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In Memoriam

Lowell Herbert Orebaugh

5 February 1901 ~ 14 April 1997

Camp 14 in the Traverse City area, until recently could boast having one of the oldest Members of the SUVCW, age 96 and one of the youngest, age 17. Unfortunately, this duo was broken by the death of Lowell Herbert Orebaugh, April 14, 1997, one of the few remaining "true" sons of a Civil War Veteran. The youngest part of the duo is Camp Secretary, Jacob Bennett of Bellaire.

The wide range of ages spans almost eighty years and demonstrates the broad interest descendants have in honoring the heroic commitment and patriotism our forebearers displayed in offering their very lives to save the Union. Although a basically a modest man, Lowell was very proud of his father's Civil War record which included three terms of enlistment in the Union Army as a musician. Band music often was an important morale builder in lifting the spirit and courage of men approaching a deadly battle condition and the musicians also shared the danger.

For several years prior to Lowell's coming of age at 21, he received a small monthly government check as a dependent of a deceased Civil War veteran. His status as a "true" son resulted from his father Alfred marrying at age 63, his mother, Maggie (Day) age 32.

Quoting from his obituary:

"Lowell H. Orebaugh, 96, died peacefully in his sleep at home, Tuesday morning, without illness."

"He was born in Marathon, Ohio on February 5, 1901, the son of Alfred and Maggie (Day) Orebaugh."

"... (his father) twice voted for Abraham Lincoln."

"Lowell was educated at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he met his future wife, Esther Louise Hunt, who preceded him in death in 1982 after 56 years of marriage"

"He retired in 1962 as a Chief Inspector for the U. S. Departments of Treasury and Justice in Traverse City." Lowell was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge."

"During his years of retirement, he enjoyed reading Civil War history, gardening and, until recently, would plan and prepare full course dinners for his family and friends every Sunday. Lowell was one of the few people who have been privileged to have seen Haley's Comet twice. He was able to live almost completely unassisted, with his loving cats, until the day he died."

His remains were buried beside those of his wife in Grandview Cemetery in Salem, Ohio. Camp 14 provided a SUVCW grave marker. It was a great privilege to have known Lowell. He will be greatly missed.

Dwight Kennard
Commander, Robert Finch Camp 14

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SUVCW UNITES WITH SCV AT CONFEDERATE VETERAN'S GRAVE



George Olivier, John Lohrstorfer and Bill Lowe at John Reed's grave

In 1861, 16 year old John Hall Reed joined the 14th Mississippi Infantry to fight for the Southern cause. After the war he studied medicine in Philadelphia, eventually establishing a practice in Mississippi. In 1893 he brought his ailing wife to the Kellogg Sanitarium in Battle Creek, seeking a cure. Deciding to stay, he established a medical practice there and became a respected member of the city.

Excerpts from his 1908 obituary indicate why he was honored by Civil War veterans in Battle Creek. The military tribute could only have come from the many local members of the GAR.

"A Confederate Flag, colors under which Dr. Reed was a valiant fighter, covered one end of his casket, and joined its folds with Old Glory, draped above the dead soldier, citizen, physician and friend."

"The procession wended its way to the cemetery to the sounds of muffled drum beats, and at the grave, taps and reveille were sounded, the military air predominating the services."

"He fought under General Bragg in many of the hardest battles. Since that time he became a loyal citizen of the Republic and discarded the Confederate cause forever."

The existence of Dr. Reed's grave in Battle Creek was discovered by Brother John Lohrstorfer of Camp 22 during his research of veterans grave in the Oak Hill Cemetery. George Olivier, who attends the Civil War Roundtable breakfasts in Jackson, learned of the grave and together with Bill Lowe of Camp No. 7, visited the cemetery.

Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 and Austin Blair Camp 7, were honored to participate with George Olivier, from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Noah H. Fauver Camp 1448, in placing a flag at Dr. Reed's grave. (George, a Vietnam Veteran was wounded on three separate occasions during his tour of duty and is now on total disability as a result of the wounds.)

Both Camps look forward to assisting Mr. Olivier and the SCV in placing a military headstone on Dr. Reed's grave when it arrives.

DEPARTMENT ORDERS No. 1

1. Department Headquarters now is at 2300 Heights Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48912-3514. The telephone number is (517) 482-4718 and the e-mail address is pdhsrpe@aol.com.
2. My sincere thanks to the delegates of the 108th Department Encampment, held at Lansing, Michigan on 7 June 1997, for electing me to the office of Department Commander. Their confidence in me is very gratifying and challenging. My term in office is dedicated to my grandfather, Herrick Hodges, a Civil War veteran and the *first* Commander of the Department of Michigan.
3. Special thanks, on behalf of the entire Department, to David F. Wallace, PDC, for his outstanding leadership this past year. During his term in office as Commander, the Department of Michigan grew significantly in numbers and in service toward carrying out the purpose and objects of the Order.
4. The Department's progress this year was due also to the contributions of time, talent and hard work by many men of the Department, too many to name here. May each one have a sense of satisfaction of doing his duty and knowing his service is recognized and appreciated.
5. The 108th Department Encampment truly was a success in several ways. Significant business was transacted. The attendance set a modern record. Details of the meeting are outlined in the report of Brother Richard F. Lee, Department Secretary.
6. Congratulations to the Department's award winners for 1996/1997! Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266 received the *Governor Austin Blair Membership Award* for initiating the most new Brothers and General Phil Kearney Camp No. 67 received the *Orlando LaValley Membership Award* for achieving the highest percentage of growth. The prestigious *Abraham Lincoln Certificate of Appreciation Award*, for significant contribution to the furtherance of the Grand Army of the Republic within the State of Michigan, was conferred on General John A. Logan Camp No. 1.
7. Congratulations, too, to our sister organizations for their successful conventions. Best wishes to Lucille Streeter who was reelected as Department President of the Women's Relief Corps and to Rolene Robinson who was reelected Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We look forward to continuing the close working relationships of all the Allied Orders.
8. The 108th Department Encampment adopted amendments to Articles III and IX of the Department Bylaws, to become effective upon approval of the Commander-in-Chief. The changes provide for new appointed officers: Civil War Memorials Officer, GAR Records Officer and Communications and Technology Officer. The amendments also call for the new standing committees of Civil War Memorials Committee, GAR Records Committee and Communications and Technology Committee.
9. The Department officers for the 1997/1998 administrative year, those elected and those appointed, are listed elsewhere in *Michigan's Messenger* (see page 2, ed). It is a distinct pleasure for me to serve with such dedicated men of proven abilities.
10. My express intent for the Department this year is that we work "not harder, but smarter" more efficiently and more effectively. New programs may come about, but that is *not* the primary focus. Instead, the emphasis will be directed toward still more productivity in existing projects. Attention will be aimed at *group* efforts, the sharing of ideas and efforts. The committees will be foremost in this, each with specific charges for the year.
11. A list of committees and their chairmen is presented in *Michigan's Messenger* (see page 4, ed). Any Brother interested and willing to serve on a Department committee is requested to contact the committee chairman or me.
12. The Michigan Department, SUVCW, again is joining with the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans to sponsor the **Weekend of Remembrance** on August 1st through 3rd. A full schedule of exciting events has been planned. They include Day of Remembrance ceremonies, person to person talks with the veterans, a pig roast and a skirmish, as well as the opportunity to visit one of Michigan's largest Civil War cemeteries! All Brothers are urged to come with their families and friends to share in this outstanding event.
13. Plan also to participate in the **1998 Mid-Winter Conference**. It will be held on Saturday, 21 February, again at the Midway Hotel at Lansing. An informative program of interest not only to Camp officers, but to all Brothers will take place. As a Department, we will host the annual Abraham Lincoln/George Washington Commemorative Banquet which is held jointly with the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Michigan.
14. I have the sad duty to direct that all Camp Charters be draped for a period of thirty days mourning for a late Brother, Lowell Herbert Orebaugh, who passed away in April at the age of 95. A True or Real Son, Brother Orebaugh of Traverse City was a Member of Robert Finch Camp 14. His father, Albert Orebaugh, served in the Union Army from 1861 to 1865.

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15. All Camps are reminded about the Constitution and Regulation's Article IX concerning Camp Bylaws. It requires Camps to adopt Bylaws subject to the approval of the Department Commander. That Article also provides that no Camp Bylaws, amendments, alterations or deletions shall be effective until approved by the Department Commander in writing. The several new Camps, as well as the others need to keep aware of this article.

16. Remember to display your American Flag proudly! Display it on any day, but especially on the following days during the next three months: Labor Day, 1 September; Constitution Day, 17 September; Columbus Day, 12 October; Discoverers' Day, 13 October; and Navy Day, 27 October.

By Order of:

Paul D. Hodges
Department Commander
3 July 1997

Attest:

Richard F. Lee
Department Secretary

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

- Bylaws Kent Armstrong, *Chairman*
Remaining members to be announced
- Legislative..... Richard Williams, *Chairman*
Paul Hodges
Richard Lee
Kent Armstrong
Douglas Colley
- Membership William Morris, *Chairman*
All Camp Junior Vice Commanders
- Graves Registration..... John Obermeyer, *Chairman*
Remaining members to be announced
- Civil War Memorials..... Kent Armstrong, *Chairman*
Remaining members to be announced
- GAR Records James Lyons, *PDC, Chairman*
Gary Gibson, *PDC*
Richard Williams
Donald Workman
Gregory Hayes
- Communications & Technology . Charles Ten Brink, *Chairman*
Remaining members to be announced
- M-99/General John A. Logan
- Memorial Highway..... J. Douglas Park, *PDC, Chairman*



EAGLE SCOUT COMMENDATIONS



Jeff Kortis, Benjamin Miller, Scott Crosiant and John Feighner

SUVCW Eagle Scout Commendations were recently presented by the George W. Anderson Camp 58 to three Eagle Scouts; Jeff Kortis, Benjamin Miller and John Feighner, under the direction of Troop Leader Scott Crosiant of Troop 72 in St. Johns.

The Department of Michigan encourages all Camps to recognize the Eagle Scouts near them. Commendation Certificates are available from the National Quartermaster (Item No. 367 @ 10¢ each). Please contact Brother Gary Ralston, (810) 684-1936, if you wish assistance in contacting the Boy Scouts of America Troop nearest your Camp.

Kent Armstrong
Department Senior Vice Commander

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

I invite all Camp Senior Vice Commanders to join me in promoting our organization in the media. We must continue to draw attention to our best efforts - thereby offering an example that will attract new Members and Associates. Granted, the best time of the year (Memorial Day) to get the word out is past us for 1997, but there are many other points to share with the public. Your local columnist may be willing to run a feature story on any number of things that your Camp is taking part in (Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials Assessment, fundraising for *professional* care of a memorial, etc.). Any ceremonies that your Camp takes part in, present an opportunity for an announcement before hand and a follow-up story afterward. Even Camp meeting notices can be published, with a cordial invitation for interested gentlemen to attend. Please include the name and telephone number of your Camp Junior Vice Commander (or other designee) to receive inquiries for more information about your Camp and the SUVCW.

Let's not overlook the positive public relations potential of the National level *Eagle Scout Commendation!* To help the Scouts, their parents and the public make the connection of why we award this certificate, I have included the following message in a cover letter that's presented with the commendation at the Court-of-Honor ceremonies I've attended. I respectfully offer it to you for your consideration and use. It reads, "In addition to honoring the memory of American Civil War Soldiers and Sailors who served the *Union*, our organization, the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR (SUVCW), carries on the traditions of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (GAR). The GAR was a patriotic and fraternal organization, similar in purpose to today's veterans' groups (VFW/American Legion). One of the GAR's traditions was the promotion of good citizenship. Therefore, it is the honor of the SUVCW to present this *Commendation* to you, in recognition of your community contribution in the course of earning the rank of *Eagle Scout*."

Computer related communication is another option that we need to utilize further. Many of us do not own a computer, nor do we have access to one, but we cannot ignore the ever increasing number of folks out there that do seek out information over the Internet. I encourage each Camp to furnish material, per the example available on our Department's web-page, linked from the national site. I hope that *all* Camps will comply. A complete listing will offer any interested party the information he needs to contact an officer of the Camp nearest him (by telephone,

mail or even e-mail). Our Department's Communication and Technology Committee is staffed by some very talented Brothers, dedicated to serving our interests in the most professional manner. You may contact the committee chairman, Charles Ten Brink, by e-mail cjt1@midway.uchicago.edu, or write him at 5401 South Ridgewood Court #2, Chicago, IL 60615-5314 if your Camp does not have someone with Internet access. Brother Ten Brink will gladly let you know what is being posted so you can provide this information back to the committee for them to enter. The committee is also willing to work with those who have Internet access and would be interested in learning how to post their own information.

Another aspect of the Internet information that deserves our attention is getting what's out there into the hands of our membership who don't have access. For instance, our National Counselor (our own Bro. James Pahl) has posted the U. S. Flag Code on the National SUVCW web-site. This is something that each Camp's Patriotic Instructor could and should share with his membership - if he had it. There is a good deal of excellent reference material on the National site, not readily found elsewhere and I hope those Camps with someone "on-line" will print out this kind of information and distribute copies to their membership. I will gladly mail this material to a Camp Commander who in-

forms me that no one from his Camp has access to it.

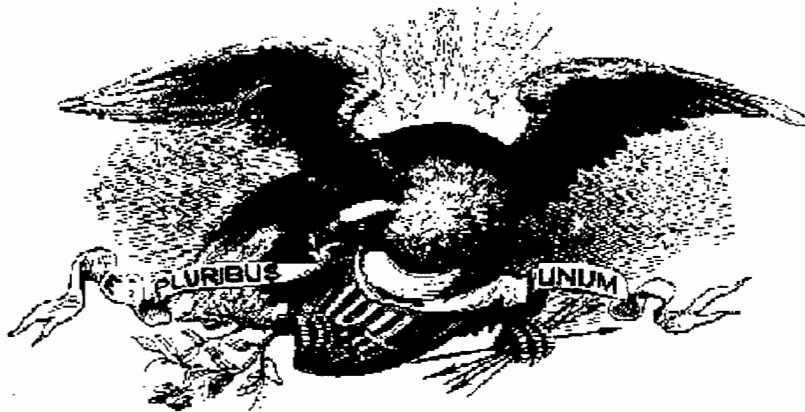
Now, what to put our written communications on brings up the subject of "Standardized Stationary". There may be more to share about this after the up-coming National E n c a m p m e n t .

There is a version (Item No. 114) currently available from the National Quartermaster, but there may be some more work done to provide a uniform letterhead that will standardize an "official recognition" of our organization at the local, state and national level.

I will be sending a copy of our updated Department Bylaws to each Camp, once the document is reviewed and approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Kent L. Armstrong
Department Senior Vice Commander



JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Brothers, June found me walking into some mighty big shoes. Kent Armstrong is one of those rare Brothers that has seemingly unlimited energy to devote to our Order. He is almost everywhere at once. In the past several months he has made great strides in streamlining the procedures for responding to membership information requests for the Department of Michigan. He has, and continues to be, simply amazing. Kent, my hat is off to you, carry on with your new position and the work at hand.

During the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to visit with several of our Brothers during their recruiting efforts. Shortly after the Department Encampment I stopped by and visited with the Brothers of the Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 who, in the spirit of cooperation, were running a joint recruiting and information effort with the DUVCW during the Curwood Festival in Owosso, MI. Later in the month I was able to assist the Brother of the Gov. Henry Crapo Camp 145 during the recruiting effort held at the "Civil War Days" in Crossroads Village near Flint. Both of these efforts are noteworthy because they help demonstrate a willingness for our Brothers to go out and meet the public to spread the word about our Order. I believe both events generated a number of membership leads not only for the local Camps, but for other Camps across our Department. They also provided the opportunity for the Brothers of different Camps to meet their counterparts across the state and, at least in one case, another Department. At the time of this writing, the Brothers of the Curtenius Guard Camp 17 will be hosting a Recruiting and Information Tent during the Civil War reenactment to be held at Charleton Park near Hastings. I am certain they would be very pleased if you would stop by and say hello. While such recruiting efforts can require quite a bit of work and focused effort, the time spent can be extremely rewarding and, let's face it, just plain fun to do.

Summer will find many Civil War related events happening across the state that tend to draw those interested in the era. It will present a perfect opportunity to pass the word about the SUVCW to a targeted audience. Don't forget, the Department of Michigan owns a large wall tent and fly for loan to individual Camps during local recruiting events such as those mentioned above. A local reenactment can present the perfect recruiting opportunity. Thanks to Brother Kent, the Department also has an amount of supplemental display material that can be used during these events. I have also been seeking additional brochures from our Allied Orders that can be distributed by us during such efforts. I strongly urge the individual Camp JVC's avail yourselves of these items. I ask that you contact me to reserve them, I know it will prove well worth the effort. Please let me know how I might be able to assist you.

Also, let's not forget about the Internet, an area proving to be one of the premiere recruiting resources we now have. Please insure that the information about your Camp, meeting times, locations and recruiting contacts are up to date with the Department's Chief Signals Officer, Brother Charles Ten Brink. Recruiting by the Internet and e-mail has proven to be extremely fruitful. I have really lost count as to the number of new Brothers that I have personally brought into the Order as a result of this tool.

Continue to have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Bill Morris

Department Junior Vice Commander

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE ADJUTANT

Dear Brothers:

Please join me in welcoming the following new reservists: Ty Streeter (grandson of Howard Streeter, Commander of Camp 22) and James A. K. Pahl (son of Past Department Commander James Pahl). Both reservists are attached to Co. A, 30th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, SVR.

I would like to thank the following Brothers for their participation in the Color Guard at the Department Encampment: L. Dean Lamphere Jr., James Pahl, Howard Streeter and LaVerne Aves. I would also like to extend thanks to Gary Ralston, Commander of Camp 120.

Please consider attending these up-coming events:

- 11 November, Veterans Day, participate with your local Camp.
- 15 November, Gettysburg, PA, GAR Remembrance Day Parade and Honor Services.
- 19 November, GAR Remembrance Day, all Camps are encouraged to hold observances.

I would like to close by thanking all Reservists for continuing their support of this Color Guard.

Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Lt. Daniel V. Graves

Adjutant

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There were 53 Brothers in attendance, including Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr. Three Brothers had pre-registered, but did not attend.

Camps represented were: 1, General John A. Logan, Grand Rapids; 7, Gov. Austin Blair, Jackson; 17 Curtenius Guard, Lansing/Sunfield; 20, Benjamin Pritchard, Kalamazoo; 22 Colegrove-Woodruff, Marshall; 53, Wa-Bu-No, Mt. Pleasant/Sheperd; 58, George W. Anderson, DeWitt; 67, General Phil Kearney, Bay City; 120, Gilluly-Kingsley, Howell; 145, Gov. Henry Crapo, Flint; 160, Henry F. Wallace, Corunna; and 266, James and Albert Lyon, Menominee.

In addition to Brother Orr, other Brothers holding positions within the National organization were: Kent L. Armstrong, Chairman, National "Save Outdoor Sculpture" Special Committee; Richard Greene, National Aide to the National Camp and Department Organizer; Keith G. Harrison, Past C-in-C, National Aide to the National Secretary; Hon. James B. Pahl, National Counselor; L. Dean Lamphere Jr., National Department-at-Large Secretary/Treasurer; Terrance L. McKinch, Chairman, National Military Affairs Committee; J. Douglas Park, Program and Policy Committee; Richard A. Williams, National Membership List Coordinator.

The following Officer recommendations were made and adopted:

Department Commander Wallace;

1. Redefine the position of the Commanding Officer of the Department Color Guard (30th Michigan Infantry ~ Sons of Veterans Reserve) as the "Military Liaison" between the Department and the current military component within the Department.
2. Create a standing staff appointed position of "Signals Officer". This position would have the responsibilities outlined for the Communications and Technology Officer appointed at the beginning of this term.
3. Recommend that the incoming Commander appoint a Brother to the position of "Scouting Coordinator of Boy Scouts of America, Inc.". this position would have the responsibilities outlined for the Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator, plus additional duties as the Department Liaison with the various Scouting Councils across the state.
4. Rename the position of "Aide" to Aide de Camp" in keeping with current National Organization terminology.
5. Redefine the Allied Orders "Weekend of Remembrance" Special Committee as a Standing Committee of the Department.
6. Subject to budget constraints, purchase of a large hand-held scanner for the use of the GAR Records Committee.

7. Subject to budget constraints, purchase a four-drawer fire resistant file cabinet (new or used) for use in the archives of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Marshall.

8. Adoption of a Pre-registration program for all subsequent Department Encampments, establishing a \$5.00 pre-registration fee, with an \$8.00 "at the door" fee. Such fees to be reviewed and revised annually by the Department Encampment.

9. Adoption of an increase in the Department Per-Capita Tax of \$.75 per member per quarter or \$3.00 per member per annum, to be effective 1 January 1998.

Department Junior Vice Commander Armstrong:

A Proposal for a professionally produced National SUVCW "Recruiting Video" be sent as a resolution of this Department to the National Encampment in August.

Editor, Michigan's Messenger, Mann:

1. Obtain other bids on printing to reduce the cost of printing the newsletter. This has been accomplished.
2. Make format changes to increase the amount of printed information on each page at the editor's discretion.
3. Reduce the number of pages to 12 or 16 requiring priority decisions on what copy to include or omit at the editor's discretion.

The following Committee recommendations were made and adopted:

Bylaws Committee:

1. ARTICLE III ~ OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The elected Officers of the Department shall be as follows: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three (3) members of the Council, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall serve for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected and installed. The Commander and the Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer shall not serve on the Council. The same member may hold the office of Secretary and the office of Treasurer simultaneously.

Section 2. The Commander, after his election, shall appoint other officers for a term of one (1) year as per the Constitution and Regulations (C & R). the appointed officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Chief of Staff, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Counselor, Organizer, Historian, Graves Registration Officer, Civil War Memorials Officer, GAR Records Officer, Communications and Technology Officer, Guide, Color Bearer, Guard, Aide, and other positions required by the C & R, Ritual, Department Bylaws and the orders of the Commander. The officers shall have such other duties which are prescribed in the official Department Officer's Job Descriptions as adopted by the National Encampment.

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2. ARTICLE IX ~ COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing Committees of the Department shall be as follows: Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Graves Registration, Civil War Memorials, GAR Records, and Communications and Technology.

Section 2. Special Committees may be created by action of the Commander and shall exist for the period of time designated in the creation thereof. Duties and responsibilities shall be defined at the time of Committee creation.

Section 7. The Graves Registration Committee shall seek and identify all graves of Civil War veterans in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War grave. The Committee shall be chaired by the Graves Registration Officer.

Section 8. The Civil War Memorials Committee shall seek and identify all monuments and memorials dedicated to Civil War veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall bring to the attention of the Department any disrespect or lack of attention shown to any Civil War monument or memorial. The Committee shall be chaired by the GAR Monuments and Memorials Officer.

Section 9. The GAR Records Committee shall seek, locate, catalog and promote preservation of all surviving GAR records in the State of Michigan. The Committee shall be chaired by the GAR Records Officer.

Section 10. The Communications and Technology Committee shall advise the Department Officers and Committees about the latest computer and related technologies pertinent to the Department. The Committee shall be chaired by the Communications and Technology Officer.

Communications and Technology Committee Recommendations approved:

1. If Geocities offers web space and an e-mail address with no hidden costs and that its use would not be detrimental to the Order, the Department's Communications and Technology Committee be authorized to assist Camps in establishing individual accounts with Geocities Server.
2. Failing the Geocities proposal, that the Department authorize the expenditure of a sum, not to exceed \$150.00 per year, to cover costs associated with administering a five megabyte Department web page with Century Telephone Company. Should individual Camps and the Allied Orders desire, they be allowed to purchase additional web space on this server through the Department at the rate of \$1.00 per megabyte per month.
3. Where practical, Camps should be encouraged to establish their own Internet and web page accounts whether they be with individual members.
4. To insure uniformity and compliance with proposed National guidelines, the Department's Communications and Tech-

nology Committee should be authorized to review and approve independently developed Camp web pages for appearance and content before they are presented as representing a Camp of the Department of Michigan.

GAR Memorials Subcommittee Recommendations approved:

1. That the subcommittee become a separate, standing committee.
2. That it be named "Memorial Committee". This was changed to Civil War Memorials Committee.

GAR Records Committee (Temporary) Recommendations approved:

1. That the Department of Michigan establish this committee as a new Standing Committee.
2. That a temporary Committee be established to study and develop a program to record all members, past and present, and their Civil War ancestors. This work should proceed under the direction of the Department Historian and consistent with the advice of the Department Counselor relative to security concerns for personal data.

Legislative Committee Recommendation approved:

1. That all Brothers are urged to contact their State House Representative to solicit support for House Bill 4713 for renaming M-99 as the General John A. Logan Memorial Highway.

Weekend of Remembrance Special Committee Recommendation approved:

1. That all Brothers are encouraged to attend this special event.

Resolutions Committee Recommendation approved:

1. Resolved; that this Department endorses the candidacy of these following Brothers for election to National Office: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Richard Orr for Commander-in-Chief; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Andrew Johnson for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; National Chief of Staff David Turpin for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

New Business:

Past Commander-in-Chief Harrison moved that this Department move the National SUVCW to donate a portion of the existing funds that are proceeds from the SUVCW-sponsored Military Ball held annually in conjunction with the Order's Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg, PA to the National Military Park there and further, that this donation continue to be made annually. — Approved.

Brother R. Williams moved that the Michigan Department Sec-

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retary be directed to write a letter to the National Council of Administration by January 31st, 1998, requesting permission to continue to offer for sale to members of the SUVCW the jacket pocket insignia and coat-of-arms. ~ Approved.

Brother G. Gibson moved that the Michigan Department donate \$25.00 each to the funds of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the National Patriotic Instructor. ~ Approved.

Elected and Appointed Officers for 1997-1998 are:

Commander	Paul Hodges
Senior Vice Commander	Kent Armstrong
Junior Vice Commander	William Morris
Treasurer	James Williams
Secretary	Richard Lee
Council	Gary Gibson
Council	Wayne Nash
Council	David Waldron
Chief of Staff	Gregory Hayes
Chaplain	William McAfee
Camp Organizer	David Wallace
Patriotic Instructor	William Costello
Color Bearer	Leo Cohoon
Graves Registration	John Obermeyer
Civil War Memorial	Kent Armstrong
Communications and Technology	Charles Ten Brink

Camp-at-Large Coordinator	Wade Chapman
Editor, Michigan's Messenger	John Mann
Weekend of Remembrance Liaison	Leo Stroschine
Boy Scouts of America Coordinator	Gary Ralston
Historian	Gary Holmes
Guide	Howard Streeter
Aide-de-Camp	Charles Langworthy
GAR Records	James Lyons
Counselor	James Neal

Commander Wallace gave Certificates of Appreciation to his elected and appointed officers who had served with him.

The Orlando LaValley Award was given to General Phil Kearney Camp 67 for the largest percentage increase in membership.

The Governor Austin Blair Award was given to Albert and James Lyon Camp 266 for recruiting the largest number of new Brothers.

The Abraham Lincoln Award was given to General John A. Logan Camp 1 for outstanding effort in sponsoring the Weekend of Remembrance.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard F. Lee
 Department Secretary

CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The committee wishes to thank Camps 7, 22 and 58 for their recent submissions of Memorial Assessment forms and photographs. We look forward to receiving data from more Camps over the course of the summer. Please bear in mind that thoroughness is more important than rushing in a report. Completed forms should be mailed to Brother William R. Morris, 10324 Stanley Court, Flushing, MI 48433-9247. Thank you.

Special thanks go out to Brother and Mrs. Howard Streeter for providing the committee with a copy of "Michigan's Civil War Markers, Memorials and Monuments", prepared by the Michigan Civil War Centennial Observance Commission in 1992. Granted, this work is dated and is said to be incomplete, but it is an excellent reference for comparison. A copy was issued to each Camp with representatives present at the Department En-

campment. Camps that could not have a delegate present will receive a copy in the mail, along with other material being coordinated by the Senior Vice Department Commander.

We invite you to consider a donation to the fund-raising efforts for professional restoration work to be done on the GAR Monuments at Sheperd and Wacousta, Michigan. Details can be found in a photo-story on each monument in previous issues of *Michigan's Messenger*.

Respectfully submitted, in fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Kent Armstrong, Chairman
 Civil War Memorials Committee

DEPARTMENT ARCHIVES

Last winter, I was "thinking-out-loud" about the benefits of having all our important records stored safely at one location, allowing periodic, supervised inspection by those wishing to review them. I also offered the thought that the GAR Hall in Marshall, Michigan be seriously considered as such a depository. The Historical society which owns the building has done a fantastic job in its care and the location is relatively central and near the Interstate Highway System.

The idea was supported by the Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22, which meets at the Hall and whose leadership approached the Marshall Historical Society on our behalf. Brother Chris Czopek, Camp 22 JVC, has reported the following good news: "The Marshall Historical Society has agreed to our request to use: The attic space for storage of records; one four drawer file cabinet in basement; one glass cabinet in the main hall, for display of GAR/SUVCW items. This is a 'done-deal,' effective immediately. The historical society gave us this space cheerfully and without hesitation."

Brother Howard Streeter, Commander of Camp 22, encourages any Camp or individual Member or Associate to contact him for the coordination of displaying any Civil War related artifacts that you would like to share with the public. Displays will be made on a rotating basis and those who contribute should also volunteer to staff the exhibit and answer questions from the public at the times the Hall will be open. Brother Streeter can be telephoned at home via (517) 741-7161.

Brother David F. Wallace, PDC, sent a formal letter-of-thanks to the Marshall Historical Society, while in office as our Department Commander. To compliment that, I hope you will join me in expressing sincere appreciation to our Brothers of Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22 for securing a "Department Archives" for us. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Kent L. Armstrong
Department Senior Vice Commander



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Several of our members have complained delayed deliveries of *Michigan's Messenger*. Information regarding the Mid-Winter Conference in February and the Department Encampment in June did not reach these members in time to be useful.

In the past, the newsletter has been mailed on or very near to the first of February, May, August and November. Most of the local post offices are delivering the newsletter promptly, but a few are taking as long as three to four weeks to get it to the addressee. As *Michigan's Messenger* is mailed at the fourth class rate, it is subject to being delivered at such a time determined by the local postmaster to be a slack period, so we can't complain to the post office about the late delivery.

To help cure the problem of late delivery of pertinent information, the mailing dates will be changed to the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter date, beginning with the February 1998 issue. The submission deadline dates will have to be moved back also. The newsletter schedule dates for 1998 will be as follows:

Deadline Date	Mailing Date	Issue Date
January 1	January 15	February
April 1	April 15	May
July 1	July 15	August
October 1	October 15	November

Please take note of these changes and observe the deadline dates. Now that the newsletter is being printed rather than photocopied, the printer needs 5 to 7 days to schedule, process and print it. This means I only have about 7 days from the deadline date to enter everything into my computer and have it ready for the printer. I would greatly appreciate it you can submit your copy *before* the deadline date.

I would also like to remind all that the deadline date is the date I must have the copy in hand to assure that it will be included in the newsletter, not the last day to drop it in the mail. Copy received after the deadline date may or may not be included depending upon time and space available.

Another reminder is to be aware of dates when sending in items to be printed in *Michigan's Messenger*. If you have an upcoming event you would like to have publicized, make sure you get it in early enough. For instance, it doesn't make any sense to publicize an event in the May issue of the newsletter if it is to be held near the end of April. The event will be over by the time our members receive their copies of the newsletter.

I am still looking for members to write short histories of GAR Posts and SUVCW Camps, past and present.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

John Mann
Editor, *Michigan's Messenger*

CAMP NEWS

JOHN A. LOGAN

By Douglas F. Colley

Camp 1, Grand Rapids — General John A. Logan Camp participated in Memorial Day Services and the Memorial Day Parade in Grand Rapids on May 30th. Participating alongside members of our Camp were members from Henry E. Plant Camp 3 in both activities. Prior to the parade, we held services at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Grand Rapids.

After services at the monument we took part in the Memorial Day Parade where we were joined by members of the 3rd Michigan Infantry reenactors and members of the Kent County Honor Guard. One of the members of the Honor Guard, Ralph Shene-man, played a bugle used in the Civil War.

Following the parade, Memorial Services were held in Veteran's Park where Camp Commander Stroschine read General Logan's Order No. 11 to start the services. Brother John Obermeyer served as acting Camp Chaplain during the Memorial Day events.

Recently the Grand Rapids Press ran an article on a local man from Leighton Township who is trying to get a monument erected to Michigan soldiers who fought at Antietam. Donald Dandrow toured the battlefield and noticed the monuments erected by several states commemorating the participation of soldiers from those states in the famous battle fought on the sight, but there was none dedicated to the Michigan soldiers who fought there.

Dandrow stated that there were six Michigan Infantry regiments engaged at Antietam. According to him, no accurate list of men from these regiments who died there exists, therefore any monument that is to be erected there should only list the regiments that fought there instead of the soldiers names. Dandrow is asking for aide from veterans organizations in his quest for an Antietam monument to Michigan soldiers.

HENRY E. PLANT

By Daniel Grable

Camp 3, Fruitport — The Henry E. Plant Camp has been very active recently. In celebrating the Traditional Memorial Day, the Camp participated in the Spring Lake Parade. We marched with six members in Civil War uniforms. Following the parade, the Camp participated in ceremonies hosted by the local AMVETS chapter. Our Chaplain, John Baldus (an AMVETS member) read John A. Logan's General Order No. 11 and the background story about Order No. 11 during the ceremonies. A photo of some of our members marching during the parade was featured on the front page of the Grand Haven Tribune the following day.

After the Spring Lake festivities the Camp went to our home town of Fruitport. There eight of our members participated in the Old Fashioned Days Memorial Day Parade. Our position for the second year in a row was immediately behind the local VFW Posts at the front of the parade.

The Camp celebrated the traditional Memorial Day jointly with the John A. Logan Camp 1 of Grand Rapids. The ceremonies were held at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in downtown Grand Rapids. The Camps were joined by the 3rd Michigan Volunteer reenactors group and a Kent County Veteran Honor Guard Bugler. The bugler used a horn originally used in the Civil War by his mother's music teacher.

Following the ceremonies the contingent participated in the Grand Rapids Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies. The group was the firing squad for the city ceremonies. We were on the 1:00 pm news on WOOD-TV 8 and WZZM-TV 13.

Besides Memorial Day, the Camp has been working on some ongoing projects. They include relocating Mr. Plant's tombstone and placing a flag and flagpole in the Plant grave area at the Nunica Cemetery. We also obtained for the Camp a U. S. Flag that was flown over the Capitol in honor of Henry E. Plant. It will be formally presented at the September meeting.

Another project we have been working on is finding out how and hopefully, getting a road in Crockery Township (Plant's home area) named for Henry E. Plant (our Camp's namesake and Ottawa County's only Medal of Honor recipient serving from the county).

The Camp has been very busy getting our name out and telling the community about the Civil War. We are doing this by getting up school programs for Ottawa County schools (this is also a fund-raiser). We present these programs in full uniform with weapons and equipment and where permission has been granted, give firing demonstrations using blank ammunition.

This summer we are participating with the 4th Michigan reenactors in having uniformed Civil War personnel at the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum on Saturday afternoons.

In August, the Camp is planning our annual Camp Picnic. This will be possibly in conjunction with a rededication of Henry E. Plant's grave if the previously mentioned work is completed in Nunica Cemetery.

Besides all this outside work, the Camp decided to give our newly inducted members a bronze brotherhood recognition button, along with a tri-color membership certificate.

The Camp's next meeting is September 14th at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven at 1:30 pm.

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AUSTIN BLAIR

By Bill Lowe

Camp 7, Jackson — Austin Blair Camp 7 “Rekindles Their Auxiliary”. With renewed interest in the Civil War, it is to be expected that many women would be sharing our desire to “preserve the memory” of those who fought to save the Union from 1861 - 1865. With this expanded interest, Camp 7 has been working several months to re-establish their Auxiliary.

These efforts paid off July 14th, when National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Betty J. Baker, re-instituted the Auxiliary, assisted by Beatrice Greenwalt, Past National President, two National Auxiliary staff members and a member from the Department of Ohio. They then oversaw the election of officers and installed those elected into their office. Our Auxiliary now has nine members with at least one more candidate to be initiated at their next meeting.

Camp 7, chartered in 1914, previously had an active Auxiliary but with the aging of its previous members attendance dropped and it ceased activity in the late 1950's.

Camp Commander Bill Lowe expects the Auxiliary to be a real help in Camp activities. He reports that already members of the Auxiliary have participated in grave registration and related research. Auxiliary members helped decorate the float entered by our Camp and marched along with Camp members in this year's two Memorial Day parades. They also participated alongside us in Memorial Day Services at Jackson and Spring Arbor.

For those of you having access to the Internet, please visit our Camp 7 home page at:

<http://www.centuryinter.net/sucw.mi/007home.html>

CURTENIUS GUARD

By John Nash

Camp 17, Sunfield — On Saturday, 24 May, nine Brothers marched in the City of Lansing's Memorial Day Parade. Nearly all of us stayed in step thanks to the cadence of Brother Emerick and his “Camp Band”. Following the parade, it was on to Mt. Hope Cemetery for our annual Remembrance Ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial. The turnout was very good, with fifteen Brothers and twenty to thirty members of the public in attendance. A photo of the Camp Guard firing a salute during this ceremony was featured in the Lansing State Journal and we received coverage from two local television stations. Next, several members hurried to participate in the Allied Veterans Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery's “Little Arlington”. Commander Nash took full credit for the wonderful weather enjoyed on this day, having purchased a raincoat the day before.

On Sunday, the 25th, Curtenius Guard assisted the Sisters of Helen Edwins Tent 30, DUVCW, with their annual Memorial Service at the Sunfield Cemetery. Despite the cool, cloudy day, the turnout was good for this program which included the Lakewood High School Band and members of the Portland VFW.

Finally, on Friday, 30 May (as it should be), the Camp conducted our customary Memorial Service at the grave of Sgt. Samuel W. Grinnell in the Welsh Cemetery. Period music was provided by Brothers Emerick and Rakestraw. The ceremony was attended by a group from the Eaton County Historical Commission and their guests, as well as a number of interested citizens.

ALEXANDER FRENCH

By David L. Waldron

Camp 28, Big Rapids — Our March meeting did indeed see the installation of our Camp Officers for 1997-1998 and the installing officer was Department Commander David F. Wallace. Past Camp Commander John N. Walker was presented with the Past Camp Commander's Badge. Our Camp Secretary, John F. Emmons was presented with the War Medal and Korean Service Bar. The families of our members were invited for this special meeting and a time of social fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance at the close of the business meeting.

May's Camp meeting was more along traditional lines and saw the initiation of Associate Kreation H. Cullimore who had been in Florida all winter. Brother Cullimore is still waiting for the information from the National Archives on his two grandfathers, George P. Cullimore and William R. Holloway. Plans were formulated for the Traditional Memorial Day ceremonies at the Civil War section of Highland View Cemetery on May 30th. This year we will be inviting representatives of other service organizations to join with us in observing the Traditional memorial Day. We did receive word from “Pete” Carlson, Commander of the new Camp 147 at Cadillac, that there would be some of their members coming down to join us in our ceremonies. We also plan to schedule joint Graves Registration Survey endeavors with Camp 147 this summer as we are able; if summer ever gets here!

WA-BU-NO

By Wayne A. Nash

Camp 53, Mt. Pleasant — There was a lot of effort expended, but the rewards are so satisfying. After spending over two years to reclaim the GAR unused gravesites in the Riverside Cemetery located in downtown Mt. Pleasant, the reward has been realized. Four deeds covering about 40 gravesites have been transferred to the “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Con-

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gressional Chartered Organization". Our Past National Commander-in-Chief, Keith Harrison, was emphatic to have that name associated with the transfer. Brother Wayne Barrett provided many documents and played "catch-ball" with the Director of Parks and Recreation and the City Attorney for many months. The certified copy of the GAR Deed of Conveyance must have encouraged them to make the transfer.

The Camp has had four previous Remembrance Day (November 11th) Ceremonies and had refurbished the GAR memorial that stands in the center of the GAR plot. Hopefully, that was instrumental in convincing the Attorney and Director to make the transfer.

The Director is going to supply the Camp with a map of the plots to determine if there are any unmarked graves. of course, new markers will be requested, if that is the case. As a matter of courtesy, he is also planning on drafting a document of communication that would cover any Camp activity to work in the gravesite area. He has also mentioned that the flagpole associated with the GAR memorial will be painted by his crew.

HENRY F. WALLACE

By David L. Hilliker

Camp 160, Corunna — Seven members of our Camp attended the School of the Piece, May 17 and 18, 1997. David Hilliker, Mike McMillan, Tristan McMillan, Tyler McMillan, Gary Granger and Ken Dixon all took the classes and received their certification for safe handling and operations of manning cannons. The classes were held at the home of Bill Graves in Byron. Charles Corfman from Ohio came up to instruct the classes.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Henry F. Wallace Camp 160 and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Julia E. Stevens Tent 14 participated in three parades on Memorial Day, May 26. They marched in the Corunna Parade at 9:00 am, the Vernon Parade at 11:00 am and the Byron Parade at 1:00 pm. They then enjoyed a cookout and potluck at the residence of Bill and Darlene Graves in Byron. The Gayle Steele family represented the Sons and Daughters at the Bay City Memorial Day Festivities in the afternoon.

The Sons and Daughters also conducted a re-dedication ceremony of the Civil War Monument in Oak Hill Cemetery in Owosso. This monument was 100 years old on May 30, 1997.

On June 7 and 8, we had a living history encampment at the Curwood Festival in Owosso. Both the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War recruited, with many who attended showing genuine interest. It was felt that this was a very successful weekend.

The SUVCW and DUVCW took part in the Corunna 4th of July Parade and set up an encampment in the Historical Village at McCurdy Park in Corunna during the daily festivities. Genuine interest was shown with some visitors to our camp. Brothers Gary Granger and Mike McMillan escorted President Lincoln to the podium and were guards during his speech to the public.

NEW SUVCW MEMBERS

Since the first of this year the following new Brothers have joined our ranks (as reported to the editor and culled from the February and May Camp News):

Gerald Crawford, <i>Member</i>	George W. Anderson Camp 58
Steven P. Datema, <i>Member</i>	Colegrove-Woodruff Camp 22
Bruce Fech, <i>Member</i>	George W. Anderson Camp 58
Mark D. Heath, <i>Member</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7
Benjamin F. Hoffman, <i>Member</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7
Timothy L. Litchard, <i>Member</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7
Donald Londo, <i>Member</i>	Gen. Phil Kearney Camp 67
Gary Peterson, <i>Member</i>	George W. Anderson Camp 58
Jeremy Railing, <i>Member</i>	Gen. Phil Kearney Camp 67
Dave Russell, <i>Member</i>	Gen. Phil Kearney Camp 67
David W. Speer, <i>Member</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7
Gary Speer, <i>Member</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7
George E. Till, <i>Associate</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7
Mark E. Weiss, <i>Associate</i>	Gov. Austin Blair Camp 7

NOTICE

All Camp Secretaries and Treasurers should note that there is going to be an increase in the Department per capita starting with the first quarter of 1998. All Members and Associates will be subject to a 75¢ per quarter (\$3.00 per year) increase. This increase was voted into effect at the Annual Department Encampment in June. All Camps should therefore review their membership dues structure and plan accordingly.

An at-the-door increase in the registration fee was also voted into effect for the Department Encampment effective next year. It will be \$8.00 per member. Advanced registration by mail will remain the same at \$5.00 per member.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Richard F. Lee
Department Secretary

ANCESTOR VIGNETTE

Henry P. Gillespie
Private (Fifer)
13th Michigan Infantry, Company A

Great Grandfather
of
William A. Brennan
Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp No. 20

Henry P. Gillespie was born June 22, 1847 in Lagrange County Indiana. He was a twin to his sister Henrietta. Henry was the son of Rev. Enoch and Mary (Kilmer) Gillespie. They had thirteen children including two sets of twins and one set of triplets. The family lived in Indiana until 1852, when they moved to the Sturgis, Michigan area in St. Joseph County, where Henry's father served as Elder for the United Church of God. In 1861 Henry's four older brothers enlisted in the Army for service in the Civil War. Brothers Ira, Martin and Enoch served in the 11th Michigan Infantry, while Levi served in the 13th Michigan Infantry. Brother Enoch would later serve in the 13th Michigan also.

Henry enlisted as a musician (Fifer) in Company A, 13th Michigan Infantry on March 15, 1865 at Kalamazoo. He said he was 18, but he actually was 17 years and 9 months old at the time. Early in the war his older brother Ira had given him a little sword that he had thought the world of, according to an account in the *Diary of Ira Gillespie of the 11th Michigan Infantry* (published by Central Michigan University Press, 1965). When he was finally old enough to become a soldier, Henry stood 5' 11" tall and had blue eyes and light hair.

Henry served most of his service time in West Virginia and Louisville, Kentucky. One story that he told my Aunt Elva (Henry's granddaughter, born in 1899) was that the 13th Michigan had been marching a long time and it was hot, so they decided to stop by a stream and fill their canteens. After they drank they marched upstream where they encountered a dead mule in the water they had drank from.

Henry mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky on July 25, 1865. On July 29th, the 13th Michigan Infantry was paid off and disbanded in Jackson, Michigan.

After the war Henry moved to Lacota, in Van Buren County. On December 2, 1872 he united in marriage to Almeda Faulkner in Bangor, Michigan. He was a farmer and also served

as Justice of the Peace. On October 31, 1892 at the age of 44 Henry joined the John H. Andrews Post No. 288 of the GAR in Lacota. He served as Adjutant of the Post for 18 years, from 1893 to 1913, except for the years 1904 and 1905, when he was Commander of the Post. The meetings were held at Clark's Grocery Store. The Post was organized in 1890 and was disbanded in 1913.

In June of 1893 he helped organize and served as secretary for the Soldiers and Sailors reunion in western Allegan and Van Buren Counties. The reunions ran for over 40 years. General Pritchard also attended this reunion once in 1902, giving the address.

On Memorial Day my aunt said, "You could hear the fife and drum corps playing Civil War songs as they rode along in their horse and buggy close to the town." She said her brother would cock his head and say, "I can hear Grandpa on the fife."

Henry attended the 50th anniversary observation of the Battle of Chickamauga in 1913, held in Kalamazoo to honor the Soldiers of the 13th Michigan Infantry who served in that battle. In 1915 he attended and was listed as Past Post Commander in the 37th Department of Michigan Encampment or the GAR held in Kalamazoo. He was a member of Zach Chandler Post No. 35 of South Haven at the time. He attended many GAR and 13th Michigan reunions.

I was told that he really enjoyed the 1909 National Encampment in Salt Lake City, Utah. While there, he played the fife as a member of the National Association of Civil War Musicians and represented the Department of Michigan as a delegate.

On June 14, 1919, just eight days short of his 72nd birthday, he passed away at his home a little south of Pullman, in Allegan County of Bright's Disease. He was buried in the Lindsley Cemetery, in Cheshire Township, with a soldiers headstone and a GAR flag holder marking his grave.



The Gillespie Brothers

Ira	Levi	Enoch	Martin	Henry	Edgar
1837 ~ 1897	1833 ~ 1911	1843 ~ 1913	1842 ~ 1926	1847 ~ 1919	1855 ~ 1923
11th Mich. Infantry	13th Mich. Infantry	13th Mich. Infantry	11th Mich. Infantry	13th Mich. Infantry	

COLLECTING:

~ MEMORIAL DAY POSTCARDS ~

The earliest of these types of postcards usually had a matte (flat) finish and were of an earlier, generally more crude style of design and printing. These cards all had an undivided back. By 1909 the styles had changed, the designs being better drawn and printed and having a semi-gloss or gloss finish. The reverse was now divided, the left half for the message and the right for the address and stamp with a distinct printed dividing line. As is typical of postcards of the era, most were quite colorful. One characteristic of nearly all of the cards is the embossing of a part of the printed design. The embossing ranged from light to very heavy on some of the laminated cards.

As the public began to purchase more and more of the Memorial Day postcards, more publishers got into the act by designing their own cards and in some cases, copying the designs of others, outright or altering them slightly. Many of the postcards were printed in Germany (Wunsch, Bein and Finkenrath) or England (Tuck) and imported into this country.

Several of the publishers also altered the design, the text or both and printed very similar postcards for other patriotic holidays, such as the 4th of July, Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's

Birthday. Some also eliminated all text referring to a holiday and printed the postcard as a general patriotic greeting postcard, good for sales any time of the year.

Most of the postcards were printed in sets of usually four, six, ten or twelve. Some of the smaller publishers sold only individual cards, while the bigger publishers such as Tuck and International Art printed different sets every year for a number of years. There are over 20 identified publishers of these cards and several more that are unidentified because of lack of any name or logo anywhere on the card. There are over 350 different postcards that have a Memorial Day theme or that are part of a set having a tie-in with Memorial Day.

In addition to the Memorial Day type postcard, there were an untold amount of postcard designs printed for the various veteran organizations and their auxiliaries, the Grand Army of the Republic Members being the most prolific purchasers of this type. These postcards range from the photo type of parades, encampments, buildings and monuments, to artist drawn designs featuring monuments, buildings, etc., and artistic type invitations to various meetings, encampments and parades.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

1st, 2nd & 3rd — Fri., Sat. & Sunday **Grand Rapids**
Weekend of Remembrance at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans (Soldier's Home). The Department of Michigan and Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1 will co-host this large event.

8th & 9th — Friday & Saturday **Utica, NY**
SUVCW National Encampment. See the *Banner* for schedule details, along with hotel and dinner reservation forms.

23rd & 24th — Saturday & Sunday **Jackson**
Cascades Park Civil War Muster. Austin Blair Camp No. 7 will host a SUVCW recruiting tent for the Department.

SEPTEMBER

6th & 7th — Saturday & Sunday **Marshall**
Historic Marshall Home Tour. Colegrove-Woodruff Camp No. 22 will host a SUVCW recruiting tent for the Department at the GAR Hall.

OCTOBER

4th & 5th — Saturday & Sunday **Milwaukee, WI**
SUVCW Central Region Conference. Tours of sites of Civil War and GAR National Encampment significance. Discussions on Civil War Battlefield problems and concerns of effective Camp.

15th — Wednesday
Copy submission deadline date for the November issue of *Michigan's Messenger*.

25th & 26th — Saturday & Sunday **Kalamazoo**
Antique Arms and History Fair at the Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. "Pre-1898 arms, accouterments and organizations with an emphasis on quality". Speakers and demonstrations.

NOVEMBER

11th — Tuesday
Veteran's Day. Camps are encouraged to hold services in recognition of all veterans of all United States Military Services.

15th — Saturday **Gettysburg, PA**
Remembrance Day Parade, services and evening military ball.

19th — Wednesday
GAR Remembrance Day. Camps are encouraged to hold observances in recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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