SHARPSHOOTER DEFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE

ROBERT FINCH CAMP No. 14 - TRAVERSE CITY

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN - SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

2015 & 2017 Marshall Hope Award – Most Outstanding Camp Newsletter of the Order



2018 Abraham Lincoln Commander -in -Chief Award — Most Outstanding Camp of the Order

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Camp Officers 2018

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Robert Finch Camp No. 14 receives the 2018 Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award

At the 137th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Department of Michigan received the Abraham Lincoln CinC Award. This award is given to the most outstanding Camp within our Order.

The description given to this award by the SUVCW is as follows:

Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief's Award - The Commander-in-Chief may present this award to the Camp that he judges to be the most outstanding Camp during his term of office. Recommendations may be made to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief makes the final determination. The award is solely made at the discretion of the Commanderin-Chief and he is under no obligation to make such an award.

At the 08 September meeting, Department Commander Robert Payne was in attendance, and presented the Camp with the 2018 Abraham Lincoln CinC Award streamer to be placed on the Camp's colors.

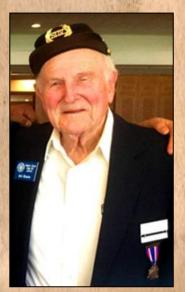
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Robert J. Winnie, 1921 – 2018 Robert Finch Camp No. 14 Mourns our Oldest Brother and Last World War II Veteran

Brother Bob Winnie passed away on 10 September 2018. Brother Bob always had a smile and was happy to talk with his fellow Brothers around town or at a Camp meeting always with a smile. He was our oldest living Brother at the time of his passing, at 97 years young. Brother Bob was a World War II Veteran, and in recent years had gone on one of the Honor Flights down to Washington D.C.

Brother Bob's ancestor was his Grandfather, Isaac Gunnison Winnie, who served with the 1st NY Light Artillery, Battery G (Chicago Light Artillery). He was mustered in as a Private in 1861, and mustered out as a First Sergeant in 1864.

A memorial service and graveside service will be held on 26 October 2018. The times and dates of the services can be found in the link below:



https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/traverse-citymi/robert-winnie-7987191 Camp Officers 2018 continued

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2018 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

October 10

November 10

Social Meeting 6 - 8PM Location: TBD

Camp Meeting 2018 Officer Elections & Installations Elks Lodge #323, Traverse City, MI

December 12

Social Meeting 6 - 8PM Location: TBD

Atwood Catholic Cemetery Rededication

After extensive efforts by Banks Township in Antrim County to repair fallen gravestones and perform clean-up within the Atwood Catholic Cemetery, township officials have asked Robert Finch Camp No. 14 to perform a cemetery rededication ceremony. The Ceremony Coordinator is CWMO Scott Schwander, and the Master of Ceremonies is PDC David Smith with CC Ted Mattis Commanding.

The ceremony will be held at 4PM (1600) on Thursday, 25 October 2018. Additional details about parking (as parking is extremely limited to nonexistent at the cemetery), and other details will be sent via e-mail.

Questions can be sent to Civil War Memorials Officer Schwander at: kokopellischwander@yahoo.com



Abraham Lincoln CinC Award cont²d

This award is recognition for all of the hard work and efforts that Camp No. 14 Brothers exhibit on a regular basis in support of our Noble Ancestors wearing the Blue, as well as Veterans of all eras.

Job well done Brothers!

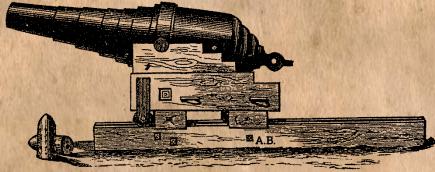
Left: The 2018 Abraham Lincoln Commander-in-Chief Award Streamer.

Camp No. 14 Officer Nominations for 2018-2019

The following Brothers were nominated at the 08 September meeting for election at the 10 November meeting:

Commander: John Lantzer Senior Vice Commander: David Ramsey Junior Vice Commander: Jim Ribby (tentative) Secretary: David Smith, LM, PCC, PDC Treasurer: Dale Aurand, LM, PCC, PDC Council: Jan White, PCC; William Skillman, PCC; George Goodrich, PCC

Nominations are welcome from the floor, or can be communicated to Commander Mattis and Secretary D. Smith prior to the meeting. Please note, this year elections and installations will be carried out at the 10 November meeting. This is due to a change made to the C&R at the National Encampment allowing Camps to have their Officers installed earlier to alleviate hazardous travel for Department Officers during the winter season.



Camp No. 14 Welcomes 2 New Brothers

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 welcomed two new **Brothers** recently. The first new Brother is Keith Graham of Manistee. Brother Keith is a retired U.S. Army Veteran. and is the Commander/Chairman of the Manistee County United Veterans Council.

On 08 September 2018, Brother Ed Arnfield was initiated into the Camp with the ritual performed by Commander Mattis and Chaplain Conger, with assistance from PDC Davis serving as Guide.

Right: Brother Arnfield being initiated.



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Bear Lake VFW Post 6333 Hosts Robert Finch Camp No. 14 in July

On Saturday, 14 July 2018, the Bear Lake VFW Post 6333 hosted Robert Finch Camp No. 14 for a business meeting and a picnic. The meeting was held in the Post's meeting room, with the picnic held in the hall. Family and friends of the Brothers of the Camp were in abundance, and several visitors stopped by to ask questions about their Civil War ancestors and advice on their ancestors' graves. It was a wonderful day of fraternity, and it is hoped that this type of "on-the-road" meeting and picnic will occur each year.

MVAO Calvin Murphy and Brother Rick Schafer are members of the Bear Lake VFW Post 6333.

Below Left: Post 6333 welcomes the SUVCW at the front sign.



Below Right: A few Brothers of the Camp look at the Veterans Memorial on the grounds of Post 6333



MVAO Murphy Hosts Veteran Get-Together Weekend



On the weekend of 25 August 2018, MVAO Calvin Murphy graciously hosted a Veteran Get-Together Weekend at his home in Manistee County. The get-together was very well attended by many Veterans and Veteran supporters from across Michigan. Many attendees camped at Brother Murphy's, and many meals and fellowship were enjoyed by all. CWMO Schwander and PDC Smith arrived on Saturday afternoon and can affirm that the chow was excellent, and the discussion was even better. A big thank you to MVAO Murphy for holding such a wonderful event!

Left: MVAO Calvin Murphy and CWMO Scott Schwander at the get-together.



Traverse City GAR Comrade Honored by Family

Submitted by PCC Jeff Morse

On 23 September 2018, the Morse Family held a private family ceremony honoring their ancestor, Sgt. Horace Monroe Morse in Snohomish, WA. H. M. Morse was a former resident of Traverse City, and was a Comrade of the McPherson GAR Post No. 18. Comrade Morse served as Post No. 18's Senior Vice Commander and Officer of the Day in numerous terms.

The Morse Family was aided by Adam Draglund and the 4th U.S. Infantry in performing the salute. Three members of the Morse family are Brothers of Camp No. 14: PCC Jeff Morse, Br. Jim Morse Sr., and Br. Jim Morse Jr..

Right: The gravesite of Sgt. H. M. Morse

Far Right Top: PCC Jeff Morse and A. Draglund

Far Right Bottom: 4th U.S. Infantry



McPherson GAR Post No. 18 - History

McPherson GAR Post No. 18 was organized on 21 May 1881 in Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan.

It is possible (although there is no definitive proof) that this Post was named to honor Major General James Birdseye McPherson who was born, on November 14, 1828, in Clyde, Ohio. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1849 at the head of his class. This earned him a post as Brevet Second Lieutenant of Engineering and as assistant instructor of practical engineering at the Academy. He held a number of engineering assignments in New York, San Francisco and Boston. By 1861 he was promoted to Captain and, upon appointment of Major General Halleck, to command the Department of the West. As an aide-de-camp to General Halleck he was promoted to Lt. Colonel and then to Colonel. He was promoted to Brigadier General of Volunteers and appointed superintendent of military railroads in West Tennessee. In September 1862 he held a position on the staff of General Grant and for gallantry at Corinth was promoted to Major General. During the siege of Vicksburg he commanded the center of the Federal army. On the recommendation of General Grant he was confirmed as a Brigadier General in the regular Army. He was second in command to General Sherman in the expedition to Meridian and during the Atlanta Campaign his command was the Department of the Tennessee. In supervising the advance of his skirmish line before Atlanta on July 22, 1864, he had ridden from left to right and was returning when confronted by a party of the enemy. He was shot in the breast, causing almost instant death.

We have recorded 18 Charter Members for this Post in the Member data base. There is no report of the Mustering Officer, but that is the number of veterans (noted who paid their dollar to join) listed on the application letter for a Charter. The Muster Report for June 30, 1881, the first quarter a report would have been required, is not in the file. The first Report actually filed, September 30, 1881 lists the first new member as Consecutive Number 16. This would seem to indicate that only 15 of the 18 men on the Application were present when the Post was mustered. There is no way to ascertain which fifteen may have been in attendance at that time, or if this was a simple clerical error, so, all eighteen were included.

The first Post Commander was Samuel Wood, Jr. who served in Company B, 102nd Pennsylvania.

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McPherson GAR Post No. 18 - History cont'd

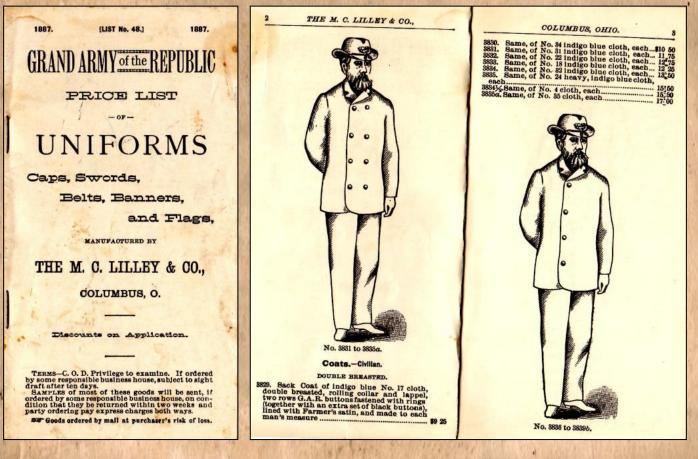
The Post first met at the IOOF Hall on Front Street in 1881. In 1883 they met at the Grange Hall on Front Street. In March of 1885 they indicate meetings at Holdsworth Hall on Union Street. Later in 1885 they met at the IOOF Hall on Union Street and by 1888 the IOOF Hall on State Street. In 1890 they are at the Grange Hall on Union Street, but in 1891 they indicate the Grange Hall on Cass Street. In 1909 they report meeting at the G.A.R. Hall Court House on Washington Street. The 1926 Report indicates, under meeting location; Not any more.

The Last Post Commander was Charles D. Webster. It appears that his membership was never reported by the Post by way of the Muster Reports. He shows up, however, as Junior Vice Commander in 1920. He was first elected as Post Commander in 1921 and served in that capacity through 1927. No military record is found in the Post records. There is, however, a Charles D. Webster who enlisted as a Private in Company E, 58th Pennsylvania Infantry on October 1, 1861.He was promoted to Sergeant on February 18, 1862, Second Lieutenant on July 11, 1862 and 1st Lieutenant May 1, 1863. Promoted to Captain of Company E October 21, 1864, He was mustered out on January 24, 1866. This may be the man, but further research will be needed to confirm this.

The Post was disbanded in 1929.

GAR Merchandise from 1887

From time to time, The Sharpshooter will include pages from the 1887 catalog from The M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio. This catalog was provided by Camp No. 14 friend and historian, George Scheck. Enjoy.





Commander's Corner Ted Mattis, CC

At our next business meeting on November 10th 2018, we will elect and install new camp officers for the remainder of 2018 and for 2019. This has come about due to changes to the SUVCW C&R that affect how Camps like ours operate. These changes will have a minimal effect on Robert Finch Camp operations now and in the future. It's only real effect is changing the date of election and installation.

With that in mind I realize that in November I will be replaced in office by a succeeding Commander sooner than I expected. As Commander I wanted to get projects completed so the new Commander could start fresh without a heavy backlog of unfinished projects. We are doing okay as things go. We have several projects in the works and they are not near completion.

Most of our endeavors take a lot of time researching, and planning with other agencies involvement and the raising of finances. It's a process that needs to be pursued, but can't always be rushed. We have good Brothers in place that are trying to move these projects forward and with the help of the Camp we will succeed, perhaps in 2019. Never give up and never give in for life is a constant struggle and we are the Soldiers who carry the flag for our fallen Brothers.

It has been my pleasure to have served as Commander of Robert Finch Camp 14 for the years of 2017 and 2018. I have tried to lead the Camp to the best of my ability and if I have disappointed or offended any Brothers along the way, I apologize and can only say that I was trying to act in the best interests of the Robert Finch Camp 14. I thank my fellow officers for their support over the last 2 years and the Brothers who make this Camp a home.

I encourage all of you to heartily support our new Commander and his fellow officers when they are installed at the November 10th meeting at the Elk's Lodge at 11:30 am. They are your officers and deserve your unwavering support.

I will take my leave of office November 10th though I still wish to be active in the Camp and a voice at the meetings as needed. Perhaps Scott will let me scrub a few headstones or do whatever else is needed.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, Theodore A. Mattis, Commander







GAR Merchandise from 1887 cont'd

THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.,

Coats.-Civilian.

SINGLE BREASTED.

3835% Sack Coat, single breasted, made of No. 17 indigo blue standard U.S. Army blouse flannel, G.A.R. buttons, not lined, each	87	0
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chest padded, G.A.R. buttons, each		0
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Vests.

Vest No. 17 indigo blue fiannel, one set 3810.

measure, each	\$3 5
3811. Vest of No. 84 indigo blue cloth	40
2812. Vest of No. 31 indigo blue cloth	4 2
38121/ Vest of No. 22 indigo blue cloth	4 5
3818. Vest of No. 18 indigo blue cloth	4 5
38181/2 Vest of No. 32 indigo blue cloth	47
8814. Vest of No. 24 indigo blue cloth	60
2814a, Vest of No. 4 indigo blue cloth	6 0
3814b. Vest of No. 85 indigo blue cloth	6 1
88141. White duck Vests, in sizes, each,	
\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.5) to 20

Pants.-Dark Blue.

3823. Pants o	f No. 17 indigo blue flannel, made		
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3827a. Pants of No. 4 heavy indigo blue cloth,



Blouses.-Military.

SINGLE BREASTED. 8800. Blouse of No. 17 indigo blue flannel, not lined, G.A.R. buttons, put up in packages of assorted sizes, per dozen 49 50

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Pants.-Light Blue.

 3815. Pants of No. 36 Kersey, assorted sizes, dozen pairs
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 3816. Pants of No. 38 Kersey, made to measure, pair
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7 00 Samples of Cloth and Special Discounts

on Application.



Caps.

Nos. 3840 to 3849.



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3848. Extra fine Fatigue Cap for officers, glit cord in front, embroidered glit wreath, and letters directly on cap, with oli cloth 60ver 3845. Same, but extra fine, real gold cord, each 6 00



No. 3854.

Stiff Fatigue Cap, dark blue cloth, one line, glit braiding, metal wreath and leiters, doz.
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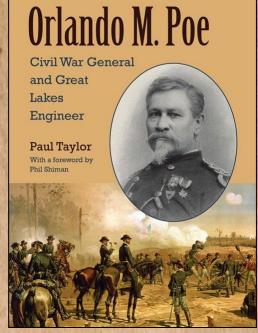
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Michigan's Own is New SUVCW Commander-in-Chief



At the 137th National Encampment in Massachusetts, Donald W. Shaw of the Department of Michigan was elected to the highest office of the Order. Brother Shaw is a member of Gov. Henry Crapo Camp No. 145 in Flint, and is a Past Department Commander of the Department of Michigan. Many congratulations CinC Shaw!

Recommended Reading



Orlando M. Poe – Civil War General and Great Lakes Engineer by Paul Taylor, The Kent State University Press

Civil War Vernacular

Opening the Ball - starting the battle Pumpkin Rinds - lieutenant's bars Lucifers - matches Beat the Dutch - if that don't beat all **Big Bugs** – important people Sheet Iron Crackers - hardtack Sacred Soil of Virginia - dust Old Bird - Veteran Jolly Tar - sailor Flyblown Meat - maggot infested meat Gopher Hole - trench Here's Your Mule - term of derision Dose of Leaden Pills - gunshot Peg Out - die Jim Jams - delirium Jug - capture

Unusual Civil War Artifacts Quiz

On occasion this newsletter will highlight various unusual Civil War artifacts. In this issue, you are being asked, "what are these items, and how are they used?" Answers will be provided in the next issue of the newsletter.





Pictures sourced from the websites: wikipedia.org and armyhistory.org

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Frances Finch Aux. Elects 2019 Officers

At the 10 September 2018 meeting, Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 nominated officers for the 2018-2019 term. The following Officers were nominated as follows:

2018 Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Officers

President:	Lisa Smith, Dept. Council
Vice President:	Darlene Hinkley
Secretary:	Mary Rose, PAP
Treasurer:	Mary Rose, PAP
Co-Pat. Instructor:	Debra Downey
Co-Pat. Instructor:	Lorraine Jones
Council #1:	Karen Goodrich
Council #2:	Dorothy Rongey, PAP
Council #3:	Darlene Hinkley
Chaplain:	Dorothy Rongey, PAP
Historian:	All Sisters of Aux. No. 9
Press Corrs.:	Mary Rose, Lisa Smith
Girl Scout Comm.	Lorraine Jones, Chair
Counselor:	Dale Aurand, PDC
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President: Vice President: Secretary/Treasurer: Patriotic Instructor: Debra Downey Council #1: Council #2: Council #3: Chaplain: Historian: Press Correspondents: Girl Scout Committee: Counselor: Dorothy Rongey, PAP Mary Rose, PAP Lisa Smith

Darlene Hinkley Karen Goodrich

Mary Rose, PAP All Sisters of Aux. No. 9 Mary Rose, Lisa Smith Emily Breaugh, PAP, Chair

Auxiliary No. 9 Donates to Hurricane Efforts in PR

Auxiliary No. 9 donated to the hurricane efforts in Puerto Rico. Through the website worldconcern.org, Auxiliary No. 9 donated 3 water filters with an additional 3 water filters matched for a total of 6 water filters.

Auxiliary No. 9 Summer Program Series Concludes Submitted by Aux. President Lisa Smith

The Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 program series of "Why Uniforms Were the Way They Were" with historian George Scheck concluded with an overview of the Civil War on 03 August 2018 at Traverse Area District Library. George Scheck gave an overview of various peculiarities of Civil War uniforms in addition to details that the common soldier wore during the "Late Unpleasantness".

The 3-part series of talks were well received with good-sized crowds in attendance, as well as being highlighted and seen on The Four on 9&10 News. Discussion is underway for potential new uniform and historical programs for 2019. Much appreciation to George Scheck for all of his work, preparation, and expertise that made this 3-part series a major success.



Above: Frances Finch Aux, No. 9 presents George Scheck with an ASUVCW-GAR challenge coin. L-R: PAP Dorothy Rongey, George Scheck, AP Lisa Smith, and Karen Goodrich



Above: George Scheck in action during the 03 August 2018 Civil War program at TADL.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Robert Finch Camp No. 14 – Traverse City Department of Michigan www.robertfinch14.org Ted Mattis, Commander G



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