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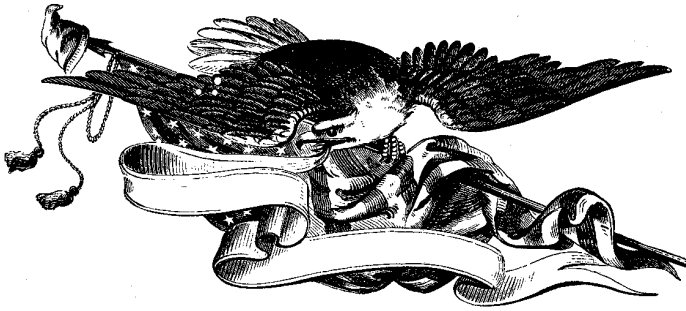
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War Camp is named in Casey's honor, and Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Sons of Veterans Reserve is named in honor of the military unit Corporal Casey served with. Some of the members of the SVR unit gathered at his grave site in the Bloomingburg Cemetery this week and conducted a Memorial Day floral wreath laying ceremony.

Message from District Commander, Captain Ed Krieser

**National Encampment
Saturday Morning
SVR Breakfast**

Those attending the National Encampment, don't miss the SVR Breakfast Saturday morning. It is the place to be for all SVR members. Send in your reservations.

**Remembrance Day
20 November 2010
In Gettysburg**

Clean up those uniforms, wear your badges. Show pride in our ancestor's sacrifices and efforts to preserve the Union. There is something to be said about marching under the Flags as they did many times. It would be great to be a maximum effort event for the Third Military District.

Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Sons of Veterans Reserve

COUNTY'S MOST HONORED HEROES NOT FORGOTTEN

Corporal Henry Casey from Bloomingburg is one of only four Fayette County, Ohio residents to receive the nation's highest military award for valor; the Congressional Medal of Honor. All four earned their Medals during the Civil War. The local Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil



Members of Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry place a floral wreath at the grave of Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Corporal Henry Casey who is buried in the Bloomingburg, Ohio Cemetery. Left to right: Private James L. Grim, Corporal Shawn A. Cox, 1st Sgt. William E. Radabaugh, and Company Commander 1st Lt. Robert E. Morris.

Corporal Casey received his Medal 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." General Grant also gave him a 30 day furlough for his valor.

Following the war Corporal Casey became active in the Bloomingburg Marian Judy Post of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and also served as treasurer of Bloomingburg Lodge No. 449 Free and Accepted Masons from 1873 until his death on May 9, 1919 at the age of 81. For the past several years the Bloomingburg Lodge has been responsible for conducting Memorial Day services at the Bloomingburg Cemetery.

Two of the four Medal of Honor recipients are buried in the Washington Court House Cemetery: Sergeant Major Francis M. McMillen and Corporal Isaac Carman. McMillen served in Company C, 110th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died in 1913 at the age of 81. Corporal Carman served in Company A, 48th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died in 1919 at the age of 78.

The other Medal of Honor recipient is First Lieutenant David Jones who served in Company C, 54th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was born at Rock Mills in Fayette County and died in 1911 at the age of 70 and is buried in the Good Hope Cemetery.

All four Medal of Honor recipients have special grave markers identifying them as recipients of the nation's highest award for valor.

A wreath was also placed on the grave of the last Fayette County Civil War veteran, Elon Thornton who served in Company D, 168th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and died in 1941 at the age of 97. He is buried in the Washington Court House Cemetery not far from Corporal Carman and Sgt. Major McMillin.

Robert E. Grim



Co D 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Memorial Day Activities

Co. D, 27th Indiana Volunteer infantry took part in three Memorial Day Ceremonies. Two were done on Sunday, May 30, 2010, with Orlando A. Somers Camp #1. We fired three volleys at both sites and placed our flags at the monument and later the grave. We were represented by two guns, 1st Sgt. Larry Myer and Pvt. Larry Ebert. Also in attendance was Unit Commander 1st Lt. Alan Teller and Pvt. Jonathan Ebert. First they did a service in Marion, IN at the GAR Monument in the Estates of Serenity Cemetery. (Next year, 2011, is the 100th Anniversary of this monument.) Then they moved on to the grave of John C. Adams in Gas City, IN located in the Riverside Cemetery. John C. Adams was the last living Civil War Soldier in Indiana. He died 17 February 1949. He served in Co. C 17th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry.



photo, l. to r. Alan Teller, Larry Myer, Mike Beck, Garry Walls, Bruce Kolb, Andy Kolb (photo by Graham Morey).

We then participated in a service with Benjamin Harrison Camp #356 at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN on Monday, May 31. We again placed our flags on each side of the grave marker and fired three volleys. We were represented by three guns, 1st Sgt. Larry Myer, Sgt. Mike Beck, and Cpl. Garry Walls. Other members of the 27th IVI were Unit Commander 1st Lt. Alan Teller, 2nd Lt. Bruce Kolb, and Pvt. Andrew Kolb. The service was done for James R. Carnahan, Past Indiana Department Commander, 1882-1883, of the GAR.

He served in Co. I 11th Indiana Zouave Regiment and left the service as a Capt. of Co. K 86th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was the first to propose building a war memorial on Governors Circle in Indianapolis. He was a member of Robert Anderson Post #369 of the GAR in Indianapolis.



photo l. to r. Larry Ebert, Jonathan Ebert, Nathaniel Sellers, Allen Moore, PCinC, Teresa Ebert, Larry Myer, Alan Teller, Ned Baker, Jake Elkin, Matt Elkin, (Lee Ann Teller took the picture.)

Commander Downey read Logan's Memorial Day General Order. Brother Dave Gambrel delivered the main speech of the service.

Also on Saturday, Members joined with the Nelson – Garfield Camp 3 to set out flags and took part in the rededication of the Linden Grove Cemetery in Covington, KY.

On Sunday the 30th, our Camp 3 Members represented the Department of Kentucky at a confederate headstone dedication in the Linden Grove Cemetery.

Finally, on Monday the 31st, our Camp 3 Brothers participated in parades in Independence and Covington, KY as well as services at the Kenton County, KY Courthouse and Linden Grove.

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

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
2010
ACTIVITIES**

On Thursday the 27th, Members of the Company took part in the service and flag placement in the Evergreen Cemetery in Southgate, KY.

On Saturday, the 29th, the Company joined with the MAJ James H. Bridgewater Camp 7 to host a service in the Logan's Creek Cemetery in Lincoln County, KY. The cemetery contains the marker and grave of MAJ Bridgewater, as well as a marker for PVT Philip Shanks of the 124th US Colored INF. The service included an opening and closing prayer, a reading of Oliver Wendell Holmes' 1884 Memorial Day speech and the firing of a salute over the graves.

After this service, the Brothers joined in the service at the Buffalo Springs Cemetery in nearby Stanford, KY. This service is hosted by a number of local veteran's organizations. Scouts

**Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry,
Sons of Veterans Reserve
"The Irish Volunteers"**



Field and Staff Officers of the 14th Michigan Veterans Volunteer Infantry courtesy of the Michigan Archives

The SVR detail serving within the boundaries of the Department of Michigan has emerged from its routine trips to Springfield and Gettysburg with a larger mission starting last year with a call to support the Lockwood Camp No. 139 at a headstone rededication service in Harrisville, Michigan on Oct. 9, 2009.



Harrisville Headstone Rededication Ceremony – Oct. 9, 2009. (L-R: Dean Lamphere, Len McInerney, Bill Morris, Duaine “Badger” Phillips, Don Shaw, Paul Davis)

Then as a unit we scheduled an appointment with the tailors of the Quartermaster Shop and some of the members purchased new elements for their uniforms to prepare for our future events.



Quartermaster Shop – Kimball, Michigan – Feb. 19, 2010. (L-R: Rich Myers, Jack Frost, Jonathan McInerney, “Sailor” Bob, Len McInerney, Quartermaster Shop Tailor, Lloyd Lamphere, Don Shaw, Ron Shull, Duaine “Badger” Phillips)

We then returned to the Harrisville, Michigan area for a training camp that we held with the cooperation of the community and our Brothers and Sisters from the Alpena Area. It was a great training session for the troops and

excellent bonding experience with the community. We are working into our planning for the coming year to have a training session in early May on an annual basis and offering it open to all reenactors and members of Camps interested in participating with the SVR or their own Camp Guards.



SVR Training - Firings Mar. 26-28, 2010 Lincoln, MI

The company then participated in the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois as part of the SUVCW and MOLLUS combined service. Later the unit visited local historical sites and this year it was the New Salem State Historical Site, the proceeded to Petersburg, Illinois to participate with our Brothers from the State of Illinois in the Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson ceremony one of the founders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We stayed overnight in the city of Springfield and then visited the Lincoln Home and Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library before returning home.

Normally, as a unit, we leave our membership to participate with their local camps for Memorial Day services, but this year several of the Camps (LeValley-Heusted Camp No. 255, Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 and U. S. Grant Camp No. 67) within the Department worked together and invited the SVR to assist with their Memorial Service plans.

Members of the SVR attended a church service in uniform in Mayville, Michigan before proceeding

to the Fremont Cemetery and, with the members of church, performed a memorial service. On observed Memorial Day those same Camps again came together to support the Headstone Re-Dedication Service at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Bay City, Michigan

Our mission has grown from participating in Gettysburg and Springfield each year and representing in uniform the men from Michigan. That new mission being supporting when possible various services across the state of Michigan; however with that new mission we need addition members. We are continuing to strive to recruit new Brothers of the Order and Members of the Company.



Lincoln Tomb Ceremony – Springfield, IL Apr. 17, 2010 (L-R: Dean Lamphere, Ed Dowd, Rich Myers, Ron Shull, Rich Laarman, and Don Shaw)



Lincoln's New Salem Historic Site – New Salem, IL Apr. 17, 2010. (L-R: Dean Lamphere, Ed Dowd, Don Shaw, Ron Shull, Rich Laarman, Rich Myers)



Decoration Day Memorial Service Fremont Cemetery Mayville, MI – May 30, 2010. (L-R: Dean Lamphere, Don Shaw, Ken Martin, Bill Morris, Sailor "Bob", Paul Davis, Ed Dowd and Matt Adair)



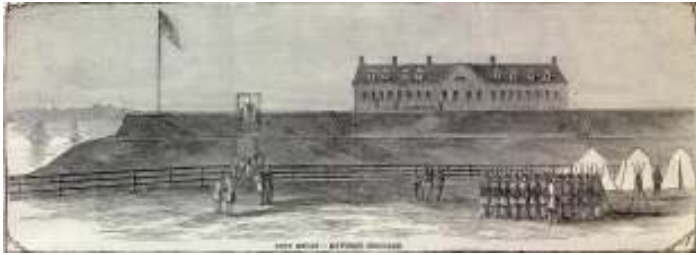
Memorial Day Headstone Rededication Ceremony / Memorial Service Pine Ridge Cemetery Bay City, MI, May 31, 2010. (L-R: Paul Davis, Dean Lamphere, Bill Morris, Ken Marin, Jack Frost, David Reid, Len McInerney, Jonathan McInerney, Rick Greene, Charles Buckhahn, and Don Shaw)

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Fort Wayne (MI) at Risk

One of the Gems in Michigan's Civil War Crown Jewels is in danger of closing its doors.



Fort Wayne, located on the Detroit River opposite Winsor, Ontario was constructed during the 1840s as one of the nation's border fortifications. It is the only surviving fortification in Michigan that remained occupied through the Civil War. The post and its surrounding grounds remained a military post into the Vietnam era when the Federal government turned the facility over to the City of Detroit.

Over the years the post fell into disuse and greatly suffered from lack on simple maintenance but a few short years ago several volunteers started breathing life into the facility. The grounds were cleaned of and repairs on the structures started. Over time, the post again began welcoming visitors and living historians.

Most recently, the economic setbacks the City of Detroit has experienced has put the Fort at risk again. The grounds are now administered by the city's Recreation Department and they are in danger of having their budget slashed. It is probable that if that occurs the grounds of the Fort will be closed and the structures will again begin to deteriorate. While several community and historically minded citizens are lobbying the Detroit City Council to continue funding the fort, at the time of this writing its future remains in question.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



The 129th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

August 12 - 15, 2010

Overland Park Marriott Hotel, Overland Park,
Kansas

Saturday, August 14 at 7:00 am

Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast

\$15.00 per person, reservations must be
received before August 1.

Saturday, August 14 at 6:00 pm

The Allied Orders Banquet

Reservations must be received before July 31

Sunday, August 15 at 7:00 am

Worship Service conducted by the National
Chaplain on-site.

Remembrance Day Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

A partial list of activities and events occurring during
the weekend at and near Gettysburg

Ongoing

David Wills House

- Cast a Ballot for the 1860 Presidential Election
- Meet Edward Everett who delivered the "other"
Gettysburg Address

American Civil War Museum

- Living History Encampment

Friday November 19

- Lincoln Fellowship Dedication Day Activities
- 10:15 am Wreath Laying Soldiers National
Cemetery
- 10:30 am Gettysburg Address at the Rostrum
- 11:15 am USCT graveside salute
- 4:00 pm Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
presentation on the Gettysburg Address

Saturday November 20

- The Sons of Veterans Reserve Breakfast
- Parade Commanders Meeting
- Service at the Woolson Monument
- Parade from LeFever St to the grounds of
Gettysburg National Military Park
- The National Civil War Ball at the Eisenhower
Hotel Conference Center and Resort
- 8th Annual Remembrance Illumination, Soldiers
National Cemetery

Sunday November 21

- 10:00am-11:00am Civil War Chapel Service
U.S. Christian Commission Log Chapel

