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Major General, SVR
Commanding

Attested
Donald E. Darby
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1. Effective this date, The Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Council hereby promote Captain Wayne Eder to the rank of Major to serve as such until the 16th Day of November 2024. Major Eder is assigned as the Commander of the 6th Military District.

2. Also effective this date, the Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Council promotes Captain Jerome Kowalski to the rank of Major, to serve as such until the 16th day of November 2024 or until properly relieved. Major Kowalski will continue to act as Chaplain for the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

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3 November 2020

Attention to Orders

SVR General Order 2020-01

1. It is with deepest regret and sorrow that the Commanding General, SVR, announces the passing of Major Steven Betschart, 6th Military District Commander.

2. All SVR membership badges will be draped with black ribbon effective this date, 3April 2020, for a period of 30 days.

3. Please take time to remember Brother Betschart's family in your thoughts and prayers.

4. 6th Military District Chief of Staff, Captain Wayne Eder, will be in charge of the 6th Military District until a new Commander can be appointed.



SVR General Order 2020-03

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve with the approval of the Military Affairs Council hereby promotes Captain Kevin Tucker to the rank of Major to serve as such until the 16th Day of November 2024. Major Tucker is assigned as the Commander of the 1st Military District. By Order

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1 December 2020

planning, organizing, and coordinating the activities necessary to conduct the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Military Parade,

4. Colonel Stephen A. Michaels, PCinC, Sons of Veterans Reserve Inspector General, is assigned responsibility for planning, organizing, and coordinating the activities necessary to conduct the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Original Military Ball.

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SVR General Order 2020-04

1. Effective this date, The Commanding General Sons of Veterans Reserve accepts the request for transfer to the SVR Inactive Reserve of Major Eric Peterson, Commander of the 7th Military District SVR. The Commanding General wishes to express his gratitude for the service and dedication of Major Peterson to the SVR and the Boys in Blue. Major Peterson will be transferred to the Inactive Reserve at his current rank.

2. Effective this date, the Commanding General of the SVR appoints Captain David DuBruq to the position of Commander, Third Military District, SVR. Captain DuBruq will maintain the rank of Captain. Captain DuBruq will appoint his staff in the near term.

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SVR General Order 2021-02

20 May 2021

1. This Order prescribes the rules for participation in the Annual Sons of Veterans Reserve Remembrance Day Parade held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This Order revokes General Order 2012-15 issued 16 September 2012 and all previous SVR Orders governing the Remembrance Day Parade; except SVR General Order 2013-9 dated 23 November 2013.

2. All persons participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade will be dressed in American Civil War era attire or Grand Army of the Republic uniform. Military uniforms worn will be either Union or Confederate military originals or reproductions or Grand Army of the Republic originals or reproductions. Civilian attire of the mid 1800's is acceptable. Footwear must be appropriate for the Civil War era uniform or dress authorized by this Order. Parade participants may not wear sandals, sneakers and similar modern-day footwear. Only the following will be permitted to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in modern business suit or dress attire with the badge of their Order affixed. Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sisters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sisters of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Members of the Order of Stars and Bars, and Members of the Order of Confederate Rose.

3. No unit participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade shall stop in the line of march and allow another unit to enter unless specifically directed to do so by one of the Parade Marshals.

4. Any Unit may be removed or rejected from participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade at the discretion of the Parade Marshal and/ or the Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

SVR GENERAL ORDER 2021-01

28 April 2021

1. It is with great regret that the Commanding General sons of Veterans Reserve honors the request of Brig. General Henry E. Shaw Jr., Deputy Commander Sons of Veterans Reserve, to be relieved of his Gettysburg Remembrance Day duties. Brig. General Shaw has performed these duties in an outstanding manner and with great dedication and proficiency for over a decade.

2. Ensign Ken L. Freshley, PCinC, is assigned responsibility for planning, organizing, and coordinating the activities necessary to conduct the Gettysburg Remembrance Day ceremony at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial (Woolson Monument).

3. Major David K. Hann, Sons of Veterans Reserve Provost Marshal, is assigned responsibility for

5. No one participating in the parade may ride in or on or operate a motorized vehicle or conveyance except police and emergency vehicles necessary to secure the safety of parade participants. This includes such items as scooters, rascals etc.

6. Horse trailers will be required to park in specified areas for the staging of the Remembrance Day Parade. Horse trailers found in other locations will be reported to the proper authorities for prosecution and/or towing.

7. No. float shall be permitted in the annual Remembrance Day Parade. 8. All wheeled conveyances being pulled by draft animals shall be required to have affixed a diaper for the draft animal pulling them.

9. All participants in the Remembrance Day Parade that are mounted or riding in the animal drawn conveyance will be required to clean up and properly dispose of all manure left by their animal over the course of the formation and duration of the parade as well as in the area around their horse trailer. Animals shall not be permitted on any of the sidewalks or grassy areas of the mustering location.

10. Caps, powder, ammunition, explosive or incendiary devices shall not be carried by any of the participants in the Remembrance Day Parade.

11. All persons participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade will form at the locations designated by the Parade Marshal. There will be no exceptions to this.

12. All Parade Banners must be approved by the Parade Provost Marshal. 13. All flags in the parade must be of the Civil war period with the exception of flags used by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Sons of Veterans Reserve; the Allied Orders; MOLLUS; SCV; MOSB and the UDC.

14. At least one representative from each unit or organization participating in the parade should attend the parade briefing held at 9:30 a.m. at the Sons of Veterans Reserve Headquarters hotel.

15. Any group or individual failing to obey the orders of the Provost Marshals will be subject to removal from the parade by the police. All provost marshals wear a yellow arm band issued by the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

16. If a parade participant feels threatened by a spectator, protestors, or parade participant they should notify a parade provost marshal or police officer. DO NOT TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS.

17. The use of drugs or alcohol by parade participants is prohibited. Violators will be removed from the parade by police.

18. Only one person portraying President Abraham Lincoln is permitted in the parade. That person is the individual authorized by the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Anyone dressed as President Lincoln who has not been

authorized by the Sons of Veterans Reserve will be removed from the parade.

19. Only those persons designated by the Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve shall be permitted at the SVR parade reviewing area.

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Rendezvous at the Woolson Monument c. 1995

SVR Commanding General's Memorial Day Message

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All,

Today, 30 May, is the original Memorial Day (1868-1970). Tomorrow, is Memorial Day, as observed. It is the day that we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country.



Sgt. Ray Lambert

worldatwarbook.weebly.com/meet-the-veterans.html

I quote Ray Lambert, a decorated D-Day combat medic who passed away 9 April, 2021, on this the most hallowed of day.

“As a combat medic my job was to save people and lead others who did the same. I was proud of my job. My job now is to remember, not for my sake, but for

the sake of others. When I go to look at the beaches of Omaha, I remember all my friends killed there. And when I look at the Channel and the water is rough, it seems at times I can hear voices."

Lest we forget.
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SVR OFFICIALS TESTIFIES IN FAVOR OF LAW TO PROTECT CIVIL WAR CANNONS



Major General Robert E. Grim

For the past five years Brothers of the Ohio Department have been trying to get the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation to protect Civil War cannons. In 2017 Major Don Grant, SVR Third Military District Chief of Staff, convinced his state representative to introduce H.B. 48 in the 132nd Ohio General Assembly House of Representatives. The Bill was assigned to the Criminal Justice Committee and never got a hearing.

In 2019 the same representative introduced H.B. 155 in the 133 Ohio General Assembly House of Representatives and the Bill was assigned to the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee. This time the Bill got a hearing. Maj. Gen. Grim testified before the committee and Major Grant offered written support of the Bill. The Bill received a

unanimous favorable vote from the committee. However, it never came up on the House Calendar for a vote.

By 2021 the state representative sponsoring the Bill was a state senator. He introduced the Bill as S.B. 59 in the Senate of the 134th Ohio General Assembly. It was assigned to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety. On March 2, 2021 Maj. Gen. Grim testified before the committee in favor of the Bill and Maj. Grant supplied written support. The Bill received a unanimous favorable vote from the committee, but has not been put on the Senate Calendar for a vote. This time a companion bill was introduced in the House of Representatives as H.B 190. On April 21, 2021 Maj. Gen. Grim testified before the committee in support of the Bill and Maj. Grant supplied written testimony. The committee is expected to vote on the Bill by the middle of May. If it gets a favorable vote, it has a good chance of getting on the House Calendar since one of the co-sponsors is the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

The Ohio General Assembly is in session for a two-year period so the 134th General Assembly will not end until December 31, 2022. There is still plenty of time for these Bills known as "The Ohio Veterans' Heritage Act" to pass.

The proposal prohibits cannons or artillery from any American War located on public property from being sold, purchased or otherwise disposed of by any person.



THE 1ST OHIO LIGHT ARTILLERY, BATTERY I

Like most SVR units, the recent activities of the 1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery I were cut short due to the impact of COVID 19 causing scheduled activities to be cancelled. The Battery instead offers some information of the members and about the some of the equipment used for demonstration and display.



A Mountain Rifle crew of Battery I from the left to the right are Brothers, Pvt Jeremy Grant, Pvt Mike Bash Jr, 2nd Lt Don Grant Sr, and Cpl Don Grant Jr. In the background is Chance, the Battery's Powder Monkey.



Shown here is the Battery's 19-inch (Confederate) mortar (left). Beside the mortar is a 1-pound Mountain Rifle, a weapon often deployed with Cavalry and Infantry to guard roads and bridges. The Mountain Rifle was also a favorite of marauding Confederate Cavalry who used it as a "Train Killer," deploying it, hidden, along railroad tracks where it was used to fire at and poke holes through railroad engine boilers.

Perhaps, most interesting, is the launcher assembly for the 6-pound Hale Rocket (right). Rockets had long been used in warfare with varying efficiency however cutting-edge improvements of the Hale's Rocket and its launcher provided marked improvements in efficiency. Its design eliminated an attached launching stick that had been the cause of unstable flight and ports manufactured in the rocket gave it a stabilizing spin in flight, much like bullets shot from a rifle. Perhaps most importantly, the launcher (shown here) provided a mechanism to delay the rocket's release until it developed sufficient power for relatively accurate flight before it was launched, thereby preventing the dangerous "dips" in flight that made previous rockets nearly as dangerous to the launcher as those they were launched against. Still, the Hale rocket had failings that led to its limited use in battle. It was far less accurate than traditional artillery and the rockets suffered storage problems requiring far more care than their traditional artillery counterparts.

The Hale rockets came in two models, an all-black colored canister projectile and a black and red colored incendiary. The incendiary rocket was intended to fire into a fortress and explode into a hot fireball.

The Hale's Rocket was issued to Barry's (New York) Rocket Artillery Battalion who employed it, not with the specialized Hale's launcher, but with modified Whitworth breechloading artillery pieces. When they finally made it into action it was found they performed so poorly in battle (compared to the traditional artillery) they were ordered discontinued from Army Service and turned over to the Navy.

The following review of Hale's Rocket ability and shortcomings is abstracted from Brigadier General John Gibbon's, 1859, ARTILLERIST'S MANUAL which also reviews other such tested weapons.

"Hale's (rocket) differs from any other rocket in having no guide-stick. Direction is given to the rocket by imparting the rifle motion to it. This is effected by placing in the rear part a number of holes oblique to the axis. The gas, escaping through these, acts upon the air and gives the rotary motion to the case, whilst it is propelled forward by the action, or rather reaction, of the gas escaping at the main hole at the extreme end. Within a year past, these oblique holes have been changed from their position in rear of the rocket, reduced to two in number, opposite the center of gravity, and fire instead of being communicated at the end is applied at one of these holes, and rapidly spreads in both directions in the interior. Hale's rocket, by dispensing with the long and unwieldy guide-stick, is a great improvement; but it is not the only one which has been made. The great difficulty in rocket-firing, is to get them to start in the right direction. Long before it has attained anything like its maximum velocity, it commences to move, and the moment it loses the support of the tube or through, it begins to fall or "dip," and before the constantly increasing velocity is great enough to overcome this disposition, the rocket will probably ricochet; and this, especially with Hale's, is apt to throw it very much out of its course, and add to its otherwise inaccurate firing. Mr. Hale has striven to overcome this difficulty by placing his rocket behind a strong spring, which holds it until it has acquired force enough both to overcome its own inertia and the strength of the spring, when it is released with a much greater velocity, and but little of its former disposition to "dip" a great objection to these rockets made with metal cases, is that from the expansion and contraction of the metal, cracks and flaws are formed, after a time, which give passage to the flame, increase very rapidly the rate of combustion, and sometimes cause the rocket to explode like a charge of gunpowder. Rockets, when kept any length of time, are particularly liable to this accident. It is stated that in New Mexico, where the climate is very dry, the common sky-rocket cannot be kept for any length of time without being subject to the same defect; and they are sometimes restored to their former condition by soaking them for a short time in water, and then drying them."



BRIDGEWATER SCOUTS
3RD MILITARY DISTRICT
SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

The Bridgewater Scouts Company was formed in November 2006. It has continued to be active in its 15th year of existence. We currently hold nine Members on our roster. Eight are from Kentucky Department Camps and one from a Florida Camp.

Company members participated in a number of activities in 2020 and so far in 2021. Activities have included monument dedications for individual soldiers as well as ceremonies at battle sites.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
Timothy H. Downey



COMPANY C, 20TH OHIO VOLUNTEER

PRIVATE JORDAN L. MILBURN RECEIVES JOHN L. CLEM AWARD



Private Jordan L. Milburn, Recipient of the John L. Clem Award and Brother of the Order

During the 2020 SUVCW National Encampment Commander-in-Chief Edward J. Norris announced that Jordan L. Milburn was selected as the recipient of the John L. Clem Award. The award is presented annually to the SUVCW's most outstanding Junior Member. Milburn is a Private in SVR Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He joined the unit in the spring of 2019 when he joined Henry Casey Camp 92 in the Department of Ohio, but has been a strong supporter of the Camp, the SUVCW, and the SVR for a long time. He has traveled to every SUVCW National Encampment and attended every SVR Breakfast since the age of four.

Junior Member Milburn has visited the following Civil War Battlefields: Winchester, Antietam, Nashville, Franklin, Shiloh, Corinth, Kennesaw Mountain, Kernstown and Gettysburg. After the SUVCW National Encampment in Marietta, Georgia, Jordan took a small hike up Kennesaw Mountain before starting out on Sherman's March to the Sea; which ended with a visit to General Sherman's headquarters in Savannah.

Jordan has participated as a member of his SVR unit in every Memorial Day ceremony since 2012. In his first year as a Junior Member, he participated in two Memorial Day ceremonies the same day carrying his Camp's Colors. During the 2019 SUVCW National

Encampment in Independence, Ohio he proudly participated in the Encampment Color Guard by carrying the Colors of the SVR Third Military District. At the SVR Breakfast in Gettysburg that year he received a Certificate of Commendation for his participation in the National Encampment Color Guard. Last month, in March, 2021, Jordan celebrated his 11th birthday.

COMPANY C, 20TH OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY PARTICIPATES IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM



2nd Lt. Shawn A. Cox served as Master of Ceremonies at the Wreaths Across America ceremony.



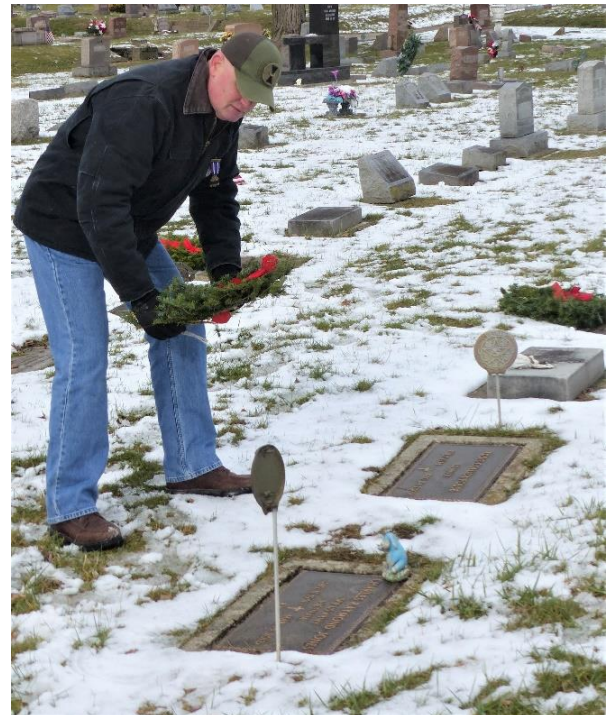
Private Irvan R. Cassio prepares to place a wreath at the base of one of the military service flag poles.



Some of the wreaths that will be placed on the graves of military veterans.



Junior Member Joshua Cassio (left) and his brother Michael Cassio place wreaths on the graves of military veterans.



SVR Private Kelly Hopkins places a wreath on the grave of a military veteran



Wreath Placed at the Base of the Air Force Flag Pole.



2nd Lt. Shawn A. Cox, PDC, salutes as he places a wreath on a grave.



Placing wreaths are (left to right) Michael Cassio, Junior Member Judah C. Meister, Capt. Shane L. Milburn and Paul S. Grim



A Confederate Veteran receives a wreath from Private Judah C. Meister, (left) and Private David M. Meister

Some of the SVR members during the opening of the Wreaths Across America ceremony.



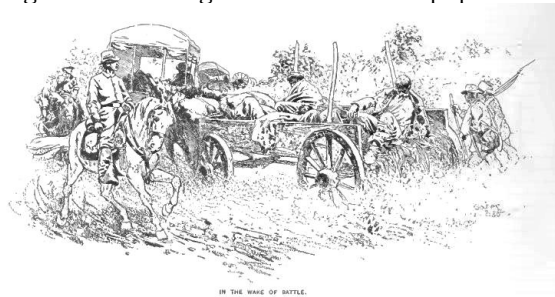
Capt. Shane L. Millburn, PDC, 3rd Military District Adjutant, and Commander of Company C, 20th OVI; Private Jordan Milburn, Private Judah Meister, Private David M. Meister, and 2nd Lt. Shawn A. Cox, PDC

Over a dozen members of SVR Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry participated in a Wreaths Across America event at Washington Court House, Ohio on December 19, 2020. The event was hosted by Henry Casey Camp 92 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The SVR and Camp members along with several volunteers from the community, braved the snow and cold temperature on a Saturday at noon to participate in the ceremony held at the Washington Cemetery honoring the military veterans buried there.

The local event was one of more than 2200 such ceremonies held at various locations across America at noon that Saturday. Wreaths Across America is a non-profit organization best known for placing veterans' wreaths on the graves at Arlington National Cemetery. SVR 2nd Lt. Shawn A. Cox, a past Ohio Department SUVCW Commander, and the camp coordinator for the event served as master of ceremonies for the program. After a brief account of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War being a Congressionally Chartered organization that is the legal heir to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a wreath was placed at the base of each of the military service flag poles located at the veteran's plaza in the cemetery honoring all veterans. The wreath honoring U. S. Army veterans was placed by SVR Private Kelly Hopkins, a U. S. Army veteran and camp junior vice commander. The Navy wreath was placed by SVR Private Paul S. Grim, a U. S. Air Force veteran and member of the camp council. The U. S. Air Force wreath was placed by SVR Corporal James L. Grim, a U. S. Air Force veteran and member of the camp council. The wreath honoring the U. S. Marines was placed by the camp secretary, and Commander of SVR Co. C, 20th OVI and Adjutant of the SVR 3rd Military District, Capt. Shane L. Milburn a U. S. Marine veteran, and a former commander of the Ohio Department SUVCW. The U. S. Coast Guard wreath was placed by SVR Sgt. Irven R. Cassio, and SVR Private David Meister, camp senior vice commander, placed the POW/MIA wreath.

Camp and SVR members and community volunteers placed over 60 wreaths on the graves of military veterans buried in the Washington cemetery. At each grave site the person placing the wreath would announce the name of the veteran, thank him for his service and salute. It is believed that a veteran is not forgotten as long as his name is remembered.

Cox said he hoped more wreath sponsors and volunteers can be found next year so that more of the approximately 1,000 veterans buried in the Washington cemetery can be honored. He would also like to include veterans in other local cemeteries. He was also very pleased that the event received front page news coverage in the local newspaper.



VFW POST MAKES DONATION FOR LAST SOLDIER PLAQUE



Wilmington, Ohio VFW Post 6710 officers look on as Post Commander Ron Dunn presents a \$200.00 check to Henry Casey Camp 92 Patriotic Instructor 2nd Lt. Shawn A. Cox, PDC, and Camp Secretary Capt. Shane Milburn, PDC, to help pay for a last soldier plaque for the last surviving Clark County, Ohio Union Civil War veteran buried at Ferncliff Cemetery in Springfield, Ohio. The camp hopes to raise enough money to pay for the plaque and get it installed this summer.

SVR FIRST SERGEANT WILLIAM “Bill” RADABAUGH, Jr. DIES



William “Bill” Radabaugh, Jr., who served as First Sergeant of SVR Company C, 20th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment for over twenty years died from

cancer February 24, 2021 at the age of 78. He was a charter member of the unit and served three different unit commanders. During his tenure as First Sergeant the unit received a Unit Citation Award and participated in numerous ceremonies and living history programs. Sgt. Radabaugh rarely missed an event. He especially enjoyed living history programs attended by school age children. He was a retired high school mathematics teacher. He was also a past commander of Henry Casey Camp 92 and served the camp as secretary for almost 25 years.



COMPANY D, 27th INDIANA INFANTRY, SVR

Memorial Service for Brother Ron Gill

Co D 27th Indiana SVR Brother Ron Gill was remembered and eulogized at a special Memorial Service Saturday July 25, 2020 in Valparaiso. Over 50 family and friends gathered outside in a shaded grove behind the First Christian Church to remember Brother Gill.

Ron’s son Jeff, a former SUVCW member, gave the eulogy while Ron’s other son Brian provided his musical talents to the Memorial Service. David D. Porter Camp Commander Steve Mockler paid tribute to Ron and talked about how Ron had affected his life and the many he had touched through the years. PDC Brother Tim Beckman also gave remarks remembering Ron and his contribution to the Department of Indiana as well as the entire SUVCW organization. Ron was a Charter Member of the David D. Porter Camp, 116 in Valparaiso, IN.

Company D 27th Indiana SVR members presented the colors at the beginning of the service. The Memorial Service concluded with the 27th Indiana firing a three-volley salute and with the playing of Taps. Bothers from five different Indiana camps attended to pay their respects to Ron.





- ★ Lt. Governor of Indiana, Suzanne Crouch,
- ★ US Congressman, James Banks,
- ★ Indiana State Senator, Susan Glick and
- ★ Indiana American Legion Commander, Allen Connelly.

Co D 27th Indiana Volunteer Infantry SVR were joined by other SUVCW members, Arsinoe Martin LGAR Circle No. 78 and members of the 30th Indiana reenactors to close the ceremony by firing a three-gun volley. The Firing Squad was under the command of Lt. Colonel Alan Teller, Commander of the 3rd SVR Military District.

Those who attended from the Allied orders and who participated were; Co D 27th Indiana SVR: Alan Teller, Gib Young, Bill Adams, Tom Schmitt, William Radell, Dennis Rigsby, Brian Ford, Terry Ferguson & Jim Wilson, SUVCW Members: Phil Dyer & Al Bowers, SUVCW Dept. of Ohio: Jacob Parrott Camp #3: Dave Rish, LGAR Members: Elizabeth Thurston and Penny Bucks and the 30th Indiana reenactors: Bob Dispenza, Claude Combs & Tim Shambaugh



**MEDAL OF HONOR DEDICATION
CEREMONY
ANGOLA, INDIANA**

A dedication ceremony was held on October 12, 2020, in Angola Indiana. The SVR and SUVCW gathered with many other organizations to dedicate the section of US Highway 20 that spans Indiana and was designated as the, "Indiana Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.

Numerous State and Local Government Officials and Politicians attended and participated in the dedication ceremony. Included in this group were the





**NEWS FROM COMPANY A, 14th
MICHIGAN INFANTRY, SVR**
"The Irish Rifle"

**U.S. GRANT CAMP No. 67 MEMORIAL
DAY SERVICES**

The Brothers of U.S. Grant Camp 67 and Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry SVR performed the Memorial Day Service per the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Ceremonies and Ritual at Soldiers Rest in Bay City, Michigan. Flags were placed at the headstones by the Boy Scouts and members of the Friends of Pine Ridge, the previous name for Soldiers Rest. The Sons annually do a clean-up of the GAR plot at Soldiers Rest and attend to the cleaning and maintenance of the soldier's headstones.



**Unique Interment Service:
Great Lakes National Cemetery**

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Michigan, and Company A of the 14th Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve, all from various Camps within the Department of Michigan, on August 26, 2020, participated in a very special interment at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



Peter Armisted (Armstead), Earl Armstead and Robert Armstead

Civil War Veteran Peter Arm(i)sted, served in Company H, 3rd Michigan Cavalry. He enlisted at Port Huron, Michigan on September 25, 1861 at the age of 30. He mustered in on October 12, 1861. Peter participated in battles at New Madrid, Missouri, March 26, 1862, and Island Number 10, Tennessee, April 1862 and was captured on July 20, 1862 at Rienzi, Mississippi. He was pardoned on September 7, 1862 at Vicksburg, Mississippi and rejoined his unit and participated in battles at: Corinth, Mississippi, October 3 and 4; Iuka, Mississippi, September, 19, 1862; Hatchie's Bridge, Tennessee, October 5, 1862; Hudsonville, Tennessee, November 16, 1862; Lumkins Mill, Mississippi, November 30, 1862; Oxford, Mississippi December 2, 1862; Coffeeville, Mississippi December 5, 1862; and, Jackson, Mississippi, June 13, 1863. Peter was discharged on a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability at St. Louis, Missouri on March 29, 1864. Peter is the Great Great Grandfather of Robert Armstead.

Great Lakes National Cemetery Assistant Director Christopher English said this was a very special service as it is the first time a Civil War Veteran has been buried in the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Earl Armstead was a veteran of World War I. Earl is the Great Uncle of Robert Armstead. Robert Armstead served in World War II. Robert was drafted in 1944 and served in Company B, 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Robert is the Father of Robert Armstead.

Their descendant, Robert Armstead, arranged to have all three of his ancestors re-interred at the Great Lakes National Cemetery where they could reside side-by-side.



Co A, 14th Michigan Sons of Veterans Reserve Funeral Detail



The Masked Men



The Unmasked Men



Company A, 14th Michigan SVR Casket Bearers



Masking for Safety. 14th Michigan SVR



The Brother with Heart

HONORING CORPORAL WILLIAM CRITTENDEN

On May 23, 2021, Nash-Hodges Camp No. 43 sponsored a service in Macon Cemetery to honor Corporal William Crittenden, Co. D, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Corporal Crittenden was one of the men involved in the capture of Jefferson Davis. In attendance representing the Department of Michigan was Department Commander Nathan Smith.

Members of Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, "Irish Rifle", Sons of Veterans Reserve also participated in the ceremonies and performed a musket salute as part of the ceremonies.



Color Guard/Honor Guard at Lincoln Tomb



Lincoln Tomb

Following the Lincoln Death Day Services, Company A, 14th Michigan traveled to Petersburg, Illinois to participate in the Remembrance Service at the Benjamin Stephenson monument and Memorial Park where they also fired a musket salute. This too is an annual event for Company A, 14th Michigan.



Honor Guard at Stephenson Monument

2021 LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY

Company A, 14th Michigan, Irish Rifle, SVR, traveled to Springfield, Illinois to participate in the Annual Lincoln Death Day Services. The 14th Michigan contingent has been attending and participating in these services for several years. Over the many years, the 14th Michigan has been taking on an increasing role with their support to this event. The 14th Michigan served as and had command of the Color Guard and also served as the Honor Guard consisting of the various units attending the event. This event is co-sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Memorial Day Services at Aventine Cemetery

Aventine Cemetery is an abandoned Cemetery in Flint, Michigan that has been adopted and maintained by the Governor Crapo Camp 145. A Memorial Day Service was conducted at Aventine by the Brothers of Crapo Camp No. 145, U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 and Company A 14th Michigan SVR. The service of remembrance included a reading of the Ceremonies and Rituals, followed by a musket salute and the playing of echo taps. Flowers were then placed on the

headstones. Department Commander Nathan Smith was in attendance at this service as was Jan Davis, the President of the Michigan Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865.

Also in attendance were the Carrington Chapter of the Society of the Daughters of the Union 1861-1865. Linda McKinch, Department President, represented the Women's Relief Corps.



Michigan Department Commander Nate Smith



Michigan Department President DUVCW Jan Davis

Touring The Western Theater Battlefields

In April of 2021, Members of Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve participated in an 8 day Tour of some of the Western Theater Battlefields. While the Eastern Theater Battlefields and the Army of the Potomac are widely familiar with many, the Michigan contingent took a tour of some of the Western Theater Battlefields including, Fort Heiman, Fort Henry, Raymond, Vicksburg, Cairo Restored Exhibit, Grand Gulf, Grant's Canal, Fort Donelson and Donelson National Cemetery, Spring Hill, Shiloh, Stones River and Franklin.



In addition to the historical aspects of the tour, there was an additional incentive to find the various locations where the participant's ancestors had fought and walk the same ground over which their ancestors had fought.



L to R: Lloyd Lamphere, Paul Davis, Dick Denney, Dean Lamphere



Shiloh Hornet's Nest



Stones River Slaughter Pen



DeGolyer's Michigan Battery



Shiloh Chapel



Michigan Monument at Shiloh

THE PASSING OF BROTHER JENTERY FARMER



Michigan Monument at Vicksburg



Battery Guarding River at Fort Donelson



To those who knew him, Jentery was the embodiment of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, daily demonstrating those high ideals of our Order. Jentery's nature made everyone around him want to be his friend. Those he didn't know were simply friends waiting to be met.



He had a way of making everyone he met feel as if they had been his buddy all their life. Jentery was always attuned to and immersed in the present, making whoever and whichever group he was with feel that they were his highest priority. In his time, he was very active in service to his community as an elected member of his hometown of Swartz Creek's City Council and served on his City's Planning Committee. He contributed his many skills to the area's "Hometown Days" committee and was very active in the YMCA's Camp Copneconic for young people.

Like many Brothers of the SVR, Jentery came to the Order from the reenacting hobby. He had become familiar with the Sons through fellow members of "The Emerald Rangers" of Company B, 14th Michigan Infantry Reenactors, inc.



Members and delegates to the Dedication of the Michigan Monument



He joined the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67 of Michigan and had the unique experience of being obligated at the site of the 16th Michigan Infantry on Little Roundtop on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

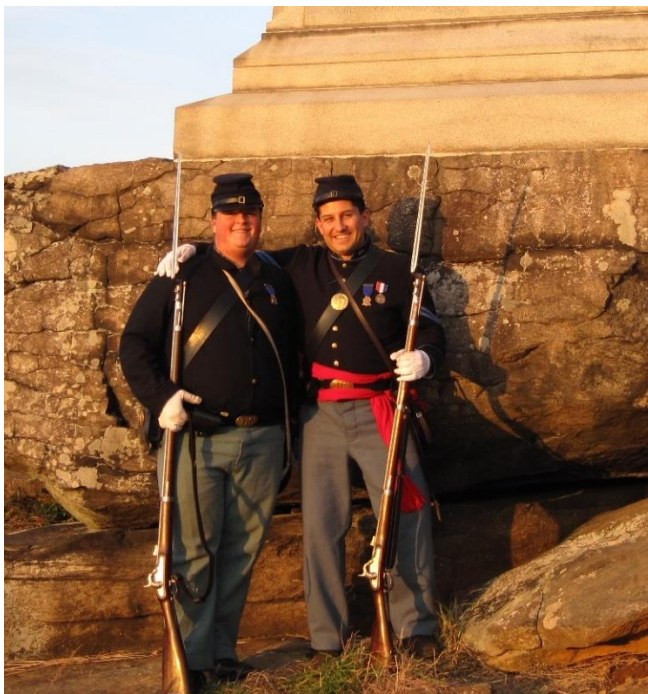
Jentery was active with the Company until his untimely passing April 24, 2021.



Jentery especially enjoyed conversing with fellow reenactors and brothers in his enduring quest to learn all he could about topics of interest to him, in this case the American Civil War.

“Pard” was a term commonly used by soldiers of Mr. Lincoln’s Army, later, often in the reenacting hobby and to some extent among the Brothers of the SVR who take part in those long interstate trips far from home to support the work of the Order. It has been used to describe people that are better than friends and a hair’s breath from being family. It is a term used to denote those who willingly shared the best and worst of times and are always there when needed.

Jentery was the best of Pards.



Soon thereafter he enrolled as a Brother of Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR, “the Irish Rifle.”



**JENTERY FARMER
1993 - 2021**

THE SUVCW – SVR MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JENTERY FARMER

Jentery Farmer's Memorial service was well attended by his family, PCinC Don Shaw and Other Officials, representative Brothers of the Order of the U.S. Grant Camp No. 67, the Henry H. Crapo Camp No. 145, the Austin Blair Camp No. 7, Comrades of Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR, "The Irish Rifle" and reenactors of Co. B, 14th Michigan Infantry "The Emerald Rangers."



Preparing for Service



Assisting with Preparation for His Uncle Jentery



P C-in-C Shaw, PDCs Davis and Lamphere, Dept. Chaplain Charles Buckhahn and Dept. Color Bearer, Sgt. Ed Dowd, Rendering Honors.



Company Challenge Coins Given to Grandpa



Giving Uncle Jentery a Last Drink from His Canteen



A Toast from Comrades, Friends and Family



Comrades Who Took Part



Family, Friends and Parads



**News of Company A, Frankfort
Battalion, 1st Regiment Capitol
Guards**

HENRY C. MILLER

17 Apr 2021

The Sons of Veteran Reserves held a stone dedication ceremony at Cave Hill cemetery in Louisville, KY on 17 April 2021. Members of Camps 1,3 and 5 were present. Bruce Fortin officiated.

Henry C Miller assistant Surgeon for the 53rd Kentucky Infantry. Being Commissioned by Kentucky Governor Thomas Bramlette on Feb 25, 1865 appointed from civilian life. Dr Miller was 24 at the time.

SERVICE: Dr Miller is found on the muster rolls dated 17 April 1865, Covington KY. Born in Jefferson County, age 24, occupation is Physician. Enlisted 28 Feb 1865 in Frankfort, KY for a period of 1 year, mustered in at Louisville. DR Miller was a tall man at 6' 2", of fair complexion, hazel eyes, and dark hair. Reports were submitted by him thru to 1 July 1865. He mustered out on 15 Sep 1865 but was last paid in June 1865. No records found as to why he had not received any pay other than sworn statements from Col Clinton True commanding and the Regimental Quartermaster Lt Samuel J Housh, that he had returned all government property and that he is not indebted to the United States in any account whatsoever!

Dr. Henry C. Miller born in 1841 in Louisville and died of Organic Heart Disease at the age of 50 on 13 Mar 1892. Residence: 639 E. Broadway in Louisville KY. The son of Thomas Miller and Mary Elizabeth Seaton. Dr Miller was married to Clara F Means on 9 Mar 1875. Clara, the daughter of Preston and Elizabeth T. Gills Means.



Those present include Brothers Todd Early, Robert Jones, Ed Lane, Bruce Fortin, Chris Workman, John Mills, Mike Flynn, John Buckler, John Martin and Bruce Loveall (not pictured)

USS ARGOSY

Feb 15, 2020

Trip to Magnet Indiana, Ed Lane gave benediction for the Soldiers that died in the explosion of the USS Argosy.

When the 70th Ohio was discharged from service, the regiment boarded the steamer USS Argosy for the trip home to Ohio. Near Magnet, Indiana, on August 21, 1865, the steamer ran aground in a storm resulting in a boiler explosion that killed ten of the 70th Ohio who had survived years of combat only to be killed in a

freak accident so close to home. These Soldiers were buried right here along the banks of the Ohio at the explosion site.



USS *Argosy*, a 219-ton sternwheel "tinclad" river gunboat, was built in 1862 at Monongahela, Pennsylvania. She was purchased by the Navy in March 1863 and commissioned later in that month. "*Argosy*" served on the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers during much of the Civil War, supporting Federal operations penetrating into the Confederacy. Later in the conflict "*Argosy*" patrolled the lower Mississippi River. She was decommissioned and sold in August 1865. Retaining her name, she was employed for civilian purposes until March 1872, when she was destroyed by fire at Cincinnati, Ohio.



Members of Company A, 1st Capital Guard may be seen on the YouTube video provided by Louisville Metro TV beginning at 1:46 which may be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6XMceFkUQg&fbclid=IwAR2weW8aF9ITguLQMKbS9QcZ6iEZtgDLRSop_B210_wPYXDQzJk1YsTmsU



Massing of the colors-Brothers Vestal Rogers, Bruce Loveall and Adj. Bruce Fortin



Banner-Eugene Wood, John Witt, Bruce Loveall Vestal Rogers, Tom Latham

**Co A 1st Capital Guards District 3 SVR
VETERANS DAY**

(edited)

7 Nov 2020

The Southeast Christian Church Middletown, KY. Veterans Day hosted a Veterans Day Parade in Reverse on November 7, 2020. The public drove through a serpentine route to view the participant's and displays.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

(edited)

12 December 2020

Department of Kentucky is a sponsor for Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Zachary Taylor National

Cemetery. All Kentucky Camps participate as SVR Color Guard at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Calhoun Cemetery



Brothers Ed Lane and Robert Jones laid Wreaths at Zachary Taylor cemetery. 16 Civil War Soldiers have been found and identified here.

On Saturday, December 19 I had the honor of accompanying Brother Bob Jones as we represented SUVCW and participated in Wreaths Across America at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.

Due to ongoing restrictions concerning gatherings we were limited as to participation but managed to decorate 13 graves while honoring an additional grave. Bob placed the wreath while I read the veteran's name and a brief account of his service. When we had completed the distribution of wreaths, I said a prayer for all the honored dead.

Bob has performed yeoman service as our Memorials Officer and Graves Registration Officer. Much of what is known of the veterans buried in Zachary Taylor has been through Bob's work.

Many of the veterans honored were members of United States Colored Troops (USCT), our military's first nod to permit non-whites to serve in our armed forces. Though it was 83 years after the Civil War before our military was legally integrated it was 20 + more years before integration saw a semblance of smooth functioning.

Yesterday I couldn't help muse that truly the first were last and the last were first in our bivouac of the dead.

Today of course there is no mention on a tomb stone as to the race of the honored one nor for the most part any difference in the stones of high ranking officers or those who passed through their military service without promotion or honors bestowed upon them. All are honored alike as they repose in symmetrical rows of silent honor.

Additional information provided by Web 3 News of Louisville, KY may be found at www.wave3.com/2020/12/19/hundreds-volunteer-lay-wreaths-honor-fallen-heroes/

and by the McLean County News at https://www.messenger-inquirer.com/mclean_county/news/local-wreaths-across-america-organization-ends-third-year/article_0ebf1c72-d747-5dd8-9e66-7c4e850e8193.html

William Just Grave Dedication

(edited)

28 November 2020

The Company engaged in a graveside service for William Just, late Private, Company B, 4th Kentucky Cavalry, USV. Taking an active part were Brothers John Kalbfleisch, Jack Mills, Mike Flynn, Bruce Loveall, Keith Karcher, Bruce Fortin and Robert Jones.

Additional information about the Company's lead roll in this service, including descripts and photos is provided by WDRB News and may be found on their website at

www.wdrb.com/news/ceremony-in-louisville-honors-civil-war-soldier/article_6ef23cda-31d7-11eb-9ab1-c3e07b864bd5.html

STONE DEDICATION CEREMONY AT CAVE HILL CEMETERY FOR NELSON AUGUSTUS GRAVES

(edited)

August 2020

Nelson Graves was born in Midway, Woodford County, Kentucky in 1846, son of James Franklin Graves (1816-1887) and Mary Frances Lindsay Graves (1816-1859). When he enlisted in the 53rd Regiment Kentucky Mounted Infantry in Covington on August 30, 1864, he listed his occupation as furniture maker. With grey eyes and light hair, he was unusually tall for a Civil War soldier at five foot eleven. He was mustered in as a private in Company A, on Sept. 12, serving for one year, and was mustered out on Sept. 15, 1865. He married Fannie Belle Graves and they had one child, Walter Cary Graves. Nelson Graves died on Oct. 22, 1896 at the age of 50. He may be a distant cousin to Frank and Jesse James



Department of KY coordinated with Cave Hill Cemetery and VA to acquire a marker for Nelson Graves. The Department of KY has identified three unmarked graves thus far.

The 53rd Kentucky Mounted Infantry guarded the Kentucky Central Railroad between Lexington and Cincinnati, scouted in Central Kentucky and operated against guerrillas till November 1864. The regiment moved to Crab Orchard, Ky., November 24, and joined General Stoneman's Raid into Southwest Virginia December 10-29, operating near Marion, Va., December 17-18, and Saltsville, Va., December 20-21. It assisted in the capture and destruction of the salt works. The 53rd, operating against guerrillas at various points in Kentucky by detachments till September 1865, was mustered out September 17, 1865. The regiment lost during service 1 Officer and 8 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 40 enlisted men by disease. Total 49.

** The song "Night they drove ol' Dixie Down" mentions Stoneman's Cavalry!*



Taking Part Were Brothers: Vestal Rogers, Keith Karcher, Ed Lane, Chris Workman, Todd Early, Robert Jones, Joghnn Gatton, Buce Fortin, Mike Flynn, Jack Mills, John Buckler, Bruce Loveall.



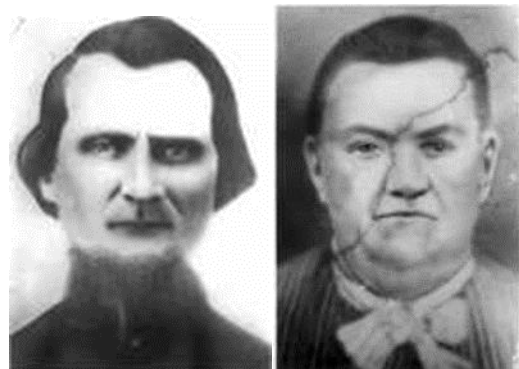
Vestal Rogers, Todd Early, Jack Mills, Mike Flynn, Bruce Loveall, John Gatton, Keith Karcher, Bruce Fortin, Chris Workman, Ed Lane, John Buckler (Bugle)

Additional Information about the Company's active participation in this program was reported by WDRB News Photojournalist Stuart Hammer and may be found on their website at www.wdrb.com/news/wdrb-video/marker-dedicated-at-cave-hill-cemetery-for-civil-war-veteran/video_20d261c7-82f9-5f99-936b-3d6d4711f76b.html

(Editor's note, the story, as presented by Mr. Hammer of WDRB describes an outstanding example of what an SVR Company may accomplish)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NEWLAND

18 April 2018



SGT Elijah P Marrs Camp 5 sponsored a marker dedication for Pvt Benjamin Newland at Georgetown Cemetery on 710 Broadway in Georgetown KY. Benjamin signed up for service on 12 Dec 1863 and mustered out on 18 April 1865. Benjamin was 5'9 with blue eyes, light hair and of fair complexion. He was born on 25 Dec 1828 in Maryland and died of heart failure at Scott County on 8 Jun 1913. He was married

to Elizabeth Jane Chowning on 20 Dec 1862 in Owenton, KY. They had 16 children.

Benjamin filed for a pension on 25 Jan 1887. Brother John Buckler is a descendant of Benjamin and Jane Newland. Benjamin a Private with the 30th Kentucky's Company E mustered in at Frankfort February 19, 1864. It appears that elements of a home guard that was folded into federal service. Serving about a year the 30th saw duty campaigning primarily against guerrillas, mustering out April 18, 1865. The SUVCW strive to educate through services like this, as the inheritors of the Grand Army of the Republic, to honor the soldiers, sailors, marines, and citizen soldiers who get called up to national service.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN NEWLAND CEREMONY

Georgetown Cemetary
(edited)

The Company took part in a cemetery headstone ceremony for Benjamin Franklin Newland, late of Company E, 30th Kentucky Infantry at the. The Georgetown (KY) Cemetary. Newlan's original stone had become warn and unreadable and Brothers of the Kentucky SUVCW arranged for its replacement and installation. In attendance were Newland's descendants and participating Brothers of the SUVCW and the SVR.

The ceremony and photos were included in a news broadcast of WTVQ News and may now be seen on their website at:

www.wtvq.com/2021/04/18/union-soldier-remembered-and-honored-in-georgetown-cemetary/

LIVING HISTORY

26 March 2021

Camp Calhoun Brothers Spencer Brewer and wife Linda, Robert Brooks and Alan Bivens participated in a Living History on March 26, 2021 at the Academy of ACTS Christian School in Greenville Ky.

SVR, Brother Spencer Brewer and wife Linda represent the Revolutionary War, Bro. Robert Brooks represented the Confederacy and SVR Br. Alan Bivens represented the Union Army as a Chaplain. Several other Reenactors were there also. Everyone seen to enjoy the presentation on a cloudy March day.

Brothers from the Camp Calhoun, Camp #2 visited the campus of the ACT Christian Academy in Greenville, Kentucky to help teach students about the American Civil War, Kentucky's role in that war, and what veterans did after the war. In addition, students were also introduced to the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War and how that organization came into being following in the footsteps of Union Veterans. Not only were our Brothers helping to preserve and perpetuate the memory of our ancestors, but they were bringing history to life in a way that students can really connect to it, touch it, feel it, even smell it!



John Buckler descendant of Newland, Steve Menefee, JVC David Jones. Bill Phanstiel, Phil Seyfrit, PDC John Kalbfleisch, PDC Jack Mills, DC Chris Workman, JVC Mike Flynn, PDC Bruce Fortin, PDC Robert Jones, Roger Hurt (Chaplain)



DECORATION DAY 30 MAY 2020 FORT DUFFIELD

Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic plans have changed considerably. All Official Ceremonies were canceled by order of VA Cemetery personnel.

Fort Duffield Camp 1 held their annual Decoration Day service at Fort Duffield in Westpoint, KY. at 7PM.



Who are these masked men!? These are the men of the Sons of Veterans Reserves/SUVCW at Fort Duffield Camp 1! Practicing "Social Distancing."

Attendees included Colour SGT Vestal Rogers, SVC Bruce Loveall, PDC Bruce Fortin, CC John Gatton, DC Robert Jones and Chaplain Ed Lane. A special thanks to Connie Morris who was our photographer. Also, a thank you to those who prepared our ceremony by placing flags and flowers at the memorial, PDC John Witt and Tom Latham.

Not pictured but present were Dpt Cdr Chris Workman, PDC Bruce Fortin, Phil Seyfrit,, Stephen Clifford, William Williams



George T Grinstead GAR Department of KY Commander.

Department project is to find all Department of KY Commanders and their grave sites and ensure there is a marker. A list of Department of KY commanders can be found at:

<https://www.suvcwdepartmentofkentucky.org/grand-army-of-the-republic>

The Company garnered outstanding news coverage, reported by Danielle Saitta of WTVQ News which may be viewed on their website at www.wtvq.com/2021/04/11/union-soldier-honored-during-gravestone-dedication-in-madison-county/

And by Randy Rosanbalm and Collen Spencer of Madison County LIVE on "Randy's Road Trips" with the Company's program being at the 14 minute mark <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=283794719898750>

GEORGE T GRINSTEAD *(edited)*

April 11 2021

Waco Flatwoods Cemetery. The Company engaged in the dedication of a new headstone for George T. Grinstead, late Private of Co. F, 8th Kentucky Infantry, USV and PDC of the Department of Kentucky, Grand Army of the Republic.



LETTER OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE PROPER OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Brothers,

In accordance with Article VII, Section II d. of the Constitutions and Regulations 2020, I issue the following Instructions for the Proper Observance of Memorial Day.

In Circular No. 4 issued on April 28, 1897, The Rev. Somerville Light, D.D., 16th Chaplain-in-Chief of our Order issued Instructions for the Proper Observance of Memorial Day. In his message, Chaplain-in-Chief Light reminded the brothers.

"The day, America's glorious Memorial Day, the day when this nation is expected to be at the graves of her



Brs David Jones, Roger Hurt(Chap), John Kalbfleisch, Jack Mills, Mike Flynn, Stephen Menefee, John Buckler.

soldiers in commemoration of their faithfulness and self-sacrifice, even unto the death, is not distant.”
 “While this day is recognized as G.A.R. Day let it not be forgotten that it is also Sons of Veteran’s Day. On this day, every heart of every son of a veteran in all this broad land ought to respond to the call of the Command-in-Chief... and enter not the exercise of the day with the zeal and enthusiasm that characterized the days of enlistment and the organization of the armies out of which our brave American soldiers have fallen.”

“Let us not forget that all that we with the hosts assembled in the myriads of cemeteries of this land can do to honor the heroes who gave us these blessings will not be a fit tribute to their memory so dear.”

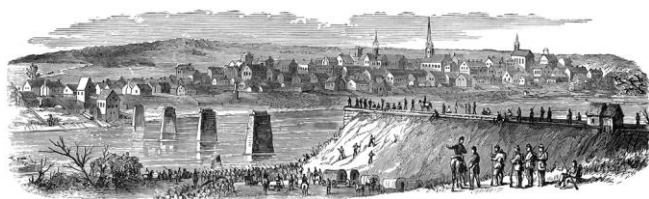
“Let us, therefore as members of this noble Order, put forth our best effort to show our loyalty to and love for the members of the G.A.R. Every brother is expected to use his influence toward making May 30th more of a holy day and less of a holiday.”

Chaplain Light’s words are as applicable today as they were when he wrote them in 1897. We have a responsibility and obligation to remember our ancestors and to attend to their graves. In addition, I believe we have an obligation to attend to those graves that have been forgotten by family and friends. Let us take time to decorate the grave of a forgotten veteran this year as we decorate those of our family.

Although restrictions are lifting around the country, we must remember to follow all applicable rules regarding assembling in large numbers. However, every effort should be made for Camps to gather in remembrance of the “Boys in Blue.”

As I did last year, I am enclosing some suggested prayers from various faith traditions that can be used for your remembrance ceremonies.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty
 Rev. Dr. Peter-Michael Preble National Chaplain



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT MICHIGAN'S GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM

Museum is open the first two Wednesdays of each month 10 AM - 5 PM

G.A.R. Museum Free Seminars

- o **Tuesday, July 20th (7 PM)** - Seminar: *Jackson's (Michigan) Role in the Underground Railroad* (Speaker: Linda Hass)
- o **Sunday, September 19th (3 PM)** – Seminar: *The Eleventh Corps at Gettysburg* (Speaker: Dr. Jim Pula)
- o **Tuesday, November 16th (7 PM)** - Seminar: *Major General Alpheus Williams* (Speaker: Jack Dempsey)

Other Museum Programs in Eaton Rapids

- o **Monday, May 31st (11 AM)** - Annual Memorial Day Parade (11 AM) and Memorial Day Program at Memorial Park (12:30 PM)
- o **Friday, Saturday Sunday, July 2nd - 4th** - Civil War Living History (July 2-4) at Howe Park (Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry) and Annual on Parade on July 4th Parade (1 PM)
- o **Tuesday, August 10th (10 AM - 3 PM)** - Annual Civil War Discovery Camp for Kids 7 - 14 years (at Howe Park)

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Young Corporals... Have you grown weary of trying to teach your recruits the difference between their hay and straw feet? Are you frustrated that left face means different things to different people? Are you simply appalled that your new soldiers have never so much as tasted the wonderous flavors of black powder? The answer to your prayers is at hand with

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“POSITION OF SOLDIER

78. The heels on one line, together as near
As the size of your legs, or bowlegs will bear;
The toes, turning out, while erect on the hip,
Leaning forward a little – neither side tip-
The body’s adjusted. The shoulders kept square.
Position as easy as home, or elsewhere;
Arms hanging naturally down by the side,
Elbows near body, not as though they were tied
The palms of the hand toward the front turned a grain
Fourth finger on pant-seam. The head must remain
Erect, but not stiff; the eyes afixed to the ground,
Fifteen paces ahead. All this will be found
Essential to learn. Its truly amazing,
If perfect in this, how easy are facings.”

Within his work, the GOV also offers his observations on training the young volunteer soldiers,

“Should these directions appear to any unconsconable dunce not sufficiently explicit, I can only remark that I contrat for rhymes not for brains on the part of the reader to understand them.”

The GOV also offers some fatherly advice on Volley Fire

“Every piece in the Squad must blaze with one crack
When “Load” you have heard, then each piece will come back.
Load, and the stand “Ready;”
For there is no more unpardonable folly, that uncertain fire, when trying a volley”

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CAMPFIRE HUMOR

Campfires of the Comrades of the GAR allowed them to share reminiscences of the war. Some were deadly serious but many were as humorous recollections as they come. Author Washington Davis recorded a great many of these stories,

presenting them in his work, Camp-Fire Chats of the Civil War., Chicago : Miller, 1888. One of these is shared here.

“It is a well-known fact that the imaginative faculty is more active after night-fall than during the day, and that fire-light has the peculiar influence of stimulating memory. The association of glowing embers and burning brands with the unwritten history of the late unpleasantness” is the cause of these pages. The well-remembered appearance of the hastily-made fire with the old familiar camp-kettle slung over the blaze, instantly recalls a score of events which have almost staggered out of sight down the aisle of the past. It seemed to be so as the old-time soldiers gathered about the crackling sticks this evening, for, with every snap of some withering twig as it was consumed and slowly changed into smoke and heat, some one present recollected a story. A feeling of bonhomie lent its cheer, and a spirit of jovial companionship reigned in the circle. An uproar of laughter in a group across from the meditative scribe of the S. P. U. H. arrested the attention of all, and it was immediately decreed that the cause of the hilarity should be exposed for the edification of everyone. discovered that Capt. Fred. Maxwell, of the 3d N. Y. It was Cavalry, had “spun a yarn,” and accordingly he was invited to repeat it.

“Well, boys, if I must, I must, I suppose, and I will narrate one of the funniest incidents that I ever observed. The long years that separate to-night from the days when we followed the Stars and Stripes to the front’ have not dimmed its humor for me, in the least. It occurred when we were near Poolesville, Md.

" At "retreat roll-call,' one day, Captain McNamara, a son of the Emerald Isle, was the officer of the day. Accordingly, he went to the “guard house' to inspect the guard. A member of Company F was one of their number, and Captain McNamara knew him almost as well as he did himself. One by one the boys were inspected, and the member from Company F came in turn. The captain found his cartridge box minus ammunition, and in its stead numerous letters. There were not forty rounds of powder and ball in it, but dozens of letters. Instantly the captain's face assumed the grim expression of outraged discipline.

“Shtep three paces in fhront! commanded the captain, and the order was obeyed. The captain looked at him in a curious, questioning way, and then went to the guilty soldier and scrutinized his cartridge box with great care. Walking slowly around him, he inspected every accoutrement zealously. Then, in a severe tone, he asked: “An phat moight be yer name?’
“Dinnis McGinley, sur!”

“Again the captain went around the man and looked into the misused cartridge box, and turning to its owner, he repeated :“An' phat did ye say was yer name?’ “Dinnis McGinley, sur!”

“Pointing at the letters, the captain ejaculated upon the heels of the reply to his question, with an astonishing look of surprise:“By me sowl, oi thought ye was the Secretary of War!!”

SPECIAL ATTENTION

FOR THOSE ATTENDING

THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

RULES UPDATE!

GENERAL ORDER 2021-02
Sons of Veterans Reserve
20 May 2021

1. This Order prescribes the rules for participation in the Annual Sons of Veterans Reserve Remembrance Day Parade held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This Order revokes General Order 2012-15 issued 16 September 2012 and all previous SVR Orders governing the Remembrance Day Parade; except SVR General Order 2013-9 dated 23 November 2013.
2. All persons participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade will be dressed in American Civil War era attire or Grand Army of the Republic uniform. Military uniforms worn will be either Union or Confederate military originals or reproductions or Grand Army of the Republic originals or reproductions. Civilian attire of the mid 1800's is acceptable. Footwear must be appropriate for the Civil War era uniform or dress authorized by this Order. Parade participants may not wear sandals, sneakers and similar modern-day footwear. Only the following will be permitted to march in the annual Remembrance Day Parade in modern business suit or dress attire with the badge of their Order affixed. Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sisters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sisters of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Members of the Order of Stars and Bars, and Members of the Order of Confederate Rose.
3. No unit participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade shall stop in the line of march and allow another unit to enter unless specifically directed to do so by one of the Parade Marshals.
4. Any Unit may be removed or rejected from participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade at the discretion of the Parade Marshal and/ or the Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
5. No one participating in the parade may ride in or on or operate a motorized vehicle or conveyance except police and emergency vehicles necessary to secure the safety of parade participants. This includes such items as scooters, rascals etc.
6. Horse trailers will be required to park in specified areas for the staging of the Remembrance Day Parade. Horse trailers found in other locations will be reported to the proper authorities for prosecution and/or towing.
7. No. float shall be permitted in the annual Remembrance Day Parade.
- . All wheeled conveyances being pulled by draft animals shall be required to have affixed a diaper for the draft animal pulling them.
9. All participants in the Remembrance Day Parade that are mounted or riding in the animal drawn conveyance will be required to clean up and properly dispose of all manure left by their animal over the course of the formation and duration of the parade as well as in the area around their horse trailer. Animals shall not be permitted on any of the sidewalks or grassy areas of the mustering location.
10. Caps, powder, ammunition, explosive or incendiary devices shall not be carried by any of the participants in the Remembrance Day Parade.
11. All persons participating in the annual Remembrance Day Parade will form at the locations designated by the Parade Marshal. There will be no exceptions to this.

12. All Parade Banners must be approved by the Parade Provost Marshal.
13. All flags in the parade must be of the Civil war period with the exception of flags used by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Sons of Veterans Reserve; the Allied Orders; MOLLUS; SCV; MOSB and the UDC.
14. At least one representative from each unit or organization participating in the parade should attend the parade briefing held at 9:30 a.m. at the Sons of Veterans Reserve Headquarters hotel.
15. Any group or individual failing to obey the orders of the Provost Marshals will be subject to removal from the parade by the police. All provost marshals wear a yellow arm band issued by the Sons of Veterans Reserve.
16. If a parade participant feels threatened by a spectator, protestors, or parade participant they should notify a parade provost marshal or police officer. DO NOT TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS.
17. The use of drugs or alcohol by parade participants is prohibited. Violators will be removed from the parade by police.
18. Only one person portraying President Abraham Lincoln is permitted in the parade. That person is the individual authorized by the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Anyone dressed as President Lincoln who has not been authorized by the Sons of Veterans Reserve will be removed from the parade.
19. Only those persons designated by the Commanding General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve shall be permitted at the SVR parade reviewing area.

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

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



GETTYSBURG, PA



**64th Annual
REMEMBRANCE DAY
PARADE
NOVEMBER 20, 2021**

*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 20 November 2021*

*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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Annual Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade



**Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade
Unit Registration Form
Please Print**

Name of Unit _____

Union _____ Confederate _____ Civilian _____

Are you a member of a larger organization? _____

If so what organization _____

Are you SUVCW _____ SVR _____ Allied Orders _____

MOLLUS _____ SCV _____ MOSB _____ UDC _____

How Many members of you organization will be marching? _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Email _____

By filling out this form you agree to the rules and regulations of the parade as laid out by the parade sponsor. Failure to follow these rules may result in you or your group being removed from the parade and possible participation in the future. To see the list of rules please check out

<https://sites.google.com/site/remembrancedayparade/home/parade-rules>

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