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Headquarters, Davison, Michigan

1. Having been duly elected and installed at the 118th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, held on 28 April 2007, command is hereby assumed.
2. Headquarters for the Department of Michigan, SUVCW will be located at 4033 Horizon Drive, Davison, MI 48423.
3. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Department of Michigan for electing me Department Commander.
4. Thank you to Past Department Commander J. Richard Greene and his staff for their outstanding service rendered on behalf of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW.
5. I would like to thank Commander-in-Chief and Michigan Brother James B. Pahl for acting as Installing Officer for the Department of Michigan.
6. I am pleased to report that my first official act as Department Commander was to sign Lockwood Camp No. 139's replacement Camp Charter.
7. Brother John Porterfield of Camp No. 250 passed away on 29 April 2007. All Camp Charters are to be draped for a period of 30 days in honor of Brother Porterfield.
8. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Department's Membership Awards! The Governor Austin Blair Membership Award, for the most new Brothers, was presented to the March to the Sea Camp No. 135 of Centreville, MI and the Orlando LeValley Membership Award, for the largest percentage growth, was presented to the Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp No. 427 of Dearborn, MI.
9. Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Department's Lincoln Award, for outstanding efforts to "Keep Green the Memory" of the Boys in Blue, Brother Matthew L. Adair and John P. Tragge, Esq.
10. I am pleased to report that 23 out of 26 Camps submitted their Camp Annual Reports and Per Capita Tax prior to the April 30th deadline. Because of this, the Department of Michigan has achieved a new level of reporting. This is something that we all can be very proud of. Next year's goal is to have all Camps submit their reports on time.
11. Effective 5 May 2007 Ulysses S. Grant Camp No. 101 of Detroit, MI is suspended for failure to submit Form 27 Camp Annual Report and Per Capita Tax.
12. Brothers are encouraged to plan to attend the 126th National Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri, August 9-12, 2007. Details are available in the "Banner" and on the National Website.
13. Brothers are encouraged to plan to participate in the Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Services in Gettysburg, PA on Saturday, 17 November 2007.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

/s/

Dennis C. Derr II
Commander

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: /s/

Kevin J. Lindsey
Secretary

Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Treasurer's Report

Brian Shumway, Department Treasurer

Attendees of the 118th Encampment meeting at Lansing approved a strong budget offering support for projects in G.A.R Records preservation, funding for flag replacement at Gettysburg National Cemetery and implementation of the strategic plan adopted at the 117th Encampment (below). We are in good financial health and need no increase in per capita tax in the foreseeable future.

I would like to request that department officers with expense budgets submit their expenses on a quarterly basis in order to more responsibly manage our finances. And please keep those receipts, gentlemen, where at all possible. Ask for a receipt when you purchase an item for your duties. And if it is not possible to provide a receipt, please strive to file something that backs up your expense. We want to be fair but responsible in our administration.

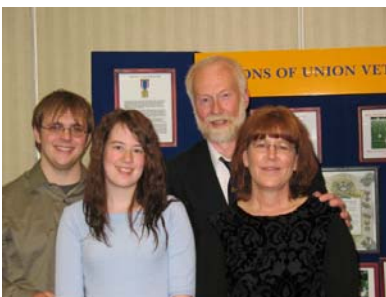
I've been gratified to find that many Camp Treasurer's have mastered the craft of pro rating per capita amounts across the course of the year: you have my admiration, men, it can be confusing. To provide some help for those new to office, Commander Derr developed a chart during his Department Secretary days that can greatly assist in determining department and national per capita dues pro rated through the year that I want to re-present for use by those who may not have clipped it last year. Save it for easy and accurate calculations of amounts that must be sent to Department Secretary Kevin Lindsey for new enrollees.

Keep in mind that the month is used to make the calculation is the **date of the application** and not the date the camp enrolls the new member, unless they are the same date. The Department will be required to pay per capita tax to National based on the date of application and so we must ask that of your camp as well.

Application Date in Month of	Application Fee	Department Per Capita Tax	National Per Capita Tax	Total Amount Due
January	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$18.00	\$31.00
February	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$18.00	\$31.00
March	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$18.00	\$31.00
April	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$13.50	\$24.50
May	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$13.50	\$24.50
June	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$13.50	\$24.50
July	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$9.00	\$18.00
August	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$9.00	\$18.00
September	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$9.00	\$18.00
October	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$4.50	\$11.50
November	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$4.50	\$11.50
December	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$4.50	\$11.50

Remember that Juniors pay only a \$5.00 Application Fee, no Per Capita tax.
Reinstated Brothers pay \$26.00 regardless of the time of year at which they are reinstated.

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At the Department Encampment, PDC Richard Greene celebrated his retirement with his family, while DGRO Danes congratulated incoming Department Commander Dennis Derr II



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BROTHER RONALD K. HURLBURT

Passed away peacefully at home, 3250 Kingsbrooke Dr.#703, Jackson, MI 49202 Wednesday, April 11, 2007, age 59 years. He is survived by his wife, Julia, one son, Chris, several in-laws, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Kenneth Lee Hurlburt. During Ronald's lifetime, he brought the gift of music to many Jackson area school students and was actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America for a number of years. An Eagle Scout himself, he was National Jamboree Scout Master for the Land 'O Lakes Council in 1985 and 1989. He became a member of the Austin Blair Camp No.7 on November 14, 2005, by being the Great Grandnephew of PVT John H. Hand, 5th Michigan Infantry. He was also a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Funeral was at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church on April 14 with interment St. John's Cemetery.

BROTHER JOHN PORTERFIELD, PCC

John Porterfield died April 29, 2007, age 82. A member of Wa-Bu-No Camp 250, Shepherd/Mt. Pleasant, he had held several positions, including Camp Commander. John served in the European Theater during WWII. His memorial service was May 5, at the Cark Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Editor's Note: This is my recollection of why Michigan's Messenger is now distributed electronically:

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

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

As a result of this action by the Membership, dues have not been raised. I believe that the Camps have some responsibility to report changes, so that we can continue to serve you, so you must provide me with a current contact for electronic mailing.

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

Department Historian Report

John R. Keith, Chairman

Several of the general officers on both sides of the Civil War, shaped themselves in the likeness of the generals they served under in the Mexican War.

Here is a description that Lt. General U. S. Grant gave of his commanding officer in the Mexican War General Zachary Taylor.

Grant states;

"No soldier could face either danger or responsibilities more calmly than he. These are qualities more rarely found than genius or physical courage. General Taylor never made and great show or parade, either in uniform or retinue. In dress he was possibly too plain, rarely wearing anything in the field to indicate his rank, or even that he was an officer; but he was known to every soldier in his army and was respected by all".

That was Grant's style as well. It might have been his style had he never seen Taylor, but from Taylor he learned it was a style that invoked trust, respect and confidence in troops and others!

Please submit items for the Department Historian to:

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Department Graves Registration Committee

Rick Danes, Chairman

Twelve Camps were represented at our June, 2007 Graves Registration Committee Meeting, and though it is wonderful that we have two new Camps, the Department Officer now has a total of 19 counties to provide information for. Gary Grout, one of the newest GROs has kindly offered to take over Saint Clair County, since we no longer have a Camp 9. We also have great news that Camp 1 in Grand Rapids is on-track, and thanks to Brother GRO Tim Kolean, will begin to survey and document this year.

Brother Bill Lowe also has reported that the field work in the upper peninsula has been completed, and he will have the documentation complete and submitted soon. PCC Jim Lyons reports that although no one has stepped up to the GRO task in Camp 17, he will be a contact and answer queries as he can.

On another note, we now have over 57,400 records in the Department Database, and 1,500 more records submitted to the National Database (in addition to the 37,900+ reported at last year's National Encampment).

Mark Harvey, the State of Michigan Archivist has just completed sending me a compiled list of Civil War Soldiers from the 1961 Civil War Centennial Project, and the State Archives GAR Database, and Archives Civil War Soldier Database. The intent of this effort is that the public will have one central go-to place for Civil War Soldier Burial Place Research. Although we now have all of the names in the Archives, the details are still on the Archival Cards for each man. Many thanks to Mark and his staff.

Brother Matt Adair continues to support our effort with timely updates to the Department Website, and I plan on having an update to the GRO Handbook by September.

I hope that this summer is productive for you and your Camp, and that you find lots of Soldier's burial locations to report in the fall.

Keep your pencils sharp and your shoes tied, and I hope to see you all at the GRO Meetings.

Israel B. Richardson Camp 2

By William Nash, JVC



JVC Nash and C-in-C James Pahl
at Lincoln's Tomb



Camp members included (back row) Bruce Miller; (middle row, left to right) Jim Harris, John Ellis, Ralph Baughn, Ray Shedd, Don Koch, Gary Grout, Kevin Lindsey, Carl Becker and (front row) Bill Nash.

Report on the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

JVC William Nash was honored to represent Camp # 2 at the 51st Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony commemorating the 142nd anniversary of the death of President Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois, April 14, 2007.

JVC Nash was one of the many wreath presenters at the event. Although the weather was cold and a steady rain poured down, it did not dampen the spirits of all who attended. Addresses were given by James Pahl, Commander-in-Chief, SUVCW and Keith Harrison, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

After the ceremony, a luncheon was held in downtown Springfield with Alan Loomis, PCinC, who served as Toastmaster. The Program featured a stirring presentation by Max and Donna Daniels as President Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln. Both of these events had a great turn-out and made for an unforgettable day. Can't wait until next year!

The General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2 was a major participant in the Memorial Day service in Birmingham, Michigan again this year. Camp Commander Kevin Lindsey spoke on the origin of the day, Chaplain Bill Nash read "The Unknown Dead" and the Camp placed a wreath at the Oakland County Civil War monument.

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Henry E. Plant Camp #3

By Daniel Grable, Secretary-Treasurer

In 2007, Camp 3 is celebrating its 14th Anniversary, and to help that that event, newly transferred Member Ronald Bellenger has contributed the remaining funds to purchase a Camp Flag. Camp 3 was honored to be the Color Guard for the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade, and coordinated the ceremony at the Spring Lake Cemetery. A salute was fired by Brothers John Baldus, Paul McDonald, Donald Ogden, Jonathon Scott, and Richard Scott. Following the ceremony, Camp Members and their families enjoyed fellowship at an Annual Picnic in Central Park. This summer, the Camp will present during the Spring Lake Heritage Festival, concentrating on MOH recipient and Camp namesake Henry E. Plant, about his life, and about what he did to deserve the Medal. We will also offer a display of Civil War artifacts and SUVCW medals. During the festival, the Camp will participate in the dedication of a new flagpole and Flag at Millpoint Park. Later this summer (Fourth of July, we hope) we will rededicate the Civil War memorial at Pilgrim Cemetery in Holland, Michigan. Two of our Camp Members, Ronald Bellenger and Clifford Owens are on the planning committee for the event. The camp will also work at the Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven as a Graves registration Project.

Robert Finch Camp #14

April to June 2007 Report

Submitted by W. E. Skillman, Patriotic Instructor

Camp #14's roster shows 37 Members, 9 Associates, 1 Junior Member. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend our annual picnic on Saturday, July 21, 2007. Our hosts will be Brother Al and Marge Pifer. Those Brothers wishing to attend the festivities are encouraged to contact Secretary Neal Breaugh at <nbreaugh@charter.net>.

May meeting: Mr. Martin Melkild was our guest speaker. He is author of the book Dear Brother Robert; based on the letters of Stephen Hutchinson who served in the Army of the Cumberland and after the War became one of early settlers of Northport. The Camp accepted a Certificate of Appreciation for Brother Don Gray, who served on the Honor Guard for C-in-C Pahl during last November's Remembrance Day observances in Gettysburg

Petoskey Cannon Project: We are pleased to announce that the Les and Ann Biederman Foundation authorized a grant for \$8,000 for the Petoskey cannon project. This puts our current balance at \$18,000. This month, Commander Clark and WMO Knoodle will transport the cannon to Karkadoulia's Bronze Art in Ohio where it will begin undergoing restoration and be mounted on a reproduction Type 2 field artillery carriage.

USS Sabine Cannon Project: The Traverse City Wal-Mart has honored our \$500 grant request to purchase a historical plaque describing the history of the 10 pounder Parrott cannon at the Grand Traverse Courthouse. We hope to dedicate the plaque/cannon on August 23, 2008; the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Navy's commissioning of the USS Sabine into service.

Memorial Day: On a beautiful sunny day, Robert Finch Camp was very active throughout the region this Holiday. Brothers Breaugh, Watson, and Martin Melkild participated in the Northport festivities. The 'Morse Squad' conducted services at the Lake Ann cemetery; Brothers Knoodle and Phillips at Harbor Springs, and Goodrich in Ludington. In Traverse City, Brothers Winnie, Heffer, Bryne, Mattis, and Skillman marched with the Grand Traverse Veteran Coalition for that communities observances at Memorial Gardens cemetery. Brother Aurand gave a stirring reading of the Gettysburg Address during proceedings. Frances Finch Auxiliary President Emily Breaugh and Marge Pifer were also in attendance.

For the Good of the Order: Our friend, Mr. George Ovary of Mancelona, continues to do outstanding research and restoration work throughout Antrim County. He recently informed Camp 14 he has discovered more than 93 CW veteran gravestones in various cemeteries and arranged new headstones for over 30. During the May meeting the Brothers unanimously approved a motion to forward a request to C-in-C Pahl to submit to the National Council our recommendation to have Mr. Ovary be formally recognized as an Honorary Member of the SUVCW.

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Curtenius Guard Camp #17

Submitted by W. E. Skillman, Patriotic Instructor



PC-in-C Harrison and Brother Steve Church at Mount Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

A fine contingent of a dozen Curtenius Guard members turned out for Memorial Day ceremonies at Mt Hope Cemetery in Lansing on May 26 at 11 am despite a light rain. With the G.A.R. Section on a prominent hill of the cemetery nicely trimmed by Camp JVC Dave Arnold and a squad of Curtenius Guard members a week before, a small contingent of Lansing residents, including Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, heard National Commander James B. Pahl, a Curtenius Guard stalwart, greet guests. Camp SVC Dave Rehkopf conducted the traditional ceremony and Chaplain George Roux led the assembled in prayer. Afterward, Brother Arnold addressed the group before Past Commander In Chief Keith Harrison read Genl. John Logan's Special Order Number 11. Brother Steve Church fired three volleys to salute the fallen and Tom Randall played Taps. Despite

sodden shoes, citizens left feeling uplifted that our civil war dead had been remembered this Saturday before Memorial Day.

General Benjamin Pritchard Camp # 20

Submitted By John R. Keith CC

WE AT CAMP 20 WANT TO WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO OUR CAMP, MR. JOSEPH HART WILLIAMS. BRO. WILLIAMS IS A GREAT GREAT GRANDSON, OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WILLIAMS WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY AS A PRIVATE IN THE 21ST INDIANA LIGHT ARTILLERY.

BRO. WILLIAMS LIVES IN EUGENE, OREGON AND IS ALSO A COUSIN OF CAMP 20 COMMANDER JOHN R. KEITH AND SRVC JOHN C. KEITH.
WELCOME BRO. HART.

MEMORIAL DAY 2007

Camp 20 members marched in the Memorial Day Parade, May 28th, 2007 in Allegan, MI. Camp 20 also laid a wreath at the cemetery program after the parade. Bro. Mike Stone represented Camp 20 at the Otsego Memorial Day parade and at the ceremony at the cemetery.

Also on that day Camp 20 conducted a small ceremony at the grave of General Benj. Pritchard; the 100th year anniversary of his death is on November 26th of this year. We then visited the grave of our late Camp 20 Commander, Del Farnsworth on that day.

On Memorial Day, May 30th, 2007 we conducted a ceremony at 7PM at the G.A.R Monument at Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo, MI.

Also at 6 PM on this date, we performed a Gravestone Dedication ritual at the grave of Lawrence Flynn also in Riverside Cemetery. Mr. Flynn was a Corporal in the 1st Michigan E & M, and has received a new headstone.

Please make note of this event, we hope to see you there!

CAPTAIN HENRY STARK GRAVESTONE DEDICATION

June 23, 2007

11AM

Mountain Home Cemetery, Otsego Township, Michigan

If you need a map, please contact Camp Commander John R. Keith at email Hardtackcw@aol.com, or call 269-685-5192 and I'll get you the information.

Please join us and make this day a day to remember.

Bro. Gary Gibson PDC and Bro. Bill Costello PCC report that they are expecting 24 more new headstones this year to be placed on unmarked graves in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo, MI. They just placed 11 new stones in the last 2 weeks there!

Great job Gary and Bill!

Bro Bill Brennan PDC is recovering remarkable well from open-heart surgery. He is very active, walking all over the Allegan area, and he even marched in the Allegan Memorial Parade keeping up his own personal tradition of several years in a row!

REMINDER- our next camp meeting will be **Tuesday, June 5th, 2007** at 7PM.

Camp 20 meets on the first Tuesday of the month, March through November, at the Oshtemo Branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 7265 West Main Street. Please come and join us! Bring a friend, bring two!

Future Michigan's Messenger Publications Submittal Dates and Publication Dates

Spring - March 1 for a March 15 Publication

Summer - June 1 for a June 15 Publication

Fall - September 1 for a September 15 Publication

Winter - December 1 for a December 15 Publication

**Send all articles to Rick Danes, Editor, preferably at
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Dearborn, Michigan 48124-3204**

ALL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE MADE ON TIME

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22 and Austin Blair Camp #7

Submitted by Charles O. Harthy, Camp #22

On Memorial Day, May 28, Colegrove-Woodruff Camp #22 and Austin Blair Camp #7, with the assistance of Carrick-Jarosz Post 9411, Veterans of Foreign Wars, dedicated several new headstones for Civil War soldiers buried in Fairview Cemetery at Homer, Michigan. The graves of David Walker, George Morton, Alvin Hopkins, and Stephen Brundage had never been marked and replacements for five illegible headstones were placed. In addition, a new stone for Lt. Russell T. Darrow was the site of the dedication ceremonies (the obelisk marking his grave becoming illegible, except for his name).

Master of Ceremonies, William Lowe of Camp #7, reviewed the activities and purposes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and specifically commented on Lt. Darrow's career. Darrow and his two brothers, Alexander and James, enlisted early in the War. The latter two returned home and raised families; however, Lt. Russell of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry died of wounds received near Florence, Alabama on October 7, 1864. His remains were returned to Homer on March 31, 1865. Camp Commander David Eddy presided over the laying of the rose and wreaths on Lt. Darrow's grave.

A brochure prepared by John Mann, editor emeritus of the Michigan Messenger, was distributed to those present. It included a listing of all known Civil War veterans (89) buried in Fairview Cemetery and a listing of members of Gregg Post 155 of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Grand Army of the Republic was active in Homer from 1883 until it officially disbanded in 1920. Homer resident Comrade Alonzo P. Wyant being the last survivor (1939).

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Sgt. John S. Cosby Camp 427

By Rick Danes, CC

Camp 427 was honored at the Department Encampment in several ways: the Camp received the Orlando LeValley Growth Award for the largest percentage in new Members in 2006 (14%), and Commander Danes received the confidence of incoming Department Dennis Derr by reappointments as the Department Graves Registration Officer and the Editor of Michigan's Messenger. We wish Commander Derr a productive and worry-free administration, and PDC Greene luck in his next venture.

The camp welcomes new Member Bob Wooley. Bob is Commander of the 9th Michigan Cavalry unit of the North-South Skirmishers Association (NSSA).

Camp 427 has been busy so far this year, including participation in the Dearborn Memorial Day Parade and Traditional Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30. For further information about what's going on in Camp 427, visit our page on the Department Website.

Stay well.



The Dearborn Memorial Day Parade is the oldest continuously held parade in the state. Camp 427 leads a group of men comprised of SUVCW, NSSA, and reenactors, sporting our newly purchased Camp Banner. Camp Members participating are Jerry Radloff, George Boller, Ed Binkley, Jerry Olson, Jerry Jacobs, Araon Schrader, Howard Fite, Dennis Fyke, Bob Wooley, Jon Reed, and Rick Danes. Joining us were Richard Bower aka Sgt. John Hills, 4th Michigan Infantry Reenactor, and Chris Hubbard (Commander) and Members of the Northwest Division, NSSA.

MONUMENT TO MICHIGAN SOLDIERS DISCOVERED IN INDIANA !

Submitted by Brother Chris Czopek



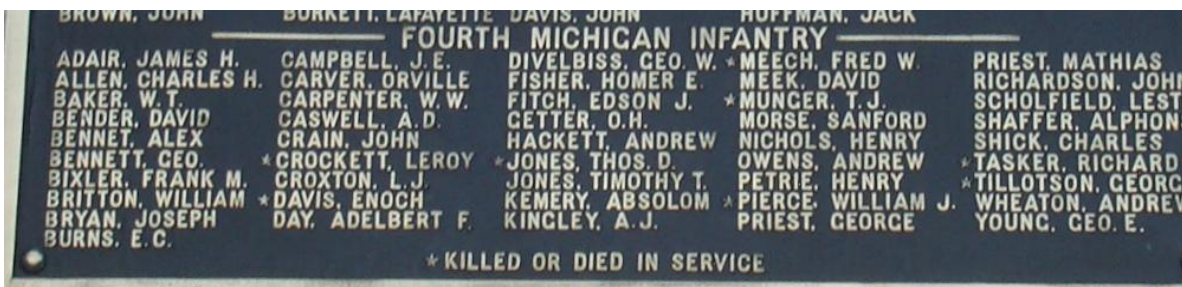
A memorial to soldiers in a Michigan regiment has been discovered in a surprising place, Angola, Indiana! There is no mystery as to why it is there – the town is close to the Michigan state line. So close, that during the Civil War, Angola residents volunteered to serve in Michigan units. The majority went into the 4th Michigan Infantry. In 1917 a huge monument was built to commemorate all the men from Steuben county, Indiana, who served in the Civil War. A bronze plaque with the names of the 46 local residents who served in the 4th Michigan Infantry was attached to the base of the monument.

To get an idea of what this memorial looks like, picture in our mind a white stone column 70 feet high, with a bronze statue at the top, and mounted on the sides of the base are 4 bronze tablets measuring 6 x 4 feet, each tablet showing Regiments and Names. On one of those tablets are the words “4th MICHIGAN INFANTRY” and a list of 46 names. This memorial is easy to find – just exit I-69 at US-20 and follow the sign to Angola. The highway goes straight to a traffic circle. And there is the monument – right in the center of the circle!



The existence of this memorial honoring Michigan soldiers was discovered by chance. On May 13, 2007, Lansing's famous “history detective”, Chris Czopek, made a trip to the Tri State University library in Angola, Indiana. He was gathering information on Cyrenus Dalley, a CW soldier from Homer, Michigan, who belonged to Marshall GAR Post 166. When he accomplished his purpose and was ready to leave, he asked a librarian about the magnificent monument he has seen in town. A book was handed to him, and there on one of the pages was a transcription of the tablets – and the list of Michigan soldiers !

Chris is a member of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 and will put the information to good use. A copy will be forwarded to the Dept of Michigan Monuments and Memorials committee. The information will also be sent to the Department of Michigan Graves Registration data base. There will be a note for each soldier saying “This name appears on the monument in Angola, Indiana.” Descendants tracing their family history will be thrilled to discover this!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

CAPTAIN HENRY STARK GRAVESTONE DEDICATION

June 23, 2007

11AM

Mountain Home Cemetery,
Otsego Township, Michigan

We at Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are conducting a gravestone dedication ceremony for Capt. Henry Stark who was in Company G of the 6th Michigan Infantry and later in the 6th Michigan Heavy Artillery. His new gravestone was placed just last week.

Henry Stark was a resident of the Otsego/Allegan area since 1855, passing away in 1885, from the diseases he contacted while serving in the Civil War. Henry Stark was the Justice of the Peace for Otsego Township in 1870.

Military career

Capt. Stark served at Fort Dearborn, being the fort's commander for a time, the site of present day Chicago. The fort existed many years before there was any settlement of consequence there. He held that rank when commanding the fort, for he was an officer of the regular United States Army. He also took part in the Black Hawk War. He later served in the Mexican War according to some publications and then resigned from the service. Moving to Otsego.

When President Abraham Lincoln asked for volunteers to put down the rebellion, Henry once again rushed to the aid of his country, serving till the war's end!

The following people have confirmed their attendance at this time and will speak during the ceremony:

MR. DAVID STARK FOLKERTSMA,
GREAT GREAT GRANDSON OF HENRY STARK

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, MR. FRED UPTON

MICHIGAN STATE SENATOR, MS. PATRICIA BIRKHOLZ

MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE MS. TONYA SCHUITMAKER

**THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!
PLEASE ATTEND THIS EVENT IF POSSIBLE TO HELP US HONOR A LOCAL HERO OF OUR
COUNTRY'S PAST.**

Sincerely:

John R. Keith

Commander

Gen. Benj. Pritchard Camp 20

Department of Michigan

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Historical Marker Dedication for William S. Woodruff

You are cordially invited to attend the **dedication ceremony for this new historical marker** officially marking the 2nd (yes, the second - other historical information to be provided at the ceremony) final resting place of one Michigan's young officers from the Civil War, William S. Woodruff. Participants will include members of MOLLUS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Woman's Relief Corps.

WHEN: June 30, 2007

WHERE: Oakridge Cemetery, Calhoun County, Marshall, Michigan (see map and directions attached)

TIME: 11:00 am

PARKING: In the cemetery and across the street at the Public Works building
Following the ceremony; we invite you to spend a little time in historic Marshall. For more on the various events and attractions, please visit the Marshall Chamber of Commerce website at:

<http://www.marshallmi.org/index.taf>

DIRECTIONS –

From Grand Rapids:

Start out on US-131 S. 50.6 miles

2: Merge onto I-94 E via EXIT 34A toward DETROIT. 36.3 miles

3: Take the OLD 27 exit- EXIT 110. 1.7 miles

4: Enter next roundabout and take 2nd exit onto MI-227 / 17 MILE RD / OLD US-27. 0.7 miles

5: Turn LEFT onto W HUGHES ST. 0.5 miles

6: W HUGHES ST becomes HOMER RD. <0.1 miles

7: End at 614 Homer Rd.

From Kalamazoo:

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Oakridge Cemetery

GAR Hall and Museum

Corner of BL94 and S. Marshall Ave.

From Ann Arbor:

Start out on I-94 W toward JACKSON. 60.1 miles

2: Take the I-94-BR exit- EXIT 112- toward MARSHALL. 0.3 miles

3: Turn RIGHT onto I-94 BR / PARTELLO RD. Continue to follow I-94 BR. 1.7 miles

4: Turn LEFT onto S MARSHALL AVE. 0.7 miles

5: Turn LEFT onto HOMER RD. <0.1 miles

6: End at 614 Homer Rd

From Jackson:

Start out on I-94 W toward MARSHALL. 27.9 miles

2: Take the I-94-BR exit- EXIT 112- toward MARSHALL. 0.3 miles

3: Turn RIGHT onto I-94 BR / PARTELLO RD. Continue to follow I-94 BR. 1.7 miles

4: Turn LEFT onto S MARSHALL AVE. 0.7 miles

5: Turn LEFT onto HOMER RD. <0.1 miles

6: End at 614 Homer Rd

William S. Woodruff

Residence Calhoun County MI; 23 years old. Enlisted on 7/16/1861 at Marshall, MI as a Sergeant.

On 9/14/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. MI 1st Infantry

He died of wounds on 6/28/1864 at Washington, DC

(Died at Armory Square Hospital. Commanding company May 1864)

He was listed as:

* POW 8/30/1862 2nd Bull Run, VA * Wounded 8/30/1862 2nd Bull Run, VA

* Wounded 7/2/1863 Gettysburg, PA * Wounded 6/25/1864 Petersburg, VA

Promotions:

* 2nd Lt. 12/1/1862 (As of Co. D) * 1st Lt. 1/1/1864 (As of Co. E)

Intra Regimental Company Transfers:

* 12/1/1862 from company E to company D

* 9/15/1863 from company D to company B (Estimated day of transfer)