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Happy Holidays from your Department Officers

DEPARTMENT ORDER #11  **SERIES: 2023- 2024**

HEADQUARTERS
2620 S. DECKER RD MARLETTE, MICHIGAN 48453
18 September 2023

**RE: 2024 ANNUAL MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT & DISCHARGE OF
SITE SELECTION 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:

- The 2024 Annual Michigan Department Encampment will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Okemos Event Center located at 2187 University Park Drive, Okemos, MI 48864.
- Information and forms for the Annual Michigan Department Encampment will be posted on the Department of Michigan website at: www.suvcwmi.org as they become available.
- A block of rooms is being held at the Best Western for the nights of April 26th and 27th at a rate of \$112.00. All guests can call the hotel, located adjacent to the Okemos Event Center at 2209 University Park Dr., to book rooms at 517 349-8700 and ask for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War group block rate.
- General Order #2 on Membership Qualification Ratification will be reviewed and voted upon at the 2024 Annual Michigan Department Encampment.
- The 2024 Annual Michigan Department Encampment Site Committee consisting of Gary L. Gibson PDC (Chair), Steven S. Martin DSVC and David Kimble DJVC are hereby discharged from their duties contained in their committee appointments. The Department Commander thanks the Site Committee members for their able service to the Department of Michigan.

This is so ordered, on the eighteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and the one hundred and fifty-seventh year since the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Gary L. Swain
Gary L. Swain, PCC
Commander, Department of Michigan Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War

ATTEST:

/s/
Richard Denney, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War

DEPARTMENT ORDER #12  **SERIES: 2023-2024**

HEADQUARTERS
2620 S. DECKER RD MARLETTE, MICHIGAN 48453
25 September 2023

RE: DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S SCHEDULE

The Department Chief of Staff will coordinate the Department Commander's schedule. Requests for the Department Commander at Camp events, including officer installations and other Camp activities should be coordinated directly with the Department Chief of Staff, Gary L. Gibson, PDC, at chiefofstaff@suvcwmi.org, or posted to 2339 Harmon Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

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ATTEST:

/s/
Richard Denny, PCC
Secretary, Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

As the Department and National Organizations continue to evolve, a change has been made to how we report graves registrations in Michigan. The procedure for reporting new entries, changes, and other graves related business has not changed, and should be routed through Rick Danes, the Department Officer. He will administrate further action.

The official statement is:

"...we are no longer updating the Michigan Graves Database. It will still be available to utilize (view), and we recommend using the National Graves Database at www.suvcwdb.org (which is updated). As always, we are continuing to support and update the National Graves Database."

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

SUBMITTED BY REV. CHARLES BUCKHAHN

Joseph Edward Osborn, 80, of Hulbert died at his home Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

He was born in Sault Ste. Marie October 20, 1941, to George Edward and Bertha Hazel (nee Kaysner) Osborn.

Mr. Osborn grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and was graduated from Sault High School. He attended Lake Superior State University and then began working in construction. He started Osborn Construction and later JOB Construction in lower Michigan. He retired in 2008 and moved back to Hulbert.

He was a member of the Living Water Assembly of God in Newberry.

Mr. Osborn loved the outdoors, hunting, and riding his ATV.

Mr. Osborn is survived by his children and their families, Mary and Scott Tennant of Lapeer, Mendy and Joshua Bradley of Brighton, Melissa Osborn of Lansing, George Osborn of Lake Linden, and Brian Osborn of Burton; grandchildren, David Platz, Brad Osborn, Alyssa Osborn, Ashley Osborn, Hunter Mosure, Weston Sherwood, Chase Osborn, Collin Osborn, and Jaxson Bradley, and a great-grandchild, Kyven Osborn.

Mr. Osborn was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Osborn. A memorial service was held on November 5, 2022, at Living Waters Assembly of God in Newberry.

William W. "Bill" Giegerich, age 86 of Glen Arbor, peacefully passed away on Tuesday September 12, 2023.

Bill was born on November 9, 1936, in Louisville, Kentucky to a family in desperate financial circumstances, and put in an orphanage to get proper care. His birth family had hoped to return for him, but he was adopted by a wonderful couple.

His mother had Kentucky roots, but Bill grew up in Queens Village, NY. His father was a newspaperman and took Bill fishing all over Long Island. The small family enjoyed many outings to Manhattan for entertainment, with Radio City Music Hall being a particular favorite.

Bill graduated from Massanutten Military Academy, Class of 1955. After graduation, he served two years in the Air Force, ending at Stewart Air Force Base. He then attended Baruch College. He had varied careers in law enforcement, sales, and business.

After New York, Bill lived many years in Atlanta, Georgia, where he frequented several deli's that approached NYC standards. The matinee listings for Atlanta's many second-run and arthouse movie theaters got scanned every weekend, often leading to jaunts on Saturday and Sunday. He also visited nearby Civil War sites, including Andersonville Prison (where his wife Sally lost two family members) and re-enactments at Resaca. Bill was an avid University of Georgia football fan and watched many games with his sons John and Bill.

When Atlanta became too crowded, Bill and Sally moved to her family's cottage on Glen Lake. They enjoyed listening to classical music and driving the backroads of Northern Michigan with their dogs (first Chuck, then Sonny and Monty).

In the 1990s, he was able to reconnect with his Anderson birth family in Kentucky. Much later, he made contact with his first son, who was placed for adoption after a brief teenage marriage.

He is survived by his sons John (Stephanie), Bill (Kim), and Jim (Helen) Caruso, stepdaughter Sheila (Fred Lane) Terry, grandson Michael Giegerich, and his lovingly rehomed dog Harley.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents William and Virginia, his daughter Joanne, his stepson Jeff Terry, and his wife Suzanne "Sally" Terry Giegerich. Per Bill's wishes, there will be a private inurnment in Maple Grove Cemetery in Empire. Memorial contributions may be made to Cherryland Humane Society.

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Lamont Gene Sible

There is only a short obituary on Brother Sible available at this time:

Tustin - Lamont Gene Sible, Of Sears Passed Away Monday, October 9, 2023 At The Tustin House. He Was 92. Cremation has taken place and services celebrating Lamont's life will be held at a later date in the spring. A more complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.Fosnaught-Holdship.com

The family is being served by the Fosnaught-Holdship Funeral Home.

I echo Brother Smith's request that we all keep Brothers Brent, Dusty, and Dalten and the whole Sible family, as well as Camp 28, in our thoughts and prayers.

A Civil War Christmas Poem/Song

SUBMITTED BY REV. CHARLES BUCKHAHN

Most of us know of the story behind the Christmas Song, "I Heard Bells on Christmas Day." The words are from a poem composed by the American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. I know him best for his epic poem, The Song of Hiawatha, written in 1855. For over fifty years, my home town of Elgin, Illinois, played host to the Boy Scout's Camp Big Timber version of The Song of Hiawatha Indian Pageant. My older brothers (both Boy Scouts) participated in the Pageant, paddling canoes; and my little brother and I (both Cub Scouts) sold programs at the performances.

Longfellow lived through several family tragedies. His first wife, Mary, died after having a miscarriage. His second wife, Francas, died in July, 1861, when hot wax accidentally spilled on the lace of her dress, setting the dress on fire. In his attempt to put the fire out, Longfellow face was badly burned. Francas died the next day. Because of his burns, Longfellow could not attend her funeral. Unable to shave, Longfellow grew his beard.

After her death, Longfellow, depressed and grieving, seldom wrote poetry; rather, he translated Dante's Divine Comedy into English. On Christmas, 1862, he wrote in his journal, "'A merry Christmas' say the children, but that is no more for me." The following year, his son, Charley, against his father's wishes, joined the Union army. In November of that year, Charley was badly wounded. His father traveled to Washington D.C. to take him home to recover. In December of 1863, inspired by his son slow but positive recovery, Longfellow wrote the poem, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

***I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
and mild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

***And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

***Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

***Then from each black, accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

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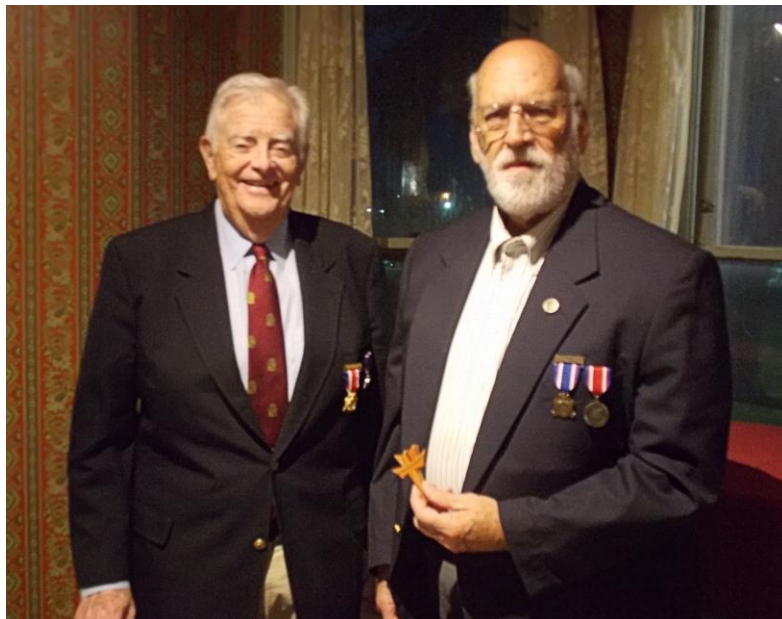
***It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!***

***And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"***

***Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."***

Our present Christmas song is but the first two and the last two stanzas of the poem. The middle three stanzas, especially the last two, reflect how Longfellow saw the War tried to drown out the bells of Christmas. Before the War, Longfellow was an abolitionist after the War, he hoped for the reconciliation between the northern and southern states. He wrote in his journal in 1878; "I have only one desire; and that is for harmony, and a frank and honest understanding between North and South."

In this Christmas Season, with war in Europe and in the Middle East, and unrest in our beloved country, may the bells of Christmas ring more loudly and deep with peace on earth, good will to men.



Brother DC Swain presented the National Chaplain Award to Camp 427 Chaplain Sam Laswell

GRAVES REGISTRATION

Submitted By Rick Danes, Committee Chair



A reminder

Your Graves Registration Committee met on September 9, with four Camps attending. As the effects of recent changes in the National and Department programs there is no need for the DGRO to handle records for the Department, only to review records for the National. This is not a bad thing, just a change. The committee members attending voted to decrease the number of graves meetings from four to two per year. The next meeting will be on May 4, 2024, and the following meeting will be on October 19, 2024 at the State Library.

There will not be a meeting on December 9, 2023.

Camp 20 and 17th Michigan Company B

Submitted by Gary Swain, DC, CC

In October 8th Camp 20 conducted a new gravestone dedication in Allegan's Oakwood Cemetery, for Pvt. David Silence of the 102nd USCT. In the photo from L to R is Honor Guard, Co B, 17th Michigan brothers L. Dean Lamphere, David Kindle, & Chuck Worley and from the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Comer Skinner, Tom Bruce, GlennHall and William Costello.



Robert Finch Camp 14 Memorial Services
Submitted by Kenny Jones

Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 had a busy day 30

Sep 2023 with two services in Emmet County. The 1st one was a Head Stone dedication for PVT Jacob Konle Company K, 190th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Many of his relatives were in attendance.

The 2nd event Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 on 30 Sep 2023 was for Ira Stewart "The Last Man Standing" of Emmet County. He was life commander of Lombard Post, G.A.R., and a past commander of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. He served with the



Patriotic instructor Report
Submitted by Terry McKinch

Brothers,

It is my pleasure to report to you there have been many new activities our Brothers have participated in. I did attend several events since my last report. Brothers from all over Michigan attended the wonderful Lincoln Statue Dedication on August 27, 2023, which is my birthday, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Unfortunately, the statue was desecrated with graffiti, just a couple of days later. Department Commander, Gary Swain personally scrubbed off the graffiti.

Linda McKinch, President of the Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) Governor Crapo Corps #43 and I attended the dedication for the Daughters of American Revolution's (DAR) War of Independence 1776, 250th monument at Flushing City Ceremony.

This last weekend, November 11th, over twenty members from Brothers and Sisters attended the Veterans Day ceremony at Flushing City Cemetery. Members from Governor Crapo Camp, Grant Camp, Curtenius Camp, Austin Blaire Camp in addition to Governor Crapo Corps - #23 and Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter National Society of the Daughters of Union Veterans 1861-1865 were in attendance.

We did have a Patriotic Instructors' Zoom meeting on September 9, 2023, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. It was a great success, though only two people attended. Moving forward, we will have a meeting on the following dates: Saturday, January 13, 2023 (Zoom), Saturday April 26, 2024, (in person at the Department Encampment), Saturday, September 14, 2024 (Zoom). All Zoom meetings will be from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. I urge you all to attend, and all are invited.

Commander-in-Chief Peter J. Hritsko Jr appointed PC-in-C Donald Martin as temporary National Patriotic Instructor and then appointed Brian McManus, PDC of Department of Wisconsin, to replace Donald.

**The following is from National Patriotic Instructor, Don Martin, PC-in-C.
 Sections from "Memoranda During the War" By Walt Whitman,
 published 1875**

"During the Union War I commenced at the close of 1862, and continued steadily through '63, '64, and '65, to visit the sick and wounded of the Army, both on the field and in the Hospitals in and around Washington city. From the first I kept little note-books for impromptu jottings in pencil to refresh my memory of name and circumstances, and what was specially want, &c". "--The Dead in this War -- there they lie, strewn the fields and woods and valleys and battle-fields of the South -- Virginia, the Peninsula -- Malvern Hill and Fair Oaks -- the banks of the Chicka hominy -- the terraces of Fredericksburgh -- Antietam bridge -- the grisly ravines of Manassas -- the bloody promenade of the Wilderness -- the varieties of the strayed dead, (the estimate of the War Department is 25,000 National soldiers kill'd in battle and never buried at all, 5,000 drown'd -- 15,000 inhumed strangers or on the march in haste, in hitherto unfound localities -- 2,000 graves cover'd by sand and mud, by Mississippi freshets, 3,000 carried away by caving-in of banks, &c.) -- Gettysburgh, the West, Southwest -- Vicksburg -- Chattanooga -- the trenches of Petersburg -- the numberless battles, camps, Hospitals everywhere -- the crop reap'd by the mighty reapers, Typhoid, Dysentery, Inflammations -- and blackest and loathesomest of all, the dead and living burial-pits, the Prison-Pens of Andersonville, Salisbury, Belle-Isle, &c., (not Dante's pictured Hell and all its woes, its degradations, filthy torments, excell'd those Prisons) -- the dead, the dead, the dead -- our dead -- or South or North, ours all, (all, all, all, finally dear to me) -- or East or West -- Atlantic Coast or Mississippi Valley -- Some where they crawl'd to die, alone, in bushes, low gulleys, or on the sides of hills -- (there, in secluded spots, their skeletons, bleach'd bones, tufts of hair, buttons, fragments of clothing, are occasionally found, yet) -- our young men once so handsome and so joyous, taken from us -- the son from the mother, the husband from the wife, the dear friend from the dear friend -- the clusters of camp graves, in Georgia, the Carolinas, and in Tennessee -- the single graves in the woods or by the road-side, (hundreds, thousands, obliterated) -- the corpses floated down the rivers, and caught and lodged, (dozens, scores, floated down the Upper Potomac, after the cavalry engagements, the pursuit of Lee, following Gettysburgh) -- some lie at the bottom of the sea -- the general Million, and the special Cemeteries in almost all the States -- the Infinite Dead -- (the land entire is saturated, perfumed with their impalpable ashes' exhalation in Nature's chemistry distill'd, and shall be so forever, and every grain of wheat and ear of corn, and every flower that grows, and every breath we draw,) -- not only Northern dead leavening Southern soil -- thousands, aye tens of thousands, of Southerners, crumble to-day in

Northern earth.

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And everywhere among these countless graves -- everywhere in the many Soldiers Cemeteries of the Nation, (there are over seventy of them) -- as at the time in the vast trenches, the depositories of slain, Northern and Southern, after the great battles -- not only where the scathing trail pass'd those years, but radiating since in all the

peaceful quarters of the land -- we see, and see, and ages yet may see, on monuments and gravestones, singly or in masses, to thousands or tens of thousands, the significant word UNKNOWN."

Please remember all our Brothers and Sisters over the upcoming holidays.
Remember those who are shut in, our Veterans and others who may need our assistance.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty
Terry McKinch, PDC

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.

29th Michigan Infantry

By James B. Pahl, PCinC

(The account is based upon and quotes frequently from "Michigan in the War" 1882, compiled by J. Robertson, Adjutant General.)

In the orders authorizing the forming of the regiments raised during the year 1864, this regiment was originally designated as the 31st. However, men raised for the 30th were being absorbed into the 3^d and 4th regiments and the regiment originally designed as the 29th was merged with the 28th regiment, so this regiment was re-designated the 29th. It was raised entirely in the Sixtieth Congressional District and organized in Saginaw, Michigan, mustering on October 3, 1864.

The 29th left for Nashville, TN on the 6th of October in command of Col. Saylor, who had been commissioned from the 3rd cavalry. The regiment has 856 officers and men on his roster. They finally arrived in Decatur, AL on the 28th. Rebels under General Hood attacked that place on the same day, with the 29th aiding in its defense until Oct 30, when the enemy retired. On November 27, the regiment moved to Mufreesboro, TN and composed part of the force at that point of the siege of Nashville and Murfreesboro by the enemy under Hood and was also engaged on December 7 at Overall Creek. On the 13th, it was sent out as escort of a railroad train to procure fuel and was attacked by a superior force of infantry and artillery near Winchester church. A several battle ensued in which the enemy was repulsed with loss, the regiment losing 17 killed, wounded or missing. The enemy had taken up part of the track and the men of the 29th succeeded in relaying the track under fire, saving the train.

The regiment was again engaged with the enemy while guarding a train at Alexandria, beginning engaged with two brigades of cavalry with slight loss. The regiment was then moved to Anderson and engaged in guarding the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, remaining there until July of 1865. They continued this duty until they were mustered out on September 6. On the 8th they started for home, arriving in Detroit on the 12th were they were paid off and discharged.

The 29th had borne on its rolls a total of 1,470 officers and men, with loses of 71 -- one officer and on man killed in action, 4

men died of wounds and 1 officer and 64 men of disease.

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GENERAL ORLANDO M. POE CAMP 444 - December 2023

Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, PDC – Camp 444 Commander

The Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 have had a very prosperous and rewarding 2023 campaign, and will continue with work on behalf of the Order into the Christmas season.

On Saturday, 07 October, Camp 444 honored the Last Veterans of Clare County at Clare's historic Cherry Grove Cemetery. The ceremony was held at the graveside of Elias Riegler the Last Union Veteran Buried in Clare County. In addition to the Brothers of Camp 444, city leaders, Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9, and several Brothers from other Camps across the Department of Michigan participated in celebration of the lives of the Last Veterans and their unique place in local and national history.

Despite a cool and windy day, a decent turnout from the community and other parts of the state attended to see the Last Veterans of Clare County honored. The ceremony detailed the incredible Civil War journeys of Reverend William N. Younglove and Mr. Elias Riegler. The men died one day apart in January of 1939 (10th and 11th). Reverend Younglove personally knew President Lincoln and his cabinet and family, John Wilkes Booth, and General Ulysses S. Grant. Additionally, he was at Ford Theater on that tragic day. Mr. Riegler fought under General Sherman during his famous campaigns in the Southeast in the final year of the war.

For additional coverage of the ceremony and more information on these amazing men, please see the latest issue of The Engineer & Mechanic, Camp 444's official newsletter at: <https://www.genompoecamp444.org/newsletters> Excellent news coverage of the ceremony by Clare County Cleaver Editor and Owner Angela Kellogg can be found at: https://www.clarecountycleaver.net/stories/sons-of-the-civil-war-honor-last-two-civil-war-veterans-in-clare-county_54243



TOP LEFT: Captain Scheck leads the Honor Guard into the ceremony (photo courtesy of Lauren Scheck)

TOP CENTER: Commander Smith returns the sword salute to Captain Scheck and the Camp 444 Honor Guard (photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)

TOP RIGHT: The gravesite of Mr. Elias Riegler, the Last Union Veteran Buried in Clare County, Michigan after the ceremony. (Photo courtesy of T. Wiley)



BOTTOM LEFT: The Camp 444 Honor Guard under the command of Captain George Scheck firing one of the three volleys in salute of the Last Veterans, Reverend Younglove and Mr. Riegler. (Photo courtesy of Lauren Scheck)

BOTTOM RIGHT: Clare City Manager Jeremy Howard addresses the crowd. (L-R: Commander Smith, Sister Jones, Mrs. Bailey, PAP Smith, PI Walker, President Aurand, Clare Cemetery Clerk Warner, & City Manager Howard) (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare Alexander French Camp No. 28 made one last farewell to PCC Gerald Michael Lintemuth, their Camp's final charter member on Sunday, 17 September 2023. The memorial service for Brother Lintemuth was well attended by Brothers, family, and friends of the departed. Camp 28 Commander Brent Sible (and Camp 444 SVC) led the ceremony. Several Brothers of Camp 444 and Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9 made the trip to help support and participate in the ceremony. Brother Lintemuth will be dearly missed, and certainly not forgotten.



ABOVE LEFT: Brothers of Alexander French Camp No. 28 & Camp 444 (SVC Sible & PI Walker) and Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9 salute during the volleys.

ABOVE CENTER: A few members of Camp 444's Honor Guard (Captain Scheck, PDC Smith, GRO/CWMO Jones, & PDC Aurand) fire volleys as PAP Lisa Smith of Auxiliary No. 9 looks on.

ABOVE RIGHT: Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9 discuss the ceremony after its conclusion, pictured left to right, President Lorraine Aurand, Secretary Lisa Smith, PAP, and Sister Valerie Jones.

These 3 pictures courtesy of Angel Sible and Cheryl Zill.

On Saturday, 16 September 2023 in Mt. Pleasant's Island Park, the community came together to honor the families of four POW-MIA Veterans of Michigan. The POW-MIA Recognition Plaques of Honor ceremony led by Camp 444 Council & Chaplain Calvin Murphy was a success, and years in the making. This is believed to be the first time that the families of POW and MIA Veterans were recognized and honored for their sacrifices and losses.

The ceremony was sponsored by Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter 4 of Muskegon. Additionally, American Legion Post 110 of Mt. Pleasant assisted with the ceremony. The Plaques of Honor were meticulously made for the families by Doug Pickel. Brother Murphy, a Vietnam Combat Veteran, and Mr. Pickel partnered together to bring the ceremony from a concept to a reality.

As part of the ceremony, Chaplain Murphy rode into the event in a bamboo cage towed by one of the motorcycles of Rolling Thunder, representing the reality that faced many soldiers in Vietnam when they became prisoners of war. Brother Murphy is hopeful that this ceremony will continue on in the future, and become an annual event at the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant. A feature story from Grand Rapids' WZZM TV-13 on Brother Murphy, and this event of remembrance can be seen here:

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/life/one-good-thing/michigan-vietnam-veteran-calvin-murphy-recognizing-prisoners-of-war-and-missing-soldiers/69-36d9f55d-fd54-4584-a4eb-26a9a60e98e1?fbclid=IwAR3CSX>

The Brothers of Camp 444 will be going full steam ahead in the remaining months of 2023 with many activities and planning for 2024. Camp 444 will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army in Cadillac during the Thanksgiving weekend. Then Camp 444 will be meeting for the annual Christmas Campfire Luncheon in Cadillac in early December with family and friends. Finally, Camp 444 will be participating in the first Wreaths Across America event at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

The Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 wish all of our Brothers and Sisters, and friends and family, a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

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The quality and timely completeness of our newsletter is based upon your timely submittal of articles. This is illustrated by the lateness of this issue. Please do not wait for the submission date to submit.

Thank you,

The Editorial Staff



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POW for 32 months in
Korea



Sgt. Robert Hesslink
POW for 33 months in
Korea



PVT Wilmer Norman
POW for 18 months in
Korea



SPEC 4 Arthur Wright
MIA since 1967 and still
listed as a MIA Vietnam



TOP LEFT: Brother Calvin Murphy leading the POW-MIA Recognition Plaques of Honor Ceremony at Island Park with SPC4 Arthur Wright's daughter to the right. (Photo courtesy of Calvin and Starla Murphy)
TOP RIGHT: The 4 POW-MIA Veterans Honored (Courtesy of Calvin Murphy)
BOTTOM LEFT: The family of Private Wilmer Norman (Photo courtesy of Calvin & Starla Murphy).
BOTTOM RIGHT: The family of Corporal Dale Williams (Photo courtesy of Calvin & Starla Murphy)

The Brothers of Camp 444 will be going full steam ahead in the remaining months of 2023 with many activities and planning for 2024. Camp 444 will be bell ringing for the Salvation Army in Cadillac during the Thanksgiving weekend. Then Camp 444 will be meeting for the annual Christmas Campfire Luncheon in Cadillac in early December with family and friends. Finally, Camp 444 will be participating in the first Wreaths Across America event at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. The Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 wish all of our Brothers and Sisters, and friends and family, a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

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