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Department Commander

By L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, PCC

Greetings Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and yours. I would like to thank you for the support received from the Brothers of the Order and the Sisters of the Allied Orders since being elected to the post of Department Commander. As many of you know following the week of my election of did get married and go on a honeymoon return home safely. That said it was time to get back to the work of the order.

I have appointed Brother Robert Payne, CC as our Signals Officer and he has been working diligently with other Brothers of the Technology Committee to update some dated elements of our Department Webpage and prepare for a future update to the site. I have also appointed Brother Nathan Tingley as our Eagle Scout Coordinator for the Department of Michigan. I would like to thank Brother Dewey Jones for assisting until Nathan was

appointed.

Since the Department Encampment, as the Department Commander I have attended the following services and ceremonies: May 29, 2016 – Memorial Weekend Worship Service attendance with the Brothers of the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145. The congregation was very welcoming and I believe we have a new recruit in the works. May 30, 2016 – Attended the Memorial Service held by U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 in Bay City's Pine View Cemetery at the Soldiers Rest where a new headstone was placed with descendants present to place the symbols and a new historical marker placement. We were joined by Department President Jan Davis of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Following the Bay City service I attended the Gov. Crapo Camp No. 145 Aventine Cemetery Service in Flint, Michigan with Department President Jan Davis of the ASUVCW and several local and national officers of Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 placing flowers on the graves of over 32 veterans buried there marked by flags placed by the UAW Veterans Organization in Flint. After that service many continued on to Flushing, Michigan where we laid wreaths and placed flowers. Members of the 14th Michigan Infantry fired volleys at all three services led by 1st Lt. Paul Davis.

I'm planning on attending the following events in the near future as my schedule permits. On June 12, 2016 in Grant, Michigan the headstone dedication service for one of Brother Howard Lloyd's, PCC ancestors. Then on July 5, 2016 I'm planning on attending a Memorial Service planned by Nash Hodges Camp No. 43. I'm also planning on attending the service on the State Capital ground presenting the GAR Flag for placement in the rotunda on the anniversary of the returning of the Michigan Battle Flags from the Civil War by the veterans back to the Capital. I'm planning on attending

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the National Encampment in Springfield, Illinois on August 12 – 13, 2016. Remembrance Day Services and Parade on November 19, 2016 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

I have been reaching out to the other Allied Orders in hopes of providing contacts you could use to invite our sisters to our events and activities should they choose to participate. I'm providing the contacts I have received for the ASUVCW provided by Department President Jan Davis: Austin Blair Auxiliary #7 - President June Lloyd - gogranygo95@gmail.com; Secretary Karen Hamann - bopeep3_99@yahoo.com, Frances Finch Auxiliary #9 - President Jan Davis - jandavis915@aol.com, Secretary Lisa Smith - lsgipper@gmail.com; Nash Hodges Auxiliary #43 - President Linda Kronberg - Michgal1865@yahoo.com, Secretary "KC" Karol Bolton - drbkz@comcast.net. You may also reach out to the Lt. Edwin Terry Carrington Chapter – National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 Regent Cheryl P. Morris – CherylMorris@gmail.com (Cheryl is also a National Officer for their Order).

Respectfully your servant, in F., C., and L.,

Department Orders #6  **Series 2015 – 2016**
Headquarters, Traverse City, Michigan
April 21, 2016
 Dale L. Aurand, Commander
 Headquarters, Traverse City, MI

Effective on and for the day of Saturday, April 30, 2016, the Headquarters of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall be located at the Great Lakes Christian College located at 6211 W. Willow Highway, Lansing, Michigan, to allow for the transaction of business by the 132nd Department of Michigan Encampment. Thereafter, the Department of Michigan Headquarters shall revert to the previous address until such time as the 2016-2017 Department Commander shall designate a different location in his Department Orders.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

/s/ Dale L. Aurand
 Department Commander
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/ Gerald L. Jacobs
 Department Secretary
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans
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Department Orders #1 Series 2016 – 2017
Headquarters, Traverse City, Michigan
May 2, 2016

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander
Headquarters, Aurora, IL

1. Having been duly elected and installed as Department Commander, I hereby assume command of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
2. Headquarters for the Department is hereby transferred to 1062 Four Seasons Boulevard, Aurora, Illinois, 60504. General correspondence to the Department should be sent to Secretary for the Department, Gerald L. Jacobs, 1929 Wakerobin St., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 or Emailed to jerry_jacobs@comcast.net. Correspondence to the Department Commander should be sent to: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, 1062 Four Seasons Blvd, Aurora, IL 60504 or Emailed to ldlampherejr@gmail.com.
3. We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude of the Department to all of the outgoing officers who served the Department so well and so faithfully for the previous term.
4. We offer the thanks of the Department to all those brothers filling elected and appointed offices for the 2016-2017 term as well as all of those who are currently serving the Order on committees.
5. The Department also extends our appreciation and gratitude to the Allied Orders. We thank C in C Eugene Mortorff, and his National Chief of Staff Michael A. Paquette, PDC for attending our Department Encampment and installing out officers for the 2016-2017 term.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/ L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
 Department Commander
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/ Gerald L. Jacobs
 Department Secretary
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

A Sailor Remembered



On May the 21st, members of the Austin Blair Camp and Auxiliary attended the headstone dedication for Medal of Honor recipient Firemen 2nd Class John Kelley, which culminated a four year effort by Graves Registration Committee members Bill Lowe and Charles Waters. Firemen Kelley was awarded the Medal for his actions while serving on the USS Ceres during the Civil War but never received it. He had been in an unmarked grave until this time.

Others in attendance were Commander John Keith & Brother Bob Townsend of the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20 and Sister Patti Townsend of Cornelia Stockbridge Sheldon Tent 58, DUVCW.

There was also currently serving naval personal, several area American Legion Post, and the Marine Corps League. Also present were the Viet Nam Veterans of America who along with the Camp No. 7 members fired three volleys to honor the fallen.

Department Orders #2  **Series 2016 – 2017**
Headquarters, Traverse City, Michigan
May 2, 2016

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander
Headquarters, Aurora, IL

Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th this year it is also the original Decoration Day set forth by the Grand Army of the Republic. All Camps and all Brothers are encouraged to participate in some act of remembrance to mark this important day for Keeping Green The Memory. If you can do an activity with Brothers from your camp, so much the better. If you are unable to do something with your Camp Brothers, then consider a solo effort. Visit a cemetery and find the grave of a Civil War veteran, perhaps one that appears to have been forgotten. Make it your business honor him. Place a flag and flowers on the grave to honor that soldier. Memorial Day is a date central to our obligations as Sons of Union Veterans to keep green the memory of those soldiers and sailors of 1861 to 1865.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/ L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
 Department Commander
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/ Gerald L. Jacobs
 Department Secretary
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Orders #3  **Series 2016 – 2017**
Headquarters, Traverse City, Michigan
May 25, 2016

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander
Headquarters, Aurora, IL

Department of Michigan Brothers and Camps:

As reported by Department Chaplin the Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn PCC please keep in your thoughts and prayers the family of Brother Charles (Chuck) Russell Bauer of the Lansing #17 this Memorial Day Weekend who passed away on May 9th.

Brother Bauer passed away at the age of 68, his Great Grandfather was Private Michael Patrick McPharlin of the 11th Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. Brother Bauer was the Camp Color Bearer from 2010-2011. He is survived by a daughter Kristen, a son Guy, and brothers Ronald and Timothy.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/ L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
 Department Commander
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/ Gerald L. Jacobs
 Department Secretary
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Orders #4  **Series 2016 – 2017**
Headquarters, Traverse City, Michigan
June 10, 2016

L. Dean Lamphere, Jr., Commander
Headquarters, Aurora, IL

1. Having received the resignation letter of Brother Gerald Jacobs as Department Secretary due to personal reasons I have accepted his resignation.
2. We would like to extend the appreciation and gratitude Brother Jacobs for his service to the Department and wish him well and good health in the future.
3. Correspondence to the Department should be sent to Department Commander Lamphere until a new Secretary is named at: L. Dean Lamphere, Jr, 1062 Four Seasons Blvd, Aurora, IL 60504 or Emailed to ldlampherejr@gmail.com
4. Temporarily Brother Dennis Fyke and Brother George Boller are working on completing some required reports for the National organization filling in as Department Secretary. I have submitted the resignation letter to the Department Council for them to elect a new Department Secretary. I would like to thank Brothers Fyke and Boller for their assistance in these vital tasks.
5. If any Brother is interested in the role of Department Secretary please contact any of the following Department Council members at the email addresses listed: Chuck Worley, PDC - worleychk@gmail.com ; Kevin Lindsey, PCC – kilindsey@comcast.net ; Michael Maillard, PCC - conrad2008@comcast.net .
6. The job description of the Department Secretary is as follows: Department Secretary. The activities of the Department Secretary should include: (1) Processing and responding to Department correspondence; (2) Supplying Camp related report forms to Camp Secretaries who do not have access to the National Web site; (3) Forwarding one copy of the completed Form 22 to the National Secretary and retaining one copy for Department records; (4) Supplying the current version of the "Life Member Reimbursement Form" (Form 10) to Camp Secretaries or Treasurers who do not have access to the National Web site. An updated form is to be used after the beginning of a new calendar year and received by the National Treasurer no later than March 31 of each year. Consult the "C&R" for details on Life Member Reimbursement; (5) Preparing Past- Department/Department Commander, delegate, and alternate credentials to the National Encampment; (6) Maintaining a supply of Department letterhead stationery; (7) Preparing and sending Form 49, "Certificate of Election of Department Officers", to the National Secretary immediately after the annual Department Encampment; (8) In conjunction with the Department Treasurer, prepare and submit a "Department Annual Report" (Form 35) to the National Executive Director on or before May 31 of each year with check for per capita and application fees, plus one copy of each new Brother's membership application; (9) After the Form 35 has been filed, one Form 30 for each affected Brother shall be forwarded to the National Executive Director by the 15th day of the next month after receipt from a Camp Secretary. Payment of per capita due the National Organization for a new Brother or reinstated Brother must accompany a Form 30. A copy of a new Brother's membership application must also be attached; (10) Preparing minutes/proceedings of annual Department Encampments; (11) Maintaining copies of annual Department Encampment meeting minutes/proceedings; (12) Maintaining a copy of the Order's Constitution and Regulations, the Department's Bylaws and a copy of the Bylaws of each Camp within the Department; (13) Maintaining the Department seal and affixing it to Department documents as needed.
7. Please remember that on July 9, 2016 is the 150th Anniversary of the Return of the Civil War Volunteers and Their Battle Flags and the 25th Anniversary of the Save the Flags at the State Capital in Lansing, Michigan. Attached to these orders is the flier for this event. Ceremony starts at 1:00pm with a Civil War Infantry Demonstration at 12:30pm. Please come and bring your Camp Flags and the Brothers of the Department of Michigan will stand together as the GAR Flag is presented for display in the Rotunda of the Capital.

/s/ L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
Department Commander
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

/s/ David F. Wallace, PDC
Chief of Staff
Department of Michigan
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Senior Vice Commander

David S. Smith, LM, CC

Brothers,

First, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for electing me to the office of Department Senior Vice Commander. I hope to serve you well during my term and reaffirm your trust. It has been an absolute honor to serve as your Department Junior Vice Commander this past year.

Second, it has been a very busy season so far with lots of events on the schedule. I want to congratulate the Brothers of March to the Sea Camp No. 135 for the outstanding dedication services of the six Veterans at the St. Joseph County Infirmary Cemetery on 15 May. It was a very well conducted event that was highly reverent of the six men honored. This was a great example of community support and teamwork with all of the various organizations involved.

Third, if you get a chance to attend another Camp's events, I highly recommend it. I know that I have mentioned this in the past, but it really is a wonderful way to share in fraternity with Brothers in different areas of Michigan. Additionally, it gives opportunities to learn and see how other Camp's perform ceremonies that might prove useful in your own future ceremonies.

Fourth, thank you to all of the Brothers that send me your Camp newsletters. I find them to be very informational of the activities of each Camp, as well as a great way to share upcoming events. I know that they take a lot of work, and my hats off to each of the newsletter editors for their efforts!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



A Reward Well Deserved



On Friday April 29th, JVC Nathan Tingley represented a certificate at the JROTC awards dinner. During this time JVC Tingley presented Cadet Caleb Goodell in recognition of his outstanding service as a cadet, and commendation and a medal from the S.U.V.C.W.

HAZZAH!!! and congratulations Cadet Goodell, keep up the good work.

We refuse to apologize for any "errors" in this publication because a few are left in on purpose to drive any literary perfectionists up the wall.

Patriotically Speaking

Gary Granger, Department Patriotic Instructor



As I write this, I am preparing for a trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Travelling with me are my wife, Helen who is the ASUVCW Department of Michigan Secretary, and ASUVCW National President Linda Kronberg who will not only represent all of our ASUVCW Sisters in this great nation but will also be representing the Department President.

It is my honor to act as Sister Kronberg's escort at the laying of wreaths at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and at the Civil War Monument, both in Arlington.

Politics aside, I am looking forward to seeing, in person, the President of the United States and the dignitaries from all branches of military service as well as officers of the many veterans' organizations from throughout the United States.

Memorial Day is perhaps the most important day for the SUVCW and its Allied Orders. The original Decoration Day that was first established from General John A. Logan's now famous General Order No. 11 eventually became known as Memorial Day. Some may find it interesting that the original May 30 date was chosen because it was NOT the anniversary of a battle.

Memorial Day was never intended to be "celebrated" with fireworks and brass bands. Instead, it was to be a day of reflection and remembrance of those men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country –their lives.

It is our patriotic duty to make the effort – either as an individual or as part of a group – to celebrate this most important observance.

The SUVCW is a "patriotic" organization. It is not a religious organization or a political organization. Therefore, each of us has a patriotic duty to observe Memorial Day. General John A. Logan designated May 30 1868 as the start of our Memorial Day observances. "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. Let no vandalism ... or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided nation," he said in part in his order.

Going forward, I am encouraged by the recent discovery of six unmarked Civil War graves in Sturgis and the recent ceremony by our Brothers and Sisters to mark those gravesites with a formal ceremony at each of the gravesites. I would also like to personally say "thank you" to those Brothers and Sisters who recognize that they have a patriotic duty to "keep the memory green" of the Boys in Blue.

Our patriotic duty is not to ourselves. Our patriotic duty is to remember those who have died and support living veterans and those wounded service men and women who continue to deal with the injuries they received in recent wars.

Don't forget to attend the service on the State Capital grounds presenting the GAR Flag for placement in the rotunda on the anniversary of the returning of the Michigan Battle Flags from the Civil War by the veterans back to the Capital. Check out the Department website for more information.

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Brothers Lost

Submitted by The Rev. Charles F. Buckhahn PCC
Department Chaplain

Dear Brothers:

Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17 sadly announces the passing of their brother, Charles Russell Bauer. Brother Bauer passed away on May 9th at the age of 68. His Great Grandfather was Private Michael Patrick McPharlin of the 11th Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Cavalry. Brother Bauer was the Camp Color Bearer from 2010-2011. There will be no services. He is survived by a daughter Kristen, a son Guy, and brothers Ronald and Timothy. Please keep the surviving family members and the members of Camp #17 in your prayers. Brother Bauer's Obituary is given below.

Charles (Chuck) Russell Bauer 1947 – 2013

Lansing

Chuck was a brilliant man whose contributions benefitted the safety and protection of us all. An Army veteran, Chuck's career began in a Department of Defense underground bunker during the Cold War. Chuck next joined the Hastings Police Department followed by the Albuquerque Police Department. Returning to Michigan in the mid-60s, Chuck joined the Department of Natural Resources to work on electronic communications. His work led to the position of Director of Michigan's Emergency Medical Systems. As part of an elite group working with NASA, Chuck was integral in the development of the emergency 911 system and established centers in each state.

His notable work led to designing the University of Michigan Medical Center communication system. Chuck's final role was with the Lansing Police Department as the Director of 911 for metro Lansing. Chuck was also a proud member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Chuck is survived by daughter Kristen, son Guy, and brothers Ronald and Timothy. There will be no services. In lieu of flowers donations support the U-M Cancer Center Fund:

<http://victors.us/charlesbauer>



The Henry E. Plant Camp #3 has informed me that they have lost a brother, John Harold McGarry III, on May 12th of this year. His Civil War Ancestor was Pvt. George Coin of the 11th West Virginia Inf. Reg., who was Brother McGarry's Great-Great-Grandfather. Brother McGarry was born on July 25, 1952 in West Virginia. He was a professional historian at public and private museums in Baltimore, Washington D.C., and Florida.

He was a National Park Service Ranger and an assistant to Florida treasure-hunter Mel Fisher. He was married to Susan Kay Elliot in 1975. They had no children. No funeral or visitation was held due to Brother John's request. The Camp, however will hold a memorial service for him as part of their July Camp meeting.

For further details on this service, contact the Camp's Sec./Treas., Daniel Grable, 104 E. Tolford Street, Apt. 2, Spring Lake, MI. 49456-3201 (Ph. # 616-820-5993). Attached is an article on Brother McGarry's life.

Yours In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 – June 2016
 Submitted by: David S. Smith, LM, CC, DSVC

As part of the year-long celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic, Robert Finch Camp No. 14 has been quite busy with various activities in support of honoring our noble Union Veterans. On 07 May, the Camp along with Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 (as well as spouses) conducted clean ups of the two McPherson GAR Post No. 18 plots in Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City. This included cleaning the Veterans' gravestones, as well as the GAR monument at each plot.



*Oakwood Cemetery
 McPherson Post No.
 18 GAR Plot (Traverse
 City) From L-to-R:
 JVC Ted Mattis, Aux.
 Sec. Lisa Smith, CC
 David Smith, Sec. Dale
 Aurand, AP Jan Davis,
 Br. Joseph Conger,
 and Mary Conger
 (Marise Mattis and
 Paul Davis are missing
 from photo)*

At the 14 May Camp meeting, CC Smith presented the Sgt. Robert Finch Award to Sister Mary Rose PAP of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 for her many years of service in support of Camp activities, including her extraordinary work on genealogy for Brothers trying to locate their Union ancestor. This is only the second time that the Sgt. Robert Finch Award has ever been given since its inception.

*Sgt. Robert Finch
 Award Presentation,
 From L-to-R: DSVC &
 CC David Smith, Sister
 Mary Rose PAP, NP
 Linda Kronberg, and
 DP & AP Jan Davis.*



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21 May saw the Camp and Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 (including spouses and family) performing a clean-up of the GAR plot at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. This was organized by SVC John Lantzer, and included cleaning of all gravestones within the GAR plot. Additionally, the Brothers serviced the GAR flag holders by repainting each of them black and repainted the GAR letters in contrasting white as was originally done for these particular markers. Finally, the Camp installed a new halyard and replaced the U.S. flag with a much larger U.S. flag donated by Brother Doug Hulbert. Further upcoming work on this GAR plot has been approved by the officials of the City of Cadillac, and is being planned and conducted at this time.



Maple Hill Cemetery GAR Plot (Cadillac), From L-to-R: JVC Ted Mattis, Marise Mattis, SVC John Lantzer, Sr. Darlene Hinkley, Br. Don Hinkley, Sec. Dale Aurand, Aux. Sec. Lisa Smith, and CC David Smith (missing from photo is Suzann Lanstra)

SVC Lantzer, Sec. Aurand, JVC Mattis, and CC Smith hoist the new and much larger US flag at the Cadillac GAR Plot in Maple Hill Cemetery (flag provided by Brother Doug Hulbert)



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After the Cadillac GAR plot clean-up on the 21st of May, Commander David Smith gave a talk on the GAR, SUVCW, and other various Civil War items at the Wexford Genealogical Society's Veterans Open House held at the old Naval Reserve Center on Lake Cadillac. The event was well attended, and sparked new requests for talks/programs with the DAR Chapter in Cadillac.

28 May brought the Camp to Benzonia for three ceremonies. Robert Finch Camp No. 14 supported by the Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 conducted a memorial ceremony for Pulitzer Prize winning Civil War author Bruce Catton at his gravesite in the Benzonia Township Cemetery. A modified memorial service was performed in his honor. Upon completion of the Bruce Catton memorial ceremony, the participants proceeded over to the GAR Monument and performed the 1917 GAR Monument rededication ceremony. Both of these ceremonies utilized the services of Bugler Thelma Paul from Bugles Across America. Upon completion of services at Benzonia Township Cemetery, several Brothers went to the Joyfield Township Cemetery to honor two Veterans buried there with one serving the 54th Massachusetts and the other the 102nd C.T. Camp No. 14 posted the colors during the ceremonies held by the Benzonia Historical Museum personnel.



At the E.P. Case GAR Post Monument at the Benzonia Twp. Cemetery, from L-to-R: PCC George Goodrich, Guide Mike Kolbusz, BAA Bugler Thelma Paul, Color Bearer Doug Hulbert, Br. Don Hinkley, GRO Anthony Bonecutter, Sr. Darlene Hinkley, PDC & Sec. Dale Aurand, Br. John Sawyer, DSVC & CC David Smith (back), SVC & Chaplain John Lantzer (front), JVC Ted Mattis, DP & AP Jan Davis, Dept. Council Lisa Smith

30 May saw the Brothers and Sisters of Camp No. 14 and Auxiliary No. 9 spread out across the area to attend various Memorial Day programs and events to honor our Noble Dead. More ceremonies, events, and activities to come!

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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!

Austin Blair Camp No. 7

Submitted by: Robert Griggs, PCC, DJVC



Brothers and Sisters of the Austin Blair Camp with members of the Major Major A. McTeer Camp No. 39.

On the 22nd and 23rd, members of the Camp and Auxiliary took a trip to Knoxville, Tennessee to attending the 100th Anniversary of the dedication of the Sultana Monument at Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery. This event was presented by the Sultana Descendants Association and the Major William A. McTeer Camp No. 39 S.U.V.C.W.



PCC Bob Griggs, Brother Roger Mailing, PCC Howard Lloyd, and Brother Kim Horling at the Monument to the 17th Michigan at Campbell's Station Battlefield.

Friday was filled visiting the Farragut Museum in Farragut, TN and finding a monument dedicated to members of the 17th Michigan (two members of the regiment were awarded the Medal of Honor) for their placed at the monument by the Brothers of the Austin Blair Camp. At the Friday night reception members got to meet 91 year old Real Son, John Oliver and 95 year old Clint Riddle, a WWII veteran who went in with the 82 airborne glider unit on D-Day and through the Battle of the Bulge.

Saturday there was a tour of historic sites in Knoxville, the e- dedication program at the monument and the banquet Saturday night. At the banquet there was a candle light service for those who had ancestors on the Sultana, that PCC Lloyd took part in. Also, at the banquet, PCC Bob Griggs was ask to talk to the gathering about the S.U.V.C.W., and the Austin Blair Camp.

All in all it was a very full, but a very rewarding weekend.



PCC Bob Griggs speaking with Real Son John Oliver.

From Our ASUVCW Sisters
Submitted by Helen Granger, ASUVCW



SUVCW Past Department Commander Paul Davis (left) paused for a moment April 30, 2016 as he pinned the ASUVCW Department of Michigan President's Badge on his wife Jan Davis, both of Saginaw. Sister Davis was elected at the 132nd Encampment and Conventions of the Allied Orders. She is a dual-member of Austin Blair and Frances Finch auxiliaries. (ASUVCW PHOTO/Helen Granger)

ASUVCW National President Linda Kronberg, second from left, is shown April 30, 2016 with outgoing SUVCW Department of Michigan Commander Dale Aurand and SUVCW National Commander Gene Mortorff (second from right) and incoming SUVCW Department of Michigan Commander L. Dean Lamphere. The photo was taken at the annual Encampment and Conventions. Sister Kronberg of Tecumseh has been travelling throughout the United States in her role as National President and Michigan's Encampment and Conventions was on her itinerary. (ASUVCW photo/Helen Granger)



AWARD -- Sister Jan Davis who served as the 2015-2016 ASUVCW Department of Michigan Vice-President was presented with the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award at the April 30, 2016 132nd Encampment and Conventions of the Allied Orders held in Lansing.

Later in the day Sister Davis was named the 2016-2017 ASUVCW Department of Michigan President.

The Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award consists of a certificate acknowledging the recipient and a medal that is suspended around the recipient's neck by a red ribbon.

At the 2011 National Encampment the Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War authorized the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Medal for presentation to Sisters of the Allied Orders for service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



The Department Commander may present up to three (3) awards per administration year. (ASUVCW PHOTO/Helen Granger)

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding, sustained and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan SUVCW in furtherance of the mission and goals of the SUVCW.

The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal may be presented by a Department Commander to a Sister member of one of the Allied Orders upon recommendation of any Past Commander-in-Chief or Past Department Commander or elected officer of a Camp.

The Department Commander issued an order detailing either a PCinC or PDC to convene a Department Court of Honor. The Court of Honor consisting of three Past Department Commanders was established to review the nominations and make recommendations to the Department Commander for his consideration. The final determination lies with the Department Commander.

Department Encampment



Photos provided by Jim Pahl

20th Michigan Infantry

By James B. Pahl, PCinC

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

"Our country calls! We join this league.
And pledge ourselves with earnest zeal—
With loyal hearts and lifted hands,
To firmly state, come woe or weal."

The 20th was raised in the third congressional district, composed of the counties of Washtenaw, Jackson, Calhoun, Eaton and Ingham, forming camp at Jackson and the organization supervised by the Hon. Fidus W. Robertson, Adjutant General.

Recruitment commenced July 15, 1862 and the muster into United States service was accomplished on August 19th, Col. Adolphus W. Williams of Lansing commanding. They left for Washington on September 1 with 1,012 officers and men. Upon arrival, they were sent to camp at Fort Lyon, near Alexandria, Virginia with orders to report to General Burnside who commanded the 9th Corp. They set out on the march September 8 and finally caught up with the corp at Sharpsburg on the 22nd. They were assigned to 1st brigade, 1st division, 9th Corp.

In October, they took part in the attempt to cut off Stuart's cavalry, but they had already made their escape. They took part in the movements of the corp and in mid November, moved toward Fredericksburg, reaching there on the 19th and went into camp near Falmouth.

Soon thereafter, the regiment receives an elegant silk flag from the ladies of Jackson, with the presentation taking place on Thanksgiving Day with a patriotic address by Mrs. Governor Blair. This flag remained with the regiment through the campaigns until the spring of 1864, when it was returned to the state due to the torn and tattered condition.

The regiment crossed the Rappahannock on December 13, but remained in reserve during the battle of Fredericksburg, only suffering 11 wounded, most of them slight. The regiment suffered from much sickness after the return to camp. They moved to Newport News in mid February 1863 and located favorably at that point and the health and spirits of the men rapidly improved.

Leaving Newport News on March 19, the regiment moved with the 9th corp to Kentucky. On the 9th of May, a detachment was attacked by rebel forces under command of General John H. Morgan and was obligated to fall back with considerable loss. The following morning, the entire force under Morgan attacked the 20th in its position at the narrows of Horse Shoe Bend on the Cumberland River. The fight lasted all day and the enemy finally retiring with a loss of between 300 and 400 hundred. The 20th had 5 killed, 19 wounded and 5 missing. The 20th was acting without support, retreat cut off by a deep and rapid stream, without entrenchments, repulsing the charge of a large brigade and then maintaining a fight with an entire division, but able to withdraw in good order and save their only piece of artillery and bring off their wounded, finally crossing the Cumberland under fire.

The regiment, now in the 3rd brigade, afterwards fell back to Columbia. On June 3rd, they received orders along with the 9th corp, to reinforce General Grant at Vicksburg. They aided in fortifying Hayne's Bluff and Oak Ridge and upon the surrender of Vicksburg, the regiment moved with the army to Jackson.

The next month was spent in skirmishing, suffering from terrible heat, many fainting on the march, losing many to disease with up to one half of the regiment sick at any one time.

In early August, the regiment proceeded to Kentucky and on the 10th of September participated in the movement on Knoxville, Tennessee via the Cumberland Gap. They took part in the engagement at Blue Springs on October 10 with one killed and two wounded.

November saw the regiment at Lenoir Station, East Tennessee until the 14th. The enemy was making their advance toward Knoxville, so the regiment was ordered to Hough's Ferry to check the advance, but fell back to Lenoir Station with the regiment covering the retreat. They continued the retreat to Knoxville and with the 2nd and 17th Michigan, constituted the rear guard. The enemy hit them with great vigor and pressed them heavily.

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At Turkey Creek, they were attacked by the enemy in force, but successfully sustained the attack, being reinforced after two hours of fighting. The 20th lost 33 men killed and wounded, including the loss of their commanding officer.

Now under the command of Major Cutcheon, then continued their march towards Knoxville and arrived on the 17th, having marched all night over bad roads, being the third night they had been without rest. The enemy forces began their siege on the 17th, continuing until December 5. Upon the raising of the siege, the regiment participated in the pursuit. During the siege in Knoxville, the regiment suffered in very cold weather, lived on one quarter rations and suffered greatly from want of clothing. Some were entirely without shoes and a large number without overcoats, only a few having a change of underwear.

The regiment remained in the Knoxville area, participating in skirmishes and reconnaissances. On the 21st of April, the regiment moved to Nicholasville, KY and thence by railroad to Annapolis, Maryland, the corp having been ordered to join the eastern armies.

Back with the Army of the Potomac, the regiment was now assigned to the 2nd brigade, 3rd division of the 9th Corp. They crossed the Rappahannock on May 4 and the Rapidan at Germania Ford on the 5th. It participated in the Battle of the Wilderness on the 6th with 1 killed, 5 wounded and 2 missing. They were part of the rear guard in the movement to Chancellorsville and on the 10th, participated in attacking the enemy's works at Spotsylvania Court House, sustaining 30 killed, 82 wounded and 31 missing.

The regiment then reached the North Anna River on the evening of the 23rd and remained there until the 27th. They crossed the Pamunky River on the 28th and then they were second in line in the engagement near Bethesda Church on the 3rd of June. They arrived in the front of Petersburg on the 16th and on the next day were engaged as support to the force attacking the enemy's works.

The regiment continued in the trenches until the 25th when it was withdrawn to the rear. On July 30, they participated with Willcox's division in the action following the springing of the mine near Petersburg, charging into and planting its colors on the rebel works. The 20th played a conspicuous part in the charge; courage, endurance and indomitable pluck marked their course; the advance desperate; they charge over open ground; the enemy's fire thick, withering and murderous and when they reach the pit, it soon becomes a slaughter-pen. There was no escape except through the leaden hail; charges and counter-charges rapid and desperate. The final rebel charge comes with a yell. Most of the troops alive had reached their main line, but about 30 of the 20th were in the crater, defending their colors. While ten escape, the remainder are captured. The colors were cut and hurriedly buried deep in the sand.

Moving to the rear, the regiment rested until August 14 when they again took up position in the trenches. They were removed on the 19th and engaged in the movement on the Weldon railroad with slight loss. They also took part in the action near Poplar Spring Church, losing a number in prisoners.

The 20th continued in various duties around Petersburg. They found their trenches sometimes as close as 200 yards and the sharpshooters made life interesting. Owing to the insufficiency of shelter and scarcity of fuel, the men in the trenches suffered much hardship while their duties arduous, being engaged on picket or fatigue duty every other day.

About March 1st, 1865, the enemy was observed strengthening his works as if he expected an assault. The regiment remained under arms anticipating an attack and received orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice. On the morning of the 25th about 4 o'clock A.M., the sentinel's cry of "A Charge!" was heard and the men were immediately in the works. Irregular firing was heard a short distance to the left and it was soon ascertained the enemy had captured Fort Stedman and was swinging around to the right in the rear with the intention of capturing all on the right of the captured fort. Nothing but the vigilance and bravery of this regiment prevented the success of this movement. The enemy, seeing that success was impossible, became utterly demoralized and retreated in great disorder to his works. The 20th, along with the 17th and 2nd Michigan charged and succeeded in capturing about 350 of the retreating enemy.

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At 3 o'clock A.M. on the 3rd of April, the 20th was ordered to support the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters in a charge on the enemy works. On arriving at the point indicated, followed by the 2nd and 17th Michigan, charged into the city, capturing a number of prisoners, guns and small arms. At 4:10 A.M., the flag of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters was raised on the court-house of Petersburg, that being the first regiment to enter the city. The 20th was immediately detailed on provost duty.

On the 8th, the regiment with its brigade was relieved from this duty and ordered to the front. They were detailed as safeguards around Ford's Station to prevent outrages. On the 20th, the regiment began the journey to City Point, then Alexandria and then Washington, where they participated in the Grand Review of the Army of the Potomac. The regiment was mustered out of service on the 30th and traveled by rail for Michigan, arriving in Jackson on the 4th. They were paid off and disbanded on the 9th.

The regiment had a total of 1,157 officers and men in its membership, lost 290, being 74 killed in action, 40 who died of wounds and 176 died of disease.

Editor's Note: Why Michigan's Messenger is now distributed electronically:

In 2005 the Department was faced with rising printing and mailing costs for the nationally recognized Michigan's Messenger. Very few options were available to Department Officers, so the issue was put on the floor at the Department Encampment. The Members voted to publish Michigan's Messenger in an electronic format, with each edition being forwarded to one person in each Camp (thereafter called a Camp Signals Officer), who would then distribute the newsletter to Camp Members.

As a result of this action by the Membership, dues have not been raised.

I believe that the Camps have the responsibility to report changes, so that we can continue to serve you, you must provide me with a current contact for electronic mailing.

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

2016 Robinson's Battery Schedule

June 25-26 Sandy Pines Living History & reenactment. Sandy Pines Resort, Dorr, MI.

July 9 Return of the Battle Flags ceremony

Michigan State Capitol, Lansing, MI.

July 16-17 Charlton Park reenactment.

Charlton Park, Hastings, MI.

July 30-31 Grayling Long range artillery match.

Range 35, Grayling, MI.

August 13-14 Linden Civil War Days

Living History/reenactment. Linden, MI.

August 20-21 Jackson Cascades reenactment

Cascades Park, Jackson, MI.

September 17-18 Van Raaltee Farm reenactment.

Van Raaltee Farm, Holland, MI.

September 24-25 Angola Civil War Days.

Commons Park, Angola, IN.

October 7-9 151st ann. Battle of Perryville

National reenactment, Perryville, KY.

October 22 Headstone dedication for cannoneer Henry Palmer

Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, MI.

Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society
&

Robert Finch Camp #14 Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War



Present



Memorial/Dedication Service

For

Dr. David Wilson Cousins

Union Veteran Company H 102nd Colored Infantry
And

Mary Louisa Artis Cousins (wife)

Blanche E Cousins (daughter)

Hazel Cousins (granddaughter)

While it took over 107 years, Dr. David Wilson Cousins
no longer has to wait for the Veteran gravestone
that he so justly deserves.

*Enjoy a performance by members of
The Grand Traverse Pipe & Drums*



**Saturday, July 30, 2016
at 10 a.m.**

At Down Cemetery

County Road 633 & Harrand Road
Mayfield Township, Grand Traverse County

