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Commander's Comments

By Donald Shaw

It's been a busy summer, but a good one. I have the pleasure to report to you that all reports as required by the National Organization from Michigan have been filed and that our obligations in this area are otherwise satisfied. The basic work of the SUVCW in which the Department is engaged goes on.

Over the summer, I've had the chance to visit several of you in your home camps or at events sponsored by your camps. I'm delighted to see that in most cases, you brothers are carrying on the work of the Order in dozens of different ways. From camp picnics, to parades, to seminars, the local camps have been actively promoting the work we do in helping to keep green the memory of the boys of '61 to '65. Of special note so far this summer was the rededication of the monument to Cantonment Anderson, carried out by Logan Camp No. 1 of Grand Rapids, the dedication of the monument to Orlando LeValley carried out by the LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255 of Mayville and the Dedication of the Veterans Memorial in AuTrain Township, (a small township in the UP), participated in by the Albert and James Lyon Camp No. 266. In all of these matters we had camps that participated in not only the ceremony but in helping to put together the monuments or interpretive material involved themselves. All events were very well attended by the general public, given the size of the communities involved. I was privileged to have been invited by brothers of these camps to participate in the actual service, even if just in a small way. I considered the instances of participation in those projects to have been an honor and I thank you for the opportunity. In these ways and countless more, the camps that comprise this Department are doing the work necessary to, "Keep Green The Memory." You are all to be congratulated. The Department also

has participated in the Jackson Civil War Muster in late August by running a recruiting and information table to help familiarize the general public with what we do. Several contacts were generated as a result of that participation, and names of persons interested in our work distributed to the camps. Of course, Michigan sent a delegation again to the National Encampment in Reston, Virginia, near Washington DC. I wish to thank the 18 men who took the time and went to the expense of representing this Department at the

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Encampment. I also wish to congratulate the brothers of this Department who managed our Web Site and Newsletter. I include in that, all those who contributed toward the content of those organs. Michigan won the National Awards this year for best Web Site and best Departmental Newsletter. Special thanks go to Rick Danes, who has now won this award twice in his tenure as our Newsletter Editor. Michigan didn't only take awards away from the National Encampment however. We also left workers behind. Brothers Harrison, Pahl, Newman, Butgereit, Gosling and I will all be filing assorted offices at the National Level of the SUVCW. Thus Michigan will be making a contribution to the Order in that respect.

Going into the fall and winter, I hope to see many of you again as I come around to do camp officer installations. Camp officers need to get their requests for a Department Officer in to me as soon as they are able, just so we can set up the schedule and deal with any conflicts or special requests. I look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you again this winter. Until then, I remain

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Robert Finch Camp 14

*Submitted by Wm. E. Skillman, PCC, Patriotic Instructor, and Signals Officer
July to September 2011*

Camp 14's roster as of September 1, 2011 shows 45 Brothers present; 37 are Members and 8 are Associates. Our next Camp meeting will be held Saturday, September 10th at the Elks Lodge at 525 Bay Street in Traverse City.

We are sad to announce the departure of Brothers H. G. Smith (who has transferred his membership to the Phoenix AZ camp) and Brother Timmerman who has moved to the Pacific Northwest and has transferred to the Camp at Large in Washington-Oregon. The annual picnic was held in Lake Ann in July.

On August 18th, Brothers Watson, Johnson and Jenkins attended the funeral of Brother Clarence Rabach in Charlevoix. Brother Rabach was one of the original 8 members from the Grand Rapids camp who voted to move it to Traverse City in the 1980's. Brother Rabach also served in a number of posts during the Camp's early days here.

Brother Neal and Sister Emily Breaugh acted in the play in Northport based upon the real life promise by recruit William Voice to his sister to send her a china doll. As Voice was delirious from disease in a downstate military hospital he related to one of his comrades his promise. He died shortly afterwards without being able to fulfill his promise. His comrade was able to purchase the doll and present it to the sister. The play was well received by the community.

Brothers Breaugh and Aurand attended the National Encampment.

Commander Dale, Brother Jerry Grieve, and Sec Tom Jenkins spoke to the Charkevoix County Historical Research Society in Boyne City

Commander Aurand and Sec Jenkins spoke to the Boyne City American Legion and participated in their flag ceremony. CC Aurand discussed with members of the American Legion on the steps needed to form a new Camp and Secretary Jenkins discussed the Grave registration Project.



Department Orders #2

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Donald Shaw, Commander

Headquarters, Flint, MI

15 August 2011

1. On behalf of the Department I offer the thanks of all of the brothers of this Department to the eighteen Michigan men who took the time and went to the expense of representing us at the National Encampment in Reston, Virginia this month.
2. I am proud to announce that the Department of Michigan has been awarded the Marshall Hope Award and the Benjamin Stevenson Award. Both were given by the National Organization to the Department at the Encampment last week. The Hope Award is given for the best departmental newsletter and the Stevenson Award, a new award given for the first time this year, is given for the best departmental web site. All of the brothers who contribute to the newsletter and especially Rick Danes, our newsletter editor, are to be commended for the fine work done in earning this award. Likewise, those involved in creating and maintaining the web site, including all those Camp web masters who link their own Camp sites to our departmental site, are commended for the great work they have done.
3. Camps need to start thinking about when they will do officer installations for next year. The Department is already getting requests from Camps to reserve time on my schedule to do installations. As many requests as can be honored, will be honored, but there are 23 of you, only one of me, and a limited period in which to get this done. Times will be given away on a first come first served basis, so get your request in as soon as you are able. If a conflict exists such that I am unable to perform this service for your Camp, I will consult with you and may send another Department Officer. As in past years, any Camp requesting a special officer from the Department, other than the Commander, to do the installation for them, will be accommodated if possible. Such requests still need to be made through the Department Commander however.
4. Camp secretaries are reminded that the form 22 that must be signed by the Departments installing officer should be ready for signature at the time you have your Camp Officer Installation.
5. A new form issued by the Department will be required starting this year. That form, Form 22-MI, is designed to help us keep your departmental web page up to date. Camp Commanders and Secretaries will be supplied the form in October. The form is due at the same time as form 22.
6. The Department will be participating in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade. Please save the date of Saturday November 5, 2011 for this event. This is a Department level event in which we expect to not only honor the Michigan men who have served this country in the armed forces, but to provide the opportunity for brothers from around the state to get together and visit with one another. We will also have the use of the barracks at Historic Fort Wayne to allow any brother who chooses to do so, to overnight at the Fort, and practice drill before going out to do the parade. More information will follow by special communication with each Camp.
7. Brother Robert May is named Departmental Chief of Staff. Appointed officers and Committee chairs should expect to hear from him periodically to assess progress on your various projects.
8. Brother Dale Aurand is named Chair of the Ceremonies and Rituals Committee. Other Committee members include Dean Lamphere, William Morris, Tom Jenkins, Dave Hilliker, Brian Shumway.
9. Remembrance Weekend in Gettysburg is coming up. It will be November 18-20, 2011. The Department always mounts a presence for this event. The event includes the opportunity to honor the fallen at the Gettysburg National Cemetery, the soldiers from this state at one of the several regimental monuments on the battlefield, the chance to march in the largest Civil War parade in the world, to enjoy camaraderie with several of your Michigan brothers, and the opportunity to tour this field upon which a pivotal battle of the war was fought. If you wish to go but are concerned about transportation, the Department will assist in setting up carpools and providing such other advice or coordinating assistance as we may be able to give in allowing you to make this trip. Contact me should you want any such assistance. My e-mail is p31713@aol.com. Please use the words, "Gettysburg - 2011," on the subject line to help me identify what you are writing about.

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10. In expectation of a requirement change to the Sesquicentennial Signature Event Program by the national organization, requiring that Camps submit their event applications at least ninety days prior to the proposed signature event, Departments Orders No. 1 of this series is hereby rescinded.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

/s/
 Donald W. Shaw
 Department Commander
 Department of Michigan
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest: /s/
 Paul Davis
 Department Secretary
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 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

General Israel B. Richardson Camp 2

Submitted by Kevin Lindsey, PCC, DJVC

Gen. Richardson Camp No.2 in Oakland County recently received an email from Bob Mueller, who was member of the former U.S, Grant Camp 101 of Detroit, which disbanded a few years ago. In his email, he stated that he had both the Camp flag and the National colors, which he wanted to donate to the Department. After an exchange of some emails, DC Shaw authorized me, as the Department Junior Vice Commander, and as a member of Camp 2, to accept the flags on behalf of the Department. Accordingly Bob Mueller and his wife came to our last meeting, and presented the 2 flags and stands to the Department, and recieved our gratitude. The camp flag will be retired and turned over to Department Historian Matt Adair. Dc Shaw has suggested that Camp 2 hold on to the 35 star reproduction National Colors for the Department, and make them available on loan to any camp who may want to borrow them for a parade or the like. If any camp wishes to borrow them, please contact me at klindsey@comcast.net.



Senior Vice Commander's Quips

By Paul David Arnold, PCC

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations in reference to the Department of Michigan winning both the Marshall Hope Award - (Best Department Newsletter) and the Benjamin Stevenson Award for the (Best Department Website) at the National Encampment recently held in Reston Virginia..

The work of our Michigan Messenger editor Rick Danes, former Signals Officer Matt Adair, and Bill Morris our current Signals Officer is to be commended and is certainly a tribute to all of them. Great Job, and keep up the good work !

(It might be noted that Rick Danes is a multiple award winner. Previously being honored with the same award.)

Last year the Department of Michigan SUVCW chose to participate in the Detroit Veterans Day Parade as a pre-kickoff of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. During the parade we had approximately 60 brothers participate. Eleven camps brought their camp flags for the parade. The sight of (11) Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, camp flags stretched across Woodward Ave was most impressive and a sight I will not soon forget. Again this year, we would like to ask for your participation.

We are trying to get between 50 to 100 Brothers together to March in the **Detroit Veterans Day Parade** as our 2011 Signature Event. This is a great way to honor our ancestors who served in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Your camps should have recently received a flier by e mail with preliminary information on the parade. Please forward that to your general membership.

(We will forward additional information as it becomes available). The following information is what we currently have available in regards to the event.



From the 2010 Parade

This is Tentative Information Final Instructions will be sent out in October...

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| Event: | Detroit Veterans Day Parade |
| Date: | Saturday, November 5, 2011 |
| Staging: | Begins at 10am at (staging area yet to be determined) |
| Parade Kickoff: | Parade begins at Noon. |
| <u>SUVCW</u> | |
| <u>Meeting Location:</u> | (Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit Michigan, 48209) We will be departing at <u>9am</u> on Saturday, November 5 th . We will be car pooling from Historic Fort Wayne to the parade staging area. |

Historic Fort Wayne is a secured facility with private security on site.

Overnight Accommodations: For those of you driving from a distance. We have made arrangements for SUVCW members to stay in the heated barracks at Historic Fort Wayne. There are a limited number of bunks located in the barracks. **(It is strongly suggested that you bring a Sleeping Bag, Cot or Air Mattress, Pillow and shaving kit, if you are going to stay overnight.)**

Note: *A special tour of the portion of the barracks closed to the general public will be conducted by the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition the evening of November 4th.*

OTHER INFO:

Attire: Civilian: Blazer, Suit, Sack Coat, Shirt & Tie, Slacks, Dark Shoes, also Kepi, white gloves (if you have them.) with Membership Badge.

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Uniformed: Sons of Veterans Reserve, Camp Guards and other Uniformed Members please bring white gloves (if you have them) along with your membership badge. (Being November please remember to Dress for the weather with warm gloves, and appropriate rain gear if needed.)

Flags & Banners: We will be marching under the United States Flag & Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Flag and Banner.

If your Camp has a Camp Flag, Please Bring It, to march behind the Department Flag & Banner. **(The more Camp Flags the better)**

Fife & Drum: If your Camp has a Fife & Drum Unit they are certainly welcome & encouraged.

This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your Civil War ancestor & showcase the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Also to promote the Civil War Sesquicentennial. **Please Contact:** Dept of Mich, Sesquicentennial Chairperson, **PCinC Keith Harrison, if your Camp is going to participate, with the number of brothers that will be marching at pcinc@prodigy.net**

Also, just a reminder to forward events that your Camp will be organizing or participating in during the **Civil War Sesquicentennial**, to the Department of Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Chairperson, Keith Harrison. pcinc@prodigy.net so they can be included as Official Sesquicentennial Events on the State of Michigan website.

Last year we had a great time spending the night before the parade in the barracks at Historic Fort Wayne. Those staying took a candlelight tour of the fort and spent time with other department brothers sharing stories of the fort and its history. We are strongly encouraging members to stay at the barracks to promote the fraternal aspect of our order. If you do, I am sure you will find the experience enjoyable.

General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20

Submitted by John R. Keith, SVC

Private AQUILLA R. CAREY GRAVESTONE DEDICATION

September 17TH, 2010 at 1:00 pm
Robinson Cemetery, Bloomingdale Township,
Van Buren County, Michigan

Private A, R, Carey served our country in Company H 102nd USCT, (UNITED STATES COLORED TROOPS) mustering in at 38 years of age. He was wounded in action at Bradford Springs, South Carolina April 19th, 1865 and muster out on September 30th, 1865 at Charleston, South Carolina.

We at the General Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Bloomingdale Township are honored to host the headstone dedication at Robinson Cemetery located JUST south of Gobles, on the west side M40

On this day, we will show our respect and love for the true heroes we owe so much too. Consider this a personal invitation for you to join us in honoring one of our nation's veterans. While honoring this soldier of our country's past, we are bringing honor and respect to all United States veterans, past, present and those on active duty, supporting our country through out the world today!

Contact: Brother John R. Keith, Email Hardtackcw@aol.com

Or

Dedication Chairman Brother Tom Bruce, stickman_2010@yahoo.com

TAPS

Brothers,

Brothers, I regret to notify you of four deaths from the Department of Michigan. The first is a belated report, just recently received, re: Life Member, George Holland.

Life Member George V. Holland, Russell A. Alger Camp No. 462, **Michigan Camp-at-Large** died Oct. 22, 2006 in Macomb Twp. Brother Holland was born in Detroit, MI, on May 13, 1918. He served in the U.S. Navy attaining the rank of Lieutenant Sr. Grade (LT). A Ford Motor Car retiree, George was active in Boy Scouts, receiving the coveted Silver Beaver Award for his years of dedicated service. He was also an avid stamp collector, co-founding the Great Lakes chapter of Scouts on Stamp Society, International.

Brother Holland is survived by his wife, Marjorie Holland-Wyss (7031 Carriage Creek Drive, Washington, MI 48094), two sons, eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren, a brother and a sister. The family requested donations be sent to either Hospices of Henry Ford or Christ Lutheran Church in Warren. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Macomb Twp.

Brother Clarence F. Rabach, 93 of 7454 Hawthorne Dr. Plainfield, Ind., formerly of Charlevoix County, passed away June 30, 2011. Born November 14, 1917 in Sturgeon Bay, WI, he was a U.S. Coast Guard Veteran of World War II. Clarence worked as the County Clerk in Charlevoix County. In addition to his membership in SUVCW Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Traverse City, he was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Kiwanis. His Civil War ancestor was a Great Grandfather, Pvt. Henry C. Knudson (Knutzen), Co. F., 32d Wisconsin Infantry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Ikens Rabach. Survivors include his daughter, Madelyn (Hugh Delaney) Harwood; two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and a brother. Graveside services will take place at a later date in Charlevoix. Online condolences may be offered @ www.usherfuneralhome.com.

Brother Richard James Beach, 13192 US 223, Manitou Beach, MI 49253, passed away July 18, 2011, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility, Adrian, MI. He was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Adrian. On May 30, 1957, he married Liela Marie LaPlaunt, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 19, 1988. On Feb. 17, 1996, he married Gloria Gaige-Hamann in Hillsdale, and she survives. Richard joined SUVCW Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 in Blissfield in 1993, based on the service of his grandfather, Pvt. James White, Co. B, 11th Michigan Cavalry.

Richard served in the U.S. Army Air Forces from 1944-1945, during World War II. Richard retired from Wyman Gordon Corporation in Jackson where he was a machine repairman. In addition to the SUVCW, Richard was a member of the Onsted American Legion Durkee-Seager Post #550, the Onsted Kiwanis and the Moose and Eagles in Jackson.

Brother Beach is survived by his wife, Gloria, his children, James Beach of Manitou Beach, Bonnie (Dennis) Gwinnup of St. Charles, Ill., Danniell (Karen) Hamann of Adrian, Cindy Hamann of Jackson and Kevin (Sherry) Hamann of Napoleon; two granddaughters, a great-grandson, and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Burial was at Maple Shade Cemetery in Onsted with full military rites conducted by the Onsted American Legion Durkee-Seager Post #550.

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The fourth death is Brother Robert La Point:

Brother Robert H. LaPoint, Gen. Benjamin D. Prichard Camp No. 20, Kalamazoo, died July 15, 2011 at his home, 4105 Rivington Street, Kalamazoo 49008. He was a member of the SUVCW by virtue of the service of his grandfather, Sgt. Joseph Gardner, Co. E, 30th Indiana Infantry. Born in Kalamazoo on March 20, 1923, brother LaPoint served in Europe during WW II in an Anti-Aircraft Battalion attached to the 102d Infantry Division, earning two battle stars.

Robert worked for 33 years for Conrail, retiring in 1984. This past October, he and his wife, Minnie, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie, a son, Dennis, a daughter, Yvonne Hackenberg, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Per his wishes, a Memorial Service was held July 20, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church, 321 W. South Street. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund or Special Olympics.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

William "Bill" B. M^cAfee, PCC, Chaplain- God Bless the USA!

Henry F. Wallace Camp #160
Submitted by Gary A. Granger, Chaplain



LABOR DAY started off with a big bang Sept. 5 with the firing of a Civil War replica cannon owned by Brother David Hilliker of Corunna. For several years the cannon has served as the starting gun for the approximately 3.5 mile 2011 Footbridge Walk for Fitness. Hilliker is secretary of the SUVCW Henry F. Wallace Camp 160. Gathered here, from left, are cannon crew and Camp 160 members: Ian Granger, Hilliker, Commander Greg Huckins and Past Camp Commander Gary Granger. Missing from photo is Leston Curtis who participated in the annual event and Max Newman who was unable to attend this year's event but has participated each year in the past. (Photo Courtesy of Gary Granger Camp 160)

Henry E. Plant Camp 3

Submitted by Daniel Grable, Secretary/Treasurer

During this gorgeous Summer Henry E. Plant Camp #3 has been excitingly very active representing our camp and the order in general in areas covering Ottawa and Allegan counties.

It all started on Saturday June 11th with a Ceremony of Dedication in Honor of Veterans Pvt. James Emery, Capt. Samuel D. Harris' Company 2 U. S. Dragon (War of 1812), and Pvt. Herman Fisher,

Co. B, 13th Michigan Infantry, and Pvt. Donald A. McLellan, Co. D, 19th Illinois Infantry (Civil War) buried in the Stuller Cemetery located in Casco Township, Allegan County. This was a joint event with

our camp, the Stephen Preston Chapter, U. S. Daughters of 1812 & the "Pillars of Honor." The

Ceremony was conducted by the Stephen Preston Chapter, U. S. Daughters of 1812. The Ceremony opened with the presentation of the colors by the Henry E. Plant Camp #3, SUVCW color bearers. The Stephen Preston Chapter Chaplin presented the Invocation. This was followed by

the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed by the pledge to the Flag of 1812.

Patrice DeHaan of the Stephen Preston Chapter, U. S. Daughters of 1812 conducted the dedication service. It opened with a welcome. Then the Headstone of Pvt. James Emery, was dedicated with the Daughters of 1812 dedication. The stone was then unveiled. One of Pvt. Emery's male decedents came forward and made some acceptance remarks.

Then the service turned to two brave soldiers from the Civil War by re-dedicating their Headstones. Pvt. Fisher's stone was re-dedicated and Pvt. McLellan's was the dedication of a replacement stone. This was followed by the placing of memorial wreaths by the U. S. Daughters of 1812, Stephen Preston Chapter; National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865, Henry S. Jenks Chapter; and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Henry E. Plant Camp #3. The Supervisor of Casco Township made some remarks. A section of President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address was read and a prayer was given. Then the Benediction was presented. The Henry E. Plant Camp #3, SUVCW firing squad then fired a 3 volley Gun Salute. Which was followed by Taps. Concluding remarks were given by Patrice DeHaan. Following the Ceremony there was a social gathering with refreshments provided by the Township of Casco.

Our brother Ronald Bellenger was born on property previously owned by Pvt. Emery. He also had been assisting the Daughters of 1812 in their grave registration work.

A week later the camp conducted their annual presentation and Civil War Cemetery Walk during the Spring Lake Heritage Festival. The presentation included a talk on general facts concerning the Civil War by our Camp Commander Richard Scott Camp and brother Ron Bellenger giving a presentation showing of a portion of his collection of GAR, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Allied Orders medals and Encampment badges. Following the presentation Brother Daniel Grable took the group of 28 on a Cemetery Walk to the grave sites of local Spring Lake area Civil War veterans Hassel . Osterhoff; Noah Perkins (namesake of the local GAR Post); George Louis Schwab, Jr.; Joseph Adams Safford (whose mother was a grand-niece of President John Adams); George E. Volmer; and avid Waters.

This year the Spring Lake Heritage Festival also put out a poster for the first time with pictures of festival events including a picture of Commander Scott making his general Civil War presentation in 2009.

During the 4th of July celebration in the City of Ferrysburg the camp participated with the Fallen Heroes Monument Committee by having a brother marching in the city's parade alongside their model of the actual Monument. The Fallen Heroes Monument is being built in honor of the fallen veterans from World War II to the present day from the townships of the northern portion of Ottawa County.

Later two of our brothers assisted the Monument Committee at their fund raising table. The table was operated by three members of the monument committee (the co-chairmen and a committee member), who are also members of our camp.

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Meanwhile this summer several Brothers of our camp have been working on graves registration work in the Muskegon County cemeteries of Sullivan Township and the Norton Shores Cemetery. Also they were working on the Ottawa County Ventura Cemeteries located near the City of Holland and a checking on possible wind damage in the Pilgrim Home Cemetery in the City of Holland from a July Wind Storm.

During the months of July and August we also held our regular camp meetings where we were working on the plans for our recruiting table at the Holland Civil War Muster on September 17-18 and a Civil War presentation to the women's Home League of the Grand Haven Salvation Army on October 4th.

At our July meeting we had a visit from Department of Michigan Commander Donald Shaw. Commander Shaw was allowed time to make a few comments and he mentioned that after observing the camp he thinks that the Henry E. Plant Camp is a very healthy camp.

Also at this time we would like to introduce the newest Brother of our camp Irvin H. Holdgreve. Brother Holdgreve's membership comes through his Great Grandfather Kasper Holdgreve who served in Co. F, 118th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Brother Holdgreve is a former member of the General Joseph McPherson Camp #66, Department of Ohio, located near Toledo. And during our August meeting he was officially reinstated in the SUVCW and made a Brother of our camp during a Admission of Brothers by Transfer ceremony. Brother Holdgreve currently resides in Whitehall, Michigan.

The camp also participated in the Parade and Ceremonies in Spring Lake. Brothers Daniel Grable (American flag), Ronald Bellenger (Camp Flag) and Jonathan Scott (Color Guard) formed the color Guard for the entire Parade. They were followed by a group of Veterans with a portion riding their motorcycles along with Parade Marshall 90 year old World War II veteran Martin Czinder.

The parade went from downtown Spring Lake to the Spring Lake Cemetery where the Spring Lake Heritage Festival Committee conducted the local ceremonies with the Camp's assistance. After the introduction of Mr. Czinder the Camp flags were officially placed on the platform. Later in the program Assistant Chaplin John Baldus read General John Logan's General Order #11 and Brother Grable placed the memorial wreath in honor of the deceased veterans. The Gun Salute during the ceremonies were conducted by our camp Brothers Donald Ogden (who used a actual Civil War rifle), Jonathan Scott and John Baldus under the command of Camp Commander Richard Scott. At the end of the service Brother Grable raised the cemetery's American and MIA-POW flags from half staff to full staff. Then due to the fact that Mr. Czinder was born on Memorial Day 90 years ago those in attendance sang Happy Birthday.

The Camp concluded our Memorial Day activities with our annual camp picnic. It is in honor of our 18 years of existence. It was held at Central Park next to the cemetery. We had eight brothers and relatives in attendance. We all had a very enjoyable time.

FROM THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT



SUVCW Attendees to the National Encampment All Photos by Jim Pahl and Helen Granger

From the Historian's Files

By Matt Adair, Department Historian

Michigan's Early Mafia

As many Brothers know, for a number of years, the Department of Michigan has been referred to as the "Michigan Mafia." The origins of this sobriquet are somewhat murky. Well, not really, but it does make the story sound more intriguing. Never the less, we can take pride in our many accomplishments and for being able to "get it done." A recently found news article from during the Spanish American War seems to indicated that Michigan has a long history of "getting it done."

Charles E. Darling, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, was absent from the national encampment due to the fact he was a soldier in the Spanish American War. Therefore, the task of chairing the Encampment fell to Lt. General (today's Senior Vice Commander in Chief) George E. Cogshall, who was also the Colonel (Department Commander) of the Michigan Division.

Grand Rapids Herald
21 September 1898

Piece of Strategy Colonel Cogshall Surprised The Sons of Veterans

Easily Convinced the National Body That There Are Victories To Be Won in Peace as Well as in War.

The recent convention of the Sons of Veterans held in Omaha, was presided over by George Cogshall of this city, and thereby hangs a tale. When Mr. Cogshall reached Omaha, he was informed by his friends that an effort would be made against him in the interests of certain candidates for the chief office in the order, to prevent him from acting as the presiding officer. The assigned reason for this action was that Mr. Cogshall had accepted the office of colonel of the Michigan S. O. V. This according to the laws of the body, incapacitated him from holding any office in the supreme body. Mr. Cogshall thought for a but after hearing this information and then announced to his friend that he had a plan to defeat the schemers and proposed they go at once to the meeting. The first matter that was discussed was the question of the right of Mr. Cogshall to hold the chair of the presiding officer.

The talk got rather brisk, and the law of the order was cited to show that Mr. Cogshall was not qualified to hold two positions, one subordinate to the other, at one and the same time. At length, there came a chance, and Mr. Cogshall requested the adjutant to read a paper proved to be the resignation of Colonel Cogshall tendered to Senior Vice Commander Cogshall, which the senior vice commander had duly accepted. There was a hush for the space of a minute, and then, as the full import of the adroit move dawned on the assemblage, hats were thrown in the air and no further attempt was made to question the right of Mr. Cogshall to preside.

Mr. Cogshall reports that he had a very enjoyable time while in Omaha, and that the exposition was a great thing. The government display is excellent. He stated that he was restored to his position of colonel of the Michigan division before the convention adjourned.

MORE FROM THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT



Past National Commanders –in-Chief



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March to the Sea Camp 135
 Submitted by Chuck Worley, PDC

On June 26 March to the Sea Camp #135 conducted a formal dedication ceremony at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis a new grave marker installed for Corporal John Carney whose service in the 188th New York Infantry during the War of the Rebellion was not properly reflected at his gravesite. John Carney was mustered into service on September 29, 1864 as a Private in Company F of the regiment and was discharged a Corporal on July 1, 1865. The regiment served at Petersburg and was at Appomattox when Lee's Army of Northern Virginia surrendered.



With the urging of his great grand daughter, Katherine Piltingsrug, the Sturgis Elks Lodge, March to the Sea Camp #135 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and many other concerned citizens of Sturgis took on the responsibility for the correction of this oversight.

Governor Crapo Camp 145
 Submitted by David F. Wallace, PDC, Secretary



Please accept this invitation to attend our SUVCW Sesquicentennial Event commemorating Camp Thomson, the Civil War training camp for the Tenth Michigan Infantry located in Flint, on Saturday, September 17th at 1PM, Avondale Cemetery: http://maps.google.com/maps?rls=com.microsoft:en-us:IE-Address&oe=&um=1&ie=UTF-8&q=avondale+cemetery&fb=1&gl=us&hq=avondale+cemetery&hnear=avondale+cemetery&cid=0_0_2065149420520308858&ei=EMJmTt79HqKesQLWqpGUCg&sa=X&oi=local_result&ct=image&ved=0CAQQ BI

Please RSVP your attendance as the Camp would like to recognize those past and present National and Department officers who will be in attendance.

George W. Anderson Camp 58
Submitted by L. Ray Lake, CC

LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN IN CLINTON COUNTY RECOGNIZED

William R. Howland was the last Civil War veteran to be buried in Clinton County. This memorial was erected in Mt. Rest Cemetery by Commander L. Ray Lake and brothers, Doug Armstrong and Dick Williams. A dedication ceremony was held on 11 June 2011, in William's honor by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from George W. Anderson Camp No. 58, assisted by Austin Blair Camp No. 7, from Jackson and the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 from Sunfield. Also in attendance was Mr. and Mrs. Robert



Dennis Felton and CC L. Ray Lake

**FORGOTTEN CIVIL WAR VETERAN
GETS HEADSTONE**

On August 2, 2011, forgotten Civil War veteran, Addison Reid, finally has his headstone after more than 99 years after his death on February 6, 1912.

Addison served as a Private with Company K, 11th Michigan Infantry. He enlisted on February 18, 1865 for one year at the age of 18 and was mustered out on September 16, 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee.

Addison was a member of the Charles E. Grisson Post No. 156 of the GAR in St. Johns. He was born on October 8, 1846 in Lapeer County, Michigan and at the time of his death he was declared as an indigent veteran.

The headstone was installed at Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns by Brothers, Dick Williams, Dennis Felton and Camp Commander L. Ray Lake of the George W. Anderson No. 58. CC Lake noticed there was no marker for him after doing a thorough research.

Photos taken by Dick Williams.

U.S. Grant Camp 67

Submitted by Paul Davis, Camp and Department Secretary

LeValley Monument Dedicated



Monument dedicated to the honor of Orlando LeValley by the , LeValley-Heusted Camp



SVR Members included L to R: Matt Adair (Crapo Camp), Dean Lamphere, Ken Martin, and Jack Frost (Grant Camp), Dennis Spiekerman, and Ed Dowd (Crapo Camp).

Several members of U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 attended the Monument Dedication Ceremony for Orlando LeValley sponsored by The LeValley-Heusted Camp on July 23, 2011. Orlando LeValley was the last surviving Michigan Civil War soldier and was also very active in the GAR.

There were many family members in attendance for the dedication. One of Orlando's relatives from Virginia displayed several of his Civil War and GAR papers, photos and artifacts.

Department Commander addressed the audience; Department Secretary Paul Davis also represented the Department and laid a wreath during the ceremony.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve, 14th Michigan, rendered a musket salute. SVR members included: Dean Lamphere, Matt Adair, Ken Martin, Jack Frost, and Ed Dowd.

U.S. Grant Camp 67

Submitted by Paul Davis, Department Secretary

Frankenmuth Pioneer Camp Treated To Civil War Experience

Members of U.S. Grant Camp 67 set up a mini-Civil War Encampment and learning stations for the Frankenmuth Summer Pioneer Camp. Presenters Bob Boquette, Duaine and Marilyn Phillips, and Paul Davis addressed a variety of topics including life of a Civil War soldier, Civil War medicine, clothing and uniforms for soldiers and ladies.

Show-and-tell activities included weaponry and accouterments. The students also participated in hands-on experiences erecting a tent. They then donned kepis and were "issued"



Bob Boquette dressed as a hospital private discussed Civil War medicine and the health and hardships experienced by Civil War soldiers

More from U.S. Grant Camp 67

Grant Camp No, 67 Renders Honors For Adolphus Fritsch and Stephen Ryan



Members of U. S. Grant Camp performed a head stone dedication ceremony for two previously unmarked Civil War soldiers at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Bay City, Michigan. Both Adolphus Fritsch and Stephen Ryan are ancestors of Grant Camp Brother Len McInerney. Several family members attended the Dedication.

The Department of Michigan was represented by Commander Don Shaw who laid a wreath and Department Secretary Paul Davis.

The ceremony was provided by Grant Camp Commander Ken Martin and Chaplain Charles Buckhan.

Members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve fired a musket salute to honor Fritsch and Ryan. SVR members included: Dean Lamphere, Jeremy Railing, Len McInerney, Dennis Spiekerman, Jack Frost and Bob Boquette.

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Department Graves Registration Committee
by Rick Danes, Department Officer

Your Department Graves Registration Committee met on September 10 at the Capitol Area Library in Lansing. Those attending were DC Don Shaw, SVC Paul Arnold, Jerry Jacobs Camp 427, Dick Williams Camp 58, PDC Bruce Butgereit, Chris Czopek, Gary Copenhaver Camp 17, Dick Hutchins Camp 120, Jim Jackson Camp 22, Michael Christaens 180, Alan Tealander Camp 1, and Bill Lowe representing Camp 7. I would like to especially recognize Gary, Mike, Alan, Dick and George Allen, and Chuck Harthey who have continually submitted records, enabling our database to now contain 61,355 individuals.



Our database and contacts list are updated thanks to the continued effort of our Department Signals and Communications Committee.

There is still a lot of nice weather coming up, and as one of our committee members said at the meeting, "I'm just waiting for the mosquitos to stop biting!"..I hope that even if you cannot attend our quarterly meetings, you and your Camps are starting or continuing the work started by our forefathers in documenting the last resting places of the heroes of the War of Insurrection 1861 - 1865.

What better way to honor them and bring attention to the work of the Order!

Bill Lowe brought a new headstone scenario to our table regarding a new headstone that would be used as a cenotaph, or a memorial stone. If you would like a copy of the article that he wrote for *Michigan's Messenger*, contact me.

Stay Safe!!

Sgt. John S. Cosbey Camp 427
By Rick Danes, CC

During the summer season, Camp 427 dedicated four headstones, coordinated a three day encampment, held a Camp picnic and a garage sale, and participated in St. John's Cathedral Founder's Day Service.



DSVC Arnold Honored

Submitted by Helen Granger, Press Correspondent, ASUVCW Michigan

PAUL David "Dave" Arnold (right) was honored with a Michigan Department of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW) Certificate of Appreciation at the May 21 Annual Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Annual Department of Michigan Encampment and Allied Orders Conventions. Presenting the award was National ASUVCW President Virginia Twist (left). "Dave has worked hard to help the Auxiliary get re-established and to strengthen the ties between the Auxiliary and its Brother organization, the SUVCW," outgoing ASUVCW Department President Linda Kronberg (center) said shortly after the presentation. "Dave is one of those Brothers who works quietly behind the scenes to promote and assist the ASUVCW and the SUVCW," Kronberg said, adding: "We felt it was time that he received some public recognition for all of his good works."

Arnold is currently serving as the SUVCW Michigan Department Senior Vice Commander (SVC). As SVC he chairs the bylaws committee, as well as handling programs and publicity at the department level. Arnold attends activities and functions as directed by the Department Commander (DC) stepping in as the DC's personal representative and presiding at department functions in the absence of the DC.

Arnold is a member of Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard, Camp #17, Sunfield, Michigan. He has served as that camp's commander, junior vice-commander, patriotic instructor, and guide; and, was the 2007 recipient of the *Samuel W. Grinnell Award* for Outstanding Service to that camp.

The camp meets at the Samuel W. Grinnell Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) #283 Hall in Sunfield, Michigan, as does its sister tent, the Helen Edwin's Tent #30, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Of note, that GAR hall is the last remaining such hall in the state of Michigan -- having been in continuous use by the Grand Army of the Republic or one of its Allied Orders since it was built in 1899 by Civil War veterans from the Sunfield area.

Arnold has held SUVCW Department of Michigan offices such as: assistant to the treasurer (merchandise), guard, junior vice-commander, and is in his second term as SVC.

Since becoming a member of the SUVCW, Arnold has authored or co-authored several articles, including: *Lansing Remembers its Boys in Blue* – Michigan History Magazine 2008; *Department of Michigan, Membership Initiative* - a CD on how to promote the SUVCW and increase membership; and, *Re-dedication Program: Grand Army of the Republic Soldiers Lot, Mount Hope Cemetery, Lansing Michigan 2007* -- a 38-page biographical booklet on the 48 soldiers buried there and the program to refurbish the Civil War Soldiers Lot. For the past four years, he has been involved on behalf of his camp in the organization of the weekly general maintenance of the Lansing Civil War Soldiers Lot located at Mt Hope Cemetery, Lansing.

He is also is the creator and moderator of Camp #17's sponsored Civil War History Seminars held approximately every two to three months for the past three years to promote community-based Civil War history education in the Ingham, Eaton, and Barry counties area. The seminars have been attended by as many as 140 persons.

In 2009, Arnold prepared, secured grant funding for, and supervised the exterior restoration of the Sunfield Samuel Grinnell Grand Army of the Republic Hall. The project was started in 2009 and completed in 2010.

On the National level, Paul was responsible for formulating and designing the current National SUVCW Challenge Coin and was the recipient of the National SUVCW's 2007 *Certificate of Appreciation* in regards to raising money and creating community partnerships regarding the 5-month-long Lansing Civil War Soldiers Lot restoration project.



DC Shaw and Department Historian Adair received the Department awards for the best newsletter and the best website in the Nation.





MICHIGAN Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Auxiliary (ASUVCW) were well represented at the Aug. 11-14 National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department of Michigan SUVCW Commander Don Shaw (left) and Department of Michigan ASUVCW President Karen Hamann (right) paused for a moment in their busy schedules with National Park Service Historian Emeritus Edwin Cole Bearss (center). Bearss had just completed a presentation that included the Battle of Fair Oaks/Seven Pines, Virginia, among other topics. He also served as a guide to two tours to the Bull Run/Manassas Battlefield. This year's 130th Encampment medallion featured the Henry Hill Monument, erected in 1865, to commemorate those who died at First Bull Run/Manassas. The inscription on that monument reads: "In memory of the Patriots who fell at Bull Run July 21, 1861." Another commemorative medal -- marking the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Peace Jubilee -- was distributed to those who gathered for this year's Encampment. It featured a Union and Confederate soldiers shaking hands. (ASUVCW Photo by Helen A. Granger, ASUVCW Michigan Press Correspondent)

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.

EVA GRAY TENT NO. 2, DUVCW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI
 Submitted by Wenda Fore, Press Correspondent, Eva Gray Tent No. 2

This has been a very busy year for members of Eva Gray Tent 2. Memorial Day Weekend proved to be especially busy.



Jane Larson, made a visit to Mackinac Island to present a vintage DUVCW badge to the Stuart House Museum. During an earlier visit, she found that it was the only badge of an Allied Order that the museum did not have. While in the area, Jane also took part in Memorial Day activities by reading the poem, "When the Boys in Blue are Gone."

In May 28, 2011, Nancy Starr, Jr. Vice President of Eva Gray Tent 2, served as Chaplain at the headstone dedication service for Pvt. John S. Tisdell at Elmwood Cemetery in Cedar Springs, MI. He served in Co E, 1st MI E & M. His descendants Keith and Sheryl Tisdell took part in the ceremony. Amanda Cooper, DUVCW member, assisted by handing out programs to the event. Following the ceremony, refreshments were served at the Cedar Springs Museum.



On Memorial Day Weekend, members of the Allied Orders gathered to dedicate a plaque on a boulder at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. The plaque was dedicated to the John A. Logan GAR Post which met at the Home in the late 1800's. Wenda Fore, past president of Eva Gray Tent 2 placed flowers at the boulder during the ceremony. Members of John A. Logan, Camp 1 SUVCW and Champlin Corp 41 WRC planned the ceremony. Real son, Harold Becker was also in attendance.

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In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, members of the Allied Orders, representing History Remembered, Inc. met at the former South High School (which is now the Gerald R. Ford Job Corp Center in Grand Rapids, MI) on June 11, 2011 to rededicate the boulder placed there on June 13, 1911. The boulder marks the site of Cantonment Anderson, the training ground for the 3rd Michigan Infantry, the 2nd Michigan Cavalry, 3rd Michigan Cavalry, Battery B, 1st Michigan Light Artillery, and Battery S, 1st Michigan Light Artillery. These units all entered the Civil War in 1861. Wenda Fore, past president of Eva Gray Tent 2 placed flowers during the ceremony. A "new historic interpretive sign was also dedicated to commemorate the deeds and sacrifice of those no longer with us." In July, Jackie Vohlken, events chair for Eva Gray Tent 2, traveled to Hunterstown, PA to lay a wreath during a ceremony at the General Custer Monument. Eva Gray Tent had contributed to the fund-raising for this monument, and members of the tent were present at the original dedication. Custer's Brigade was in a skirmish at that site.



As part of the Sesquicentennial observance, our tent entered a Civil War theme quilt in the Quilt Show at the Coopersville Farm Museum, Coopersville, MI. The quilt was fashioned by our members of squares honoring each of their Civil War ancestors. The quilt was the "brainchild" of Norma Overton, current tent president, who took the squares and finished them into a beautiful red, white, and blue quilt. This quilt was also displayed at the 2010 National DUVCW Convention in Springfield, IL.

One of the largest projects of some Eva Gray Tent No. 2 members was the recording and photographing of all of the Civil War headstones in Fairplains Cemetery in Grand Rapids, MI. To date, 146 Civil War veterans have been recorded. These include nine veterans who did not have a headstone, plus one headstone which needed to be replaced. A dedication ceremony is being conducted by tent members on Saturday, September 24, at 10:00 AM. Connie Larson has done most of the leg work on this project over the past many years. She has been assisted by Beverly Summers, and several other members of Tent 2. This crowning achievement is one of our Sesquicentennial projects.

At the DUVCW National Convention held August 4-8, 2011, Sally Redinger, Comrade Member of Eva Gray Tent No. 2 was elected to the position of National Chaplain. Past president of Eva Gray Tent No 2. Wenda Fore, was elected to the GAR Living Memorial Scholarship Committee. They will be serving their offices at the 2012 National Convention in Los Angeles, CA.

The "road trip" for the summer was to the Dr. Nathan Thomas Home in Schoolcraft, MI. It was used as a stopping place on the Underground Railroad. Members of the Schoolcraft Historical Society presented an overview of the Schoolcraft area and its importance during the time of the Underground Railroad. Our group of sixteen had the privilege of looking at the many artifacts in the home, as well as climbing the old stairs to the attic area. Following the tour we were able to go to the property where the home first stood and see the beautiful Italianate home that Dr. Thomas build for his family. The group then enjoyed meeting for lunch at a local restaurant.

11th Michigan Volunteer Infantry

by James B. Pahl, PCinC

This is the 14th installment on this regimental history series. All of the information presented in these installments are drawn from Robertson's Michigan In the War, the official report of the Adjutant General of Michigan.

The raising of this regiment was first authorized by the Secretary of War, bypassing the authority of Governor Blair, to which he objected believing the raising of regiments was solely the duty of the governors of the States. After a short delay, the governor withdrew his objection and Colonel William J. May of White Pigeon was given permission to raise a regiment.

Our record does not indicate where the various companies were raised, but we do have the information as to where the company commanders were from, which may give us an idea of where most of each company came from. Company A, Captain David Oakes of Centreville; Company B, Captain Melvin Mudge of Quincy; Company C, Captain Calvin Hood of Sturgis; Company D, Captain Benjamin Bennett of Burr Oak; Company E, Captain Henry Spencer of Three Rivers; Company F, Captain Sylvester Smith of Morenci; Company G, Captain Charles Moase of Bronson; Company H, Captain John Hackstaff of Coldwater; Company I, Captain Nelson Chamberlain of Loudon and Company K, Captain William W. Phillips of Adrain.

The regiment was rendezvoused at White Pigeon and it was mustered into federal service on September 24, 1861, with 1,004 officers and men. The citizens of St. Joseph county presented a handsome flag with impressive ceremony and many speeches.

The regiment headed for the field and the western army on December 9, initially stationed in Bardstown, Kentucky, where they engaged in guarding the Louisville and Nashville railroad, when John Morgan made a raid into the area. The 11th marched to try to intercept him, barely missing the rebels in Glasgow. Their first notable engagement was with the 69th Ohio and the 4th Indiana battery. After an hour of shooting, the raiders of Morgan were driven off, suffering about 40 killed and wounded, without any loss to the federal forces.

The regiment was then ordered to Nashville and assigned to Negley's division in the Army of the Cumberland (2nd brigade, 2nd division, 14th (Thomas') corps. The regiment was warmly engaged at Stone River, loosing 32 killed, 79 wounded and 29 missing.

Soon after the battle, the regiment was detached and became the provost guard at Murfreesboro. While on this duty, Vallandigham arrived on his way from Ohio by order of the Government, to be sent within the rebel lines. Company E was detailed to escort him to the headquarters of Provost Marshall General Wiles, then conveyed to the rebel lines under flag of truce and delivered to a picket of the 51st Alabama. (After the regiment was mustered out and when passing through Sydney, Ohio on its way to Michigan in September, 1864, another train carrying Vallandigham – who was to address a political meeting – arrived at the depot. The 11th was in the process of stacking arms with bayonets fixed. He was at once recognized and saluted with terrible groans and hisses as forcibly as the regiment could deliver. The driver of Vallandigham's carriage applied the whip and he was hurried away, with a large number of the regiment in chase. He was dropped off at a hotel, but made his escape out the back, as soldiers of the 11th ransacked the building from cellar to garret without finding him.)

On the 1st of July, 1863, the regiment was engaged in a sharp skirmish at Elk River, with the loss of one officer taken prisoner. Once again with the division, the regiment was engaged at Davis Cross Roads, helping to cover the retreat of Negley's and Baird's divisions from Dug Gap. Then on the 19th and 20th of September, the regiment was in the fiercest of the fight at Chickamauga, suffering 6 killed, 46 wounded and 23 missing.

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Now part of the 2nd brigade, 1st Division (Johnson's) of Palmer's 14th corps, the regiment was present during the siege at Chattanooga. At the battle of Mission Ridge on November 25, the regiment was part of the gallant charge of the heights, being credited by some sources as the first regiment to breach the rebel lines at the crest, losing their commanding officer and twice the colors of the regiment went down, but were still borne bravely aloft and onward.

The regiment captured "Ferguson's battery" with caissons and horses complete.

After another stint of detached duty, the regiment again joined with the 14th corps and entered on the Georgia campaign under Sherman. There were engaged at Buzzard's Roost on May 10, then the engagement at Resaca on the 14th and New Hope Church on the 27th. They remained in this area eight days, holding an exposed position and almost constantly under fire, losing 4 killed and 8 wounded during this time.

Pursuing the retreating enemy to Kenesaw Mountain, the regiment was frequently engaged in skirmishing and under heavy fire from time to time. They were also engaged at Rough's Station and then crossing the Chattahoochee River, they were engaged at Peach Tree Creek on the 20th. They were present at Atlanta on the 7th of August and helped capture a section of rebel works.

The enlistment of the regiment having expired, they were ordered to Chattanooga on August 27. Immediately upon arrival, they were ordered back into the field to help pursue rebel Gen. Wheeler, who was making a raid into Tennessee. While they pursued Wheeler to Huntsville, AL, they did not make contact and returned to Chattanooga. Two officers and 150 men were detached (their terms not yet expired) and the remainder of the regiment started for Michigan, arriving at Sturgis on September 25. They were mustered out of service on the 30th. We do not know where the remaining men were assigned, but they apparently did not join the 11th Reconstituted Regiment.

The entire enrollment of this regiment was 1,329 with 49 killed in action, 37 died of wounds and 199 died of disease.

Star Spangled Banner Restored

Submitted by Chuck Hartney

The November 2008 issue of the Smithsonian Magazine reported on the restoration of the Star Spangled Banner that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our National Anthem.

Major George Armistead commissioned Mary Pickersgill, a renowned Baltimore flag maker to construct a banner 30 feet by 42 feet to be flown over Fort Henry. Mrs. Pickersgill purchased 300 yards of English worsted wool and utilizing the floor space at Clagett's Brewery, the 18" material was spliced to form the 24" stripes with no evidence of that feat. The canton was 16 feet by 12 feet with the five pointed stars almost 2 feet across. She cut the blue material from the back to allow the stars to show from both sides. The government paid \$405.90 (roughly \$5500 in today's money) for her work that was delivered on August 19, 1813.

At some point Major Armistead took possession of the flag and it remained in his family's care until July, 1907 when tiring of demands for the flag, his grandson gave the flag to the Smithsonian. In the interim, "pieces of the flag have occasionally been given to those who [were] deemed to have a right to such a memento", according to Major Armistead's daughter in 1873. At its display at the Boston Navy Yard in 1873, the flag was approximately square (eight feet of the length was missing) and one of the stars had been cut out.

At the Smithsonian, an early attempt (1914) at restoration involved attaching an Irish linen backing with 1.7 million stitches. In 1998 the linen backing was removed and a new backing of Stabiltex was applied. The flag was then placed in a new technologically advanced display room where the public may view the side formerly covered by the linen.

On July 12, 1994 my wife and I were at Fort Henry as the changing of the flag was taking place – a 50 star flag flies at night and the 15 star banner is raised in the morning. I was asked to assist in raising the flag which was the highlight of that vacation.