



THE SHARPSHOOTER



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Extended Issue – Summer & Fall Recap

With the sheer volume of activities held this year, along with continuing the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic - this issue of The Sharpshooter is an extra-large extended copy. Enjoy!

Dr. Cousins and Family Honored



On 30 July 2016, the Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and the Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society (GTAGS) along with the Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, held a Memorial and Dedication Ceremony for Dr. David Wilson Cousins (Co. H, 102nd USCI) and his Family at Down Cemetery, Mayfield Township, Grand Traverse County.

Dr. David Wilson Cousins and his family were without headstones from the time they were buried. After considerable research by GTAGS members, Sister Mary Rose, Brother Scott Schwander and others, the gravesites were located and efforts were kicked off to obtain gravestones for Dr. Cousins, and his family. The gravestones were acquired from the VA, as well as through Oakwood Cemetery Sexton Branden Morgan. Down Cemetery Sexton Jim Zenner placed the stones as they were received.

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Late 2016 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

Camp Officers 2016
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July 17	Civil War Historical Demonstration Kingsley Heritage Days, Kingsley Sportsman's Club, Kingsley, Michigan
July 30	Dr. Cousins & Family Grave Dedication Down Cemetery, Mayfield Twp.
August 11-14	National Encampment Springfield, IL
August 18	John Kedgnal Duvernay GAR Flag Holder Ceremony Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey, MI
September 17	Camp Meeting Traverse City Elks Lodge #323 Program: "GAR & Mayville's CW Vets"
October 08	Hinkley Ceremony Rose Lake Township Cemetery, LeRoy, MI
October 23	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"
December 17	Wreaths Across America Petoskey - Oakwood Cemetery Traverse City - Veterans Memorial Park

Brother is Honored by Mid Michigan Honor Flight

Military and Veteran Affairs Officer Calvin Murphy attended the 13 October Honor Flight to Washington D.C. by the Mid Michigan Honor Flight organization. Brother Murphy was honored for his service in the Vietnam Conflict. During his Tour of Honor in Washington D.C. he placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Thank you Brother Murphy for your service to our Nation.
Your efforts then and now are an inspiration to us all!



John Henry (Kedgnal) Duvernay Memorialized



John Henry (Kedgnal) Duvernay Ceremony - Above (L-R): PCC Skillman, PDC Aurand, Br. Duvernay, CJVC Mattis, CC Smith, Br. Conger, and Bugler Thelma Paul, missing from picture is Br. Bill Burgess (picture courtesy of Br. Duvernay and his nephew, via screen capture from video)

On 18 August 2016, the Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 held a twilight Memorial Service for John Henry (Kedgnal) Duvernay, Co. B, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Comrade Duvernay is the Great Grandfather of Brother Thomas Duvernay. He also served in the same Company as Sgt. Robert Finch.

Supporting Camp No. 14 was Mrs. Thelma Paul of Bugles Across America. Also in support and attendance of the Memorial Service were descendants of Comrade Duvernay, as well as Native American members of the Grand Traverse Band and Little Traverse Bay Band.

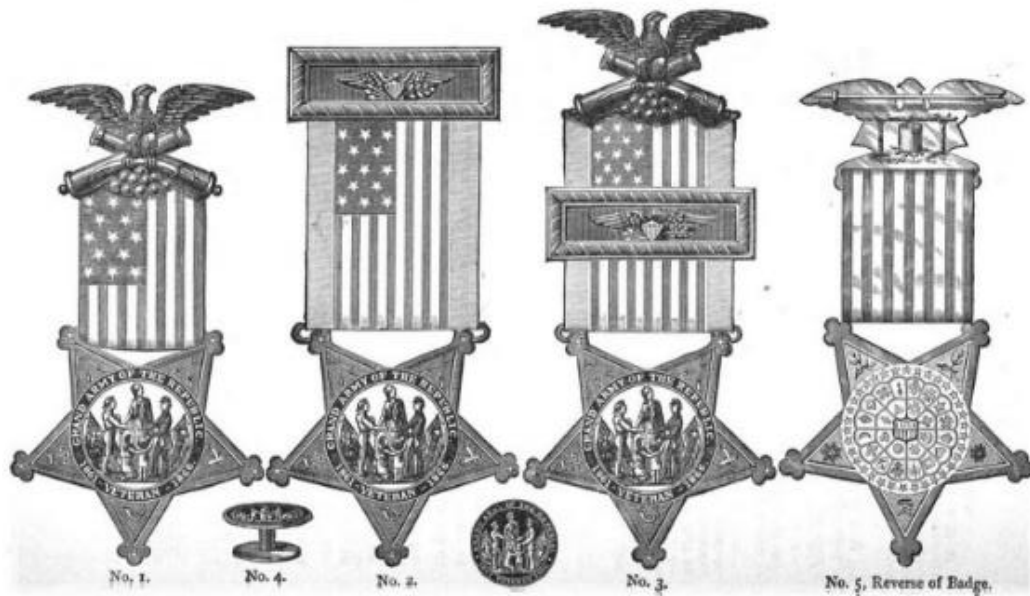
In addition to performing the Memorial Service, the event also included the placement of a GAR flag holder that was newly reconditioned by Brother Scott Schwander.

McPherson GAR Post No. 18 Flag added to Camp Flag Set



Robert Finch Camp No. 14 recently acquired a new flag for display. The Camp had a custom replica manufactured of the McPherson GAR Post No. 18 (Traverse City). The flag pays homage to the local GAR Post, while providing a visual link between the GAR and the SUVCW when posted next to the Camp's colors. It is expected to be a great talking piece when discussing the history of the GAR with the public. Special thanks to PDC Dale Aurand in his efforts for the Camp in acquiring this special flag.

Grand Army of the Republic Membership Badges



Above: Membership Badge, Badge of Office, Past Officer's Badge, Membership Lapel Button, Reverse of Membership Badge

Save the Cannon in Petoskey

On 31 August, PCC Bill Skillman attended the rededication of the Dahlgren cannon and its new plaque in Petoskey by the Save the Cannon group. Brother Skillman gave a short address to those that had gathered for the event, as well as presented certificates to the group and Barry Cole.



This Dahlgren IX inch cannon was aboard the USS Hartford, Admiral David Farragut's flagship during the most vital naval battles of the Civil War. New Orleans, the South's largest and richest city, was captured by his fleet in 1862. For this achievement Farragut was promoted to admiral, the first US naval officer of his rank. In August, 1864, his fleet ran the gauntlet of forts and mines to enter Mobile Bay, capture the opposing Confederate ships, and close the South's remaining major port. In the most fierce US naval battle up to that time, Farragut, tied to the Hartford's mast to be able to see above the smoke of battle, ordered his fleet forward past "torpedoes" (mines), with his famous US Navy battle cry, "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" The victory helped ensure Lincoln's nomination for his second term. This 4.5 ton cannon had a standard gun crew of 16 and could hurl a 90 lb. shell two miles. This sign funded by a grant from Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and private donations.

The insignia of rank upon the strap are as follows :

- For Commander-in-Chief, four silver stars.
- For Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, three silver stars.
- For Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Department Commanders, two silver stars.
- For the official staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Surgeon-General, Provisional Department Commanders, Senior Vice Department Commanders, one silver star.
- For Junior Vice Department Commanders, one gilt star.
- For the official staff of the Department Commander, Medical Directors, Aides-de-Camp and Assistant Adjutant-General to the Commander-in-Chief, Post Commanders, silver eagle.
- For Senior Vice Post Commanders, Assistant Inspectors-General, Aides-de-Camp to Department Commanders, silver leaf.
- For Junior Vice Post Commanders, Assistant Inspectors, Post Surgeons, gilt leaf.
- For members of Council of Administration, silver letter "C."
- For Chaplain-in-Chief, silver star and cross.
- For Department Chaplains, large silver cross.
- For Post Chaplains, small silver cross.
- For Post Officers of the Day, two gilt bars.
- For Post Adjutants and Quartermaster, one gilt bar.
- For Officers of the Guard, vacant field.
- For Past Officers, Section 4, above.

Left: The Dahlgren Cannon in Pennsylvania Park in Petoskey.

Right: PCC Bill Skillman presenting a Camp No. 14 Certificate of Appreciation to Barry Cole of Save the Cannon.



Ancestor Spotlight

Submitted by Br. Joseph Conger (G-G Grandson)

Jacob Burnell

Jacob Burnell was a Private in Captain Randolph Pabst Company G of the Flint Regiment of the Michigan Volunteers of the 10th Michigan Infantry for 18 months of service. He enlisted on January 20, 1864. He was 17 years 8 months, but claimed he was 18 years old to join the Infantry. He was discharged on July 19, 1865 in Louisville, KY at about age 20. Jacob apparently did not write German or English. According to his enlistment papers he signed with an "X" for his signature.

Jacob Burnell would tell stories about the Civil War. He and another soldier were lost from their unit; they spotted some Confederate soldiers on horseback approaching. They took cover in a barn nearby, hiding in the hayloft. The southern Rebel soldiers entered the barn and tried to locate the two Union soldiers by poking in the hay with their bayonets. They gave up looking when they could not find them. Later, Jacob and his friend worked their way back to their outfit. They were outnumbered and far from their command. They used their cunning to escape and return to Union encampment. Jacob Burnell was about 20 years old as noted on his discharge papers.

He was in the Campaign of the Carolinas, marching on Averysborough, Bentonville and Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was possibly in the victory march in Washington DC and discharged in Tennessee to return home to a farmer in Macomb County. On May 23 in a procession that stretched for seven miles as column passed the reviewing stand in front of the White House, where President Johnson, general-in-chief Ulysses S. Grant, senior military leaders, the Cabinet, and leading government officials awaited. On the following day, William T. Sherman led the 65,000 men of the Army of the Tennessee and the Army of Georgia along Washington's streets past the cheering crowds. Within a week after the celebrations, the two armies were disbanded and many of the volunteer regiments and batteries were sent home to be mustered out of the army. Matthew Brady photos document the passage of the Michigan 10th Infantry passing in this parade.

He is buried in Memphis, Michigan. Although he is listed with "Soldiers and Sailors" as Jakob Bunnell his name is Jacob Burneauer according to a document found is his National Archive Pension.

It is estimated that over 400,000 immigrants served with the Union Army. This included 216,000 Germans-born soldiers fought on the Union side.



Sgt. Robert Finch Photograph Discovered



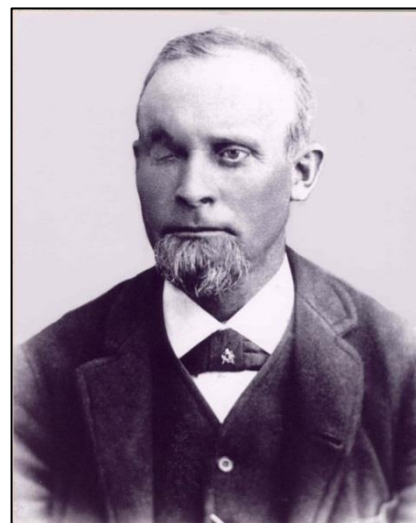
Robert Finch Camp No. 14 had the great honor of receiving a scanned copy of a CDV of our namesake, Sgt. Robert Finch of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters.

Provided here is a copy of the scan, along with a picture of Robert Finch in his later years.

Special thanks to DP Jan Davis and PDC Paul Davis for providing the copy of the wartime CDV. Thank you!!!

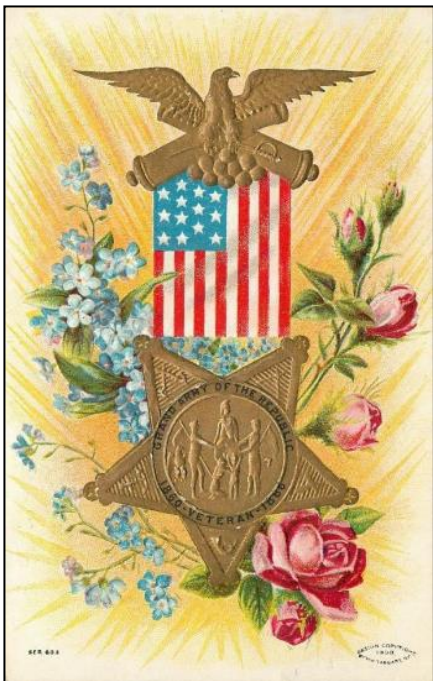
Above Left: Robert Finch, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters

Above Right: Robert Finch, the businessman in his older years



GAR Post Cards

These images of original GAR post cards are presented here for your enjoyment.





Brothers,

Wow, this has been an incredibly busy year! I want to thank each and every one of you for all of your work and help in making this a special year for celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have had a lot of ceremonies, talks to groups, GAR cemetery plot cleanups, GAR flag holder restoration, historical demonstrations, graves registration work, etc. Outstanding work Brothers! Thank you!

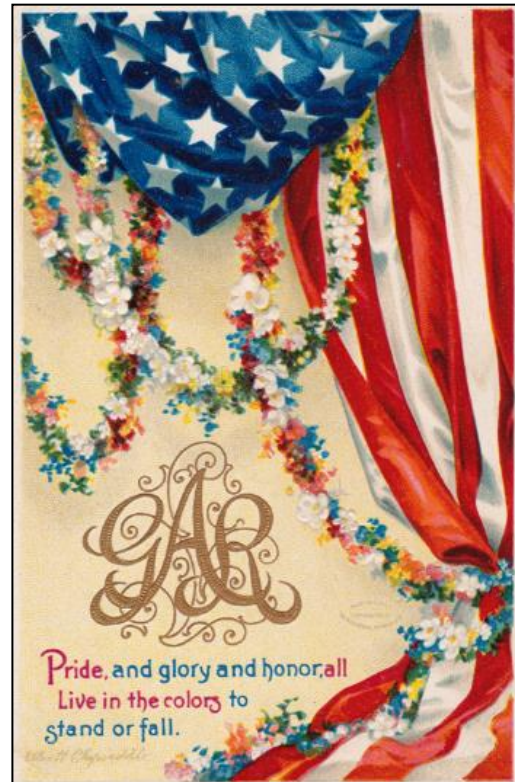
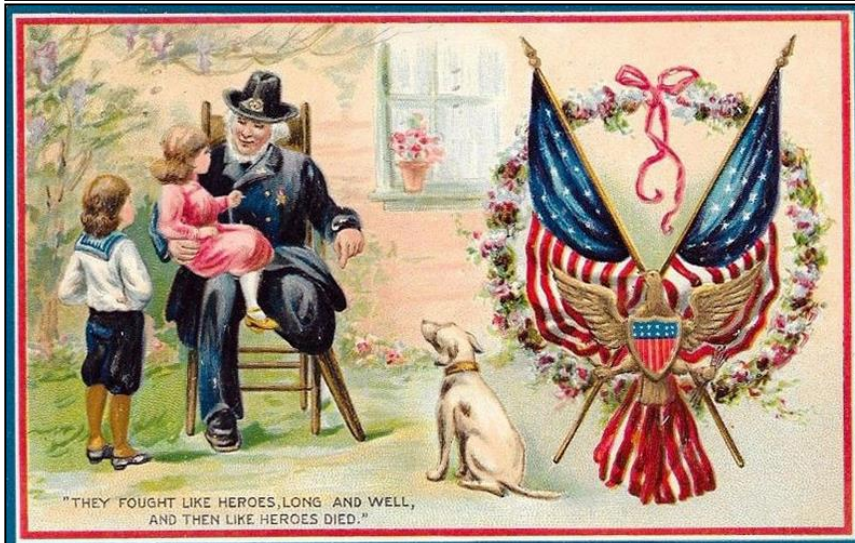
The November meeting was our annual election of officers. I would like to congratulate our Commander-Elect Ted Mattis, and the rest of the elected officers for 2017. Installation of Officers will be here before we know it! Congratulations Brothers!

As I have said before: let's keep the momentum up and Celebrate GAR 150!

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Dave



GAR Post Cards (continued)



Joint Blue-Gray Event with SCV Camp #2257 for Sgt. David Duane



Above L-R: Standing: Br. Gray, SCV Capt. Fragala, Bugler Paul, Br. Hinkley, JVC Mattis, PDC Aurand, CC D. Smith, Br. Conger, Br. H.G. Smith, PCC Breagh, Sr. Downey, Sr. Smith Kneeling: SVC & Chaplain Lantzer, SCV Commander Perkins, Br. C. Skillman, SCV Compatriot Kirk, and PCC B. Skillman.

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 had the unique opportunity to have a joint Blue & Gray ceremony with the General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne Camp No. 2257, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Several Compatriots of Camp No. 2257 made the trek from the Grand Rapids area to Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City on Sunday, 23 October 2016 to honor CSA Veteran and Traverse City resident, Sgt. David Duane, Co. F, 53rd Virginia Infantry. In attendance and participating were three generations of Sgt. Duane's grandchildren.

Sgt. Duane was a valued member of the Traverse City community, and was well liked and respected by the Comrades of McPherson GAR Post No. 18. The Comrades of Post No. 18 attended his funeral per old newspaper articles. (see Page 15).

Thus, as our fathers shared the bonds of the war and their post-war years, we as their sons, an SUVCW Camp and an SCV Camp, renew their fellowship and respect for each other in honoring an American Veteran.

Commander Smith served as Master of Ceremonies with SCV Commander Perkins and Captain Fragala giving the biography, poem, and leading the Canteen Ceremony and Rifle Squad. Brothers Bill and Chris Skillman dressed as CSA to help honor Sgt. Duane. Great-Granddaughter Kim Armanini gave a warm heartfelt speech on behalf of the Duane family. Bugler Thelma Paul of Bugles Across America performed Taps.

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Above Left: Capt. Fragala and the Rifle Squad
Above Right: Capt. Fragala commencing the Canteen Ceremony



George Hinkley Ceremony

On a blustery Saturday, 08 October 2016, Robert Finch Camp No. 14 assisted by Alexander French Camp No. 28, Bugles Across America, and Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 held a rededication ceremony for George Hinkley, Co. G, 20th Michigan Infantry at the Rose Lake Township Cemetery. Mr. Hinkley is the great-grandfather of Camp No. 14's Brother Don Hinkley. There was a nice turnout, including many members of the Hinkley family. After the ceremony, all of the participants and family were treated to a wonderful luncheon by Brother Don and Sister Darlene at the Rose Lake Township Hall. Fellowship and good food was had by all.



Above: Members of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Alexander French Camp No. 28, MOLLUS-Michigan Commandery, and Bugles Across America



Above: PAP Dorothy Roush, PAP Mary Rose, Sec. Lisa Smith, Sr. Darlene Hinkley, DP & AP Jan Davis



Above: Br. Don Hinkley eulogizes his G-G Grandfather Geo. Hinkley. L-R: JVC Mattis, Br. Hinkley, CC Smith, and SVC Lantzer.



Left: The Hinkleys serving participants a wonderful homecooked meal after the ceremony.

Right: Sr. Darlene and Br. Don Hinkley



Ancestor Spotlight

Submitted by: Br. Don & Sr. Darlene Hinkley (G-G Grandson)

George Hinkley

George Hinkley was born 18 August 1842 in Michigan. He married the late Mary M. DeVoe. He enlisted 21 July 1862 in Company G, 20th Michigan Infantry Regiment in Eaton Rapids. He later mustered out at Delaney House, Washington, D.C. on 30 May 1865.

George Hinkley returned to Michigan where he was a farmer, settling in Osceola County. His wife Mary passed away in 1903, and he later passed away of apoplexy on 27 January 1916.

The 20th Michigan Volunteer Infantry service and assignments are listed from Dyer's Compendium below:



Organized at Jackson, Mich., August 15-19, 1862. Left State for Washington, D.C., September 1, thence march to Leesburg, Va., September 8, and to Sharpsburg, Md., September 18-22. Attached to 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to April, 1863, and Army of the Ohio, to June, 1863. 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, to August, 1863, Army of the Ohio to January, 1864. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, Army Ohio, to April, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to September, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, to May, 1865.

SERVICE.--Duty at Sharpsburg, Md., September 22 to October 6. 1862, and at Pleasant Valley, Md., until October 14, At Nolen's Ford to October 30. Advance on Culpeper November 2-15, and to Falmouth, Va., November 16-19. Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 12-15. "Mud March" January 20-24, 1863. At Falmouth until February 19. Moved to Newport News, Va., February 19, thence to Kentucky March 19-23. Duty at various points in Kentucky until June. Expedition to Monticello and operations in Southeast Kentucky April 26-May 12. Skirmish Alcorn's Distillery near Monticello May 9 (Detachment). Horse Shoe Bend, Ky., May 10. Moved to Vicksburg, Miss., June 3-14. Siege of Vicksburg June 14-July 4. Advance on Jackson, Miss., July 4-10. Siege of Jackson July 10-17. Destruction of Mississippi Central Railroad at Madison Station July 18-22. Camp at Milldale until August 4. Moved to Covington, Ky., thence to Crab Orchard, Ky., August 4-30. March to Knoxville, Tenn., September 10-26. Action at Blue Springs October 10. Duty at Lenoir Station until November 14. Knoxville Campaign November 4-December 24. Campbell's Station November 16. Siege of Knoxville November 17-December 5. Repulse of Longstreet's assault on Fort Saunders November 29. Pursuit of Longstreet to Bean's Station December 5-18. Strawberry Plains January 21-22, 1864. Advance to Morristown January 24-March 2. Reconnoissance to Chucky River March 14. Moved from Knoxville to Nicholasville, Ky., thence to Annapolis, Md., March 23-30. Campaign from the Rapidan to the James River May 4-June 15. Battles of the Wilderness May 5-7; Spottsylvania May 8-12; Ny River May 10; Spottsylvania Court House May 12-21. Assault on the Salient May 12. North Anna River May 23-26. Ox Ford May 23-24. On line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. Totopotomoy May 28-31. Cold Harbor June 1-12. Bethesda Church June 1-3. Before Petersburg June 16-18. Siege of Petersburg June 16, 1864, to April 2, 1865. Mine Explosion, Petersburg, July 30, 1864. Weldon Railroad August 18-21. Poplar Springs Church September 29-October 2. Reconnoissance on Vaughan and Squirrel Level Roads October 8. Boydton Plank Road, Hatcher's Run, October 27-28. Fort Stedman, Petersburg, March 25, 1865. Appomattox Campaign March 28-April 9. Assault on and capture of Petersburg April 2. Occupation of Petersburg April 3. Pursuit of Lee April 3-9. Moved to Alexandria April 20-24. Grand Review May 23. Mustered out May 30, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 13 Officers and 111 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 3 Officers and 175 Enlisted men by disease. Total 302.

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2017 Camp Officers Elected

November is election time, and Camp No. 14 followed suit. Junior Vice Commander Ted Mattis was elected to serve as Camp Commander in 2017. The rest of the elected slate includes: Senior Vice Commander John Lantzer; Junior Vice Commander Joseph Conger; Secretary Dale Aurand, PDC; Treasurer Patrick Lints; Council George Goodrich, PCC; Council William Skillman, PCC; and Council Jan White, PCC. Congratulations Brothers!

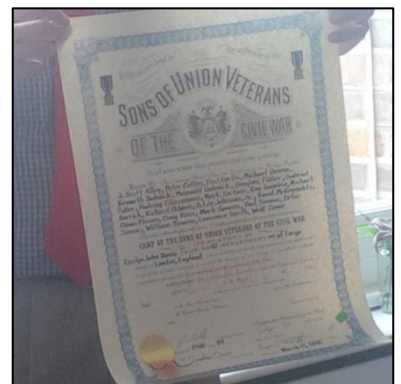


Above: Council-Elect Skillman, JVC-Elect Conger, Commander-Elect Mattis, Treasurer-Elect Lints, SVC-Elect Lantzer, Council-Elect White, and Secretary-Elect Aurand. Missing is Council-Elect Goodrich

Camp No. 14 Brother & Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10, London

Camp No. 14 Brother Andrew Hopkinson has reported on the successful chartering of the new Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 in London, England. The Camp received its Charter from CinC Gene Mortorff at its first meeting on 23 July. Camp No. 10 is the first Camp chartered outside of the United States. Our very own Brother Hopkinson is the Signals Officer of Camp No. 10. They have a Facebook page that can be reviewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/SUVCWEnsignJohnDavisNo10/>

On 23 July, the newly formed Camp also dedicated the gravesite of Ensign John Davis at Nunhead Cemetery with a new grave marker. Among those that attended were Ensign John Davis' descendants, the U.S. Naval Attache in London, the Labor Councillor for East Dulwich, CinC Mortorff, Camp No. 10 members (several are descendants of Ensign Davis), and others. Congratulations Brothers on a job well done and your Charter!!!



Kingsley Civil War Historical Demonstration

Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 put on a Civil War Historical Demonstration at the Kingsley Sportsmen Club in Kingsley on 17 July. Brothers brought many historical Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic artifacts for viewing.

PCC Bill Skillman and Dan Wambaugh of Wambaugh, White, & Company gave a highly interesting presentation on Civil War weaponry and tactics.

JVC Mattis planned the event, and put in a considerable amount of time working with the KSC, and others to assure a successful event. Many thanks go out to JVC Mattis, PCC Skillman, Dan Wambaugh, and Brothers Ramsey, Goodrich, Conger, and Aurand for bringing historical items. Finally, thank you to Brother Walsh for his photographing the event. Thank you all!



Left: PCC Skillman firing a blank during the demonstration.

Right: PCC Skillman and Dan Wambaugh demonstrating tactics.

Bottom Right: Dan Wambaugh discusses various rifles of the Civil War



New Brother Initiated at KSC Event



Left (L-R): Initiation Complete! PDC Aurand, Brother Conger, New Brother Michael Perry, Brother Ramsey, JVC Mattis, PCC Goodrich, and PCC Skillman. Missing from photo is CC Smith and Brother Walsh.

Camp No. 14 initiated new Brother Michael Perry at the KSC event. CC Smith and JVC Mattis performed the ritual on site. Welcome Brother Perry!

Traverse City and Cadillac GAR Plots Update



Above: The main McPherson Post No. 18 plot in Oakwood Cemetery in October 2016.

Back in the Spring, members of Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9, and MOLLUS - Michigan Commandery, completed clean-up projects at the GAR plots in Traverse City's Oakwood Cemetery and Cadillac's Maple Hill Cemetery. Upon later visits to see how the gravestones and monuments are progressing after the application of the D2 biosolution, we continue to be excited at how the stones continue to get cleaner and cleaner. The evidence can be seen in the pictures above and below.



Above: The gravesite of Fred Stoel, Co. D, 15th New York Cavalry in the Washington GAR Post plot in Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac in October 2016. Note the before and after of the gravestone, and the reconditioned GAR flag holder.



Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9

Auxiliary Elects & Installs New Officers

Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 elected and installed their Officers for 2017 during the 12 November meeting. The Sisters were installed by PDC Paul Davis, with PDC Dale Aurand appointed as the Auxiliary Counselor assisting. DP Jan Davis received the Past Auxiliary President badge, being pinned on by her husband PDC Paul Davis.

2017 Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Officers

President: Lisa Smith, Dept. Council
 Vice President: Dorothy Roush, PAP
 Secretary: Jan Davis, DP
 Treasurer: Mary Rose, PAP
 Pat. Instructor: Debra Downey
 Council #1: Jane Prebble
 Council #2: Dorothy Roush, PAP
 Council #3: Darlene Hinkley
 Chaplain: Darlene Hinkley
 Chaplain: Lorraine Jones
 Historian: Jan Davis, DP
 Press Corr.: Lisa Smith, Dept. Coun.
 Girl Scout Comm. Emily Breaugh, PAP, Chair



Above: Standing: PDC Paul Davis, DP & PAP Jan Davis, AVP & PAP Dorothy Roush, Council Jane Prebble, AP Lisa Smith, Council & Chaplain Darlene Hinkley, Chaplain Lorraine Jones, Counselor & PDC Dale Aurand. Seated: Treasurer & PAP Mary Rose, API Debra Downey, and PAP Emily Breaugh.



Above: Sisters in Action: Sr. Hinkley, PAP Roush, PAP Rose & DP Davis

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



Above: API Debra Downey, PAP Mary Rose, and PAP Emily Breaugh

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.

Joint Blue-Gray Event with SCV Camp #2257 for Sgt. David Duane *cont'd*



Above (L-R): Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Sisters - API Debra Downey, PAP Dorothy Roush, PAP Emily Breagh, Sec. Lisa Smith, PAP Mary Rose, and Council Darlene Hinkley

Left (L-R): SCV Camp No. 2257 Commander Jim Perkins, G-G Granddaughter Kim Armanini, and Camp No. 14 Commander David Smith.

Right: Traverse City newspaper story discussing the Comrades of the McPherson GAR Post attending David Duane's funeral.

OLD SOLDIERS WILL GO

ATTEND SERVICE OF THE LATE DAVID DUANE.

First Time in History of Local Post That Members Have Attended Confederate Funeral.

McPherson post G. A. R. will attend the funeral service of the late David Duane, who will be buried Wednesday from the Fourteenth street Methodist church at 10 o'clock, not as a post but as individuals, the old soldiers meeting at Carter's undertaking establishment.

David Duane was a Confederate veteran and was a member of the famous Morgan raiders. It is stated that he was forced into the service and had very little to say about it in after life, but nevertheless he was a "rebel."

The members of McPherson post fought against the Confederates and fought a good fight but there is only one flag now and recognizing this, the boys in blue will turn out to bury the one who wore the gray.

This will be the first time in the history of the local post that they have attended the funeral service of a Confederate veteran.

Dr. Cousins & Family *cont'd*

Included among the many attendees and participants at the memorial ceremony were: Dr. and Mrs. Cousins' descendants, numerous area Veterans organizations, several Daughters of the American Revolution Chapters, Bugles Across America bugler Thelma Paul, the Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums, ASUVCW Department of Michigan officers (President Davis, Treasurer Weiss, and PDP Karen Hamman, ASUVCW National President Kronberg, MOLLUS - Michigan Commandery, and many others. Their attendance and participation in this most special event is highly appreciated.



2017 National Encampment Commemorative Badge



The 2017 National Encampment is fast approaching! The Department of Michigan is hosting this year's National Encampment, which will be held in Lansing in August.

As part of the celebration of the National Encampment, the Department of Michigan is offering a Commemorative Badge. The highly detailed badge honors George Armstrong Custer and his famed Michigan Cavalry Brigade.

The badge has a few features of note that include:

- The bottom portion is taken from badges that Custer had commissioned for him and his wife (with lesser detailed versions for his troopers).
- The star in the bottom being replaced with a GAR star having the center replaced with the intertwined GAR letters from the 1914 Detroit National Encampment delegate badge.
- The guidons include the national colors and Custer's personal guidon.

The badges are \$25 each (more if mailed) with the profits from the sales being used for costs of hosting the 2017 National Encampment in Lansing.

If you are interested in a badge, please contact DP Jan Davis, jandavis915@aol.com or SVDC David Smith, wyattusmagnus@gmail.com.

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

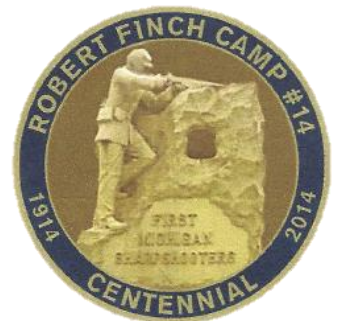


A lapel pin styled from the very first Grand Army of the Republic membership badges was created by the Department of Michigan Allied Orders of the GAR to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the GAR. The pins are approximately 1.5 inches x 1.5 inches with the blue being translucent, and the metal finish 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. A limited few remain for sale. If you would like a pin, please contact SVDC David Smith, wyattusmagnus@gmail.com

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.





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