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Attention to Orders

1. Effective this date the Commanding General announces the changes in the contact information of the General Staff and Military District Staff including the ranks to which each currently hold. All appointments and ranks will be in effect from 23 November 2013 until 14 November 2016 or until properly relieved:

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Major General Robert E. Grim
Commanding Officer
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Attest:
Colonel Donald E. Darby,
Adjutant General
Sons of Veterans Reserve

Abstracted from SVR General Order 2013-7, 23 November 2013

Facebook

For those who follow social media, the 3rd Military District has opened a Facebook account. This page can allow Brothers to quickly pass information and share photos and documents

related to individual elements of the 3rd Military District, the Order or the American Civil War. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1404863409757840/>

58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

All are invited to participate in the 58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony commemorating the 149th anniversary of President Lincoln's death. The event and luncheon will take place April 11-12, 2014 at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. For additional information, please visit <http://suvcw.org/2014LincolnTomb.pdf>

Schedule of Events for Co. D, 27th Indiana

This is the known schedule for Co. D 27th Indiana Infantry, 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb, Commander, Pvt. William Adams, Adjutant. *Future Events: (Wear your uniform to all events, unless stated otherwise.)*

January 25, Midwinter Encampment, Indianapolis, Greenwood, Max and Erma's Restaurant (just north of the Greenwood Park Mall) 8817 U.S. Highway 31, Indianapolis, IN 46227, 8:30 AM Muster, Present Colors

February 9, Lincoln Day Program, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, 2:00 PM CST, Muster at 1:30 PM CST, Present Colors, Retire Colors, and lead procession to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln; Stand sentinel-like at the grave for the ceremony.

April 22, Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL, 10:00 AM CST, Muster will be about 9:30 AM CST.

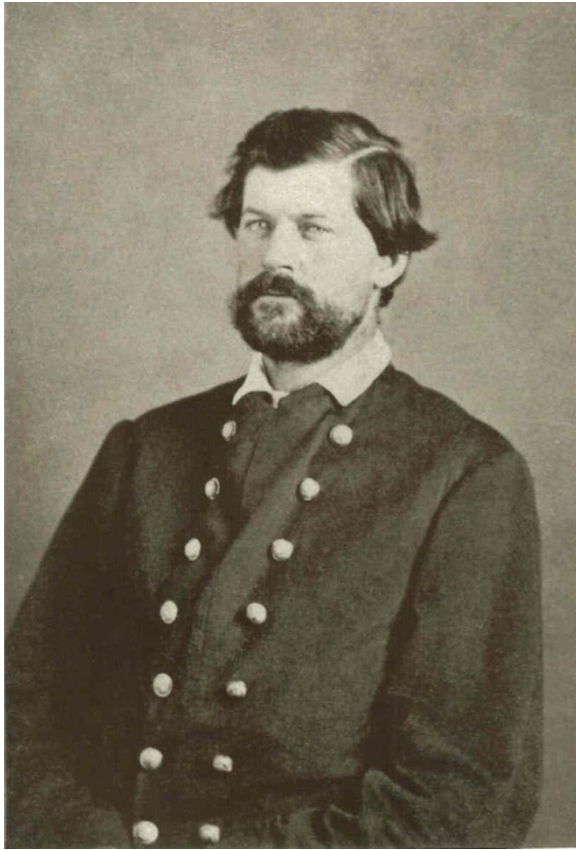
May 25 & 26, Memorial Day Activities, I have not been notified of any yet, but know they will happen.

May 30, Champion Hill Memorial Day Illumination, Slack Park, Huntington, Muster 8:00 PM, Bring & Present Colors; Fire Volley; Retire Colors.

June 7, 2014 Annual Encampment, Kokomo, IUK, Muster 8:30 AM, Present Colors

June 14, Loogootee Ceremony Honoring Civil War Veterans, at this point they have asked if we would be interested in attending; and I have said yes.

James H. Bridgewater



James H. Bridgewater was born in 1835 in Virginia. In the early 1850's he moved to Lincoln County, KY.

On July 26, 1861, Bridgewater enlisted as a Second Lieutenant in Co. F, 3rd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Later that year, Bridgewater joined Lincoln Masonic Lodge No. 60. In January of 1862, he resigned his commission due to health problems.

On November 10, 1862, a 21-man strong organization, named "Bridgewater Scouts", was mustered into the Kentucky State Guard as a Company of secret service men, at Stanford, in Lincoln County. Bridgewater was Company Commander, with the rank of Captain. It is known from correspondence dated in January of 1863, that Bridgewater served as Chief of Police in Stanford. Bridgewater was then enrolled as Captain of A Company of the Hall's Gap Battalion, headquartered in Stanford, on June 1, 1864. A note in the Kentucky Adjutant General's Report states that the Company was originally enrolled as an independent Company of Scouts attached to the secret service. Bridgewater was promoted Major on March 1, 1865 and commanded the Battalion until it was mustered out July 27, 1865.

After the war, Bridgewater ran unsuccessfully for the state House of Representatives and went to work for the Freedman's Bureau. Bridgewater travelled to Louisville in May of 1867 to turn in a list of men in the area who were allegedly

terrorizing the former slaves and men who were pro-Union. Later that Spring, Bridgewater and other family members thwarted a number of attempts on his life. Conditions became so harsh for many of Bridgewater's men and relatives that several of them sold out and moved to Missouri.

On July 17, 1867, while in a saloon in downtown Stanford, Bridgewater was murdered by a group of men. The killers were acquitted the following week in a trial in which no witnesses for the prosecution showed up to testify.

Bridgewater was buried with full Masonic Rites in the Logan's Creek Cemetery, just south of Stanford. Among those who took part in the service was Thomas W. Napier, who had served as Lieutenant- Colonel of the Confederate 6th Kentucky Cavalry and was a Lodge brother of Bridgewater. Following her husband's death, Susan Dawes Bridgewater moved to Vernon County, MO. The couple had five children.

The MAJ James H. Bridgewater Camp Number 7 was formed in the Department of Kentucky in September of 2006. It is headquartered in Lincoln County and primarily draws its membership from points south and southeast of Lexington. The Bridgewater Scouts SVR Company was formed along with Camp 7. The Camp and Company placed and dedicated a marker for MAJ Bridgewater in June of 2007.

Edited from an article prepared by Camp 7 and Scouts Brother David Gambrel which appeared in the area newspaper prior to the dedication.

Co. C, 20th OVI – 2014 schedule

Memorial Day - May 26, 2014 at Bloomingburg, OH Cemetery

Memorial Day – May 26, 2014 at Lees Creek (Centerville), OH Cemetery

Possible last Civil War Veteran of Clark County, Ohio ceremony

Other events to be added as dates/times are requested

1st LT. Shane L. Milburn
Co. C, 20th O.V.I., SVR
Commander



News from Co. C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

This SVR unit located in Washington Court House, Ohio was organized in 1993 by Past Commander-in-Chief Robert E. Grim who served as unit commander from 1993-1997. 1st Lt. Robert E. Morris commanded the unit from 1998 until his death on March 9, 2012. Since that time it has been under the command of 1st Lt. Shane L. Milburn. Every year the unit participates in Memorial Day ceremonies in the morning at the Bloomingburg Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio and leads the parade and serves as the firing squad at the Lees Creek Cemetery in the afternoon in Clinton County, Ohio. They also present floral wreaths at the graves of the four Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in three different cemeteries in Fayette County, Ohio on Memorial Day. Over the years they have participated in a number of living history programs, re-dedication ceremonies, last soldier plaque ceremonies, parades and community programs.

The unit is named in honor of the unit Fayette County, Ohio Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Henry Casey served in during the Civil War.



Corporal Henry Casey

Corporal Henry Casey was born in New Geneva, Fayette County, Pennsylvania on December 28, 1837. He moved to Marion Township, Fayette County, Ohio in November, 1860. He married

Catherine W. Holland of Paint Township, Fayette County, Ohio and they had nine children.



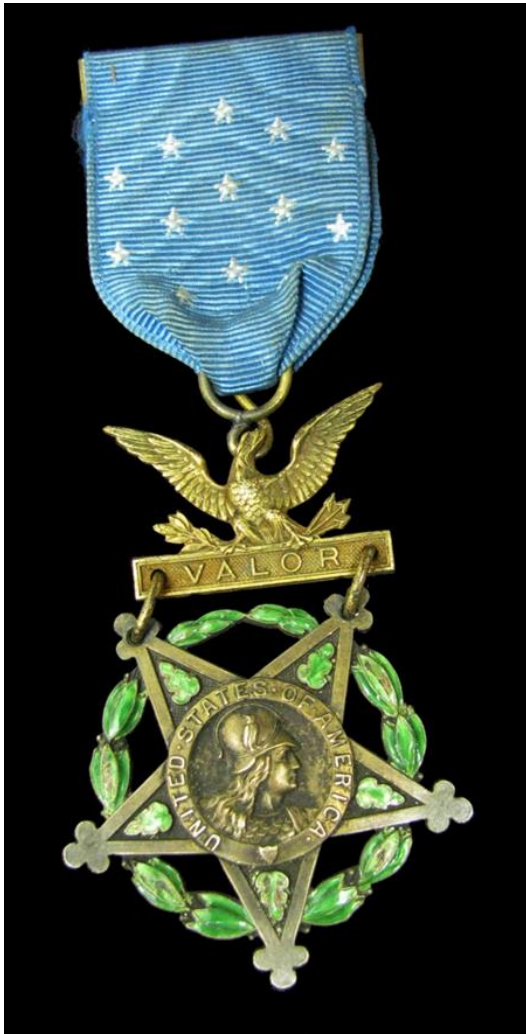
Corporal Henry Casey's Unit Badge

He enlisted in Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry September 8, 1861 at Bloomingburg, Ohio when he was 23 years old. He was discharged from the Army July 15, 1865. He saw action with General Grant's forces at Fort Donnellson, and Shiloh, TN, Kennesaw Mountain and Atlanta, GA and was with General Sherman on the march to the sea. Twenty - three men from Company C died during the war including three who were killed in action.

Corporal Casey's Medal of Honor was awarded for "Most distinguished gallantry at Vicksburg, Mississippi April 22, 1863, in volunteering and serving as one of the crew of a transport that was under very heavy fire in passing the forts at that place." He said General U. S. Grant gave him a 30 day furlough for his valor but he did not receive the Medal of Honor until September 17, 1897.

He was a Republican and served from 1873 until his death on May 9, 1919, as Treasurer of Bloomingburg Lodge No. 449 Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio. He was a member of the Miran Judy Post 480 Grand Army of the Republic which met in Bloomingburg. He died at his home near Bloomingburg at the age of 81 and is buried in the Bloomingburg Cemetery. His

Medal of Honor is on display at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Chehalis, Washington.



Corporal Henry Casey's Medal of Honor



Corporal Henry Casey's Medal of Honor



Unit members presenting a floral wreath at the grave of one of four Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried in Fayette County, Ohio. Left to right: 1st Sgt. William E. Radabaugh, 1st Lt. Shane L. Milburn, Pvt. Richard Troup and Pvt. Shawn A. Cox.

Brief Notes on Relatives of Alan Teller in the Civil War

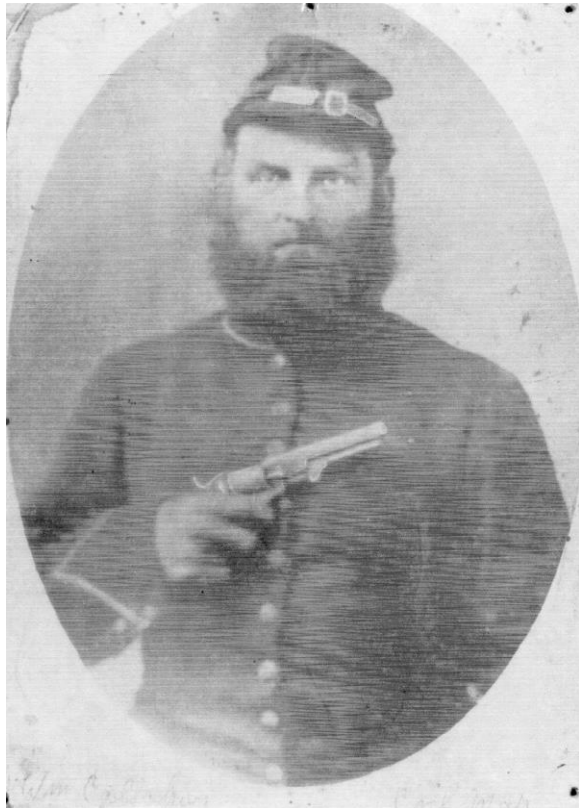
Seven known relatives fought in the American Civil War, two for Indiana, three for Kentucky and two for Ohio.

The two men that fought for Indiana were: Private Charles Meservey fought in Co. G, 69th Indiana Infantry. You will find his name spelled many ways, including Messer in the Indiana Adjutant General's Report. Charles was born in 1806 (some records say Maine and some say Ohio.) and died in Connersville, IN, June 1908. If his birth year is correct he was 56 when he enlisted Aug 19, 1862. He was discharged for disability March 5, 1863 at Richmond, KY. He was wounded at the Battle of Richmond, KY, Aug. 29-30, 1862 in the left arm just above the wrist. Most of his life he was a farmer. He is buried in Connersville City Cemetery in the Soldiers Circle in the first row of stones around the cannon. On his military gravestone his name is spelled Meservey.

Sergeant John Becker fought in Co. D, 32nd Indiana Infantry; this was an all-German Regiment sometimes referred to as the 1st Indiana German. John was born in Albersweiler, Bavaria in August of 1835. He died September 19, 1907 in New Middletown, IN; and is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Corydon, IN. His military grave marker is a bronze plaque; there is also a family stone. He enlisted Aug. 24, 1861; and was discharged Sept. 7, 1864. Among other battles he was at Shiloh. Various occupations are recorded for John, barber, brass molder, and saloon keeper.

The three men that fought for Kentucky were: Private Anderson Callahan fought in Co. I, 40th Kentucky Mounted Infantry. (He fought with his son, William) He lived in Fleming County, KY near Muses Mill at the time of his enlistment,

but The Adjutant General's Report lists his residence as Grayson. He enlisted Aug. 20, 1863 and was mustered out Dec. 30, 1864 in Catlettsburg, KY. He was born Aug. 11, 1812 and died Oct. 5, 1886, per his gravestone. (I add this statement because there are other death dates recorded for him.) The burial is in Minerva Cemetery, which is on private property in Fleming County, KY very near the Lewis County Line. The cemetery was very well kept about 10 years ago. The 40th was involved in the Battle of Cynthiana, KY that routed Confederate General John Hunt Morgan and drove him back through the mountains and out of the state.



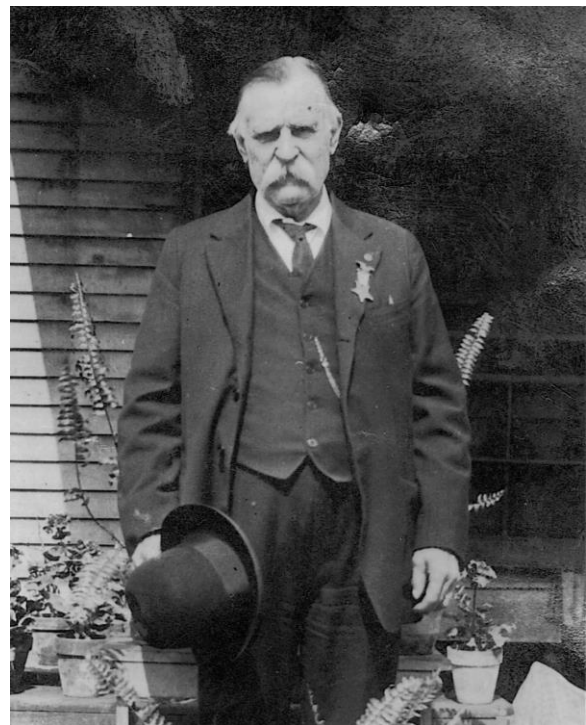
Private William W. Callahan

Private William W. Callahan fought in Co. I, 40th Kentucky Mounted Infantry. (He fought with his father, Anderson.) His pension papers say he enrolled at Fox's Spring. The Kentucky Adjutant General's Report say he mustered in at Grayson Aug. 1, 1863 and was mustered out Dec. 30, 1864 at Catlettsburg, KY. He was a farmer all of his life and is buried in the Everton Cemetery on the south end of Everton, Fayette County, IN. William was born March 20, 1839 in Fleming County, Ky and died in Fayette County, Indiana Oct 3, 1925. His pension papers state he moved from Fleming County, KY to Connersville, Fayette County, IN Feb. 16, 1866. (See the statement for Anderson Callahan concerning the Battle of Cynthiana.)

Private John M. Davis fought in Co. F, 24th Kentucky Infantry. He enlisted Aug. 21, 1861 in Lexington and was mustered out Jan. 31, 1865 in Covington, KY. Aug 30, 1812 was his birth date. On Jan. 12, 1900 he died. The burial is in

Brushy Fork or Ramey's Chapel Cemetery, north on 1013 from Muses Mill, KY. The family gravestone is located up the hill, and to the right near the fence. He spent all of his life in the Muses Mill area and mentions the Muses Mill Post Office in his pension papers. Farming was his lifelong occupation. From his pension papers it become obvious he was sickly during his entire military service. The doctors did not want to see him because he came so often. His sergeant regularly exempted him from duty because of his infirmities. It is doubtful he saw any battles.

The two men that fought for Ohio were: Private John Teller served in Co. D 83rd Ohio Infantry. Per the Adjutant General's Report he was 18 when he enlisted Aug 12, 1862. The age was a lie. He was born June 22, 1846 in Brookville, IN. He died of disease Apr. 28, 1864 in a military hospital in Louisville, KY and is buried in the Cave Hill National Cemetery in Louisville, plot #2216 gravesite B-16-56 with a military gravestone. The 83rd was across the Mississippi from Vicksburg in a swampy area when he first took ill. He was sent via boat to a hospital in Louisville. After a while he was sent home; only to return later and eventually die there. His mother almost immediately applied for his pension. His father also John Teller had been murdered in 1858 and her sons sent her money from their military pay. There are existing copies of letters both sons wrote home in pretty good English. (Why English? She was a German immigrant in 1838.) (His older brother Richard also served in the Civil War.)



Richard Teller

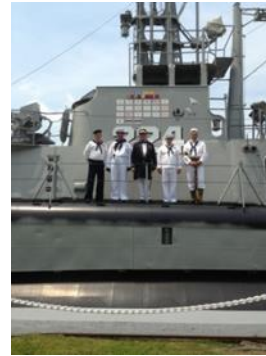
Private Richard Teller served in Co. G, 108th Ohio infantry. (This was a German regiment.) He mustered in Aug. 16, 1862 and mustered out

June 9, 1865. Richard was born Sept. 10, 1844 and lived a long life dying Oct. 22, 1938. The shame of the regiment and its men was the Battle of Hartsville, TN, Dec. 2, 1862; their redemption was the Battle of Resaca, May 13-15, 1864. He marched to the sea with Sherman and again in the Grand Review of the armies in Washington City on the second day, May 24, 1865. His occupation was that of a Cooper. He is buried in, of all places, Cave Hill Cemetery, not far from his brother who is in the national cemetery section. (See notes on John Teller.) The family gravestone simply says Richard Teller, 1844-1938, GAR. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic till his dying day; and was a delegate to the National Encampments in 1934, Rochester, and 1938, Des Moines, representing the Department of Kentucky. His discharge still survives.



May 25, Presented the colors at the opening concert of The Cleveland Pops Orchestra held in Severance Hall.

May 27, Color Guard at Willoughby, OH Memorial Day Parade



June 22, Added color to the 75th Anniversary of the Commissioning of the USS Cod. This is the only US Fleet type Submarine still in WWII configuration.



Report of the Ohio Naval Brigade SVR, Attached to the James A. Garfield Camp No. 142, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War



July 20,21, The Garfield Camp and the Ohio Naval Brigade Participated in the annual Civil War encampment held at Lawnfield the Home of President James A. Garfield. Also in attendance was Lt. Colonel Dana Russell Royal Engineers and observer, of the Union Army. (Also my Evil twin.)

August 17, The Brigade was a Color Guard in the "The Last Stop Willoughby" Parade. The Fix was in and the fire Department won best color Guard, again.

August 24,25, The ONB and the 107th OVI were the main military presence at the encampment and dedication of the new headquarters and museum of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the

May 18, The ONB was the primary military presence at the headstone dedication for Medal of Honor Winner Edward Farrell USN. Held at the Edenburg Township Cemetery in Portage County.



Republic; held at The Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky.

September 14, The ONB and other reenacting groups participated in the dedication of the new blockhouse in the Metro Park at Columbia Station.



November 21-24, The ONB with the Seamen and Marines of the US Frigate Constellation acted as the personal guard for the Commander in Chief, Ken Freshley

Upcoming Events for Co. A, 14th Michigan Volunteer Infantry "The Irish Rifle"

Spring, to be determined, Headstone placement
Br. Rick Greene, PDC

April

12th Lincoln Tomb Service
13th Lincoln

May

10th Department of Michigan SUVCW
Encampment
2nd Weekend Memorial Service/Headstone
Dedication Camp #67
26th Observed Memorial Day
30th Traditional Memorial Day - Possible
Headstone Dedication Service

June

21st Headstone Dedication with the Daughters

November

14th Battlefield Tour
15th Remembrance Day Events and Parade at
Gettysburg, PA
16th Gettysburg Tour and Company Dinner

1st. Lieutenant Lloyd D. Lamphere Jr.
Commanding

Upcoming Events for Battery I, 1st Ohio Light Artillery "Dilger's Battery"

Feb 7 General Sherman Birthday party here in
Lancaster, Ohio. April 12-13 Living History event
at Fairfield County Fair Grounds Lancaster,
Ohio.

Feb 22 Battery Meeting

July 12-13 Re-Enactment in McConnelsville,
Ohio.

Captain Don Grant
Chief of Staff
3RD Military District



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research assistance pertaining to the American
Civil War).

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items pertaining to their participation in the
Sons of Veterans Reserve).



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