



RAMBLINGS OF THE IRISH RIFLE

The Official Newsletter of the 14th Michigan Company A
Sons of Veterans Reserve

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Lincoln Tomb Ceremony: Springfield, Illinois

The Department of Michigan was well represented at the Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois on April 13th. Company A, 14th Michigan, SVR, Captain Dean Lamphere commanding, led the Combined Military Detail for the ceremony.



The Color Guard (Left to Right) consisting of LT. Paul Davis, Sgt. Ron Shull, National Color Ed Dowd, Linn Malaznik, Joe Frost, Chuck Worley and David Kimble.



Left To Right: SUVCW National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, SUVCW Commander In Chief Don Shaw, Joe Coleman MOLLUS Senior Vice Commander In Chief, and Doug Niermeyer, Past MOLLUS C-I-C.



Commander's Corner Brothers and Comrades:

I hope this message finds you well. We have a busy 2019 schedule ahead of us. Some of the events for which we have been asked to provide support are listed below. More details will be provided as we get them. We have already gone to Springfield and have performed a service in support of a Medal of Honor recipient.

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. All of you continue to impress me with your willingness to serve and support the purpose of the SUVCW and the SVR.

I would like to make mention and extend our appreciation and gratitude to Sgt. Ron Shull for obtaining cards and signatures to be distributed to our missing brothers.

Please note the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony for 2020 will be on Easter weekend. We will travel to Springfield on Friday and return to our homes on Saturday. We will have our group dinner on Friday in Springfield. On Saturday, after the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, we will have lunch in Petersburg before the Stephenson service. After the Stephenson service we will return home.

2019 Events Calendar

May 26 Memorial Day Service, Rev. Charlie, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss Street Saginaw, Michigan. Service at 10:30 am. Uniforms and Flags.

May 27 Soldiers Rest Bay City, MI 11:00 am Form up at 10:30

May 27 Flushing, Flushing Cemetery 6:00 pm Form up at 5:30

May 30 Aventine Cemetery, Flint 6:00 pm Form up at 5:30

July 28 Camp 135, 2:00 pm Dedication for 5 grave markers Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, MI

June 16 Chaplain Charlie's last service and retirement dinner. Church service and dinner celebration. Reservations required. More details to follow

August 3 Nashville Monument Re-dedication

August 8 -10 National Encampment Cleveland

November 21-24 Gettysburg Remembrance

Respectfully your servant,
Capt. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
Commanding
Co. A – 14th Michigan Infantry "Irish Rifle"
3rd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve



Following the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies, we traveled to Petersburg in search of Dr. Stephenson's home. Then it was on to the Stephenson Memorial for our usual service there.



Captain Lamphere receives his new Company Commander's badge.



The trip out to Springfield was uneventful. The return trip, however, was a Spring snow storm of heavy, wet, slush covered roads. Once again with Rob at the helm, and we arrived safely back in Michigan.



Chuck Worley, PDC, SUVCW Camp 135 March To The Sea, carried the colors for National President Sarah Meyer, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 to 1865.

Patriotic Instruction Sarge Scars and Stripes



Co. A 14th Michigan has had the opportunity to honor and be of service to two Medal of Honor Recipients. First Roger Donlon on two occasions and secondly, James "Doc" McColoughan. Our thanks to these men.

Many gave some and a few gave all.

**Department of Michigan SUVCW Honors
James "Doc" Mc Cloughan, MOH Recipient**



On May 14, 2019, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in a combined effort, performed as an Honor Guard to render a salute for Medal Of Honor recipient James "Doc" McCloughan during ceremonies in support of American Legion Post 150 in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Sailor Bob Boquette, a member of American Legion Post 150 and Patriotic Instructor of U.S. Grant 67 solicited support from the members of U.S Grant Camp 67 in Bay City, Michigan and members of Company A, 14th Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve.



Jim and Lloyd renew their acquaintances.



Navy SEAL Trainee made a high altitude jump in honor of "Doc" McColoughan



Jump Master/Instructor, 8,000 jumps under his belt