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ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

(Abstracted from the SVR General and Special Orders for 2015)

14 December 2015

SVR General Order 2015-14

1. Effective 21 November 2015 Major Edward Krieser, Commander 4th Military District, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, SVR. He will rank as such until 21 November 2016 or until properly relieved.

2. Effective 14 December 2015 Lt. Colonel Krieser, with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee, promoted Capt. Thomas G Hauff to the rank of Major and to serve as 4th Military District Inspector General. Major Hauff will serve as such until 14 December 2018 or until properly relieved.

3. Effective 14 December 2015, Lt. Colonel Krieser, with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee, promoted Captain Kenneth Krieser to the rank of Major and to serve as 4th Military District Adjutant General. Major Krieser will serve as such until 14 December 2018 or until properly relieved.

4. Effective 14 December 2015, Lt. Colonel Krieser, with the approval of the Military Affairs Committee, promoted Captain Thomas J. Brown to the rank of major and to serve as 4th Military District Chief of Staff. Major Brown will serve as such until 14 December 2018 or until properly relieved.

By Order of

MG Robert E. Grim
Commanding Officer, SVR

Attest:
Colonel Donald E. Darby,
Adjutant General, SVR



December 31, 2015

To All,

Well we have made it through to another year. We have survived floods, snows, heat, terrorist attacks, and even a National Encampment. We have, by the grace of our God, lived to see the sun rise on another year that hopefully will hold a promise of a better year.

We will enter this New Year without some of our Brothers that kept this Order together and made us what we are today. They will be missed and forever remembered, as they, steadfastly remembered those who passed before them.

As we gather together in the coming hours please keep in mind that we have Brothers in harms way in the military service. We also have Brothers that are possibly dealing with the harsh flooding in Missouri and the frigid temperatures in some areas of the Midwest. May the good Lord keep them close to his breast in their time of need.

To all the officers, men, their ladies and families of the SVR, the members of the SUVCW and ALL the Allied Orders, I wish you a Happy and Safe New Year.

Robert Grim
Major General, SVR
Commanding

From the District Adjutant

Each Unit is to submit to the District Adjutant the following reports before April 1:

Annual Unit Strength Report, Form 19

Requests for Commission Form 1A, if needed

Membership Application, Form 5A, if needed

Annual Unit Updated Roster

Dues Checks (Two checks are required and possibly an additional check. The first check made out to "3rd Military District" for \$1.00 per member of each unit. The second check made out to "TAG-SVR" for \$2.00 per enlisted member, plus \$3.00 per officer. A Check of \$3.00 is also required for each Request for Commission made out to "TAG-SVR".

James Pahl, Adjutant
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Commander's 2015-2016 Winter Ramblings By Major Alan Teller

The winter is a good time to read a book or two. I have read two. This is a book review of the "Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant". It is 500 pages with 70 Chapters long, including an Appendix of 40 pages. The Appendix is worth reading because it is a report from Grant to Stanton dated July 22, 1865 on the operations of all the armies after Grant took command. I found the first 17 Chapters hard to read and often laid the book down and walked away several times. Looking back, I think I did so because I was expecting a Civil War book and these chapters covered his early life and the Mexican War in some detail. (He was in all of the major battles of the Mexican War except Buena Vista.) With Chapter 18 I got hooked and the rest of the book was hard to lay down. He repeatedly uses actual orders issued at the moment in history by himself and others. This tells me he kept hand written copies of his own orders, when copies were hard to come by. He also retained many of the orders presented to him by higher command. He details each battle he was involved in from the planning through the execution and reviews the reasons for the success or failure. Over 40 maps are used throughout the text. I found these maps to be hard to read and in a couple of cases wondered why they were included. He presents his opinions of various officers and their actions at specific battles; and in some cases just overall opinions of their performance in general. Many of the generals on both sides he knew from the Mexican War and had opinions about them from previous experience. With few exceptions he did not have a favorable view of political generals. For the most part he respected the Southern generals and thought the rebel soldiers were brave men fighting for what they thought to be right. He had the highest regard for Abraham Lincoln; the rest of Washington politicians were not held in high esteem. I would not want anyone to think I read a lot; my wife would often read 25 books in two weeks or less. While I was reading the above book a friend gave me a book called "One Step at a Time" by Josh Bleill. It is a self portrait of a Marine's courage, hope and life in the NFL. This text shows the American spirit is alive and well. The book is an easy read of about 200 pages. Of course it has nothing to do with the Civil War. I read the book in less than two days and think it is a great read that will go mostly unnoticed. If you have the time I suggest you read both books.



SVR RECOGNIZES GETTYSBURG MERCHANTS FOR HELP IN PAYING FOR PARADE PERMIT By Maj. Genl. Robert E. Grim



Photo by Cher Petrovic

The Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) recognized, with a certificate of appreciation, the Steinwehr Avenue Heart of Gettysburg Battlefield, Inc. (SAHGB Inc.) Gettysburg business leaders for their support of the 59th annual Remembrance Day parade which was organized and directed by the SVR. The Gettysburg business leaders donated one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to help cover the \$1,700 cost of a parade permit from the Borough of Gettysburg. Pictured left to right: Brig. General Henry E. Shaw, Jr., Deputy Commander of the SVR; Major General Robert E. Grim, SVR National

Commander; Tammy Myers ,SAHGB Inc., Secretary; Nathan Mares; Paul Witt, SAHGB Inc. Vice President; George Lomas; Chris Ackerman; Susan Saum-Wicklein and Deb Adamik, SAHGB Inc. Board Member and Administrator.



SVR Holds Annual Remembrance Day Breakfast

SVR members and their guest attended the annual SVR breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg during which time SVR Commander Major General Robert E. Grim announced the promotion of Major Edward J. Krieser to the rank of Lt. Colonel. Krieser is a past commander of the 3rd Military District and currently serves as commander of the 4th Military District. He is also a Past Commander-in-Chief of the SUVCW. Major Gen. Grim also presented an SVR Distinguished Service Medal, several SVR Meritorious Service Medals and Unit awards.

All photos by Sgt. David W. Sosnowski, SVR Gettysburg Blues



SVR National Chaplain Captain Jerome Kowalski (center) opens the SVR breakfast with an inspirational invocation. Pictured left to right: Brig. Gen. Henry E. Shaw, Jr. Deputy SVR Commandeer, Capt. Kowalski, Maj. Gen. Grim, SVR Commander and Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff



Commander-in-Chief Eugene G. Mortorff (center) expresses his appreciation to the SVR members for the role they play in promoting the mission of the SUVCW. Pictured left to right: Chaplain Jerome Kowalski, Col. Robert M. Petrovic, SVR Chief of Staff, Col. Donald E. Darby, SVR Adjutant General, Commander-in-Chief Mortorff, Major Gen. Robert E. Grim, SVR Commander, Lt. Col. Mark Day, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and his wife.



SVR 3rd Military District Commander Major Allen Teller (right) relaxing at the SVR breakfast.



4th Military District Commander Major Edward J. Krieser (PC-in-C) receives his commission promoting him to Lt. Colonel from Major General Robert E. Grim (right) and SVR Deputy Commander Brig. General Henry E. Shaw, Jr.



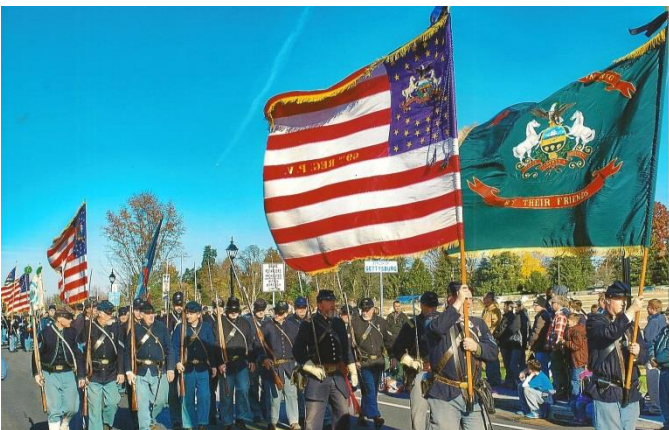
SVR Conducts 59th Annual Remembrance Day Parade

Thousands of SVR members and Civil War re-enactors representing both Union and Confederate forces along with the leaders and members of the GAR Allied Orders participated in the 59th annual Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 21, 2015. Thousands of

spectators braved the cool temperatures to enjoy this outstanding event.



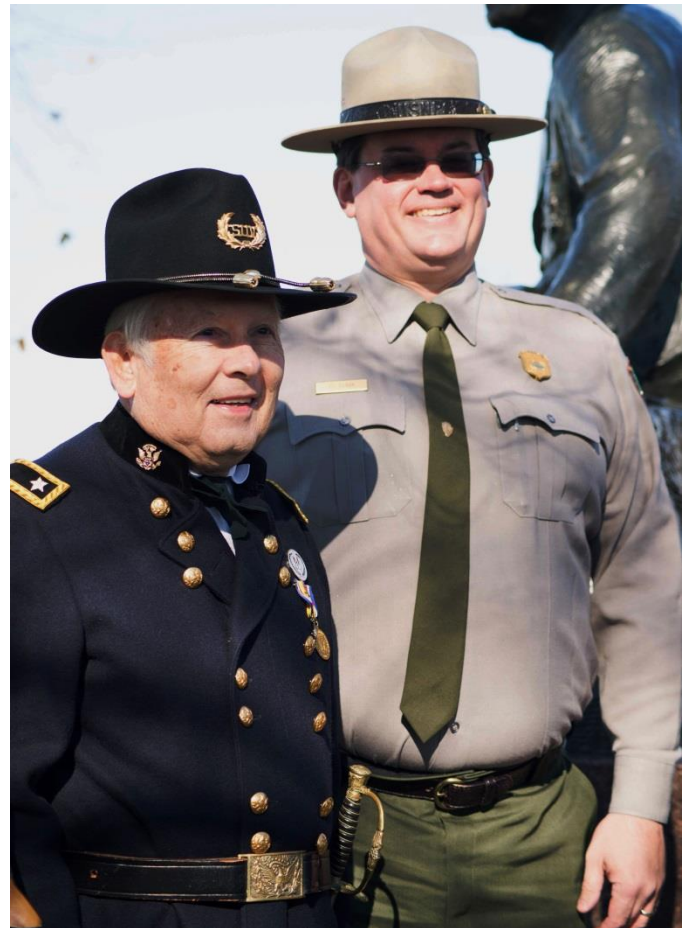
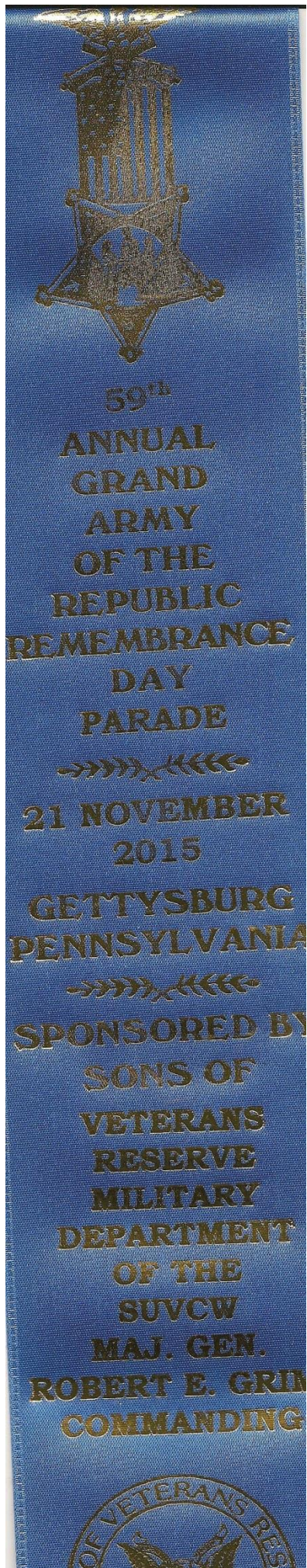
Photos from the Remembrance Day Parade



GETTYSBURG DANCE GENERATES FUNDS FOR MONUMENT PRESERVATION

Following Remembrance Day Articles by Major General Robert E. Grim

Major General Robert E. Grim (left) national commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) presented a check for \$3,500 to Ed W. Clark, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Military Park for use by the park to help preserve both Union and Confederate monuments and memorials on the Gettysburg battlefield. The presentation was made during the SVR's annual wreath laying ceremony honoring the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) held at the Albert Woolson monument located on the battlefield in Ziegler's Grove. Woolson was the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The donation was the proceeds from the military ball held last year by the SVR on Remembrance Day at the Wyndham Hotel. The proceeds from this year's ball will be donated to the park service during the 2016 Remembrance Day activities. To date the SVR has donated over \$80,000 to the Gettysburg National Military Park from Ball proceeds.



Major General Robert E. Grim national commander of the SVR and Gettysburg Military Park Superintendent Ed W. Clark (right) at the Woolson Monument



Col. Donald E. Darby, Adjutant General of the SVR prepares wreaths for presentation during the Woolson Monument ceremony.



Major General Robert E. Grim welcomes dancers to the 59th annual National Civil War Ball, the original and official Remembrance Day Ball sponsored by the SVR. Also pictured Larry Keener-Farley (center) dance master with the Victorian Dance Ensemble and Philadelphia Brigade Band leader Rich Cummines (standing right).



Dancers enjoy the Military Ball



SVR Military Ball Closes Remembrance Day Observance

The Wyndham Hotel ballroom in Gettysburg was the site for the SVR's annual military ball held on Saturday night November 21, 2015 as a means to not only honor our Civil War ancestors, but as a means to raise funds to help preserve the many memorials and monuments of the Gettysburg Battlefield. This year's dance attracted over 300 participants. The proceeds from the dance will be donated to the Gettysburg National Military Park next year during the annual Woolson Monument wreath laying ceremony honoring the Grand Army of the Republic. **Photos by Sgt. David W. Sosnowski, SVR Gettysburg Blues**



Military Ball dancers





**14th Michigan Company A,
Sons of Veterans Reserve,
By Paul Davis, PDC**

Gettysburg

The 14th Michigan, Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve as has been its custom for several years, attended the Gettysburg Remembrance Event in November. The 14th Michigan served as the Honor Guard and displayed the colors for the Department and several Michigan Camps during the Albert Woolson memorial service at the Woolson Monument.



14th Michigan, Company A, with SVR Generals Grim and Shaw



Gettysburg Address recitation and wreath laying ceremony at the Woolson monument.

The 14th Michigan, Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve once again it proudly unfurled the colors for the Department of Michigan as well as several Camps from the Department and the SVR District's Colors and marched forward through the streets of Gettysburg for the cheering crowds.



14th Michigan, Company A, SVR Honor Guard at the Woolson Monument at Gettysburg



14th Michigan, Company A placing flags on graves of Michigan soldiers

The SVR assisted in the placement of National and State Flags on the graves of Michigan soldiers at Gettysburg. This is an annual activity for the SVR and the Sons of Union Veterans and the Allied Orders of Michigan.



Rob Payne and Ed Dowd place flags on the graves of Michigan Cavalry Brigade Soldiers at Gettysburg



Rendering a salute to the Michigan men during the Gettysburg Remembrance activities



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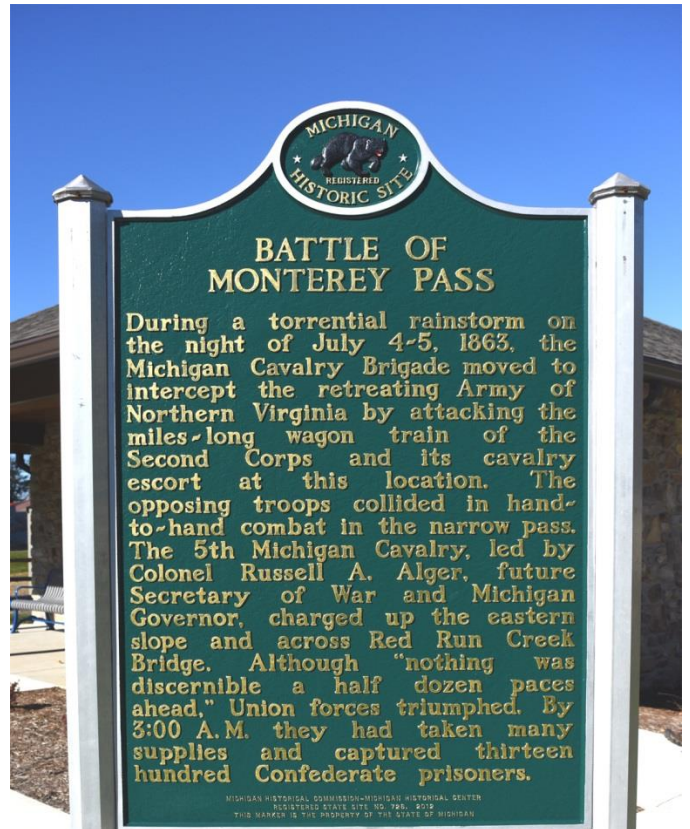


Flag of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry
Photo by Peter Glendenning

Each year the Michigan SVR delegation tries to plan an extraordinary educational experience for its members. This year was no exception. Our Battlefield Guide with 46 years of experience and more than 13, 000 tours conducted during that time, took us on the trail of Lee's retreat from Gettysburg. This was the first time ever during his career that he or anyone else had done this trip. Our trek included: Fairfield, Monterey Pass, Leitersburg, Smithsburg, Hagerstown, Funkstown, Williamsport and Falling Waters. The guide told us that the trip covered about 130 miles.



14th Michigan, Company A at Monterey Pass



Historical marker at Monterey Pass Battlefield





14th Michigan, Company A at site of Falling Waters battle



14th Michigan performing a memorial service at the 24th Michigan monument



14th Michigan, Company A on Doubleday Hill at Williamsport

To close out the weekend, the 14th Michigan, Company A, was treated to a special battle field tour conducted over private property owned by the property owner. This site covered the area between the Baltimore Pike and Culp's Hill along Rock Creek and the extreme flank of the Federal Army at Gettysburg.



The 14th Michigan, Company A participated in the Ceremony for Medal of Honor Recipient Alonzo Cushing)



14th Michigan, Company A during private tour to examine battle field site located on private property

The 14th Michigan routinely participated in memorial and remembrance ceremonies at Gettysburg. For 2015, they participated in the ceremony honoring Medal





SVR Thanksgiving Dinner at the Farm

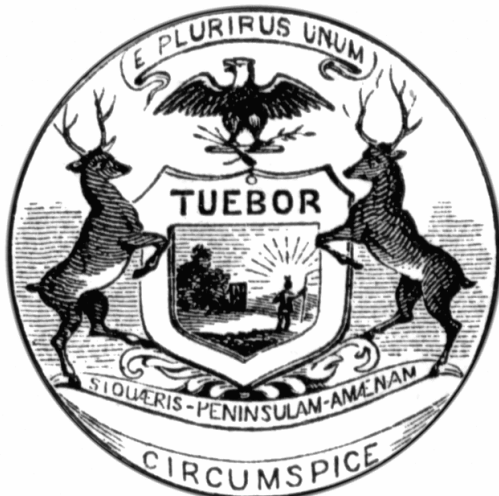
We concluded our yearly activities with a group SVR traditional pre-Thanksgiving dinner.



Flight 93 National Memorial

On our return trip to Michigan, the 14th Michigan paused for a stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial and rendered a salute in honor of the heroes and patriots of United Airlines Flight 93.

The SVR, 14th Michigan, Company A was also extremely busy this year performing several dedications and memorial services within the Department of Michigan. Our Company continues to grow with members representing 8 different Camps in the Department of Michigan.



MOLLUS MICHIGAN COMMANDERY ELECTS NEW COMMANDER



Paul Davis and Keith Harrison, past MOLLUS C-I-C, past Commander Michigan Commandery and past National C-I-C, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Michigan Commandery of The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States has elected Paul Davis as their new Commander. Davis is a Past Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and member of the 14th Michigan Company A, Sons of Veterans Reserve. Davis follows Bruce Butgereit, the immediate past Commander of the Michigan Commandery and Keith Harrison who also served for many years previous to Butgereit.



BRIDGEWATER SCOUTS 3RD MILITARY DISTRICT SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE 1st Lieut. Timothy H. Downey Company Commander

The Bridgewater Scouts have wrapped up 2015 and are looking forward to a productive 2016.

Company Commander Downey assisted with the presentation of an Eagle Scout recognition certificate for Brother John Gambrel on September

26 in Stanford, KY. John and his father, PCC David Gambrel, have been members of the Company and Kentucky's Camp 7 from the founding of both.

The Company joined Camp 7 with a recruiting tent at the Battle of Camp Wildcat reenactment on October 17. The battle is held in Laurel County, KY. The following SAT, the 24th, a recruiting tent was in place at the Battle of Leatherwood reenactment. This event is held in Cornettsville, KY.

We held our annual officer election meeting on December 5 in Lancaster, KY. First Lieutenant Downey was reelected Company Commander.

On December 5, under the direction of Camp 7 Commander Chris Workman, the Company participated in the Christmas Parade in Junction City, KY. This was the second year the Company / Camp participated in this parade.



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"THE WHOLE CONFEDERACY'S OUT THERE."

Joseph Pannell Taylor **Captain Don Grant** **Chief of Staff; 3rd Military District**



Civil War Union Brigadier General. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, he was US Army officer and the brother of President Zachary Taylor. With the outbreak of the war of 1812, he enlisted in the US Army and rose to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Remaining in the army after the war, he was promoted to Captain in 1825 and was appointed Assistant Commissary General of Subsistence in 1829. Promoted Major in 1838, he was again promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Commissary General of Subsistence on November 30, 1841. At the beginning of the Civil War, he was appointed Colonel of the 9th Infantry in September 1861 and commissioned Brigadier Commissary General of Subsistence on February 9, 1863. He was also the uncle to Confederate Lieutenant General Richard Taylor. He died of diarrhea and partial paralysis at age 68 in Washington, D.C. His son, Joseph Hancock Taylor, also served in the US Army as a Colonel.

Used by Permission of John "J-Cat" Griffith.
(General Taylor is the 5th cousin 8 times removed of 3rd Military District Chief of Staff, Captain Don Grant)

DAYTON SOLDIERS HOME

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

The Ohio Department SUVCW held its annual mid-winter meeting in the historic Protestant Chapel on the grounds of the Dayton Soldiers Home. Shortly after the Civil War ended The United States government established three homes for the care of Union veterans. The home in Dayton, built in 1867, was the third such home – the first being in Augusta, Maine and the second one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Later a fourth home was established in Hampton, Virginia, and in 1884 a fifth one was built in Leavenworth, Kansas.

At the start of the Civil War only 68 hospitals existed in the United States. With large numbers of disabled veterans returning from the war President Abraham Lincoln, on March 3, 1865, signed an Act of Congress establishing the “National Military Asylum for the Relief of the Totally Disabled Officers and Men of the Volunteer Force”. The Dayton facility was originally called “The National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers”. That name is engraved on a stone on an outside wall of the Protestant Chapel.

The Protestant Chapel dedicated in October, 1870 is the oldest building on the grounds of what is now the Dayton Veterans Medical Center. It is believed to be the first church built by the United States government for veterans. The chapel was refurbished in 2012.

Local citizens contributed \$20,000 toward the \$55,700 paid for 355 acres of farm land which eventually was transformed into a home for Civil War veterans with 132 buildings including a 300 bed hospital. 56 of the buildings had running water, 26 had steam heat, and 50 had gas lighting. There were over six miles of macadamized road, 2 miles of gravel walk, 15 miles of sewer and drains, ten deep wells and four lakes. Produce was grown on a farm on the grounds with most of the work being done by the soldiers. In 1898 7000 soldiers resided at the home.

By the turn of the century, the Soldiers Home, as it was commonly called, was a major tourist attraction. The railroad and later electric street cars brought over 600,000 visitors a year. It was the “beauty spot of Ohio” with lush gardens, band concerts and top name entertainment at Memorial Hall.

The Dayton National Cemetery was established on the grounds in 1867. Today approximately 50,000 veterans and their families are buried in the cemetery.

In July, 1930, the Veterans Administration was created and took over the function of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. In 1992 a nine story patient tower state of the art hospital was completed.



**View from the altar to the rear of the present day
Protestant Chapel at the
Dayton Soldiers Home**



Catholic Chapel at the Dayton Soldiers Home



**Alter in the Catholic Chapel at the
Dayton Soldiers Home**

INDIANA AT REMEMBRANCE DAY



Putnam Library at the Dayton Soldiers Home



Veterans Club House at the Dayton Soldiers Home



The Home Chapel, currently known as the Protestant Chapel,

was built from stone quarried from the grounds and built by Civil War Veterans living at the Home. The bell that was placed in the tower was cast using captured Confederate cannons. It is the oldest building on the grounds of what is now known as the Dayton VA.



The Indiana people attending Remembrance Day have a tradition of meeting at the Indiana Monument at Spangler's Spring on the Battlefield near Culp's Hill at 4:30 PM on Friday before Remembrance Day for a photo. There are three DUVCW members present and five SVR members of the Co. D 27th IVI. Interestingly, Ed Krieser was the Commander of the Third Military District before Alan Teller and is now the Commander of the Fourth Military District. Ed is also a Provost Marshall for the Remembrance Day Parade and has led the parade for the last several years. He carries a Dual Membership in the Indiana and Missouri SUVCW and SVR and was a founding member of Co. D 27th Indiana. The photo individuals are from l. to r. Dusty Rynerson; Jan Rynerson, Sr. Vice President National DUVCW; John Eger, SVR 2nd Sergeant; Michael Beck, SVR 2nd Lt.; Barbara Stone, Past National President DUVCW; Bruce Kolb, SVR Captain & Commander of the 27th; Alan Teller, SVR Major; Ed Krieser, SVR Lt. Colonel.



BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD THEODORE O'HARA

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on Life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few.
On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents to spread,
And glory guards, with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

No rumor of the foe's advance
Now swells upon the wind;
Nor troubled thought at midnight haunts
Of loved ones left behind;
No vision of the morrow's strife
The warrior's dreams alarms;
No braying horn or screaming fife
At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shriveled swords are red with rust,
Their plumed heads are bowed,



Their haughty banner, trailed in dust,
Is now their martial shroud.
And plenteous funeral tears have washed
The red stains from each brow,
And the proud forms, by battle gashed
Are free from anguish now.

The neighing troop, the flashing blade,
The bugle's stirring blast,
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,
The din and shout, are past;
Nor war's wild note, nor glory's peal
Shall thrill with fierce delight
Those breasts that nevermore may feel
The rapture of the fight.

Like the fierce Northern hurricane
That sweeps the great plateau,
Flushed with triumph, yet to gain,
Come down the serried foe,
Who heard the thunder of the fray
Break o'er the field beneath,
Knew the watchword of the day
Was "Victory or death!"

Long had the doubtful conflict raged
O'er all that stricken plain,
For never fiercer fight had waged
The vengeful blood of Spain;
And still the storm of battle blew,
Still swelled the glory tide;
Not long, our stout old Chieftain knew,
Such odds his strength could bide.

Twas in that hour his stern command
Called to a martyr's grave
The flower of his beloved land,
The nation's flag to save.
By rivers of their father's gore
His first-born laurels grew,
And well he deemed the sons would pour
Their lives for glory too.

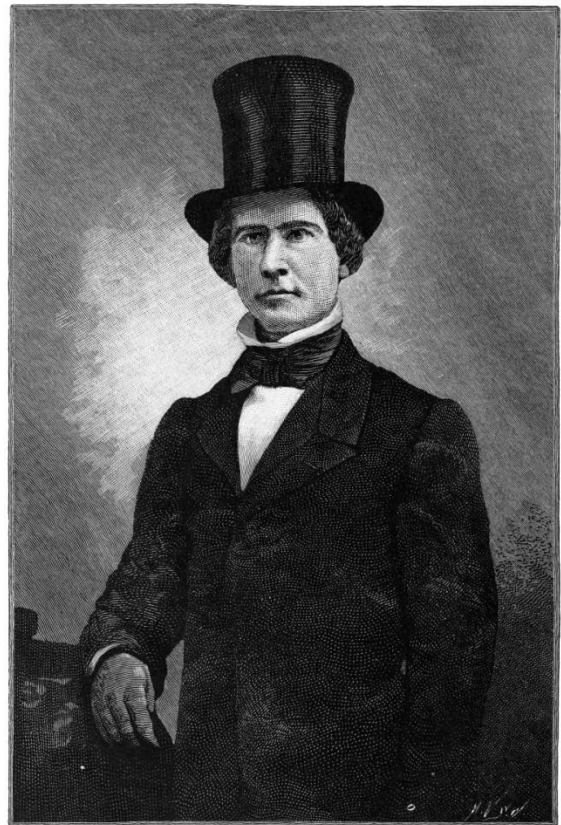
For many a mother's breath has swept
O'er Angostura's plain --
And long the pitying sky has wept
Above its moldered slain.
The raven's scream, or eagle's flight,
Or shepherd's pensive lay,
Alone awakes each sullen height
That frowned o'er that dread fray.

Sons of the Dark and Bloody Ground
Ye must not slumber there,
Where stranger steps and tongues resound
Along the heedless air.
Your own proud land's heroic soil
Shall be your fitter grave;
She claims from war his richest spoil --
The ashes of her brave.

Thus 'neath their parent turf they rest,
Far from the gory field,
Borne to a Spartan mother's breast
On many a bloody shield;
The sunshine of their native sky
Smiles sadly on them here,
And kindred eyes and hearts watch by
The heroes sepulcher.

Rest on embalmed and sainted dead!
Dear as the blood ye gave;
No impious footstep here shall tread
The herbage of your grave;
Nor shall your glory be forgot
While Fame her record keeps,
For honor points the hallowed spot
Where valor proudly sleeps.

Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone
In deathless song shall tell,
When many a vanquished ago has flown,
The story how ye fell;
Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight,
Nor time's remorseless doom,
Can dim one ray of glory's light
That gilds your deathless tomb.



ENGRAVED BY H. VELTEN. THEODORE O'HARA. FROM A PRINT FROM A DAGUERRETYPE.

Theodore O'Hara rendered service during the Mexican War (1846-48), the military adventure in

Cuba (1850-51), and then returned to US Army serving under Albert S. Johnston and Robert E. Lee alongside many other notable officers that would be heard from during the American Civil War. At the opening of the war he joined the 12th Alabama, CSA, but was soon detached for recruiting duty. He continued his service as a Staff Officer under (now Confederate) General Albert S. Johnston and was with him at the time of his mortal wounding on the field of Shiloh. After the death of General Johnston, O'Hara joined the staff of his friend and fellow Kentuckian, General John C. Breckinridge. After the close of the war he engaged in business endeavors in the south until his death in 1867. Initially buried at Columbus, Georgia, his remains were removed and reinterred in the Frankfort Cemetery, Frankfort, Kentucky by Act of the Kentucky Legislature. He now rests alongside many other distinguished Sons of Kentucky.

Visitors of Veteran Cemeteries frequently come across plaques bearing verses of his haunting poem, "Bivouac of the Dead." Often, the plaques found in National Cemeteries for Union Civil War dead do not bear the author's name. Although he had rendered long service in the United States Army he was also a Soldier of the Southern Confederacy.

The Museum also invites all members of the Allied Orders to bring items that they would like to exhibit from their own collections including GAR, Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, and Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Please let either Keith Harrison (517-694-9394) or Gary Gibson (269-345-3827) know by Thursday, April 7th if you will be bringing an exhibit for one or two days and how much table space you will need. The Museum will have 4- and 6-foot tables available, but it will need to be first come, first serve. Also, if you have pertinent items that you would like to donate for the silent auctions, please also let Keith or Gary know. The silent auction will be held to raise funds for a new museum heating and air conditioning system.

Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is the only such museum in the state that is totally dedicated to ensuring the memory, deeds, and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its members in Michigan. The Museum is free to the public. Its operation and maintenance rely solely on annual sponsorships and donations. Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognized 501 (c) (3) Michigan Nonprofit Corporation. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

We thank you for your continued support of our mission and look forward to seeing you at the Open House.

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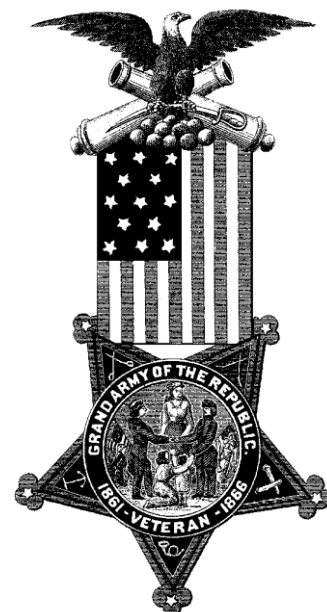


Michigan's Commemoration of the GAR's 150th

**Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic
Memorial Hall and Museum
224 South Main Street
Eaton Rapids, Michigan
April 9 & 10, 2016**

On the night of April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, 13 veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War, lead by Major Benjamin Stephenson, gathered in an upstairs room in a small, unassuming brick building. Little did they realize that the organization they were forming would have so much influence on the country they fought to save.

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic with a special Open House on Saturday, April 9th, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 10th, from noon until 5:00 p.m. A silent auction will be held on Saturday and light refreshments will be served. Saturday evening will be highlighted with a 150th birthday cake in honor of the Grand Army. We encourage your attendance.



THE DAY GENERAL JOHN ARCHER LEJEUNE AND THE MARINES FOUGHT PICKETT'S CHARGE

July 1922

Photos from the Library of Congress

Contemporary accounts reflect that on July 1, 1922 an estimated 6,000 Marines of Brigadier General Smedley Butler's Marine Expeditionary Force from Quantico, VA staged a reenactment of Pickett's Charge on the fields of Gettysburg for President Harding. The Marines, already present on the field for summer maneuvers, launched their attack in the afternoon under the roar of a 75mm artillery duel. Joining the President viewing the reenactment were Civil War Veterans, other prominent dignitaries and foreign military officials.

Modern exercises were reported to have taken place at the Peach Orchard, the Wheat Field and Devil's Den based on the original battle but using current tactics.



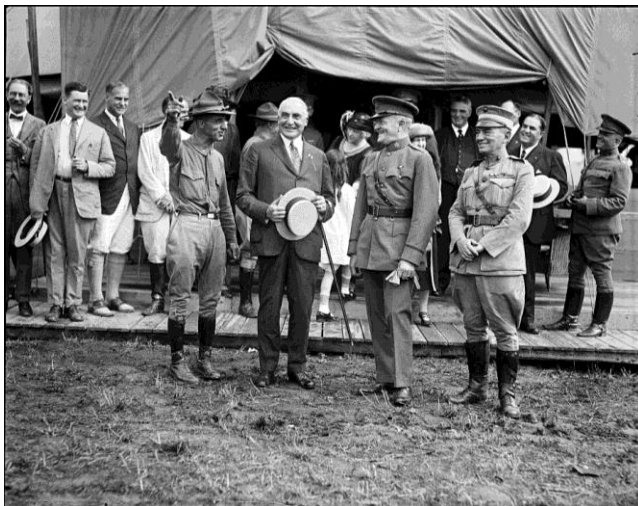
In order to save the crop, Marine's harvested the wheat from Pickett's Field prior to the battle.





Also taking part, in the form of demonstrations, were Marine Aviators under Major Roy S. Geiger who presented their arm of the service with 16 military aircraft ranging from Scouts to Martin Twin Engine Bombers which attacked practice targets nearby.

...Among the 20,000 Spectators



unused. New price is \$34.95 + shipping. Price including shipping is \$20.00. Pistol Cartridge Box, Black leather with white linen thread. Tab sewn onto flap, brass finial. Two belt loops on the back with a divided inner compartment. Exact reproduction of original. Marked with ordnance inspectors stamp on flap.



This new unused. New price is \$39.95 + shipping. Price including shipping is \$23.00. Cavalry Carbine Box, Black bridle leather, hand sewn with white linen thread. Tab on flap is stitched and riveted. Inner flap and tool pouch. Two belt loops on the back are riveted and stitched. Marked with makers mark inside and inspectors mark on the flap. Exact copy of original. There is no wooden block for cartridges.



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