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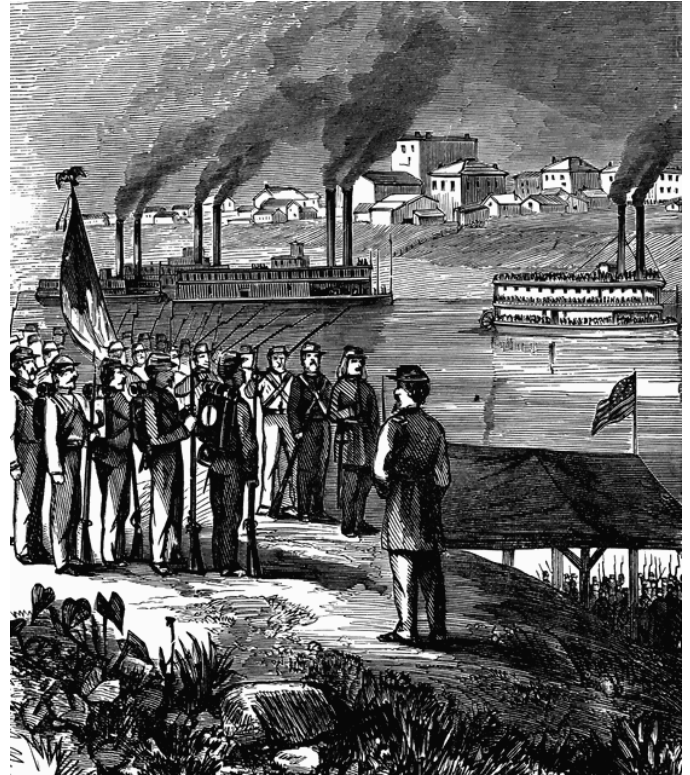
The Newsletter for the 3rd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve
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ATTENTION TO ORDERS!

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

13 August 2015

SVR General Order 2015-12

1. The Commanding General SVR, takes great pleasure in announcing the formation of Company B 2nd Regiment Indian Home Guard to the 6th Military District, effective this date.

2. 1st Sergeant Johnny Manley is the Commanding Officer. Contact information for 1st Sgt. Manley is 12340 N. 170th E Ave., Collinsville, Oklahoma 74021. Email JOHNTWOBEAVERS@msn.com Phone (918)-630-4070.

By Order
MG Robert E. Grim
Commanding Officer, SVR

Attest

Colonel Donald E. Darby
Adjutant General, SVR



GENERAL ORDER 2015-13
Sons of Veterans Reserve

27 October 2015

SVR General Order 2015-13

1. Effective 25 August 2015 Major Edward Krieser, Commander 4th Military District appointed Private Thomas J. Brown as 4th Military District Chief of Staff. Effective that date Private Brown is commissioned to the rank of Captain, SVR and will serve as such until 25 August 2018. Captain Brown's contact information is " 5025 N. 105 St., Milwaukee, WI 53225 Phone H: 414-462-0492 C: 414-429-8979 email: tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net

2. Effective 25 August 2015 Major Krieser appointed 1st Lt. Thomas G Hauff to serve as 4th Military District Inspector General. 1st Lt. Hauff is commissioned a Captain, SVR and will serve as such until 25 August 2018. Captain Hauff's contact information is : 1227 Pine St. Glenview, IL 60025 Phone: 224-661-1242 email: rjhauff@gmail.com

3. Effective 25 August 2015 Major Krieser appointed Private Kenneth S. Krieser to serve as 4th Military District Adjutant General. Private Krieser is commissioned a Captain, SVR and will serve as such until 25 August 2018. Captain Krieser's contact information currently appears on the SVR web page.

By Order of

MG Robert E. Grim
Commanding Officer, SVR

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



Commander's Ramblings
By Major Alan Teller

I have thought long and hard about these Ramblings. In a way this seems off center and not to the point of The Sentinel; and yet I think it is important enough to share.

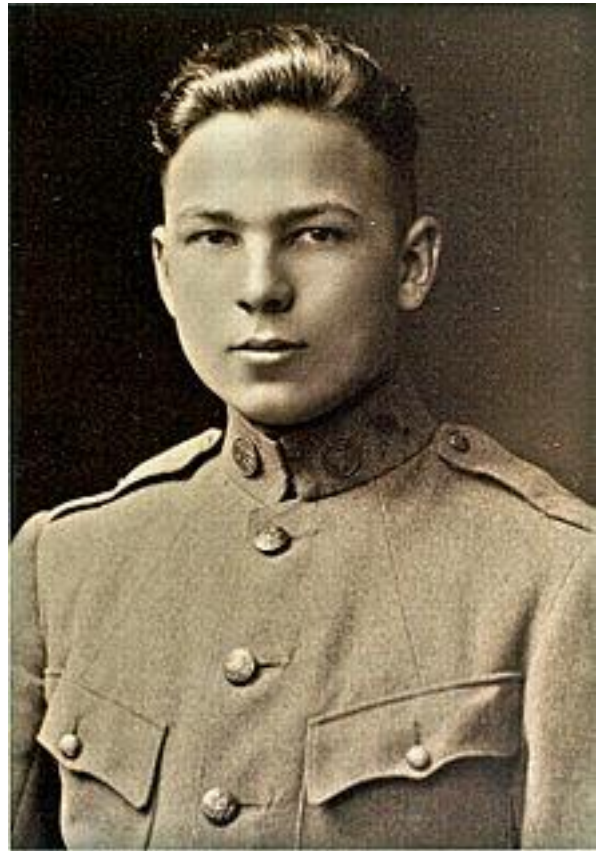
There are a lot of good people in this world, really good people. Too often we hear and read about the bad people of the world and the bad things they are doing and have done. We just take for granted the good people who are around us every day, our family, our SVR Brother, the postal worker, the bank teller, the retail clerk, the fast food attendant, etc. All of whom do their jobs every day and help their neighbors and unknown citizens along the way. Sometimes these good people even go out of their way to help us. I am sure you have had experiences of people doing that something extra; or just doing their job with a smile and a friendly attitude. These individuals

around and I have had more than the normal encounters with such individuals over this year.

We need to thank them; sometimes when they least expect it. Many times they and the jobs they do are not even necessarily noticed. We need to step up and thank these unsung laborers; thank them for what they are doing. It is all of them that make our lives a little easier. They can put a smile on our face; make our daily lives a little easier. Maybe even give us more time to do what we want to do that day. A simple "Thank You" can bring a smile to their face; put a skip in their step; or a "Your Welcome" in response. Try it the next time you see that friendly smile, great attitude, or get that extra help.

My activities this time have been minimal this summer. I attended the National Encampment in Richmond, VA, and was present for the SVR Breakfast. Remember, next year the National SUVCW Encampment will be in Springfield, IL, 08/10-14/2016. The headquarters hotel will be the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center. If at all possible you should try to plan on attending. For most of us the driving is a lot less than Richmond and there are all of the great Lincoln places to visit in Springfield.

AMERICA'S LAST WORLD WAR I VETERAN
By Maj. Gen. Robert Grim



Corporal Frank Buckles

Corporal Frank Buckles was the last surviving American Veteran of World War I.

He died February 27, 2011 at the age of 110. He enlisted in the United States Army in August 1917 and

served until August, 1919. He saw action in Europe as part of a detachment from Fort Riley, Kansas that operated ambulances and motorcycles near the front lines.

The following is Buckles account of his war time experience: "There was never a shortage of blown-up bodies that needed to be rushed to the nearest medical care. The British and French troops were in bad shape – even guys about my age looked old and tired. After three years of living and dying inside a dirt trench, you know the Brits and French were happy to see us "doughboys." Every last one of us Yanks believed we'd wrap this thing up in a month or two and head back home before harvest. In other words, we were the typical, cocky Americans no one wants around, until they need help winning a war."

Buckles was born in Missouri and lived in Oklahoma before joining the Army after being rejected by both the Marines and the Navy. In 1922 and 1923 he served with the 7th Regiment of the New York National Guard in New York City. In the 1930's he was chief purser on cargo and passenger ships traveling to South American, Europe and Asia.

During World War II while working in the Philippines as a civilian in the shipping business he was captured by the Japanese and held as a civilian prisoner for three years and two months. He weighed about 100 pounds when released from prison. After World War II, Buckles moved to San Francisco, and married Audrey Mayo in 1946. Eight years later, the couple bought a 330 acre farm near Gap View, West Virginia where they raised cattle.

In 1955, their only child, Susannah, was born. His wife Audrey Buckles died in 1999.

At the time of Buckles death from natural causes in February 27, 2011 only two other World War I veterans were still living – both soldiers of the British Army. Buckles was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on March 15, 2011. His daughter had sought to have him lie in state at the United States Capital rotunda but House Speaker John Banner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid blocked the request.

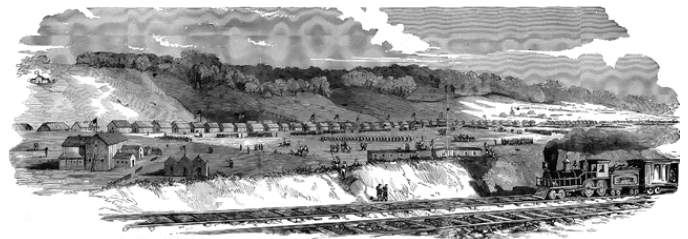


Frank Buckles in later life



The Story of Richard Teller **By Major Alan Teller**

On a rose colored tombstone in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky, it is engraved "Richard Teller, Born September 10, 1844, Died October 22, 1938". Mysteriously it also says "GAR". GAR in a real sense held the meaning of his life of 94 years. Back in August of 1862 this little blue-eyed, Hoosier boy marched across the Ohio River and into history. A first generation American of German parents he had joined an all German Regiment, the 108th Ohio. Now he lies buried on that same south side of the Ohio River he crossed before officially mustering in. This regiment was being rushed south to defend Covington, KY, from the threat of Kirby Smith's raid. Unprepared greenhorns, being led from Ohio soil to Kentucky soil to set up defenses. What did they know of defenses? Of light complexion this lad had probably never crossed the Ohio River before. He was about to celebrate his 18th birthday on September 10. It was exciting; he was young; he was with his friends; he was brave.



Camp Dennison

The organization of his regiment had begun at Camp Dennison near Cincinnati, Ohio. He was finally mustered in on the 13th day of September 1862, at Camp Salyer near Newport, Kentucky. The 108th also trained at Camp Salyer. The original four companies grew to eight companies in Kentucky. He became a member of Company "G". Richard had traded his apron and cooper's tools for a uniform and musket. He was a soldier now; he was a Yankee.

The next several months saw them crisis crossing Kentucky: Louisville, Shelbyville, Frankfort, Lawrenceburg, Bardstown, Bowling Green, Glasgow, Tomkinsville, and escape to Hartsville, TN. They had marched and camped, marched and camped,....It was 10 days from Frankfort to Bowling Green. Ten foot wavy days for a young recruit, marching 15 to 20 miles a day was not unusual. The 108th had tried before to capture John Hunt Morgan near Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. These endeavors did not succeed. Another regiment did not arrive on time. Morgan escaped. Now, November 28, they had escaped Morgan and were at Hartsville.

At Hartsville the commander of the 39th Brigade shifted, to Colonel Absalom B. Moore of the 104th Illinois, and so did their fortunes. On December 7, 1862 General Morgan captured the entire brigade. Hereafter, the 108th regretted having anything to do with the "Hartsville Affair". It was a permanent blemish on their

record. A “scar” they would carry along with the 106th Ohio, 104th Illinois, 2nd Indiana Cavalry, 13th Indiana Battery (section), and 11th Kentucky Cavalry, Company E.

This young man, whose father had been murdered five years earlier, was now a prisoner of war on his way to Murfreesboro, TN, South of the Cumberland River. On December 8, 1862 they were paroled. (John Hunt Morgan was commissioned a Brigadier General and married to 21 year old Martha Ready on December 11, 1862.) Richard was taken to Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio, (It is assumed by train) in disgrace. The regiment was then sent to Camp Dennison, where it all begun for the 108th, for reorganization. Finally, they were exchanged on January 12, 1863. They next were ordered to Lexington, KY, and stayed in the Central Kentucky area till May 1863.

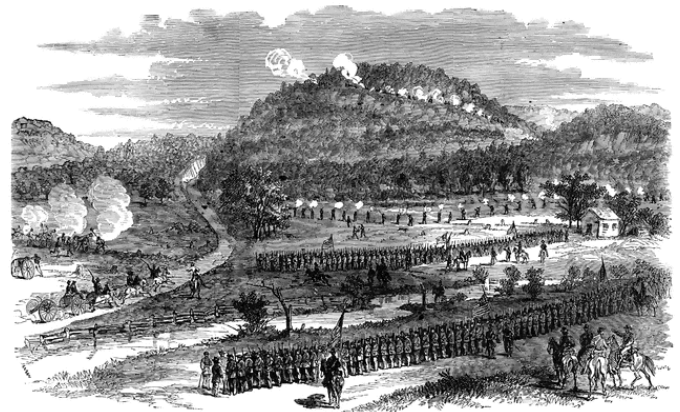
For now we are going to leave this ordinary young American soldier that grew up on the banks of the Whitewater River and Canal. Though he lived in Indiana on the Indiana/Ohio border he had probably never been more than 15 miles from home. Now he had crossed the Ohio and Cumberland Rivers; marched as much as 20 miles a day; been in battle and taken prisoner. He carried the shame of Hartsville. He had duty before him; adventure in his step and a sense of belonging to something big.

Let’s pick the story up again here.

The 108th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI) began railroad guard duty in May of 1863. They were moved from Central Kentucky to Nashville, Tennessee. From Nashville they guarded the railroad running to Chattanooga, TN. Life was hard and monotonous. But it would get harder, as guard duty changed to repairing road duty. This duty continued through Stevenson, AL., Anderson’s Cross Roads, TN., Battle Creek, TN., and Waldron’s Ridge, TN. All of this road repair duty was necessitated by General Rosecrans threatening of Bragg’s Confederate army in Chattanooga; the subsequent Battle of Chickamauga; and Rosecrans becoming “bottled-up” in Chattanooga. The last road, Waldron’s Ridge, TN., became the only open road for Rosecrans to obtain supplies. It was a narrow mountainous trail through the Sequatchie Valley. Keeping this mountain trail open in the mid-fall of 1863 had to be strenuous work. U. S. Grant would enter the picture in Chattanooga about this time. The 108th OVI camp was on the extreme slope of Moccasin Point at the foot of Lookout Mountain, as support for the 18th Ohio Battery. They were under Confederate artillery fire for 10 days at this location. The Union army would fight its way out of Chattanooga, crossing the Tennessee River November 22, 1863, with two days cooked rations in their haversacks. The One Hundred and Eighth engaged the enemy at Graysville, GA. The Rebels continued their retreat. This was the first real fighting Richard and the 108th had taken part in since the disaster at Hartsville, TN; and their only engagement of the Chattanooga Campaign.

General Burnside needed reinforcements against Longstreet at Knoxville. The One Hundred and Eight, with other regiments, was ordered to Knoxville. On this march Richard said he marched three days without

shoes on frozen ground. Somewhere around Morgantown, TN, they were ordered back to Chattanooga. They had been marching nearly four solid weeks.



Resaca

Next for this German Regiment would be the Atlanta Campaign of May-September 1864. At Resaca for four hours they stood their ground in a continuous hailstorm of bullets. In this battle they felt they more than redeemed themselves of the unfortunate “Hartsville Affair”. They fought next at Rome, GA, at Acworth, at Big Shanty, and at Kennesaw.

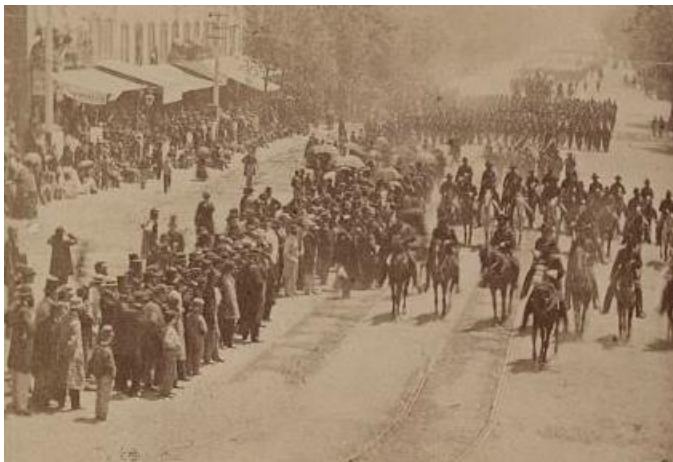
After the Kennesaw Mountain Battle, they were assigned to railroad guard duty. Their supply lines were long; extending from Nashville through Chattanooga to Atlanta. The railroads and bridges were vulnerable to Confederate raids and destruction. Guard duty would not end until November 1864. Most of this time their camp was at Dalton, GA. They were not present when the Union troops took Atlanta on September 1, 1864. The 108th OVI was in the 2nd Division of the 14 Corps. A white acorn was the corps emblem. The Corps Commander was Jefferson C. Davis, of Indiana fame. General James D. Morgan commanded the 2nd Division.

When notified of the “March to the Sea” Campaign they immediately broke camp in Dalton and advanced to Atlanta. The “March to the Sea” was uneventful as far as opposition/battles are concerned. They destroyed their part of a sixty-mile swath on their way to Savannah. Tearing up, burning, and wasting all that came before them. Savannah was taken December 20, 1864.

On February 1, 1865, Sherman turned his army toward South Carolina. At that time, the 14th Corps reported its strength at 14,420 infantry and artillery. It contained 47 regiments of infantry and 4 batteries of light artillery. The One Hundred and Eight was one of these regiments.

The Battle of Bentonville, NC, March 19-21, 1865, was to be perhaps the 108th’s finest stand. Six rebel attacks were repulsed. From there they would occupy Goldsboro, NC and advance to Raleigh, NC. Their last battle was near Smithfield, NC. Co. H lost a Captain in this battle. Confederate General Joseph E. Johnson’s final surrender was at the Bennett House near Durham Station, NC, April 26, 1865. U. S. Grant approved the terms of surrender at Raleigh, NC, the same day.

It was 192 miles from Raleigh to Richmond. They marched this in six and a half days. The march on to Washington, D.C. was at a much slower pace, arriving May 19, 1865. On this march, Richard went through six pairs of shoes. He said they were cheaply made. The Grand Review was May 24, 1865.



The Grand Review

Richard Teller was mustered out the 9th day of June 1865 with 412 other men, the balance of his regiment. They returned to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where it had all begun. During their service the 108th had lost 3 officers, 22 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 42 enlisted men by disease for a total of 67 men.

Richard's final train ride into camp and home, West Harrison, IN, was on the Little Miami Columbus & Xenia Railroad (LMC&XRR). His discharge papers were so stamped. The Civil War was over for Private Richard Teller and thousands of other Americans.

The balance of his life was spent in Indiana and Kentucky as a cooper. Most of it was spent in Jeffersonville, New Albany, and Louisville. His first wife Eliza Hahn Teller died in 1879 leaving three children, John Wendell, James Richard, and Anna Margaret. He never raised the children, but let her sisters who lived near Snow Hill, IN do the job for him. Many summers were spent at Snow Hill visiting nearby family and children. He would join the Grand Army of Republic (GAR) and obtained the rank of Jr. Vice Commander of the Department of Kentucky in 1937. He represented the Department as a delegate at two National Encampments in 1934 and 1938.

The memories of the war and his comrades of GAR were his life. Oh yes, he had a family and in his way was probably a family man. But in the bigger sense, the ghosts and apparitions of the war led, maybe struggling, but led, him to the companionship and embracement of the GAR.

(I have never seen this Snow Hill on a map of Indiana. But I have visited it many times over the years. At the center of New Trenton, Franklin County, IN you turn east on the New Trenton Road proceed up a large hill. Turn left at Seeley Road and Follow it to Snow Hill Road. This cross roads represents the area I know as Snow Hill, IN and is not to be confused with the village of Snow Hill in Randolph County, IN.)



JAMES A. GETTY TRIBUTE

By Maj. Gen. Robert Grim



James A. Getty delivers the Gettysburg Address at the Woolson Memorial during Remembrance Day

James A. Getty was best known for his portrayal of President Abraham Lincoln. He died at the age of 83 on September 26, 2015 at his home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He touched the lives of thousands of people throughout the nation portraying our 16th President Abraham Lincoln. He not only looked like Lincoln, but spoke like Lincoln and probably knew as much about Lincoln as the President knew about himself.



James A. Getty as President Abraham Lincoln

For more than three decades he played a major role in the Sons of Veterans Reserve's Remembrance Day activities in Gettysburg. Annually the SVR commemorates President Lincoln's now famous Gettysburg Address that was delivered on November 19, 1863 during the dedication of the Gettysburg National Military Cemetery which was created as a final resting place for many of the soldiers who died that July during the Battle of Gettysburg.

Getty was a member of the SUVCW Camp in Gettysburg and supported the SUVCW and SVR each year by participating in the Remembrance Day ceremony honoring the Grand Army of the Republic held at the Albert Woolson Memorial located in Ziegler's Grove on the Gettysburg Battlefield. His participation in this ceremony included delivering, in a flawless manner, the now famous Gettysburg Address.



President Lincoln discusses Remembrance Day with Col. Don Darby (left) and Col. Elmer (Bud) Atkinson

He was always the highlight of the annual SVR Remembrance Day military parade through the streets of Gettysburg. Some years he walked in the parade, some years he rode a horse and in recent years he rode in a horse drawn carriage. But, the throngs of spectators viewing the parade were always excited to see him. In addition, he would stand with the SVR General Staff for nearly an hour and accept the salute of the parade participants as they passed in review. In 2014 he received the highest individual award the SUVCW has to offer: the SUVCW Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star.

Getty was born on Jan. 17, 1932 in Fairbury, Illinois. He grew up in Colfax, Ill and graduated from Colfax's

Octavia High School. He earned a Bachelor of Education degree in music as well as a Master's degree in music from Illinois Wesleyan University.

Getty met his wife Joanne at the university and they were married on January 19, 1952. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War from 1952-56 as a radioman on the minesweeper USS Swift 122. He taught choral music at several different high schools in Illinois, Ohio, Connecticut, and Virginia and at colleges in Illinois, Ohio and Maine. He also directed numerous church choirs throughout his career. Getty and his wife made three different tours of Europe with high school student choirs.



President Lincoln travels by horse drawn carriage in the Remembrance Day Parade

Getty and his wife moved to Gettysburg, PA in 1977 and opened a small theatre called A. Lincoln's Place. Over the years he acquired a national reputation portraying President Abraham Lincoln. His voice is the one you hear at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. He performed at the Reagan Presidential Library, and from 1994-2006 he performed for the Delta Steamship Company's Civil War paddle wheel cruises and has spoken before the legislature in several states.

James Getty will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially his wife Joanne, and his four children. As Secretary of War Edwin Stanton said about Abraham Lincoln "He now belongs to the ages".



SVR Major General Robert E. Grim, President Lincoln and David Klinepeter portraying Pennsylvania Civil War Governor Andrew Curtin salute the troops from the SVR Reviewing Stand on Remembrance Day.



President Abraham Lincoln aka James Getty



Chances are 6 for \$5.00. Send your money to: Timothy Downey, 174 Berry Lane. Hustonville, KY 40437. Make checks or money orders to "Timothy Downey." The drawing will be held at the end of the year. Downey will mail the tool to the winner.



**CIVIL WAR
ARMY ORGANIZATION**

Maj General Robert Grim

COMPANY

100 men

(At full strength consisted of 100 men)

Commanded by a Captain

REGIMENT

1000 men

(At full strength consisted of 10 companies)

Commanded by a Colonel

BRIGADE

4000 men

(At full strength consisted of 4 regiments)

Commanded by a Brigadier General

DIVISION

12,000 men

(At full strength consisted of 3 brigades)

Commanded by either a Brigadier General or a Major General

Cavalry attached to a Division to do reconnaissance and guard infantry flanks

Artillery (4 Batteries) attached to a Division to silence enemy artillery and fire into ranks of advancing infantry

CORPS

60,000 men

(At full strength consisted of 5 Divisions)

Commanded by a Major General

1st Division – Red

2nd Division – White

3rd Division – Blue

4th Division – Green

5th Division – Orange



**BRIDGEWATER SCOUTS
3RD MILITARY DISTRICT
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE**

The Bridgewater Scouts company joined the MAJ James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 in manning a recruiting tent for our Orders at the Battle of Middle Creek reenactment. The reenactment was held September 12 on the original battlefield outside of Prestonsburg, KY. A number of Brothers joined various reenactor units on the field for the battles.

The Company will assist 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 Camp 7 from the beginning.

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

The Bridgewater Scouts SVR Company is holding a fundraising raffle for a new brass 3 in 1 revolver tool. The tool has a wedge punch for Colt style revolvers, a decapper and a nipple pick.

**CENOTAPH HONORS
CIVIL WAR UNKNWON DEAD
By 1st Lt Shane L. Milburn**

**SVR 3rd Military District
Reports Due**

**By Captain James Pahl, PCnC
Adjutant, 3rd Military District**

It is only a few months away, but these are the reports each unit needs to file in early 2016.

January

Each Unit is to submit to the District Adjutant by January 15 the following reports. Annual Unit Application, Form 3.

March

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

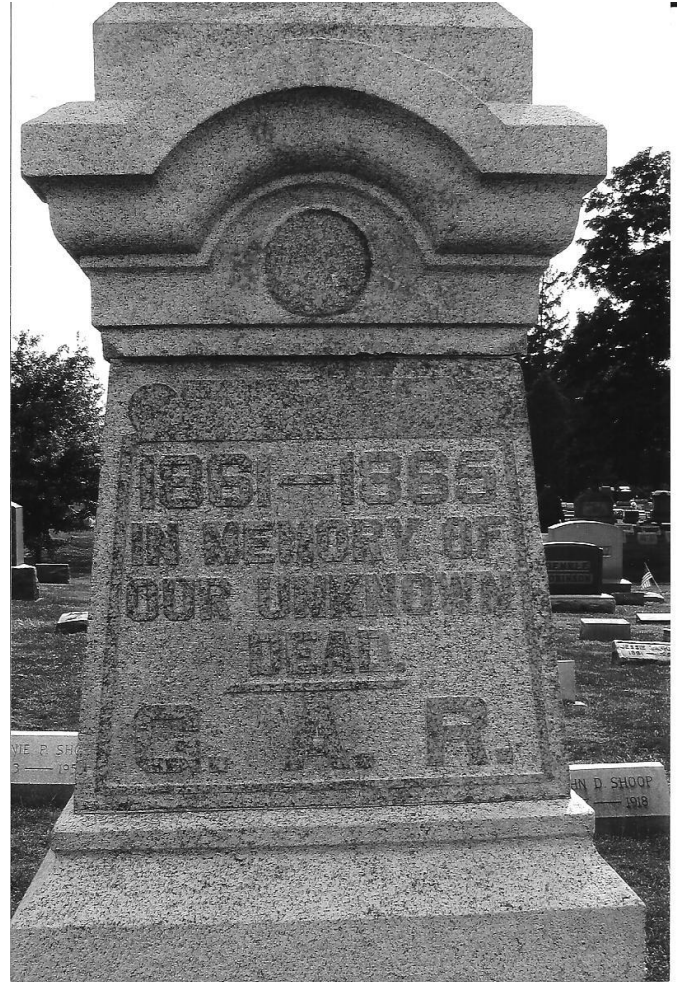
Annual Unit Strength Report, Form 19
Requests for Commission Form 1A, if needed

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". A cover letter to the Adjutant General is to accompany the reports; carbon copy the 3rd Military District Commander.

All forms are found on the SVR National website:
<http://suvchw.org/svr/forms.htm>



Inscription on GAR cenotaph

As veterans day nears it is time to honor not only our living military veterans, but also a time to reflect on the contributions of all those who have served our nation as members of the armed forces.

In the Washington Court House, Ohio Cemetery near the Judy Chapel stands a beautiful cenotaph honoring the unknown dead of the Civil War. Cenotaph is the name given to a monument erected in honor of a person buried elsewhere.

It is unknown who ordered and paid for this memorial, but it is reasonable to speculate that the local GAR members were involved.

The monument was delivered to the cemetery in 1902. The cemetery trustees donated the ground for its placement and the county commissioners helped with the expenses while the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Circle No. 25 taxed each member 25 cents to pay for the concrete foundation which cost \$16.00. The following inscription is on the monument "1861-1865 in Memory of Our Unknown Dead of GAR".

Until very recently the local Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic Circle No. 25 conducted a memorial service at the monument every year on May 30th the day



established by the Grand Army of the Republic as Decoration Day.

The members of Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Sons of Veterans Reserve unit assisted the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic by attending their Memorial Day ceremony and firing a musket salute. The members of Henry Casey Camp 92 SUVCW participated by placing a floral wreath at the cenotaph.



Cenotaph in Washington Cemetery

gave an in-depth history on the 13th Amendment. Rory Rennick portrayed the life of Henry "Box" Brown, a runaway slave from Virginia, who in 1849, made his way to freedom by mailing himself to Pennsylvania in a wooden crate to search for his wife and children. 1st Lt. Shane L. Milburn, assisted Sherman Camp #93 in their Color Guard/Honor Guard details.

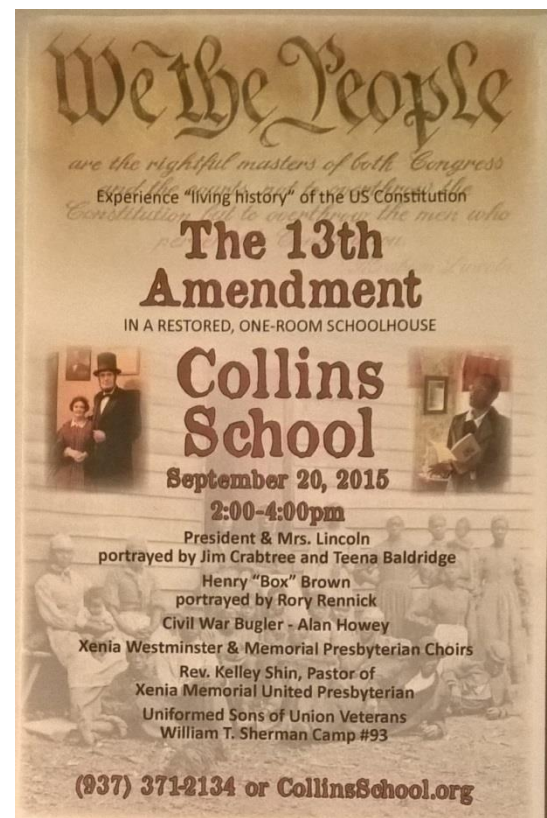
13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in the punishment for a crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



Rory Rennick presents his portrayal of Henry "Box" Brown. A replica of the crate he used is behind him. Photo credit Mike Spaulding.



Brochure handed out listing the events of the program.

13th Amendment Living History Exhibit Collins School By 1st Lt Shane L. Milburn

Xenia Twp., Greene Co., Ohio

On September 20, 2015, Collins School hosted a presentation on the 13th Amendment. Collins School is a restored one room school house located in Xenia Twp., Greene County, Ohio. Jim Crabtree and Teena Baldrige portrayed President and Mrs. Lincoln. President Lincoln



President Lincoln Honor Guard. 1st Lt. (dressed as Private) Milburn far right

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
MEMORIAL HALL
By 1st. Lt. Shane Milburn**



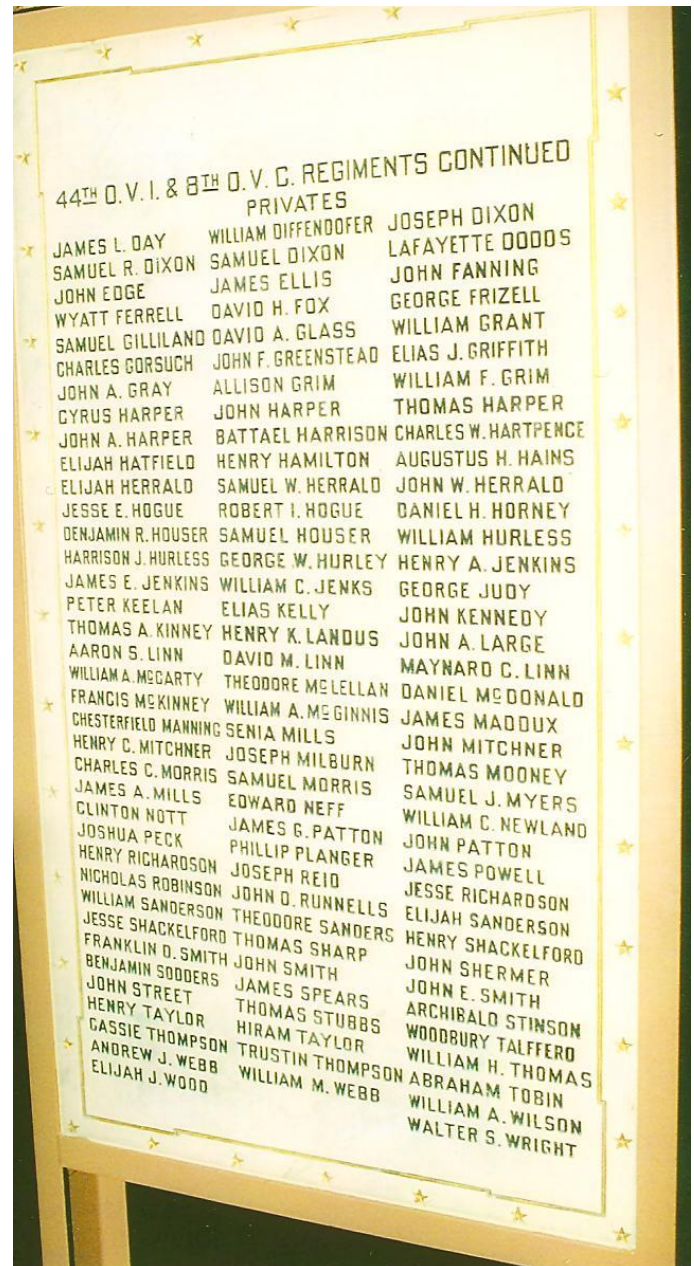
GAR China

At the close of the Civil War the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was formed by the returning Union Veterans and became the nation's first real veteran's organization. Throughout the nation the GAR erected monuments and memorials to honor those veterans who saved the Union of States.

In Fayette County, Ohio the GAR members decided it would be more practical and useful to have a meeting hall than to erect a statue or monument. They erected what became known as Memorial Hall on East Court Street. 221 East Court Street is now occupied by the Downtown 1 Hour Photo business.

The second floor of this building was used by the GAR members as a "rest room" for veterans of any American war. The room was well lighted and had easy chairs and lounging places free to all, and the

walls were artistically decorated with military pictures, including a heroic portrait in oil of General Phil Sheridan. There were shelves and cases in which quite a military library was kept for public use. The room and the building were heated by steam at a cost of four hundred dollars a year.



GAR memorial plaque. Pvt. William F. Grim listed on the plaque is the Great Grandfather of Major General Robert E. Grim who commands the SVR.

On this same floor was the spacious Grand Army room and at the rear of the building on this floor was the real "Memorial Hall". This hall was about sixty by eighty-five feet with self-supporting ceilings. Set permanently on all four walls were 41 pure white Italian marble tablets, six feet high, about two inches thick, more than three feet wide,

weighting four hundred pounds, and each inscribed with the names, regiment and company of 2,662 Fayette County soldiers.

One of the plaques bears the names of the county commissioners who were in office at the time and a list of the Memorial Hall Trustees.

The commissioners were: John M. Jones, V.C. Rowe, Robert W. Vincent, Charles Sollars, James Ford, Harry F. Brown, Edwin Weaver and Louis Persinger.

The Memorial Hall Trustees were: B. H. Millikan, George J. Robison, E. A. Ramsey, I.N. Rowe, Robert W. Vincent, J. W. Duffee and James A. Mclean.

One plaque is devoted exclusively to Baldwin Hartzelle Millikan who was a prominent businessman and community member. During the war he served as a private in Company C, 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was a very active member of the R.B. Hayes Post of the GAR and played a leading role in having Memorial Hall built and getting the plaques made and installed. He was also largely responsible for bringing the Ohio Department GAR encampment to Washington Court House in 1913.

The cost for having these marble tablets made in Italy and shipped to Washington Court House and installed on the walls of Memorial Hall was almost five thousand dollars.

There was thought given to including the names of Fayette County Confederate veterans on the plaques but the suggestion was dismissed. It was also reported that the Confederate veterans living in the county did not want their names on the plaques.

The Hall contained six hundred opera chairs and was the meeting place for all military gatherings including the Decoration Day (now called Memorial Day) services. The boys who "wore the loyal blue" would meet here; march to the cemetery and after decorating their comrades' graves would return to the hall and be served with a dinner by the Relief Corps ladies. May 30th was designated by the GAR as Decoration Day which is now observed as Memorial Day on the 4th Monday of May.

On the third floor of the building was a hall sixty-five by eighty-five feet with a splendid hardwood floor designed originally for the drill service of the National Guard. Here the Relief Corps ladies would do their work, including cooking and serving meals.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as well as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

also used the Hall. The Sons of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the GAR and the Relief Corps were groups closely allied with the GAR.

Circle 25 of the Ladies of the GAR was active in Fayette County until just a few years ago. Henry Casey Camp 92 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has chartered in 1992 and meets in Washington Court House.

The GAR Memorial Hall closed following the demise of the GAR members and in 1981 the marble tablets were removed and placed along the walls of the new senior citizens center built at 1179 Elm Street in Washington Court House where they can be viewed today.



**Lincoln Events
Troy, Ohio
By 1st Lt Shane L. Milburn**

A sculpture named "Return Visit" was placed on the Miami County Court House lawn in Troy Ohio on April 29 and remained there throughout the summer. The sculpture depicts President Abraham Lincoln discussing the Gettysburg Address with a "Modern-day Man." The sculpture weighs 40,000 pounds, is 30 foot tall and was created by Steward Johnson.



Lincoln Train Replica

A replica of the Lincoln Funeral Train visited Troy, Ohio from September 10-13, 2015. Event organizers say 17,000 visited the exhibit during its stay. Other exhibits were on display for visitors to see, courtesy of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ohio Valley Civil War Association and others. 1st Lt. Shane Milburn and Department Commander, Pvt. Shawn Cox attended the event. The Lincoln Funeral Train made a stop in Piqua, Ohio on April 30, 1865 for approximately a half

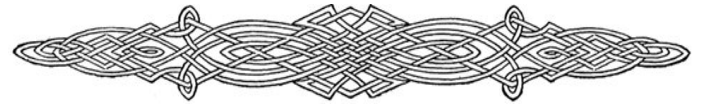
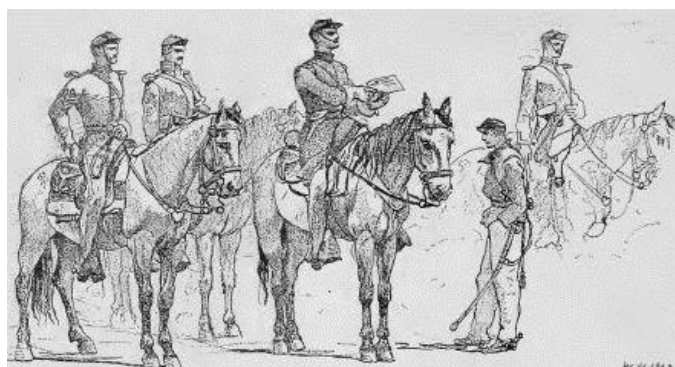
hour for a crew change, A track side memorial was held as well.



Lincoln Train Boarding Ticket



President Lincoln with Modern Day Man Statue

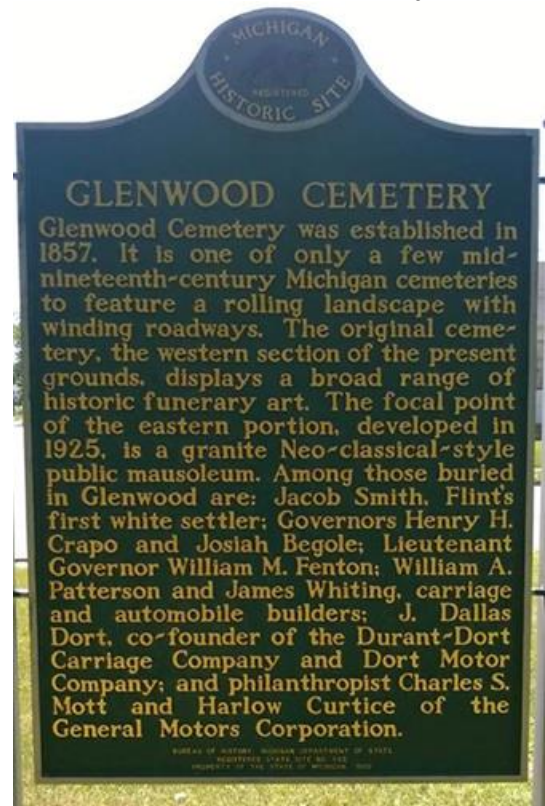


Campaigning with the Irish Rifle Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR



Capt. Morgan Gage, First Company A Commander and Former Commander of Forts Mackinac and Brady, Michigan

Back to the Bricks at the Historic Glenwood Cemetery



Back to the Bricks is an annual celebration of the history of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan. Brothers of Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR joined with the

Governor Henry H. Crapo Camp No. 145 for an interpretation of Flint area history at the historic Glenwood Cemetery, the final resting place of many notables of Genesee County.



Brothers of the Camp and Company Providing Information



Company Commander Dean Lamphere (who is also the Commander of the Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145) provided information about BG William Hawley's military career and time in Flint



Color Sergeant Ed Dowd with "Jacob Smith." Ed provided information about Col. Thomas Stockton and his family.



Brother Lloyd Lamphere spoke about Col. William Fenton and his military career and relationship to Flint.



Color Sergeant Dowd also provided information about Col. George Deas, CSA, and Gen. James Longstreet, CSA, both related to Col. Stockton and with ties to the Flint area.



Captain Lamphere also provided information about Col. William McCreery's Civil War record and his daring escape from Libby Prison - "It's the Great Escape without Steve McQueen and motorcycles!"

On To Richmond

The Company was well represented at the 2015 National Encampment in Richmond, Virginia on August 21-23. The Department of Michigan sent 8 delegates.



SVR members Captain Dean Lamphere, Michigan Senior Vice Department Commander, James Pahl, PCinC and Paul Davis PDC attended the SVR Breakfast on Saturday morning accompanied by Jan Davis, Vice President, ASUVCW Department of Michigan. Other 14th Michigan Co. A members who also attended the National Encampment included Don Shaw, PDC and Dept. Commander Dale Aurand.



The Michigan Delegation the National Encampment with SVR members (front row) Paul Davis, PDC (center), Don Shaw, PDC, COA.(back row) SVR Brothers Captain Lamphere, Dept. Commander Dale Aurand and 1st Sergeant James Pahl, PCinC.



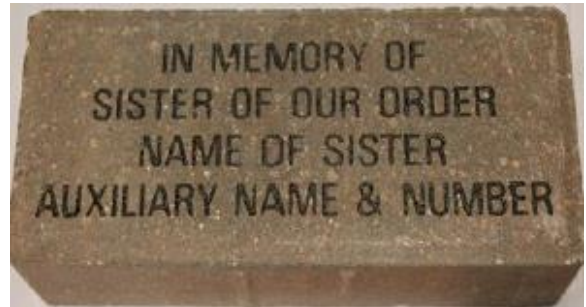
14th Michigan to Raise Funds for the Stephenson Monument in Petersburg, Illinois

After listening to the plea for funds, the members of the 14th Michigan present at the Memorial Service for Dr. Benjamin Stephenson, founder of

the GAR, voted to make a donation toward the purchase of a paver in the to-be-renovated plaza.

The Captain suggested a \$5.00 donation from each member would raise enough money to pay for one paver (brick) with our name on it. If you wish to make a donation in any amount, please send your donation to Dean Lamphere.

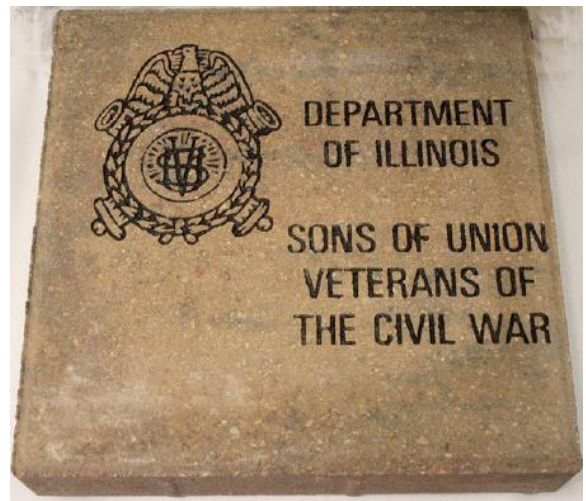
Currently we have collected \$130.00 toward our goal.



4" x 8" \$150.00



8" x 8" \$250.00



12" x 12" \$500.00

14th Michigan SVR Members Participate in River of Time Event in Bay City, Michigan

Bay City, Michigan is the home to the annual River of Time held in Veterans Park along the Saginaw River where historic reenactors represent the many historic eras of Michigan's history. Participants readily interact with visitors explaining and demonstrating the various aspects of the era they represent. The Irish Rifle was well represented by some of our most outstanding and outgoing Brothers.



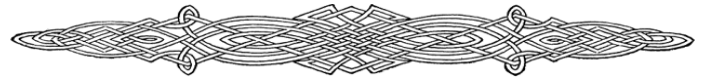
Ron Schull demonstrates musketry to student on school education day.



Jim Pahl joined the Army as a WW II MP



"Sailor" Bob, Duaine "Badger" Phillips, Paul and Al Tingley at River of Time



The Graveside Dedication of Pvt. Joseph A. Fisher and Recognition of Pvt. Madison Fisher

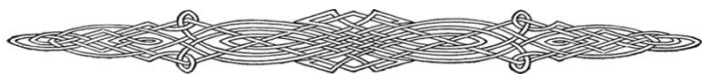
Oct. 10, 2015 – Members of Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry participated with the Brothers of Camp #250 Wa-Bu-No Dept. of Michigan in a Grave Dedication of Pvt. Joseph A. Fisher and Recognition of Pvt. Madison Fisher. The 14th's Honor Guard was joined by members of the following organization to honor these Union Veterans of Native American ancestry: Anishinabe Ogitchidaw Veterans and Warrior Society, Mt. Pleasant Area Historical Society, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, National Society Daughters of Union Veterans, Society Daughters of Indian Wars, Isabella County Chapter DAR, Bugles Across America and local American Legion Post. It was a well-attended service with members of all of the organizations listed and the local community. Michigan Department Commander Dale Aurand, a member of the 14th was present and was able to present to Len Thomas of the Swartz Creek Historical Society, on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Chad Campbell, with the Founders Award that presented during the National Encampment for the SUVCW in August at Richmond, Virginia. Both veterans survived the war and were able to live full lives. Neither brother was marked with a stone to remember their service and through the work of Len Thomas of the Swartz Creek Historical Society and connections with the Mt. Pleasant Historical Society where able to locate these two brothers who were originally thought to be buried

together in Swartz Creek but before placing the stone for both in June it was realized that only Madison was there and the search began to locate Joseph.





The Company's Soldier Salute



Recognizing Henry E. Plant

Oct. 16, 2015 – Henry E. Plant Camp #3 Department of Michigan, dedication, namesake Henry E. Plant was a Civil War Veteran with Co. F 14th Michigan Infantry and in the Battle of Bentonville (North Carolina) on March 19th he rescued the colors of the 14th Michigan after seeing

the Regimental color barrier being mortally wounded and rallied the Regiment in the charge. Henry E. Plant was later made the Color Barrier of the 14th Michigan Infantry because of his heroic actions even though he was only 5' 3" tall. He was also promoted to the rank of Sergeant. On April 27, 1896 Sgt. Plant was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions being the first soldier in the United States to receive it for rescuing his own colors. Sgt. Plant was also the first Medal of Honor recipient from Ottawa County. After the Civil War Henry Plant became a farmer with his farmland at the corner of Leonard Street/Road and 120th Avenue in the Nunica/Spoonbill area of Crockery Township, Ottawa County. Members of Company A, 14th Michigan were present for this service and glad to remember and honor a member of the historical regiment. Those in attendance reported it was a well-attended and interesting service.



Private Henry Seals' Dedication Program

Oct. 18, 2015 – From Camp #135 March to the Sea Department of Michigan News Letter – “The dedication ceremony for Private Henry Seals’ grave marker was a resounding success. Twenty eight members of the Sturgis High School band started things off with America the Beautiful and Battle Hymn of the Republic, followed by a wreath presentation by the ladies of the DAR, presentation of a proclamation commemorating the event by State Representative Aaron Miller, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War dedication service topped off with Military Honors provided by the Michigan Army National Guard Honor Guard with the folded flag being presented to Jacquie Robbins a great, great niece of Private Seals. We were blessed with beautiful weather and great support from the 14th MI SVR, Camp 20 and a visit from Department Commander Aurand. Anne Davis and Jan Northrup have continued to be busy in locating unmarked veteran graves and in procuring VA stones for them. They have located five in the

County Infirmary grave yard for which two stones have been ordered and one received, one in Constantine with a stone on order and possibly two more in White Pigeon. We are planning to conduct a service for the five at the County Infirmary this coming spring, with the others to follow. The ladies enthusiasm is truly inspiring.”



GETTYSBURG, PA
59th Annual
Remembrance Day Parade
November 21, 2015



Upcoming Company Activity
2015 Calendar of Events, 14th Michigan A, SVR

November (2015)

- Gettysburg Trip –
- 19th - (SVR/SUVCW) Leave 606 Mackinaw Street, Durand Michigan for Gettysburg, PA Departure is at 7:00 am loading first
- 20th- (SVR/SUVCW) Battlefield Tour (Gettysburg the retreat following the battle)
- 21st - (SVR/SUVCW) Remembrance Day Events and Parade
- 22nd - (SVR/SUVCW) Gettysburg Tour and Company Dinner (Reservations for 16 at Hickory Bridge Farm
- 23rd - (SVR/SUVCW) Return to Durand

December (2015)

- 12th – (SUVCW) Camp No. 145 Camp Christmas Dinner – SVR is invited please RSVP

April (2016)

- 15th – Lincoln Tomb Service Trip. Arrival in Aurora in route to Springfield
- 16th – (SUVCW/SVR) Lincoln Tomb Service Springfield, IL
- 17th – Return to Aurora

Sponsored by the Sons of Veterans Reserve, the Military Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

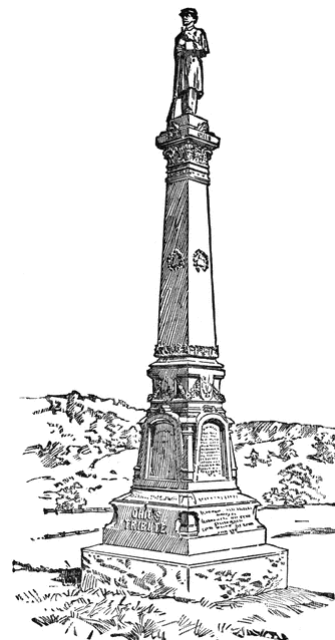
Parade briefing at the Wyndham Hotel at 9:30AM on 21 November 2015

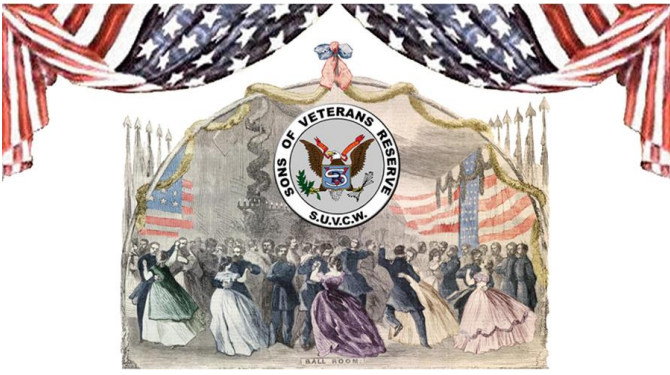
Units form up at Noon on Lefever Street between Baltimore Street and East Confederate Avenue

Parade will step off at 1:00 PM

For further information, please contact:

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ORIGINAL CIVIL WAR BALL

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band with dances led by the Victorian Dance Ensemble
 Period dress encouraged, but not required
 Door prizes, plus prizes for Ladies Cake Walk
 Cash Bar

Time: 8PM, 21 November 2015

Place: Wyndham Hotel -Gettysburg
 Rt. 15 & Rt. 30

Price: \$20 per person in advance

\$25 per person at the door

Make check out to "SVR Remembrance
 Day Ball"

Include stamped, self-addressed envelope for
 tickets

Mail to:

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 cell 740-815-3284

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Ticket orders received after 14 November will be
 distributed at the Ball

**BALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO THE
 GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK FOR
 MONUMENT PRESERVATION**

CLASSIFIEDS

*(Intended for Brothers seeking to sell or trade items
 pertaining to their participation in the Sons of
 Veterans Reserve).*

Items offered by District Commander, Major Alan
 Teller (alan.teller@comcast.net). All monies *(from this
 sale)* benefit the SVR 27th Indiana Infantry!

This is new 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.

