

THE SHARPSHOOTER

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE

ROBERT FINCH CAMP NO. 14 – TRAVERSE CITY

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



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Camp No. 14 Initiates Member in March



At the 09 March 2019 Camp meeting, Camp 14 initiated Brother Robert Kennedy. The initiation was conducted per SUVCW rituals by Commander Lantzer, Chaplain Mattis, and Guide O'Hara. Brother Kennedy has been a member of the Camp since 2017.

Marshall Swenor Grave Dedication Date Set

The Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 will be dedicating the newly placed headstone of Marshall Swenor on Saturday, 13 July 2019. The planned time for the ceremony's start is 10AM (1000). Mr. Swenor is buried in St. Francis Cemetery in Petoskey.

A short business meeting will be held following the ceremony, with a location to be announced shortly.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this event to honor one of our Noble Dead.



2019 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

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continued

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April 27	Department of Michigan Encampment Okemos Conference Center, Okemos, MI 8:00AM (800)
May 18	Camp Meeting Elks Lodge #323, Traverse City, MI 11:30AM (1130)
May 27	Memorial Day Observed Various Areas within Camp Region
May 30	Memorial Day
July 13	Marshall Swenor Grave Dedication Petoskey, MI 10AM (1000)
July 13	Camp Meeting TBA - Petoskey, MI Immediately following Grave Dedication

More dates to be released.

USAF Thunderbirds to Highlight 2019 National Cherry Festival in Traverse City

The opening weekend of the National Cherry Festival will see the United States Air Force Thunderbirds fly around West Grand Traverse Bay. The dates will be 29 and 30 June 2019 from 1-4PM (1300-1600). A full practice show will be held on Friday, 28 June 2019. USCG Air Station Traverse City will host an open ramp to the public for all of the NCF Airshow demonstration teams and aircraft from 5:30-8:00PM (1730-2000) on Friday 28 June 2019 as well.



Picture courtesy of PDC Davis



Ellsworth, Michigan – What’s in a Name?

Many Michiganders are familiar with the village of Ellsworth, Michigan located in Banks Township of Antrim County. Did you know that the small village was once known as Ox Bow, and also Needmore. Actually, Ellsworth included both the settlements of Ox Bow and Needmore. However, the name changed to what we know it today as Ellsworth by Louis DeLine, the first Postmaster of the village. Mr. DeLine was a Civil War Veteran, and his commanding officer was Colonel Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth, commander of the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry, the “Fire Zouaves”. In honor of his commanding officer, Mr. DeLine named the town for Colonel Ellsworth.

As many of you know Colonel Ellsworth was the first Union Officer killed in the Civil War. Colonel Ellsworth was killed in the Marshall House in Alexandria, VA. Also, he was the friend of President Abraham Lincoln. As there are many great writings on this important event in Civil War history, several links are provided for your review of Colonel Ellsworth’s biography and the story of his demise:

<https://armyhistory.org/elmer-e-ellsworth/>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-death-of-colonel-ellsworth-878695/>

<http://www.mrlincolnanfriends.org/the-sons/elmer-ellsworth/>



Col. Elmer E. Ellsworth

Portrait of Col. Ellsworth in the National Portrait Gallery, Washington D.C.

McPherson GAR Post 18’s Last Big Encampment



The above picture is of the McPherson GAR Post 18 on 10th Street in Traverse City taken during August 1899. This was of the last major Encampment held in Traverse City. In the foreground is H. Monroe Morse, the drummer boy is Harry L. Morse, and at front left is W.W. Smith. These men are the ancestors of Camp 14 Brothers Jim Morse, Jr. and Jim Morse Sr.

The picture is courtesy of Jeff Morse.

GAR Annual Memorial Service

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

NOTE.—This beautiful Memorial Service, which should be held once a year, may be by a single Post, or by several Posts combined. The immediate friends and relatives of all soldiers who have died since the last similar service, should be invited to attend.

"He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

A MEMORIAL SERVICE

TO BE USED IN THE

POSTS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

IN

Grateful and Devout Commemoration of Deceased Comrades.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

[The Post will open without ceremony, the officers in uniform, and sentinels properly stationed; the friends and relatives of the deceased, present by invitation, seated in the body of the hall. The altar will be covered with the national flag, draped black and white, and ornamented with flowers. A chair (or chairs, according to the number of deceased comrades), suitably draped, will be placed between the Post Commander's chair and the altar. The person appointed to deliver the address will be seated on the right of the Commander. A comrade will be detailed as drummer.

The exercises will begin with a *voluntary* or *chant*, and proceed as follows]:

Post Commander.—Adjutant, for what purpose is this meeting called?

Adjutant.—To pay our tribute of respect to the memory of our late comrade [or comrades]—.

Post Commander.—Have you a record of his [their] service in the cause of our country, and in the Grand Army of the Republic?

Adjutant.—Commander, I have.

Post Commander.—You will read it.

Adjutant.— — was born [here give date] in the town of —, State of —; enlisted in Co. — Reg't — Volunteers, on the — day of —, 186 ; held the office [or offices] of —, and was discharged —, 186 . He joined — Post No. —, Department of —; held the office [or offices] of —, and died —, aged — years.

[The drummer will beat three rolls upon a muffled drum immediately after the reading of each record.]

Post Commander.—The record is an honorable one, and, as the memory of all faithful soldiers of the Republic should be cherished and their record preserved, I direct that it be placed in the archives of the Post for future reference.

[The exercises will continue with a *responsive service* by the Chaplain of the Post and the Comrades and friends present, or the choir, as may be thought best.]

Chaplain.—"What man is that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? If a man die, shall he live again?"

Comrades [or choir].—"Jesus Christ said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And he that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.'"

Chaplain.—"Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

Comrades.—"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors."

Chaplain.—"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more."

Ancestor Spotlight

Submitted by John Lantzer, CC

Nehemiah Hurlbutt

27th Michigan Infantry, 1st Co. SS

G-Grandfather of John Lantzer, CC & Brother Doug Hulbert

Nehemiah L. Hurlbutt was a 43 year old man when he enlisted at Ovid, in Clinton County Mich. Feb. 1864. He enrolled for three years and was assigned to the 1st Company of Sharpshooters of the 27th Michigan Infantry. These 125 men of the 1st Company were designated "Sharpshooters" not for their excellent marksmanship but because all of the 1st Company men carried the latest and most destructive firearm of the war, the "Spencer repeating rifle". After a very brief training time, Nehemiah and the 1st Company were attached to the 27th Michigan Infantry and were on the field of battle at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and small skirmishes in between. On July 30th 1864 Nehemiah Hurlbutt and the men of the 27th found themselves leading their Brigade as the Mine south of Petersburg was sprung and were among the first to reach the "Crater" under murderous fire. Upon reaching the North rim of the Crater, Nehemiah was driven back by the Confederate reinforcements pouring in to secure the breach in the lines created by the explosion. Seeking shelter from the on slot of bullets, Nehemiah sought refuge behind the rim of the Crater, but soon found himself being drawn down its slope by the press of bodies of men seeking the same until he lodged at the bottom of the hole. Shot thru both calves by a mini ball Nehemiah found no escape from the peril of the Crater until the battles end and those attempting to provide aid were allowed to enter the grounds and try to assist the wounded. Nehemiah was placed on a litter and transported to the nearest rail line heading to a Hospital in Washington D.C.

Although Nehemiah was found and transported to a hospital the roster for the 1st Company Sharpshooters August 1st list him as dead and his official records list him killed on July 30, 1864 at the Battle of the Crater. Nehemiah Hurlbutt continued to recover in Washington D.C. and on June 8th 1865 he was deemed to be fit enough to return home but there was a problem, Nehemiah Hurlbutt was dead and the war was over. Nehemiah was brought back to life, reinstated, and discharged from the military and lived twenty-one more years on a small farm outside of St. Louis, Michigan. On April 12th, 1887 at the age of 68, Nehemiah L. Hurlbutt passed from this Earth. Upon his death Nehemiah's Widow petitioned the Government and received a pension of 12 dollars a month. The pension paperwork states that Nehemiah's death was caused by wounds suffered in the war. Nehemiah L. Hurlbutt was laid to rest in the Oak Grove Cemetery in St. Louis, Michigan.

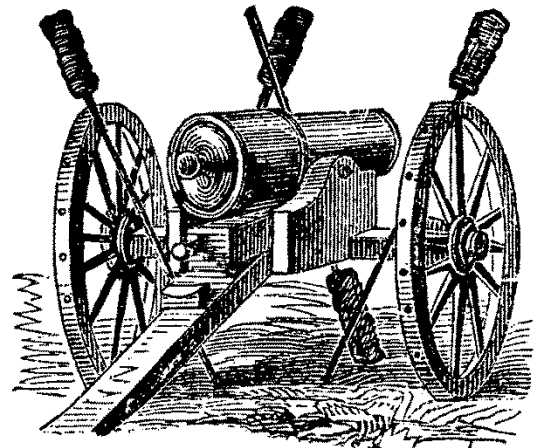
Just recently our friend Chris Czopek was able to have the Brown Book listing for Nehemiah Hurlbutt changed to reflect an accurate date of Death and tells of Nehemiah's Civil War story in his account of "the Man who died and lived to tell about it".



Nehemiah Hurlbutt

Camp 14 Memorial Service Set for May Meeting

At the 18 May 2019 Camp 14 Meeting, the annual Memorial Service will be conducted per the ritual for those Brothers that have left us during the past year. For Brothers in attendance, please drape your membership badges accordingly in preparation for the ceremony.



Northern Michigan Military Installations – Past & Present

Starting with this issue of The Sharpshooter, a new feature will include a different Northern Michigan Military Installation to be highlighted. This includes presently active installations all the way back to those of Colonial America.

Empire Air Force Station

Empire, Leelanau County, Michigan

752nd Radar Squadron (formerly 752nd Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron)

United States Air Force

CALLSIGNS: Redman; Falcon; Freak Show

Many folks travelling north on M-22, or from various scenic viewing points along Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes notice a large “snowball” structure towering from the hills above the village of Empire on Lake Michigan. That snowball is the radome of an ARSR-4 radar operated and maintained by the Federal Aviation Administration as part of the Joint Surveillance System (communication and data to both the FAA and USAF control centers).

Before the FAA controlled the Empire radar site, it was known as the Empire Air Force Station (AFS), manned by the 752nd Aircraft Control & Warning Squadron (AC&W) later redesignated the 752nd Radar Squadron (RADRON). The Empire AFS began operation in 1951. The Air Force radar site was a small community within itself having the operational buildings and equipment to operate the various the site with various radars and communications equipment for the respective time period (e.g. height finder radars, search radars, ground-to-air transmitters, etc.) for the required air defense mission of early warning and ground-control intercept (vectoring fighter interceptor aircraft from such Air Force Bases as K.I. Sawyer, Wurtsmith, Kincheloe, and Selfridge, etc. as required). Additionally, in support of operations, Empire AFS had a dining hall, various housing units, motor pool, commissary, exchange, supply, heating plant, recreation, etc. It is estimated that total peak personnel stationed at Empire AFS topped about 300 in the 1950s.

Empire AFS personnel were also responsible for the maintenance of four remote unmanned gap-filler sites that were located in places where the main search radar lacked coverage. The remote gap-filler radar sites were located at: Petoskey, Shelby, Alpena, and Saugatuck (all Michigan).

Empire AFS was drawn down over a period from 1978 to 1983. The 752nd Radar Squadron was inactivated in 1978, resulting in effect the station being closed. A small contingent of Air Force personnel remained until 1983 as equipment was phased out and the Air Force site was completely closed.



Left: A past aerial view of a large portion of the cantonment area of Empire Air Force Station. Picture from radomes.org



Right: The current ARSR-4 radar site at Empire maintained by the FAA. Picture from radomes.org



Commander's Corner

John Lantzer, CC

Spring is fast approaching Northern Michigan and I find myself out of doors more and more. On the south side of the house there are hints of early flowers starting to push themselves up thru the warming ground. Daffodils and crocuses that will brighten the space as well as bring a smile to my face are always the first. Seeing these first splashes of color always causes me eye to look over to the fence row that contains a dense wall of dense, gnarly, twisted shrubs. It looks like just a wall of ugly, dead sticks protruding from the snow now but I know that in a few week those sticks will start to leaf out and a beautiful violet and white bloom will take place and the scent from those lilac bushes, carried by a southwest breeze will fill the house with spring.

The coming of spring always brings with it the evidence of rebirth and helps me to remember the new start that was experienced with the coming of a New Year and although we have celebrated a few early holidays, spring and the lilacs signal the first major holiday of the New Year. Monday, May 27th will be the day the nation has set aside to celebrate Memorial Day this year. In preparing for that celebration this year I have been looking back at some history and reviewing thoughts of others for some perspective. David W. Blight, a Civil War historian at Yale University, has written about what he regards as the first Memorial Day. It came on May 1, 1865, less than a month after the surrender at Appomattox, when thousands of former slaves and other African-Americans in Charleston, S.C., pooled their efforts to give proper burial to several hundred Union soldiers who had been held as prisoners of war at a racetrack and had died there under atrocious conditions. The field was covered with flowers for the occasion, and schoolchildren and women's groups marched and sang patriotic songs, including "Rally Around the Flag" and, of course, the National Anthem. It was a spectacular display of love of country, and of hope for the future.

There will be many different public and private opportunities for the members of Camp #14 to participate in "a spectacular display of love of country, and of hope for the future" in the upcoming months, so start today to make your plans.

John Lantzer

Commander - Robert Finch Camp No. 14
Department of Michigan - SUVCW



Brother Rick Schafer Elected to VFW District 12 Commander

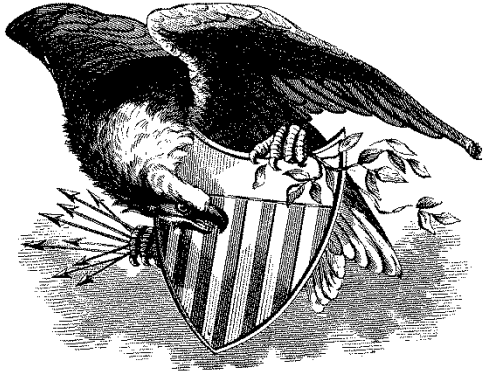
Brother Richard Schafer of Kaleva has been elected to serve as VFW Department of Michigan's District 12 Commander for the 2019-2020 term. This is his second stint as District 12 Commander, with the first during the 2007-2008 term. Brother Rick has served in many offices within the VFW on the Post, District, and National levels including: National Aide-de-Camp (2008-2009 & 2012-2013), District 12 Quartermaster (2009-2017), District 12 Junior Vice Commander, District 12 Senior Vice Commander, Post Quartermaster (since 2010), Post JVC, Post SVC, and Post Commander (1984-1985 & 1994-1996).

In addition to this, Brother Schafer was a Volunteer Firefighter & Medical First Responder for 30 years (1984-2014), and is a Village Council Trustee (since 1995). Brother Rick and his wife Judy have lived in Kaleva since 1978. Judy has served as Kaleva's Treasurer for 40 consecutive years starting in 1979. The couple is the epitome of giving their all to their local community.

Brother Schafer is a member of the Bear Creek VFW Post 6333 in Kaleva, Michigan.



Above: Brother Rick Schafer being installed as District 12 Quartermaster in 2010.



NMC Flag Holder Project/Partnership Update



Submitted by: CWMO Schwander

Comrade Abijah Warner's flag holder was returned to his gravesite repaired and reconditioned on 07 April 2019. The GAR flag holder received weld repairs by the Northwestern Michigan College welding technologies program, with final repaint and recondition by Robert Finch Camp No. 14. As of this date, NMC has repaired 56 GAR flag holders. This has been a great partnership that will hopefully continue for many years to come.

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 Brother George Scheck. This is the fourth installment. Enjoy.

1887. [LIST No. 48.] 1887.

GRAND ARMY of the REPUBLIC

PRICE LIST

— OF —

UNIFORMS

Caps, Swords,
Belts, Banners,
and Flags,
MANUFACTURED BY
THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.,
COLUMBUS, O.

Discounts on Application.

TERMS—C. O. D. Privilege to examine. If ordered by some responsible business house, subject to right draft after ten days.
SAMPLES of most of these goods will be sent, if ordered by some responsible business house, on condition that they be returned within two weeks and party ordering pay express charges both ways.
****** Goods ordered by mail at purchaser's risk of loss.

20 THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.,

1549. U. S. Flag, 4½x7 feet, banner silk, gold stars, gold bullion fringe and tassels, jointed staff, eagle, belt and cover..... \$38 00
1550. U. S. Flag, same as 1549, but 6x8 feet, 35 00
1551. U. S. BUNTING FLAG, 6x8½ feet, regulation Infantry size, staff, spear head, silk bullion fringe, silk cord and tassels and belt, fringe cord, and tassels, staff, spear head, and belt..... 22 50
1552. U. S. Hunting Flag, 6x8½ feet, worsted fringe cord, and tassels, staff, spear head, and belt..... 19 00
The above prices of flags are exclusive of inscription.
Gold lettering, both sides of flag, per letter, 25 cents; one side, per letter, 15 cents.
Lettering on Bunting Flags—painted, 15 cents per letter.

Dyed Silk Flags.

	Not Mounted.	Mounted.
12x18 inches.....	\$0 45	\$0 60
18x24 inches.....	1 25	1 50
24x36 inches.....	2 00	3 00

Bunting Flags.
(Made of best quality bunting.)

NOT MOUNTED.

No.	Inches.	Price.	No.	Inches.	Price.
2x3 feet,	\$2 90	12x8 feet,	\$14 85	24x12 feet,	\$44 50
3x5 "	3 10	15x8 "	17 50	24x12 "	37 60
4x6 "	3 90	18x10 "	20 90	24x15 "	48 20
5x7 "	4 00	18x12 "	27 00	24x15 "	47 50
6x8 "	5 60	20x12 "	28 60	25x16 "	52 00
7x9 "	6 00	20x12 "	36 50	28x16 "	60 75
8x9½ "	6 40	20x12 "	37 00	28x16 "	69 40
9x10 "	8 00	20x12 "	39 00	30x20 "	82 40
10x8 "	9 75	20x18 "	41 25	40x20 "	90 60
12x8 "	10 80	21x18 "	43 75	40x23 "	108 50
12x8 "	12 50	22x14 "	39 70		

Printed Muslin Flags.

No.	Inches.	Price.	No.	Inches.	Price.
1. 2x3½, per gross,	\$0 40	7. 12x18, per doz.,	\$0 45		
2. 4x6, per dozen,	45	8. 15x25, "	1 05		
3. 5x8, "	65	9. 20x28, "	1 58		
4. 6x10, "	16 10	10. 28x38, "	2 30		
5. 8x15, "	30 11	11. 35x54, "	3 50		
6. 10x15, "	40 12	12. 42x72, "	7 00		

Nos 11 and 12 are without sticks.

Small Silk Flags.

WITH STAFFS AND ACORNS.

3¼ inches long, doz	\$0 78
3½ "	90

Liberty Flags.

PAPER.

Bugle shape, 4 inches long, with sticks and acorns, per doz..... 12

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Christmas Paper Flags.
WITH STAFF AND SPEAR.

10 inches long, per doz..... \$0 60

Pin Flags.

American, per doz..... 05
Assorted Nations, per doz..... 05

Assorted Nations.
MUSLIN—ON STICKS.

Set of 12, 18 inches, per set..... 70
Set of 12, 36 inches, per set..... 2 25

Sewed Muslin Flags.
IMITATION BUNTING.

4x6 feet.....	\$2 85	8x10 feet.....	5 00
4x7 feet.....	2 80	8x12 feet.....	5 75
6x8 feet.....	3 50	8x15 feet.....	6 40
6x9 feet.....	4 10	8x15 feet.....	7 00

Muslin Christmas Banners.

With staff and spear, No. 1, per doz..... 1 20
With staff and spear, No. 2, per doz..... 1 50

American Shields.

On card board, 24x36 inches, doz..... 2 25

Coat of Arms of Every State in the Union.

These are correct representations of State Seals, printed in colors, on cloth and on card board.

22x26 inches, each..... \$0 40
24x32 inches, on card board, doz..... 40

Chinese Lanterns.
IMPROVED AGAINST CATCHING FIRE.

No. 1. 8 inches in diameter, doz	\$0 25
2. 4 " "	30
3. 6 " "	35
4. 7½ " "	40
5. 9 " "	50
6. 12 " "	1 00

Paper Balloons.

Circumference.	Per doz.	Circumference.	Per doz.
4 feet.....	\$7 50	15 feet.....	18 00
8 feet.....	8 25	20 feet.....	11 25
10 feet.....	8 75	25 feet.....	15 00
12 feet.....	9 00	30 feet.....	18 00

Festoonings.

Paper, per yard..... \$0 07
Muslin per yard..... 15

Paper Plumets.

For horse decoration, per doz..... 2 00
Same, larger, per doz..... 2 50
May be had in any color.

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Grand Army Republic Flags.


ON STICKS.

24 inches, per dozen.....	\$1 25
35 " "	3 50



Mourning Flags.

G. A. R. Flags, with black border, as shown in illustration, 10x15 inches, on sticks, doz..... \$0 60
G. A. R. Banner, printed with black border, 10x15 inches, doz..... \$0 75



For Soldiers' Reunions.
ON STICKS.

Grand Army, a Banner, fac simile of badge, printed in four colors, 20x45, per doz..... \$0 00

"Soldiers and Sailors—Welcome."
20x40 inches, per doz..... 2 50

"Welcome to the Brave."
20x40 inches, per doz..... 2 00

"Our Army and Navy."
20x40 inches, per doz..... 2 50

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G. A. R. Flags.

3890. Flag 52x62 inches, made of single thickness, blue flag silk, G. A. R. Badge painted in center in oil colors, name and number of Post above, and location below the badge, in gold lettering on both sides. Trimmed with silk bullion fringe and silk cord and tassels, 9 foot staff, metal spear head, belt and cover, complete for..... \$45 00

3891. Same as 3890, but 6x8½ feet..... 55 00

3892. Same as 3890, 52x62 inches, but gilt fringe and tassels, and metal eagle instead of spear head on staff..... 52 00

3893. Same as 3890, but 6x8½ feet, and gilt fringe and tassels and eagle..... 61 00

3895. Flag 62x8½ feet, of best blue banner silk, single thickness, G. A. R. Badge painted in oil colors, in good style, and name, number, and location of Post on both sides in gold. Trimmed with gilt bullion fringe and tassels, 10 foot staff and metal eagle, belt and cover, complete for..... 85 00

3895½. Same as 3895, but silk fringe and silk cord and tassels..... 92 00

24 THE M. C. LILLEY & CO.,

3896. Flag 62x8½ feet, of best blue banner silk, double, on front G. A. R. Badge, painted in oil colors, fine work. On reverse, three large lines of lettering in gold, shaded. Mounted upon 10 foot polished walnut staff, with screw joint, the metal eagle, double belt and cover, all of best quality, complete for..... \$145 00



No. 3896.

C. A. R. Banner.

3897. G. A. R. Banner, 82x54 inches, front of flag silk; reverse of silesia, G. A. R. Badge, name, number, and location of Post hand-

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somely painted in gold and colors, trimmed with gilt lace, cord and tassels, and fringe on end, staff surmounted by eagle, and belt for carrying banner..... \$38 00

3898. Same as 3896, but with silk on both sides..... 44 00

3899. G. A. R. Banner, of fine flag silk, both sides, 62x54 inches, G. A. R. Badge, name, number, and location of Post finely painted in gold and colors, trimmed with gilt lace, gilt cord and tassels, gilt fringe on end, polished walnut staff, surmounted by eagle, and belt for carrying banner..... 60 00

3900. G. A. R. Banner, same as 3896, but front of best banner silk and richly trimmed..... 80 00

3901. G. A. R. Banner, both sides of best banner silk, and fine heavy gold trimmings, with fringe on sides and end..... 100 00

Silk Double Flags.
G. A. R. and U. S. combined.

3902. Flag 32x62 inches, front of blue flag silk, with G. A. R. Badge, painted in oil colors, name, number, and location of Post in gold letters; reverse a flag silk U. S. flag, with gilt stars; trimmed with silk bullion fringe, cord and tassels; 9 foot staff, metal spear head, belt and cover, complete for..... \$85 00

3901. Same as 3900, but 6x8½ feet..... 85 00

3902. Same as 3900, but 52x62 inches, gilt fringe, cord and tassels, and metal eagle instead of spear head..... 86 00

3903. Same as 3900, but 6x8½ feet, and gilt fringe, cord and tassels, and metal eagle..... 90 00

3904. Flag 62x8½ feet, front of best blue banner silk, G. A. R. Badge painted in oil colors, name, number, and location of Post in gold letters; reverse a U. S. flag of fine flag silk, gold stars; mounted on 10 foot polished walnut staff, with screw joint and metal eagle; trimmed with gilt fringe, cord and tassels, belt and cover, complete for..... 130 00

3905. Same as 3904, but reverse of best banner silk, extra fine painting, longer gilt fringe, longer cord and tassels, and double belt, complete for..... 160 00

**Estimates on other Flags will be cheerfully furnished.

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THE GRAND ARMY SONGSTER AND SERVICE BOOK.

Comrades.—"Neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat."

Chaplain.—"For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them and lead them unto living fountains of water."

Comrades.—"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Chaplain.—"Their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain."

Comrades.—"For the former things have passed away."

[Then shall follow a hymn or chant by the choir. The comrades shall then form a square, enclosing the altar, the officers in front, the Chaplain at the altar.]

Prayer.—By the Chaplain, closing with the Lord's prayer in concert.

Chant.—By the choir.

[The comrades will return to their places.]

Reading of a brief selection of Scripture from the Ninetieth Psalm or the fifteenth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Hymn.

Address.

Doxology.

[After which the Post shall be closed as follows] :

Post Commander.—Senior Vice-Commander, how should all men live?

Senior Vice-Commander.—With trust in God, and in love for one another.

Post Commander.—Junior Vice-Commander, how should comrades of the Grand Army live?

Junior Vice-Commander.—Having on the whole armor of God, that they may be able to withstand in the evil day.

Post Commander.—The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Comrades.—We thank God, who gave us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Commander.—May the Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, keep us by His gracious presence amid the conflicts of our mortal life, and at last receive us into everlasting peace.

Comrades.—Amen !

Post Commander.—I now declare this Post closed.

NOTE.—The foregoing service was prepared by the committee appointed by Par. 4, G. O. No. 4, Series of 1874, and approved by Par. 1, G. O. No. 7, Series of 1874.

The End of the Soldier; the End of this **Book.**

THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD.

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade they'll meet,
Or their brave deeds renew.
On fame's eternal camping ground—
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.



Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9

Frances Finch Auxiliary News

The annual yearbook/scrapbook party is to be rescheduled to after the March meeting as weather forced the cancellation of the previous date. No further news to report at the time of this issue.

2018-19 Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Officers

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 Girl Scout Comm. Lorraine Jones, Chair
 Girl Scout Comm. Emily Breaugh, PAP
 Counselor: Mary Rose, PAP



Above Right (L-R): PAP Lisa Smith, PAP Emily Breaugh, PAP Dorothy Rongey, PAP Mary Rose, Council Lorraine Jones, Pat. Instructor Debra Downey, and PAP Karen Goodrich at the November 2018 meeting.

Meeting Location? Israel B. Richardson GAR Post 13, Harbor Springs

Submitted by CWMO Schwander



Above: Main and Gardner Streets in Harbor Springs



Above: G.A.R. letters prominently displayed on building.

At the corner of Main and Gardner Streets in Harbor Springs is a building with the letters G.A.R. located at the top front center. Brother Scott Schwander was tipped off to the building and its prominent letters, and he arrived on scene to survey the building.

The question beckons, is this the meeting location and headquarters of the I.B. Richardson GAR Post 13 of Harbor Springs?



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