brother Howard Byrne home. Brother Byrne joined Camp 14 on 25 January 2004. Brother Howard entered the Camp under the service of his Great-Grand Uncle Daniel S. Severy, Co. F, 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry as a Private. Private Severy was captured at Chickamauga, GA on 20 September 1863. He was imprisoned at Andersonville, GA, and later escaped on 21 February 1865. Private Severy was promoted to Corporal on 11 May 1865, and mustered out on 08 June 1865 as a Corporal.

Brother Byrne graduated from the University of Detroit- College of Commerce and Finance in 1960, as well as the Detroit College of Law in 1963. He was employed by the Jim Robbins Company in Troy as Manager of Human Resources. He later served in many senior managerial roles with the United States Postal Service in the Detroit area. This work with the USPS culminated in him being promoted to Postmaster of the Eastpointe, Michigan Post Office, and serving as the Hearing Officer for the United States Postal Service Central Region. He retired in 1997, and moved to Traverse City.

For many years, Howard was the proud owner of a 1923 Bickel International Fire Engine and enjoyed taking it to Greenfield Village with the family and participating in local parades and events. Brother Howard volunteered at the Maritime Heritage Alliance where he helped on the reconstruction of the boat Welcome for 10 years. He then continued to work on smaller boats and then on very small boats when he opened a model shop at the Maritime Heritage Alliance. Brother Byrne was a member and past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Bun Brady Division. One of the highlights of the year for Howard was St. Patrick's Day and the Hibernian Parade in Traverse City, where he was privileged to be named a Lord Mayor. He was a member of the Bun Brady Division Ancient Order of Hibernians, Robert Finch Camp No. 14 - SUVCW, The Traverse City Economics Club and a devout member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mapleton.

Brother Howard is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (Crusoe) Byrne of 56 years, his daughter Virginia Marie Abramson (Joseph), son Howard Edmund Byrne III and grandson Brandon Michael Byrne. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by a sister Laura Florence McLaughlin and a brother William Michael Byrne and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The next meeting of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 is tentatively planned for 1130 hrs on 13 March 2021 at the Cherryland VFW Post 2780 in Traverse City.

## From Yard Sale Find to "Save the Flags" Collection

Submitted by PDC David Wallace

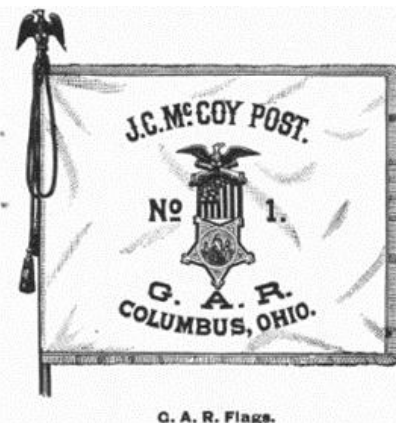
On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Gov. Crapo Camp was contacted by "Save the Flags" Co-Chair, Matt VanAker about a possible GAR post flag that could have belonged to the Gov. Crapo Post. Chartered in June of 1883, the Post itself was closed by order of the Department of Michigan in April 1937, after the death of Comrade Theodore Burden, and transferring Comrade Corydon E. Foote, to the Department-at-Large. Two photos of the flag were included. VanAker explained that the flag had originally been purchased at a yard sale, and shortly after been purchased for \$200 by David Norris, who then contacted him. Norris is a Flint resident and historian with a Civil War ancestor, his great grandfather, Talmon C. Owen, serving in the 10<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment. Norris immediately understood the flag's significance and contacted VanAker. Unfortunately, there was little information to trace how the flag had ended up in the yard sale, other than it had been stored at a local Flint business for years and had been offered to someone in the yard sale family.



The flag was in such pristine condition that it was considered possibly to be a replica. The photos were forwarded to PC-in-C Keith Harrison who confirmed that it was a GAR Post flag layout. This was also confirmed through comparison with the 1887 M.C. Lilley & Co. GAR catalog, with matching dimensions and coloring. The remaining question was the type of fabric. Arrangements were made to view the flag at the Genesee Township Hall on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Besides the owner of the flag, Matt VanAker and two conservators from the "Save the Flags" program were present. Gov. Crapo Corps No. 23 WRC members, Carol Powers and Dawn Bastian, were also present and brought with them a book of "vintage materials" swatches. Based on the swatches, it was determined that the flag was silk and dated to a time period from the late 1880's to the mid-1890's.



Confirmed as genuine, the flag was immediately donated to the "Save the Flags" program, and was transferred back to Lansing, where VanAker indicated it will become part of a future display about the Grand Army of the Republic. The Gov. Crapo Camp and the Gov. Crapo Corps will sponsor its conservation.



G. A. R. Flags.

*"I will prepare and someday my chance will come."* – Abraham Lincoln

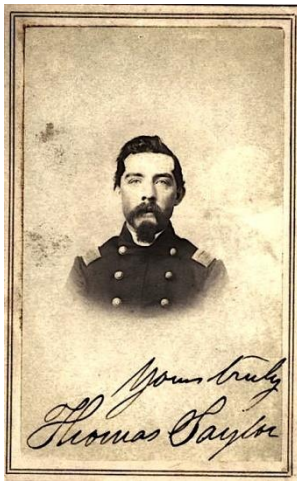
### WHY MICHIGAN'S MESSENGER IS PUBLISHED ONLINE

*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.*



**Thomas Saylor, Colonel 29th Michigan Infantry**  
 Submitted by PDC Paul Davis



Thomas Saylor



Forest Lawn Cemetery in Saginaw

Thomas Saylor was born on July 24, 1831 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In October of 1861, Thomas was in Saginaw, Michigan and entered service as a Captain of Company M in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry on October 4, 1861. On November 28, 1861, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry under the commander of Lt. Colonel Robert H.G. Minty left for St. Louis, Missouri. On March 7, 1862, John Mizner was appointed Colonel of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. On July 12, 1862, Thomas Saylor was promoted to Major and continued his service in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry until July 29, 1864.

On July 29, 1864, Thomas Saylor was discharged from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry and appointed Colonel to form the 29<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. In August of 1864, the 29<sup>th</sup> was formed in Saginaw, Michigan and went into Camp at Butcher's Woods, known today as Bliss Park in Saginaw, Michigan. The 29<sup>th</sup> mustered in 860 soldiers. The Regiment then left for Tennessee on October 24, 1864.

The Regiment mustered out on September 12, 1865.

Thomas Saylor left Saginaw for a while and returned later to engage in the lumber business and was also a saw manufacturer.

He died on July 18, 1911 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Saginaw.

**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](mailto:editor@suvcwmi.org), or to 2612 Burns Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3204**

**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!**



# MICHIGAN'S G.A.R. MEMORIAL HALL & MUSEUM GRAND ARMY OF THE

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## Press Release

### Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum Commemorates the 155th Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic

**Saturday, April 3, 2021: 10 AM - 5PM**

On the night of April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, 13 veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War, led by Major Benjamin Stephenson, gathered in an upstairs room in a small, unassuming brick building. Little did they realize that the organization they were forming would have so much influence on the country they fought to save. The organization that was created that evening was the Grand Army of the Republic. It would end being one of the largest and most influential veterans' organizations this country has ever seen with virtually every northern state legislatures, Congress, and five presidencies occupied by members of the Grand Army. Among the many issues advocated by the G.A.R. was legislation to benefit both current and future veterans, the promotion of May 30th as Memorial Day throughout the country, and 19th Amendment ratification for the right to vote for women. The organization would last over 90 years and help to establish later veterans' organizations including the Spanish American War Veterans, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. It also sanctioned the creation of five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic that still exist today to ensure the legacy of Grand Army.

Michigan's remembrance and commemoration of the 155th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place with a special Open House on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 10 AM to 5 PM, at Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). In addition to the two floors of Grand Army artifacts and memorabilia, many other special G.A.R. exhibits will be on display throughout the day in the 1886-built former G.A.R. Post building. Two full floors of special exhibits relating to the 90-years existence and accomplishments of the Grand Army will be available for viewing. A special 155th birthday cake in honor of the Grand Army will be served.

**G.A.R. & SUVCW Exhibitors welcomed. Please let Keith Harrison ([garmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:garmichigan@gmail.com)) know if you need a table.**

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is the only such museum in the state that is exclusively dedicated to ensuring the memory, deeds, and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its members in Michigan's 460 plus Posts are not forgotten. *The Museum is free to the public.*

Contact: Keith G. Harrison

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum  
517-922-6427, [GARmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:GARmichigan@gmail.com)

## Obituary

March 11, 1958 – March 6, 2021

Richard O. Bower. Age 62 of Taylor, Michigan.

Beloved husband of the late Monica Bower. Loving father of Amanda Bower and Alyssa Bower. Dear brother of Frank (Rachel) Bower, JoAnn (Tim) Watkins and Laura (Larry) Tolbert.

Richard was an avid reader and collector of historical books, mostly about the Civil War and Civil War Battles. He was an active member of Camp 427 since 2008, serving as Camp Chaplain and trumpeter.

He was dedicated to his faith, and attended services as he could.

Cremation will take place at The On-Site Crematory located within the Molnar Funeral Homes – Brownstown Chapel.



*A soldier had lost his bayonet and whittled one from wood so he could stand inspection. He was hoping not to be discovered until the regiment had gone into battle where he could pick one up from a dead soldier. At an inspection, an officer asked to see his bayonet. The soldier stated "Sir, I promised my father I would never unsheathe my bayonet unless I intended to kill with it." The officer insisted he hand over the bayonet. Taking it out, the soldier looked skyward and declared "May the Lord change this bayonet to wood for breaking my vow."*

**Tomb Of The Unknown Civil War Soldiers**  
*Submitted by PDC Paul Davis*



Prior to the restrictions imposed by COVID, Co. A, 14<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve traveled to Arlington Cemetery. In addition to the commonly known Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, there is another tomb for Unknowns. This is the tomb for the Civil War Unknowns. This tomb holds the remains of 2,111 unidentified Civil War soldiers.

The men of the 14<sup>th</sup> performed a memorial and wreath laying service in memory of those 2,111 entombed here.





**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

(Check One Only)

- |                         |                     |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Camp Delegate           | Camp Commander      | Department Commander      |
| Alternate Camp Delegate | Past Camp Commander | Past Department Commander |
| Past Commander-in-Chief |                     |                           |

Name:  
Email Address:

Camp No.:

SUVCW Pre-Registration Fee is \$5.00 (note: \$10.00 at the door)

Make Your Check Payable To: **Dept. of Mich. SUVCW**

Mail **NO LATER THAN** April 21, 2021

to:

Paul Davis, PDC, Chairman  
 Dept. Encampment Credentials Committee  
 4490 Buteo Drive  
 Traverse City, MI 49684

This form covers only the pre-registration fee. You will still be required to present a current SUVCW Membership Card and Credentials Card issued by your Camp Secretary at the door in order to complete your registration for admission to the Department Encampment.

**2021 Department of Michigan Encampment – May 1, 2021**

Okemos Conference Center  
 2187 University Park Drive  
 Okemos, MI 48864

2021

**Lunch Reservation Form for Department Encampment**

1. Please make your selections from the following list of options below and enter the LetterCodes
2. Send your completed Lunch Reservation Form with check for **\$9.75** per sandwich or salad made payable to "Department of Michigan SUVCW" and remit before **24 April 2021** to:

Robert R. Payne, PDC, 3940 Keller Rd., Holt, MI 48842-1824

Please note a Gluten Free Chef's Salad will also be offered at **\$9.75** per salad.

If you order a salad instead of a sandwich, enter "SALAD" in the Sandwich Box and your dressing choice in the Condiments Box.

All Sandwiches will be made to Order per your specifications made below.

Your Name:
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Sandwich	Bread	Condiments	Fixings	Cheese	Side	Cookie	Drink

**Letter Codes:**

**Sandwich:** H-Ham, T-Turkey, HT-Combo, HS-Ham Salad, VG-Veggie

**Bread:** WW-Wheat, WT-White, RY-Rye, MG-Multi-Grain

**Condiments:** HM-Honey Mustard, M-Mayo, MT-Mustard, SD-On The Side

**Dressings:** BC-Blue Cheese, R-Ranch, FF-Fat Free Ranch, IT-Italian, FR-French

**Fixings:** LT-Lettuce, TM-Tomato **Cheese:**

CD-Cheddar, SW- Swiss **Side:** CP-Chips

**Cookie:** CC-Chocolate Chip, HB-Heath Bar Crunch, OR-Oatmeal Raisin, MAC-Macadamia Nut

**Drink:** C-Coke, DC-Diet Coke, DCF-Diet Coke Caffeine Free, SP-Sprite, RT-Root Beer, WA-Water