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Camp 14 Welcomes 3 New Brothers



Above L-R: Brothers Manville, O'Hara, Walsh, Commander Bryant, PCC Clark (in foreground), and Chaplain Lantzer.

Camp 14 welcomed three new Brothers at the January meeting. Brothers Gary Manville, Bob O'Hara, and James Walsh were initiated by Commander Skip Bryant and Chaplain John Lantzer per the Ritual. Welcome Brothers!

2016 Officers Installed



At Left: PDC Paul Davis installing the Robert Finch Camp No. 14 Officers for 2016.

The January meeting saw the installation of Officers for Robert Finch Camp No. 14.

PDC Paul Davis performed the installation per the Ritual at the end of the meeting.

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2016 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

Camp Officers 2015

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January 09

Camp Meeting & Officer Installation

Traverse City Elks Lodge #323

March 05

Camp Meeting

Traverse City Elks Lodge #323

Program: "Nursing in the Civil War"

April 16

Lincoln Tomb Ceremony

Springfield, IL

April 29-30

Department Encampment

Lansing, MI

May 14

Camp Meeting

Traverse City Elks Lodge #323

Program: "GTAGS & Dr. David Cousins"

August 11-14

National Encampment

Springfield, IL

September 17

Camp Meeting

Traverse City Elks Lodge #323

Program: "GAR & Mayville's CW Vets"

November 12

Camp Meeting - Officer Elections

Traverse City Elks Lodge #323

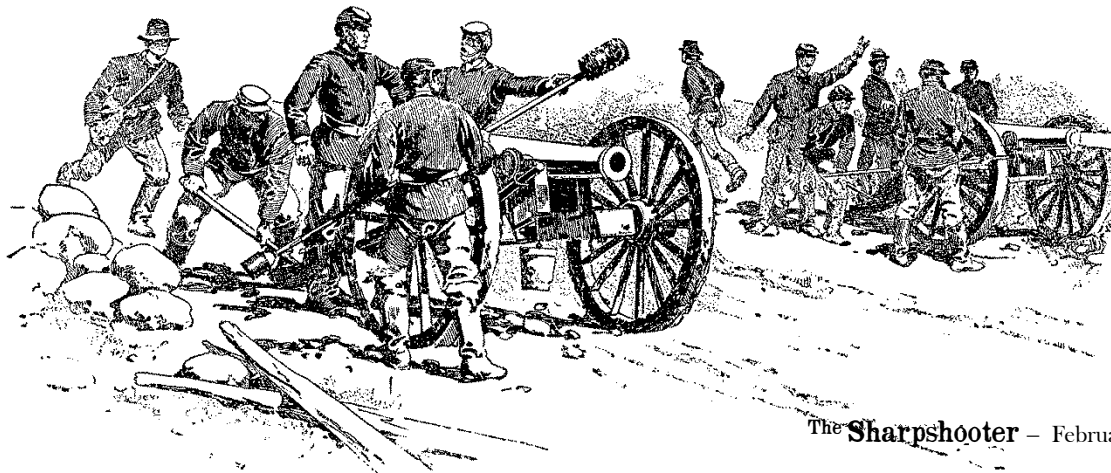
Program: "I Rode with Custer"

November 19

Remembrance Day

Gettysburg, PA

Additional dates will be announced in 2016. Note the March and September date changes from the traditional second Saturday of the month (scheduling conflicts at the Elks Lodge). The Elks have been very gracious in meeting our needs, and their hospitality is highly appreciated.



Brothers in Action

Submitted by Br. Scott Schwander

Brothers Scott & Walker Schwander and Brother Bill Burgess continue to do the good work of the Order. Their latest efforts have been directed toward 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, Company K Veteran, Cornelius Hall.

Besides performing research work on Mr. Hall's time in the Grand Army of the Republic, Brothers Scott, Bill, and Walker tended his gravesite at the Star City Cemetery in Missaukee County before the snow flew this winter. This included a thorough cleaning of Cornelius Hall's gravestone.

Efforts continue to confirm the Post that Mr. Hall was a member of in the GAR.



Above L-R: Brother Scott Schwander, Dr. Art Dembinski, Brother Walker Schwander, and Tina Schwander.



Above: Cornelius Hall and family at a huckleberry camp near Moorestown, Missaukee County, Michigan in 1903. Mr. Hall, a Chippewa Indian and Civil War Veteran, was the grandfather of these children.

Photo credit Wexford County Historical Society and Museum

Officers Installed *cont'd*

The following Officers were elected or appointed to serve for the 2016-2017 term:

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Treasurer: Patrick Lints

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Brothers in Action *cont'd*



Above Left: Cornelius Hall's gravestone BEFORE

Above Center: Brother Walker Schwander scrubbing Mr. Hall's gravestone

Above Right: Cornelius Hall's gravestone AFTER (Excellent work!!!)

Ancestor Spotlight

Submitted by Dale Aurand, LM, DC

Jacob Anthony Aurand

Jacob was born Nov. 8, 1843 in Wayne County, New York. He enlisted in the 9th Michigan Cavalry December 15, 1862 serving in Co. "H" under Capt. Howard M. Rice.

The Regiment organized at Coldwater, Michigan from Jan. to May 1863. Then left the state for Covington, Kentucky in May and was assigned to the Army of Ohio.

From June 27, to July they were in pursuit and capture of Gen. John Hunt Morgan CSA in Ohio.

The 9th was with Gen. Burnside when he crossed the Cumberland Mountains and took Knoxville, Tenn. Sept. 3, 1863. Followed by the East Tenn. Campaign unequalled for hardships during the war because of the severity of weather and need for clothing and rations. The 9th was on constant duty and in frequent contact with Gen. Longstreet's cavalry. Lack of forage dismounted most of the companies by spring.

In May of 1864 the regiment returned to Nicholasville, Kentucky to be remounted and equipped. The 9th then joined Gen. Sherman in the Atlanta campaign as part of Gen. Kilpatrick's Cavalry force and the "March to the Sea." It was the first regiment to make contact with the federal fleet.

On Jan. 27, 1865 they began the Carolinas campaign. On March 10, 1865 at the Battle of Monroe's Crossroads or Solemn Grove N.C. Jacob was taken prisoner and sent to Richmond, Virginia, paroled and discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio June 12, 1865.

Jacob married Elizabeth Freeman and had four children Laura, Mary, Hattie, and Cornelius they lived at Marathon, Lapeer Co. Michigan.

Jacob A. Aurand died of consumption Dec. 21, 1875 in Falmouth, Pendleton County, Kentucky and is buried in the Blackburn Cemetery.



Above: Cpl. Jacob Anthony Aurand, Co. H, 9th Michigan Cavalry



News from the Homefront

Submitted by David Smith, CC, DJVC

MARIETTA REGISTER, Marietta, OH

Friday, Oct 24 1862

Died: Elza and Elwood Morris, twin brothers, were born in Watertown, Washington county, Ohio, Sept. 29, 1840. With an elder brother they volunteered in the 77th Regiment, O.V.I., in November 1861, in Co. B, Capt. Mason. At Camp Dennison, from exposure, Elwood was taken with bleeding at the lungs, but he recovered somewhat and went on with his regiment. They both fought at Shiloh and were unhurt. Moving toward Corinth, Elwood was unable to proceed and was left behind. For a long time none of his friends could learn his whereabouts. In July, his friends received a letter from him at Evansville, Ind., stating that he had been sick with fever and small pox. His physician soon sent him home, saying that he was in consumption. He began to get better. Elza endured the long and fatiguing march (and counter-marching) to Memphis, thence went to Alton, Ill. There he was cut down with fever, dying Sept. 16, 1862. In view of his speedy death, he requested his elder brother to take his body home, and he died a praying penitent. His brother started home with the body. On the arrival, the diphtheria was in the family, and one of its members was then lying a corpse, on the evening of Sept. 19, when the wagon stopped before the house. The shock was almost too much for Elwood in his feeble condition. Three days after the funeral, Elwood was taken with diphtheria. He soon was able to speak only in a whisper. He suffered much, but endured it with patience. He knew his end was nigh and shuddered, and said he was afraid to pass the dark valley alone. He was directed to his Saviour; he requested his brother to pray for him, after which he became more reconciled. "Meet me in heaven," he said and died at 12 o'clock noon, Oct. 15, 1862. Thus in the morning of life they have passed away. We deeply sympathize with their bereaved parents who have given their sons to die for their country.

Ed. Note: Elza and Elwood Morris (along with their older brother John mentioned here) are the G-G Grand Uncles of David Smith.

Vernacular of the Civil War

Corncracker - nickname for Southerners, especially those from Kentucky, a backwoodsman, a poor white Southern farmer.

Full chisel - at full speed

Giving the vermin a parole - Throwing away clothing infected with lice

Larking - To take a person a larking or to go a larking is to play a kind of prank on someone that is similar to snipe hunting.

Piney woods rooter - Wild pig

Sockdologer - A powerful punch or blow

Tree Frogs - US Sharpshooters

Yamacraw - A person of poor character

Teeth Dullers - hardtack





Commander's Corner

David Smith, LM, CC, DJVC

Brothers,

While we have just concluded the sesquicentennial of the War of the Rebellion, we now embark on another sesquicentennial. On 06 April 1866, in Decatur, Illinois Dr. B.F. Stephenson founded the organization that so many of our fathers belonged – the Grand Army of the Republic.

With this in mind, I would like to honor our noble Veteran ancestors with this year's theme to be "Celebrate GAR 150". As part of this celebration it is my intention to embark on a few new things, while renewing other Camp activities. Additionally, in keeping with this year's theme, it is my intention to refocus on the traditions and rituals of the GAR and the SUVCW through various means where possible.

This year there are several opportunities coming up for Camp ceremonies including Dr. Cousins grave dedication, in addition to others. We have also been given approval to have a summer meeting/open house/get-together at the Bear Creek VFW Post #6333 in Kaleva. Also, for the remainder of our business meetings in 2016, there are scheduled programs and speakers (see the Camp Meeting section on Page 2 for topics).

This should be a busy and exciting year, and hopefully a lot of fun.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Dave



"I am a damned sight smarter man than Grant. I know more about military history, strategy, and grand tactics than he does. I know more about supply, administration, and everything else than he does. I'll tell you where he beats me though and where he beats the world. He doesn't give a damn about what the enemy does out of his sight, but it scares me like hell."

- William Tecumseh Sherman

Civil War Crossword

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U	M	L	R	A	W	P	L	Q	D
D	O	W	T	G	U	I	D	O	N
M	G	A	E	D	A	W	E	S	R
I	B	D	P	G	T	S	O	P	C
C	N	L	O	C	N	I	L	S	A

Grant
Lee
Poe
Stuart
GAR
Custer
Post
UCV
Dawes
MOLLUS
Guidon
Lincoln





Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9

January 2016 Celebration

Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 held a celebration during their 09 January 2016 meeting to honor their achievements over the past year. As part of the celebration the Sisters had as a guest of honor Robyn Hentschel.

Submitted by Sister Lisa Smith, Secretary:

2016 Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Officers

President: Jan Davis, DVP
Vice President: Dorothy Roush, PAP
Secretary: Lisa Smith, DPI
Treasurer: Mary Rose, PAP
Pat. Instructor: Debra Downey
Council #1: Jane Prebble
Council #2: Dorothy Roush
Council #3: Darlene Hinkley
Chaplain: Mary Rose, PAP
Historian: Jan Davis, DVP
Press Corr.: Lisa Smith, DPI

During the January 9th meeting, a special certificate was awarded to Robyn Hentschel for "extraordinary acts of Patriotism and demonstration of love of country" in asking for her class to say the Pledge of Allegiance at East Middle School in Traverse City, MI. This snowballed into the whole school saying it every day. This award was long over due, but we were so pleased that we were able to finally award it.

Robyn's Story:

When Robyn started 6th grade in the Fall of 2013, she felt that something was missing. She realized that it was because in Elementary School they said the Pledge of Allegiance and now in Middle School they did not. She asked her teacher if they had a flag and if they could say the Pledge. That one little question snowballed into the whole school saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day. It is a great example of how "Great acts are made up of small deeds" (Lao Tzu) or "Little deeds are like little seeds, they grow to flowers or to weeds." (Daniel D. Palmer). Note: Frances Finch was ready to present a certificate in the Spring of 2014, soon after this story broke, but "things" happened. All's well that ends well and we are still very proud of her.

A link to her discussing what happened on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ae5zeTFuENQ>



Above: Robyn Hentschel and Patriotic Instructor Debra Downey



Above: Rob and Robyn Hentschel



Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9

January 2016 Celebration

Right: President Jan Davis initiating Lorraine Jones and Kathryn Wilson per the Ritual



The January Celebration saw the initiation of two new Sisters to the Auxiliary. Sister Lorraine Jones and Sister Kathryn Wilson were welcomed by the Sisters of the Auxiliary. Their initiation made the January Celebration an even more special event. Welcome Sisters!



Left:

Front Row: PAP, Counselor, Chaplain, & Treasurer Mary Rose; Lorraine Jones; Kathryn Wilson; AP, DVP Jan Davis
Second Row: PAP, AVP, Council Dorothy Roush; Council Jane Prebble; PI & Council Deb Downey
Back Row: Secretary, DPI Lisa Smith



In Memoriam

Sister Marjorie Benedict Schultz, Life Member
April 15, 1924 - June 15, 2015

Marjorie was a devoted mother & homemaker Marjorie Lucille Benedict was born on April 15, 1924 in Port Huron, Michigan. Her parents were James W. and Lucille E. (nee LeVasseur) and they were of English and French Canadian descent. She died on Monday, June 15, 2015, peacefully at her home. Marge was 91 years of age. Marge was a former resident of Troy and Southfield. She was a 1942 graduate of Port Huron High School where she was class president and a member of the National Honor Society. She was a longtime realtor for Hall & Hunter Realtors in Birmingham, MI. She enjoyed the piano, classical music and fine arts. Marge was a former volunteer for the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Cranbrook Academy of Arts. Marge was the beloved mother of John E. Schultz, James E. Schultz (Sarah) and Jerry E. Schultz. Grandmother of Elsa, Raif, Rachel, Benjamin, Samuel, Hannah and Marina. Great grandmother of Madeline and Samantha. Sister of the late David, James and William. The Funeral Mass, Friday, June 19, 2015 at 10:30am at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI. Visitation at church begins at 10am. Memorial tributes to Cranbrook Academy of Art, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Recipe for Hardtack:

2 cups flour
½ tablespoon salt
½ to ¾ cup water

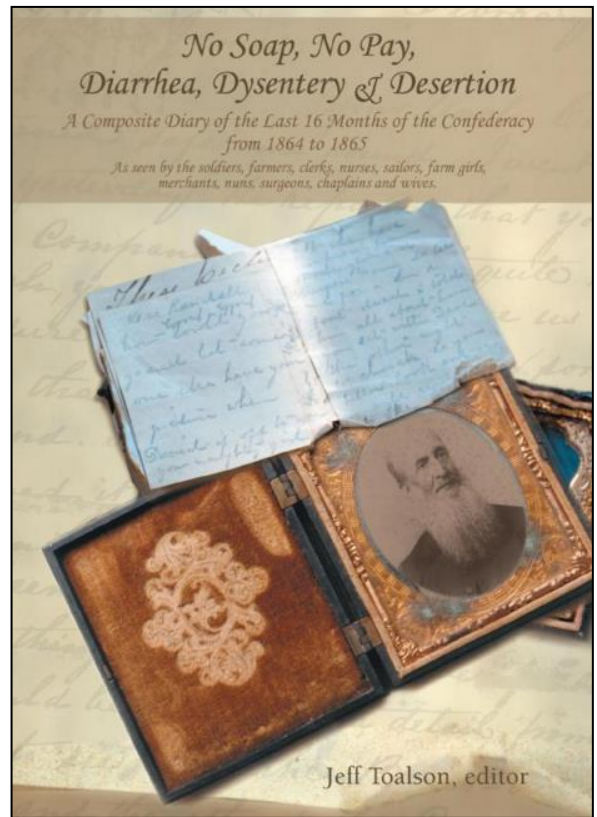
Preheat oven to 250 degrees F. Combine flour with salt in a mixing bowl. Add water and mix the ingredients by hand until the dough mixes together well. Roll out dough on a flat surface to approximately 1/3 of an inch in thickness.

Cut the dough into 3×3 squares with a knife. Place the squares on a baking sheet. Then use a round dowel to poke 16 evenly-spaced holes per square.

Place the baking sheet in the oven and bake for at least four hours, turning over once at the two hour mark. After four hours cool on a rack.



Recommended Reading



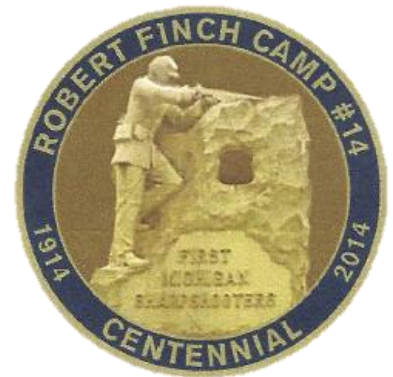
No Soap, No Pay, Diarrhea, Dysentery, & Desertion
by Jeff Toalson, editor

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Camp No. 14 Centennial Challenge Coins Still Available

Camp No. 14 Centennial Challenge Coins are still available for purchase from the Camp No. 14 Centennial Committee. The cost is \$10 per coin. The coins shown on the right are excellent mementos of Camp's 100th year and of the highest quality. Please see DC Dale Aurand to purchase coins as there is a limited quantity available.





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