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Sister Mary Rose Receives the Sgt. Robert Finch Award



Above L-R: DSVC & CC David Smith, Sister Mary Rose, NP Linda Kronberg, and DP & AP Jan Davis. At the May meeting, Sister Mary Rose, PAP received the Sgt. Robert Finch Award for her long and exemplary service and support of the Camp. This is only the second time this Award has been given since its inception in 2014. Her invaluable genealogical research has helped many Brothers convert from Associate Membership to Full Membership. We the Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 could think of no finer an award recipient than our Sister, Mary Rose. Congratulations!

Bruce Catton Memorialized



28 May 2016 brought the Camp to Benzonia for three ceremonies. Robert Finch Camp No. 14 supported by the Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 conducted a memorial ceremony for Pulitzer Prize winning Civil War author Bruce Catton at his gravesite in the Benzonia Township Cemetery.

Above: PDC Aurand eulogizes Bruce Catton

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2016 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

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July 17	Civil War Historical Demonstration Kingsley Heritage Days, Kingsley Sportsman's Club, Kingsley, Michigan
July ?? (Tentative)	John Kedgnal Duvernay GAR Flag Holder Ceremony Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey, MI
July 30	Dr. Cousins & Family Grave Dedication Down Cemetery, Mayfield Twp.
August 11-14	National Encampment Springfield, IL
September 17	Camp Meeting Traverse City Elks Lodge #323 Program: "GAR & Mayville's CW Vets"
October 16 ^{or} 23 (Tentative)	D. Duane Joint Memorial Ceremony with Gen. Patrick Cleburne Camp #2257 Grand Rapids, Sons of Confederate Veterans Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City
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 September date change 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.

2016 Department Encampment

Camp No. 14's own, Department Commander Dale Aurand presided over the 2016 Department of Michigan Encampment held in Lansing on 30 April. This was Department Commander Aurand's final act in office as his term had come to conclusion. At the end of the Encampment, Brother Aurand was awarded the much coveted and well deserved Past Department Commander's Badge for a job well done.

Additionally at the Department Encampment, Camp Commander David Smith was elected to the office of Department Senior Vice Commander, after serving as Department Junior Vice Commander during the previous term.

Camp No. 14 Brothers serving as Delegates to the Department Encampment included: Guard H.G. Smith, PCC Skip Bryant, and CJVC Ted Mattis.

Flag Day 2016 in Traverse City



Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 were well represented at the Flag Day ceremonies held at the Elks Lodge #323 in Traverse City. Attending on the Camp's and Auxiliary's behalf were Brothers Aurand, Breagh, Conger, Mattis, and Smith, along with Sister Lisa Smith.

The event was another moving ceremony, and was well attended by area Veterans organizations. A job well done by the Elks!

Left L-R: CC David Smith, PCC Neal Breagh, PDC Dale Aurand, CJVC Ted Mattis, and Brother Joseph Conger

New Brother Initiated at Manistee Event



Above: New Brother Dave Ramsey was initiated into the Camp with CC Smith and CJVC Mattis (acting as Chaplain) per the Ritual. Secretary Aurand also served as Color Bearer.

Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 attended the Thunder at the River event held in Manistee at the Little River Casino and Resort on 18 June, setting up an information table along with several other Veterans and related groups. During the event, the new Brother David Ramsey was initiated into the Camp per the ritual by CC Smith, CJVC Mattis, and Sec. Aurand.

Special thanks to Marise Mattis for taking pictures of the initiation.



Bruce Catton Memorialized *cont'd*



At the E.P. Case GAR Post Monument in the Benzonia Twp. Cemetery, from L-to-R: PCC George Goodrich, Guide Mike Kolbusz, BAA Bugler Thelma Paul, Color Bearer Doug Hulbert, Br. Don Hinkley, GRO Anthony Bonecutter, Sr. Darlene Hinkley, PDC & Sec. Dale Aurand, Br. John Sawyer, DSVC & CC David Smith (back), SVC & Chaplain John Lantzer (front), JVC Ted Mattis, DP & AP Jan Davis, Dept. Council & Sec. Lisa Smith

Mr. Catton was a favorite native son of Benzonia that spent a great deal of time with local GAR Veterans during his youth. A modified memorial service with eulogy was performed, honoring his historical literary genius and more importantly, his service to the Republic in the U.S. Navy during World War I. Upon completion of the Bruce Catton memorial ceremony, the participants proceeded over to the E.P. Case Post GAR Monument ("The Mushroom Monument") and performed the 1917 GAR Monument rededication ceremony. Both of these ceremonies utilized the services of Bugler Thelma Paul from Bugles Across America. Upon completion of services at Benzonia Township Cemetery, several Brothers went to the Joyfield Township Cemetery to honor two Veterans buried there with one serving the 54th Massachusetts and the other the 5th U.S.C.T. Camp No. 14 posted the colors during the ceremonies held by the Benzonia Historical Museum members.



Above: "The Gravesite of Bruce Catton

Ancestor Spotlight

Submitted by Jeff Morse, PCC

The Thacker Brothers

Two Thacker brothers, born in southern Ohio, served in different units during the Civil War. Both wound up living around Traverse City, and are buried in two local cemeteries. Both were sons of William Thacker, who in 1815 came as a teenager with his family from New York State to Goshen, Clermont County, Ohio, just east of Cincinnati. During the move William and a younger brother rode the family's horses all the way across Ohio from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati, while the rest of their family came down the Ohio River by flatboat. William later married Hester Beatty, sister of John Beatty, the local judge, and they had many children, including John Beatty Thacker and William Beatty Thacker.

John Beatty Thacker

John was born in 1824 in Goshen, Ohio. John accompanied his father William when their family moved up to Defiance County, in northwest Ohio, in the 1840s. In 1848 John married Elizabeth Breckbill, a descendent of Pennsylvania Dutch Mennonites, and became a farmer. They had four children, and just before the birth of a fifth child John decided to become a California gold miner.

John began keeping a pocket diary at that time. This page records his trip west, departing on 1 Sep 1857 from Goshen, Ohio, traveling via rail to NY City (where he stopped at the Astor House). He departed by steamboat on 5 Sep (fare \$175), stopping at Havana, then Aspinwall, Panama, where he rode the recently completed train across the isthmus to Panama City. He left there on 18 Sep, with several stops, reaching San Francisco 1 Oct. John rode a local boat from there to the gold fields at Sonora, where he spent the next two years prospecting. His diary records his purchases, including pick and wheelbarrow, supplies such as tobacco, maches, yeast powder, beans, onions, candles, sugar, and beef stakes. His diary records that it was "108 degrees in the shade" on 19 Jul 1858, in Sonora. He did not strike it rich, but he apparently made enough to pay for his trip home.

John departed SF by steamship on 20 Oct 1859, and arrived home on 14 Nov 1859. His diary from that period ends with a handwritten recipe "cure for cough - 1 quart brandy and salt."

Two years later in Defiance his wife Elizabeth died and John married again, to Emily Fouch, sister of John Fouch. Shortly after the birth of her first child, John enlisted as a private, along with his brother-in-law John Fouch (listed as Foutch), in Company B, 169th Regt, Ohio Volunteer Infantry (OVI), on 15 May 1864. John B. Thacker was 40 years old, one of the oldest men in his unit. (John Fouch was 19.)

The 169th was a 100 day unit organized from two National Guard battalions. A letter written from Defiance by a relative (Jonah Lupton Dunn) in Aug 1864 stated:

"The one hundred day men swept the men out of some neighborhoods till there was scarcely any left to do the harvesting. John Fouch had to go, too." Immediately after the unit was formed it was rushed to Washington DC to help defend the capital from the Confederate raids of Gen Early. John's unit garrisoned Ft. Ethan Allen, and participated in the repulse of Early's attack on Washington 11-12 Jul 1864. He was mustered out with the rest of his unit on 4 Sep 1864, and went home to help take care of his kids.

Journal Ohio Sep 1st 1857
Started for California
Came to N.Y. Sep 3rd
Rail Road fare 19.20
Stop at Astor house
Fare 5.00
left N.Y. Sep 5th
Fare 175.00
Came to Havana Sep 11th
Came to Aspinwall Sep 17th
Came to Panama "
left " Sep 18
Came to Acapulco " 23
" Manzanilla " 25
" San Blas " Oct 1
" Staetion " 5
" Sonora " 7

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Ancestor Spotlight cont'd

After the war ended John and his family (then with six kids) moved north to Michigan. John's father, William, had moved to Traverse City about 1862, and had settled in East Bay, raising a second family there. John B. settled on the west side, in Leelanau County, along with John Fouch. They both bought land along what is now called Fouch Road. John Fouch became a noted businessman with a village named for him. John Thacker became a farmer (homestead certificate dated 1872), grocer, and traveler. His wife Emily died shortly after they moved, and was buried in a small family cemetery on Fouch Road, known as Fouch Cemetery.

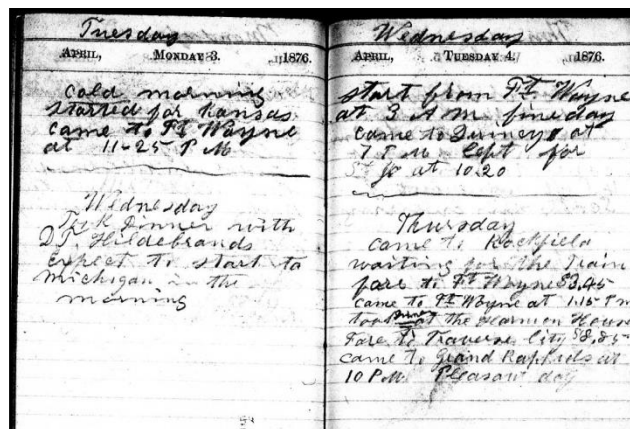
In 1879 John Thacker and Ira Newman started a general store in Kasson, Leelanau County. The store did a lot of business with local farmers, accepting farm goods in trade. The store issued wooden tokens to show temporary balance. One of John Thacker's wooden nickels was displayed on EBay.



After the war John started to keep a diary again. One of them survives, for the years 1877-81. Most entries include a comment on the daily weather, and his activities or travels. During those years when John got bored with farming or storekeeping, he got on a train and rode south to Ft. Wayne, and then west, to visit family scattered along the rail line from Indiana to Kansas. He would stay there for a couple weeks, doing chores and helping them farm, and then get back on a train and return to Traverse City.

Typical entries from John's diary for 3 & 4 Apr, 1877 & 1878:

<p>[1877] Tuesday Cold morning, started for Kansas, came to Ft Wayne at 11-25 PM</p>	<p>[1877] Wednesday start from Ft Wayne at 3 AM, fine day, came to Quincy [IL] at 7 PM, left for St Jo [near Kansas City] at 10-20</p>
<p>[1878] Wednesday Took dinner with D T Hildebrands [Indiana cousin of the Beatty family of Ohio], expect to start to Michigan in the morning</p>	<p>[1878] Thursday Came to Rockfield [IN], waiting for the train, fare to Ft Wayne \$3.45, came to Ft Wayne at 1-15 PM, took dinner at the Harmon House, Fare to Traverse City \$8.85, came to Grand Rapids at 10 PM, Pleasant day</p>



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Commander's Corner

David Smith, LM, CC, DSVC

Brothers,

I would like to thank the many Brothers and Sisters that have worked hard on the many group & individual projects and events so far this year. "Celebrate GAR 150" has been a smashing success as we honor our noble Veteran ancestors.

While it has been an incredibly busy year so far, there is more to be done. We have opportunities on the horizon with several more ceremonies that are in the planning. Each ceremony has been or will be unique as no two are alike. All of the ceremonies require a different approach that ensures that nothing becomes routine. I find this exciting as we can try new things out, and always provide new interest in addition to reverence for the Veterans.

Beyond representing our noble Veteran ancestors, these ceremonies, events, and activities have provided even more opportunities for Fraternity. For this I am most grateful. Additionally, I have found a new passion in cleaning headstones and monuments, along with repairing GAR flag holders (which several Brothers such as JVC Mattis and Brother Scott Schwander have been working on).

Let's keep the momentum up and Celebrate GAR 150!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Dave



Pere Cheney Cemetery Visit

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 was invited to tour the Pere Cheney Cemetery in Beaver Creek Township of southern Crawford County. The cemetery is very historic and well known throughout Michigan. It has been subjected to a tremendous amount of vandalism over the years. Several Union Veterans are buried here. The Camp was invited to survey the cemetery and provide feedback to the Township Supervisor on possible ideas to continue restoration of this solemn and beautiful location. Camp and Auxiliary members and families toured the location on Sunday, 05 June.



Maple Hill Cemetery – Cadillac Clean-Up

Right L-R: JVC Ted Mattis, Marise Mattis, SVC John Lantzer, Sister Darlene Hinkley, Brother Don Hinkley, PDC Dale Aurand, Dept. Council Lisa Smith, DSVC & CC David Smith



Below L-R: Hoisting the new much larger US flag is SVC Lantzer, PDC Aurand, JVC Mattis, and DSVC & CC Smith.



21 May saw the Camp and Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 (including spouses and family) performing a clean-up of the GAR plot at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. This was organized by SVC John Lantzer, and included cleaning of all gravestones within the GAR plot. Additionally, the Brothers serviced the GAR flag holders by repainting each of them black and repainted the GAR letters in contrasting white as was originally done for these particular markers. Finally, the Camp installed a new halyard and replaced the U.S. flag with a much larger U.S. flag donated by Brother Doug Hulbert. Further upcoming work on this GAR plot has been approved by the officials of the City of Cadillac, and is being planned and conducted at this time.

After the Cadillac GAR plot clean-up on the 21st of May, Commander David Smith gave a talk on the GAR, SUVCW, and other various Civil War items at the Wexford Genealogical Society's Veterans Open House held at the old Naval Reserve Center on Lake Cadillac. The event was well attended, and sparked new requests for talks/programs with the DAR Chapter in Cadillac.

Ancestor Spotlight cont'd

John Thacker's children had moved north with him. Several married and settled in Traverse City. His daughter Anna Maria married Horace Monroe Morse, and they later moved to Washington State. His son William Henry went to school in Benzonia, and married a local girl, whom he was later accused of murdering, in a famous scandal; he eventually remarried and became a farmer in central Michigan. John B. Thacker began to receive an invalid's pension after 1890, and died in 1893. He is buried in the Fouch cemetery along with his wife Emily. (That cemetery has recently been renovated by John Sawyer and volunteers from Traverse City.)

William Beatty Thacker

William was born in Ohio in 1838, 14 years after his brother John. As a child William moved up to Defiance with his father, and by the 1860 census he was teaching there. The next year, however, he moved back south to Clermont County to enlist (he probably wanted to be with relatives who were still living there).

William (age 24) enlisted as a private in Company C, 2nd Regt, OVI, on 27 Jul 1861. The 2nd Regt OVI was formed at Camp Dennison, Ohio, the summer of 1861, as a three year unit. It was composed largely of companies from Cincinnati and the vicinity. Company C was enrolled at Goshen, Clermont County (the Thacker family's original Ohio home town).

The Company Commander was a cousin, Capt. William Thacker Beatty (whose war diary was published after the war), and one of the Lieutenants was William H. Thacker (later a physician at Defiance). The men of Clermont County were proud of their record during the war; an old county history states:

There was a spontaneous response to the call for troops, not only at first, when men were easily moved by a feeling that the insult to the flag must be resented, but after the realities of an unrelenting war were understood, . . . No better commentary on the loyalty and patriotism of the county can be made than the simple statement that but six men had to be conscripted to fill the allotted quotas. In all those long years of strife but six men went to war from Clermont against their wills, while those who rendered voluntary service numbered nearly four thousand men from every avocation of life.

In Sep 1861 William's unit was in East Kentucky, then Louisville, with General Mitchell's Division. The unit was at Shiloh; it suffered heavy losses at Perryville (losing forty percent of their men), Stones River (where they captured the flag of the 30th Arkansas Infantry but lost their regimental commander), and Chickamauga, where William B. Thacker was severely wounded (and the regiment lost 183 men). (A nephew of William's enlisted a few months after William, in the 89th OVI; that regiment failed to receive a message to withdraw and was overrun at Chickamauga, with most of the men killed, wounded, or captured; 75 out of 350 men were present for duty the next day.)

William remained with his unit at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and later in the battles leading to the siege of Atlanta. He was mustered out 31 Oct 1864, at Columbus, Georgia, having served 3 years and 3 months. Although his personal account of his war experience does not mention it, he was promoted to Corporal on 10 Apr 1863, but reduced back to Private on 1 Jan 1864, at his own request.

After the war William married Mary Callie Lackey in Warren County, Ohio, where he served as Township Clerk for many years. Mary Callie Lackey was cousin of Capt. Charles R. Lackey, who served with the 26th Michigan Infantry (including the Battle of the Wilderness).

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Ancestor Spotlight cont'd

In 1883 William and his family moved up to Traverse City. He became a teacher and, in 1889, a Justice. His wife and children moved up with him; three daughters (Agnes, Hester, and Edna) married in Traverse City. He received an invalid pension after 1880, and his widow received it after his death. William B. Thacker died in 1899 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, nearby his wife Mary Callie and his father William Thacker, and not far from Capt. Charles Lackey's monument.



Above: 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regimental Flag

Oakwood Cemetery Clean-Up

On 07 May, the Camp along with Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 (as well as spouses) conducted clean ups of the two McPherson GAR Post No. 18 plots in Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City. This included cleaning the Veterans' gravestones, as well as the GAR monument at each plot.



Above: Camp No. 14 & Aux. No. 9 members & spouses hard at work!



Above: JVC Mattis, Dept. Coun. & Sec. Smith, DSVC & CC Smith, PDC Aurand, DP & AP Davis, Br. Conger, & Mary Conger



Left: Marise Mattis cleaning a Veteran's headstone

Right: DP & AP Jan Davis and Dept. Coun. & Aux. Sec. Lisa Smith cleaning a WRC member's headstone



1st Mich. SS Co. K Headstone Cleaning Project

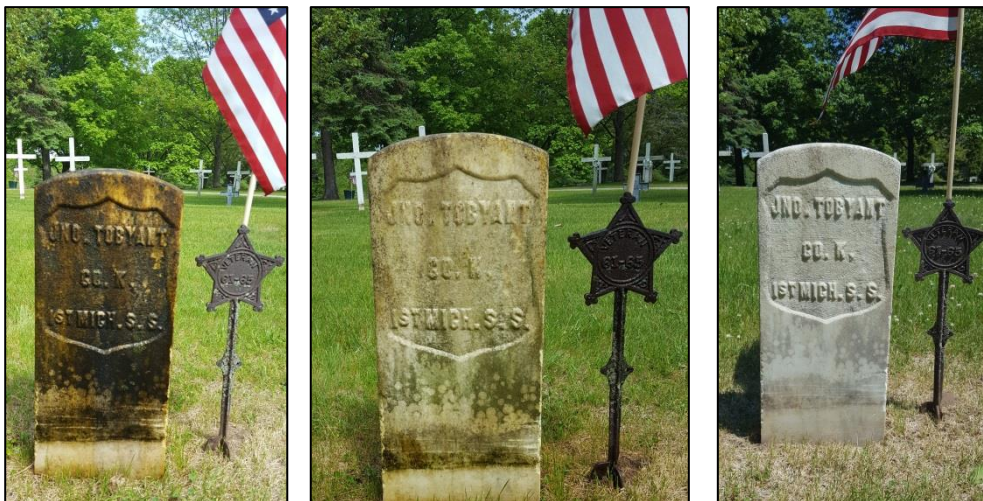
Brother Scott and Brother Walker Schwander have been working diligently on many area cemetery caretaking activities over the past several months. One of the projects that they have been working on is the cleaning of 1st Michigan Sharpshooters Company K Veterans' gravestones throughout the area. The pictures below are just a couple of the headstones that they have cleaned, and the amazing results afterward. Well done Brothers!

Augustus Boushaw



Left: The first picture was before cleaning, the second picture is post scrubbing with D2 Biosolution, and the third is a picture taken 3 weeks later. The results are absolutely stunning. The D2 Biosolution was misted on the stone post scrubbing, and these are the incredible results.

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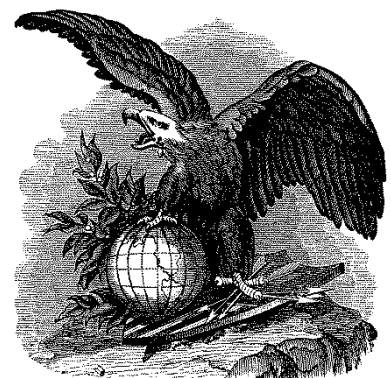


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Payson Wolfe



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GAR Flag Holder Repair & Restoration Project

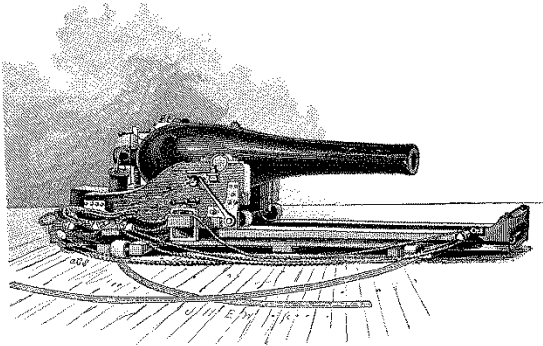
Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 have embarked on a new project to repair and restore Grand Army of the Republic flag holders in cemeteries across the area.

Efforts include preparing and painting the flag holders, sometimes with multiple coats, clear coats, and/or painting letters in contrast colors. Going further, many GAR flag holders have broken legs or stakes. These are being carefully prepared and rewelded, then painted post weld. JVC Ted Mattis has been hard at work perfecting structural repairs.

GAR flag holders are being surveyed on an on-going basis during cemetery visits to determine how many may need to be restored. This will be a long-term project with the thousands of GAR flag holders in need of a little or a lot of TLC.



Above: JVC Mattis, SVC Lantzer, DSVC & CC Smith, and PDC Aurand, work the "Assembly Line" as they collect, repaint, reletter, and reinstall GAR flag holders at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac, Michigan.



Right: Before and after restoration of GAR flag holders at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Note, the flag holders at right are not necessarily the same flag holder.



Above: Before and after restoration of a large GAR flag holder by Br. Scott Schwander. This GAR flag holder will be placed at John Kedgnal Duvernay's gravesite ('Br. Thom Duvernay's G-Grandfather)



Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9

Sister Jan Davis elected Department President

Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 President Jan Davis was elected as Department President of the Department of Michigan, ASUVCW. Sister Jan took the helm on 30 April 2016 at the Department Encampment in Lansing. PDC Paul Davis (her husband) pinned the Department President's badge on her after the election. Congrats Sister Jan!

President Jan Davis awarded Dr. Mary Walker Award

2016 Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Officers

President:	Jan Davis, DP
Vice President:	Dorothy Roush, PAP
Secretary:	Lisa Smith, DPI
Treasurer:	Mary Rose, PAP
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Council #2:	Dorothy Roush, PAP
Council #3:	Darlene Hinkley
Chaplain:	Mary Rose, PAP
Historian:	Jan Davis, DP
Press Corr.:	Lisa Smith, Dept. Coun.

Frances Finch Auxiliary President Jan Davis was awarded the Dr. Mary Walker Award for her outstanding service and support to the SUVCW and her extraordinary efforts on behalf of the Allied Orders. She was given the award at the 2016 Department Encampment in Lansing on 30 April. Department Commander Aurand presented Sister Jan with the accompanying medal and certificate.

This award is presented in recognition of outstanding, sustained, and conspicuous service to the Department of Michigan, SUVCW, in furtherance of the mission and goals of the SUVCW. The Doctor Mary Edwards Walker Medal may be presented by a Department Commander to a Sister of one of the Allied Orders upon a recommendation by any Past Commander-in-Chief or Past Department Commander or elected officer of a Camp. The Department Commander issued an order detailing either a PCinC or PDC to convene a Department Court of Honor. The Court of Honor consisting of three Past Department Commanders was established to review the nominations and make recommendations to the Department Commander for his consideration. The final determination lies with the Department Commander. The Department Commander may present up to three (3) awards per administration year to any Sister of the Allied Orders of the GAR (WRC, LGAR, DUVCW, ASUVCW/

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Sister Mary Rose and Sister Debra Downey awarded Dept. of Michigan 2016 Bridgette Awards



Sister Mary Rose and Sister Debra Downey were chosen as the 2016 Bridgette Award winners at the ASUVCW Department Encampment on 30 April 2016 in Lansing.

The annual Bridgette Award is among the highest honors an ASUVCW Michigan Sister can achieve. It is announced at the Dept. of Michigan Encampment.

It is awarded to an Auxiliary member who promotes and works diligently to further the Department of Michigan ASUVCW interests in the state.

The Department of Michigan ASUVCW Council selects the annual recipient. PNP Janice Harding of Maryland inspired the award in 2009 and it was established by the ASUVCW Michigan Department in 2010.

Above: Jane Prebble, NP Linda Kronberg, Mary Rose, Dept. Council Lisa Smith, DP Jan Davis, Dorothy Roush, Lorraine Jones

Dept. of Mich. 150th Anniversary of the GAR Lapel Pins for Sale



A lapel pin styled from the very first Grand Army of the Republic membership badges was created by the Department of Michigan Allied Orders of the GAR to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the GAR. The pins are approximately 1.5 inches x 1.5 inches with the blue being translucent, and the metal finish in antique silver color.

The pins are \$10 each and the profits from the sales is being used for costs of hosting the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing.

If you would like a pin, please contact DSVC & CC David Smith, wyattusmagnus@gmail.com

Civil War Trivia

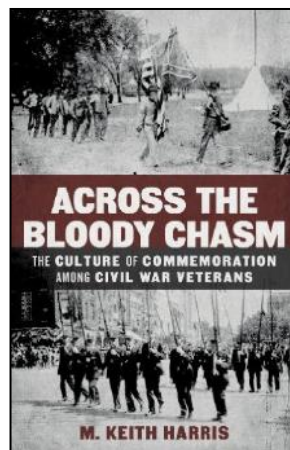
Q1: What Civil War General has one of the Soo Locks named after him?

Q2: What year was the last GAR National Encampment in Michigan, and what city was it held in?

Q3: What is the name of the Confederate Veterans organization?

Answers: A1: Orlando Poe A2: 1948, Grand Rapids (2nd to last Nat. Encamp) A3: United Confederate Veterans

Recommended Reading



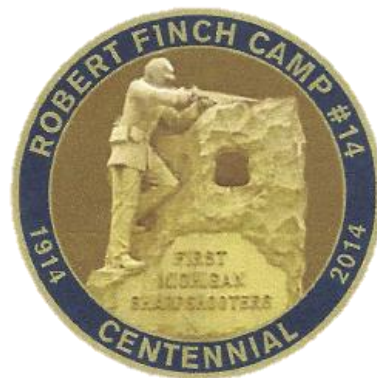
Across the Bloody Chasm by M. Keith Harris

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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 PDC Dale Aurand to purchase coins as there is a limited quantity available.

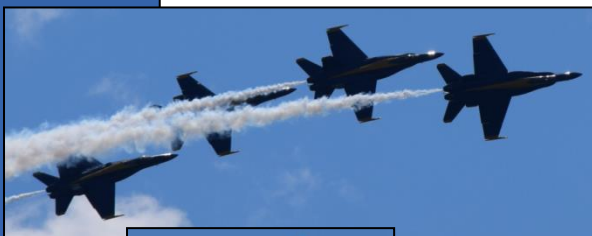
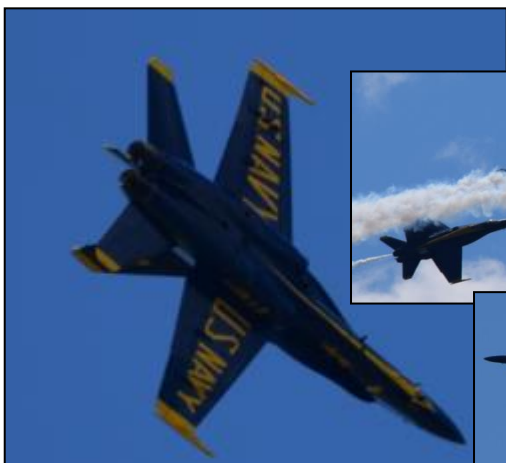




Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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David Smith, Commander



Happy Independence Day
2016 National Cherry Festival
Traverse City, Michigan
featuring the
U.S. Navy Blue Angels



Pictures courtesy of A. Flory

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