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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 Brother, PDC & CoA Paul Davis Seeks the Office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief



Camp No. 14 Brother Paul Davis, PDC has announced that he will be seeking the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the 2019 SUVCW National Encampment in Cleveland.

Brother Davis currently serves on the National level in the SUVCW Council of Administration, and the Department level as the Department Counselor. He also is a 1st Lieutenant in Co. A, 14th Michigan Infantry, "The Irish Rifles", Sons of Veterans Reserve. Additionally, Brother Davis is the Commander of the Michigan Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. PDC Davis' letter of intent and qualifications can be found at:

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/PD-Candidacy-Letter.pdf>

<http://www.suvcw.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Resume-PD-2019.pdf>

Robert Finch Camp No. 14 at the 2019 Department Encampment in Okemos

Several Brothers of Camp No. 14 attended the 2019 Department Encampment in Okemos on Saturday, 27 April.

The Camp won the 2018-2019 Austin Blair Award for most new members in the Department of Michigan, and CC Lantzer received the award on behalf of Camp No. 14. was elected unanimously for one of the slots on th

SVC Dave Ramsey elected unanimously to one of the slots on the Department Council, and PDC & CoA Paul Davis was appointed Department Counselor.



Above (L-R): SVC Dave Ramsey, Recruiting Officer Joe Conger, CC John Lantzer, PDC David Smith, and PDC Dale Aurand (missing from picture: PDC Paul Davis) after winning the Austin Blair Award.

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2019 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

Camp Officers 2019
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July 13

Marshall Swenor Grave Dedication
Petoskey, MI
10AM (1000)

July 13

Camp Meeting
TBA - Petoskey, MI
Immediately following Grave Dedication

August 8 - 11

2019 SUVCW National Encampment
Independence, OH

August 18

Old Settlers' Reunion
Joint Ceremony w/ Alexander French Camp 28
Grave Dedication of Five USCT Veterans
TBA - Remus, MI

September 14
(tentative)

Camp Meeting
Elks Lodge #323, Traverse City, MI
11:30AM (1130)

October 12

Cadillac GAR Sign Dedication
Cadillac, MI

2019 National Cherry Festival Air Show Highlights



Above: AV-8B Harrier II of USMC VMA-223 "Bulldogs" hovering over West Grand Traverse Bay

Left Top: USAF Thunderbirds, delta with solos break

Left Bottom: USAF Thunderbirds, diamond



Above Top: P-51D Mustang on the ramp of CGAS Traverse City

Above Bottom: A pair of AV-8B Harrier IIs of USMC VMA-223 "Bulldogs" on the ramp of CGAS Traverse City.

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2019 Department Encampment cont'd

The day before the Department Encampment, Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 were joined by Brothers of March to the Sea Camp No. 135 for a private tour of the Michigan Battle Flags. Save the Flags Chair Matt Van Acker and fellow Save the Flags staff Ms. Chambrie hosted those Brothers showing them various flags that were requested - including one of the WWI "Polar Bear" flags.

SAVE THE FLAGS

If you would like to donate to the preservation and conservation of Michigan's battle flags and support this most worthy cause, please contact:

Matt Van Acker
 Co-Chair, Save the Flags
 517.373.5157
mvanacker@legislature.mi.gov
<http://capitol.michigan.gov/SaveTheFlags/>



Above: Members of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and March to the Sea Camp No. 135 enjoy a private tour of the Michigan Battle Flags hosted by Chair Matt Van Acker on the Friday of the Dept. Encampment weekend.



Above-Left: Various Michigan regimental flag staffs

Above-Right: Close-up of projectile damage to a staff belonging to the 27th Michigan Infantry

Left-Top: Matt Van Acker and Chambrie displaying the 1st Michigan Mechanics and Engineers flag with PDC Aurand looking on.

Left-Bottom: Matt Van Acker and Chambrie discussing the famous 24th Michigan Infantry National Colors with SVC Ramsey observing its details.



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2019 Department Encampment cont'd

PDC David Smith was appointed Chair of the Resolutions Committee at the Department Encampment serving with PDC Gary Gibson and PCinC Jim Pahl. Overall, it was a productive Encampment, and the Brothers of Camp No. 14 enjoyed their time attending and socializing with Brothers from around the Department.



Above: CSVC Dave Ramsey and PDC & CoA Paul Davis are installed as Department Council and Department Counselor respectively, by Michigan's own, Commander-in-Chief Don Shaw.

Northern Michigan Military Installations – Past & Present

Fort Michilimackinac

Mackinaw City, Emmet County, Michigan

Controlled by: French, British, and Ojibwe

Established in 1715



Above: Fort Michilimackinac in modern times. (from Pure Michigan www.michigan.org)

In the shadow of the Mighty Mackinac Bridge in the Straits of Mackinac are a set of structures that appears to be transplanted from centuries past. Those structures are Fort Michilimackinac, a colonial trading outpost erected in 1715.

Since there is an extensive history with Fort Michilimackinac, an overall timeline of the Fort is given below from its time of construction to its abandonment. This information is provided by Mackinac State Historic Parks.

Fort Michilimackinac Timeline:

1715- French soldiers construct Fort Michilimackinac near Odawa community and Jesuit mission on the south side of the straits.

1716- Residents of Fort Michilimackinac participate in victorious attack on Fox tribe in Wisconsin.

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Memorial Day Activities

Memorial Day 2019 was a busy one for the Brothers of Robert Finch Camp No. 14 and the Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9. The Brothers and Sisters spread out over the area to attend various Memorial Day ceremonies. Several are shown below.

Below Left: Traverse City Memorial Day Ceremony. L-R: PCC Ted Mattis, PAP & AP Dorothy Ronzey, PCC Neal Breagh, PAP Emily Breagh, PDC Dale Aurand, and Sister Debra Downey.



Below Right: Manistee Memorial Day Parade. Brother Keith Graham (on the left) riding with the former 12 lb. Howitzer 1861 GAR cannon that was later dedicated in late June to the Veterans' Park by American Legion Post 10.



Above Left: Long Lake Twp. Linwood Cemetery Memorial Day Weekend Ceremony. L-R: Guard John Milks, PAP Lisa Smith, PDC David Smith, AP & PAP Dorothy Ronzey, PDC Dale Aurand, and CJVC Jim Ribby.



Above Center & Above Right: PDC & CoA Paul Davis paid respects to the Veterans in the two GAR Plots in Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City on the traditional Memorial Day of 30 May.

Fort Michilimackinac *cont'd*

- 1728- Commandant of Michilimackinac leads combined French, Odawa, and Ojibwa force into Wisconsin to defeat the Fox. The Fox avoid battle.
- 1733- Another force of French and American Indian allies assembles at Michilimackinac and launches an expedition into Green Bay against the Fox. Commandant of Michilimackinac killed in battle. Expansion of fort begins with new layout for buildings.
- 1739- Michilimackinac serves as base for French expedition against the Chickasaw south of the Ohio River. Despite some success, Chickasaw never decisively defeated.
- 1742- Odawa relocate 25 miles south to L'Arbre Croche. Jesuits transfer St. Ignace Mission to new location, but maintain a parish church at Fort Michilimackinac.
- 1743- New parish church building constructed at Fort Michilimackinac and named in honor of Ste. Anne.
- 1744- Tensions between French and English erupt into King George's War.
- 1747-48- Fort repaired and expanded
- 1747- American Indian unrest and attacks on French at Michilimackinac and Detroit.

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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. Enjoy,

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Commander's Corner
John Lantzer, CC



The last few weeks I have been thinking about Bravery, courage, doing what is right in the face of opposition. When we look to the Civil War there seems to be countless examples of bravery. From the simplest of things of standing in formation, loading your firearm, all the while the enemy was forming and firing just yards in front of you to holding your position and fighting hand to hand while the rest of your company could withdraw. Acts of bravery were common place on the battle field if not expected and as time went by the commanders started to see brave acts playing out above and beyond what was common. There became a need to recognize those acts. The U.S. Congress first introduced the Medal of Honor in 1861 for the Navy but on July 12 1862, congress afford the Medal to noncommissioned solders in the Army. ARMY PVT. JACOB PARROTT was the first to receive the distinction. Parrott was born on July 17, 1843, in Fairfield County, Ohio. He enlisted in the Army as part of Company K, 33rd Ohio Voluntary Infantry, during the Civil War and William Carney was the first African-American recipient. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on July 18, 1863 at Fort Wagner, SC.



When we look at our lives today very few of us will be able to say that we have performed acts of bravery that would compare to just what was “common” for these men in the Civil War but it is the challenge of the day to try. Standing in the face of opposition to what is right and true has and is more and more difficult every day, if this is not true in your life I would suggest that you get out of the house more often. Like our fathers of old, injustice and discrimination continues to infest the society all around us. I ask you my brothers today, to stand up for what is right, rally behind a just cause, and allow other to be inspired by your bravery.



In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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

Selected Quotes of William Tecumseh Sherman

“We have good corporals and good sergeants and some good lieutenants and captains, and those are far more important than good generals.”

“If the people raise a great howl against my barbarity and cruelty, I will answer that war is war, and not popularity seeking.”

“I think I understand what military fame is; to be killed on the field of battle and have your name misspelled in the newspapers.”


“I make up my opinions from facts and reasoning, and not to suit any body but myself. If people don't like my opinions, it makes little difference as I don't solicit their opinions or votes.”

“Courage - a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to endure it.”

“If I had my choice I would kill every reporter in the world, but I am sure we would be getting reports from Hell before breakfast.”

GAR Merchandise from 1887 cont'd

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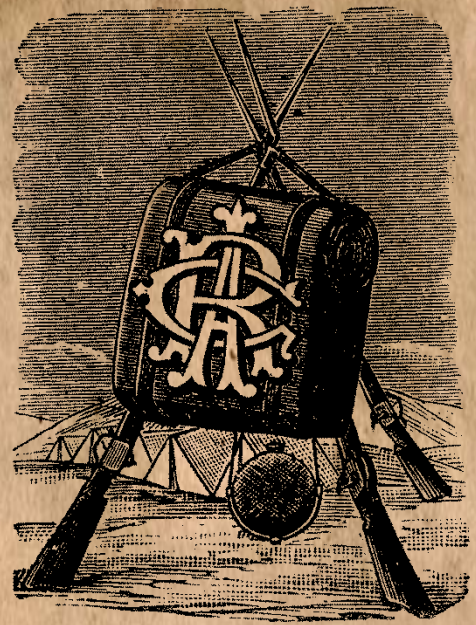
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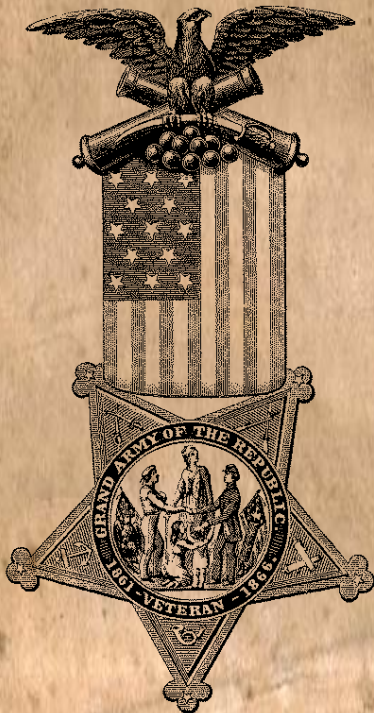


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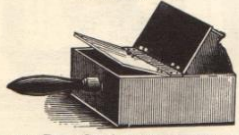
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 786a. Ballot-box, secret, better quality... 3 50

Fort Michilimackinac cont'd

1753- Large Indian council held at Fort Michilimackinac. Each nation agrees to ally with the French.

1755- Warriors from Michilimackinac help defeat General Edward Braddock near Fort Duquesne in Pennsylvania.

1760- French defeated at Montreal, following the fall of Quebec in 1759. New France passes into British hands. Troops from Fort Michilimackinac present at both battles. French evacuate fort in October.

1761- British take control of Fort Michilimackinac in September following French and Indian War.

1763- Fort Michilimackinac attacked and captured by local Ojibwa as part of Pontiac's Uprising.

1764- Fort Michilimackinac returned to the British by American Indians. British arrive aboard the schooner Gladwin, the first sailing vessel to call at the straits since the ill-fated Griffin in 1679.

1765- Jesuit mission of St. Ignace at L'Arbre Croche closes. Development of Michilimackinac suburbs begins.

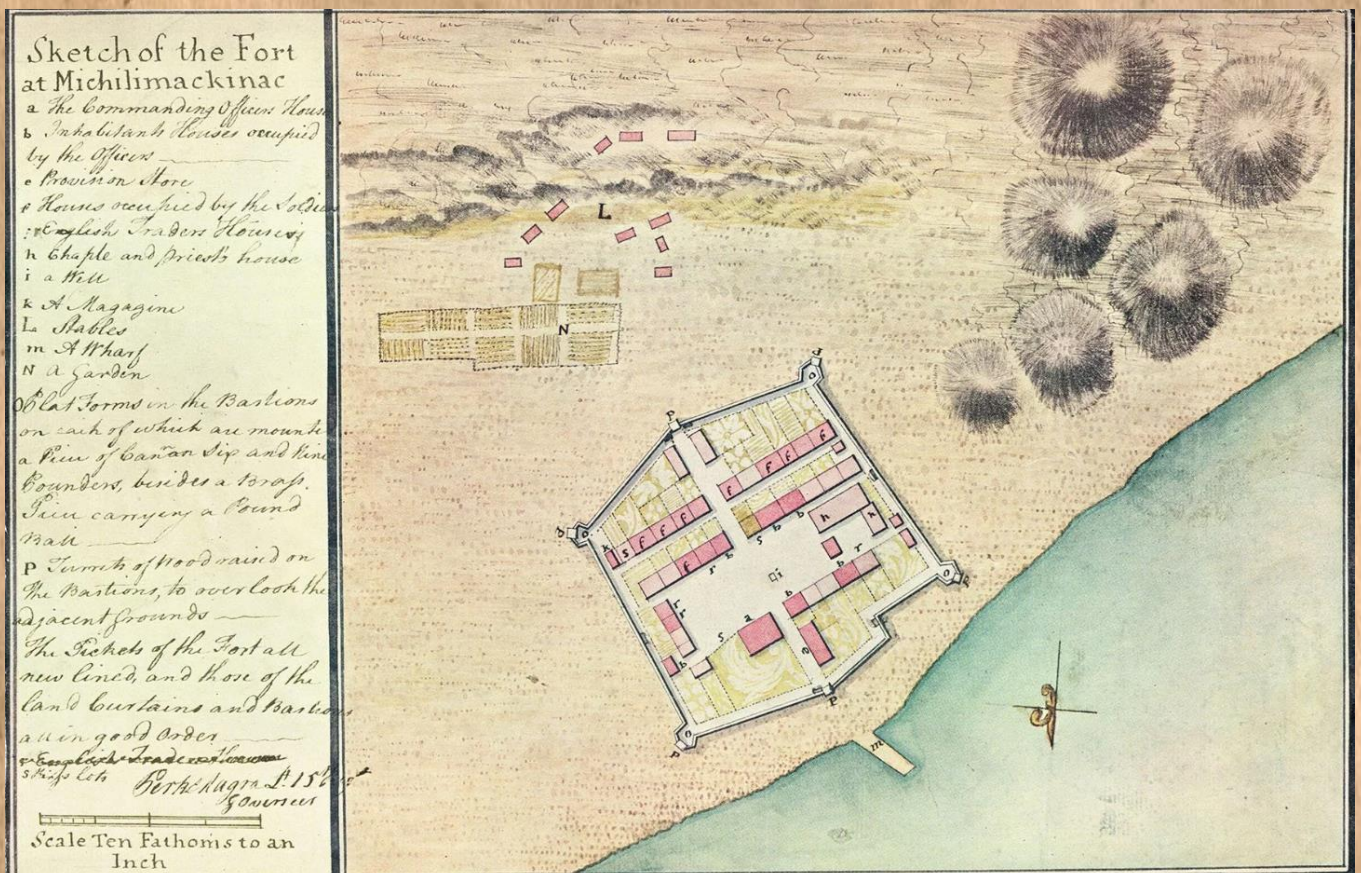
1766- Commandant Robert Rogers dispatches exploration party in search of northwest water passage to Pacific Ocean.***

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Map of Fort Michilimackinac

From: <https://www.mackinacparks.com/the-four-maps-of-michilimackinac/>

Lt. Perkins Magra of the British 17th Regiment created the next map of Michilimackinac in 1765. After Capt. William Howard requested improvements at Michilimackinac, the British realized they had no maps of the post, so the duty fell to Magra. Magra was particularly interested in depicting the living quarters available to the British army, and so his map recorded the inhabitants of the fort's buildings using a combination of colors and letters. Magra carefully noted which houses were inhabited by British officers, soldiers, and merchants, while homes of French-Canadian families were left unmarked. Magra's map was also the first to depict the final configuration of Michilimackinac, which had been enlarged by the French sometime in the 1750s.





Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9

Auxiliary No. 9 Memorial Day Events

The Sisters of Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 were busy throughout the Memorial Day weekend attending various ceremonies, as well as preparations. Auxiliary President Dorothy Rongey, PAP participated in placing flag holders and flags at Linwood Cemetery in Long Lake Township prior to their annual Memorial Day observance ceremonies. Please see page 5 of this issue to see some of the events that the Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9 participated in during the Memorial Day weekend.

2018-19 Frances Finch Auxiliary No. 9 Officers

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Council #3:	Lorraine Jones
Chaplain:	Mary Rose, PAP
Historian:	All Sisters of Aux. No. 9
Press Corrs.:	Mary Rose, Lisa Smith
Girl Scout Comm.	Lorraine Jones, Chair
Girl Scout Comm.	Emily Breaugh, PAP
Counselor:	Mary Rose, PAP



2019 National Cherry Festival Air Show Highlights *cont'd*



Left Top: F-22 Raptors from the 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB and the 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB.

Left Bottom: USAF Heritage Flight, F-22 Raptor & P-51B Mustang

Right Bottom: USAF Thunderbirds parked in front of the hangar at CGAS Traverse City.

Right Top: USAF Thunderbirds #1 under the control tower at TVC

Fort Michilimackinac cont'd

1772-75- Major repairs and improvement to fort walls, platforms, stairs and gates.

1774- Captain Arent DePeyster holds council between Ojibwa and Sioux at Michilimackinac, securing peace between these historic enemies.

1776- Ojibwa and Odawa war parties from Michilimackinac dispatched to assist British operations against American rebels at Montreal.

1777- Menominee, Ojibwa, and Odawa war parties from Michilimackinac dispatched to join General John Burgoyne's British army in New York. Parties return to Michilimackinac before Burgoyne's army surrenders.

1779- Clearing of land begins on Mackinac Island in October. First house moved in November.

1780- Large war party dispatched from Michilimackinac against Spanish posts in Missouri, but force is easily defeated by Spanish and American rebels.

1780-81- Fort Michilimackinac moved to Mackinac Island. What is not moved is burned. The site of the community is covered by blowing sand.

***Commandant Robert Rogers is *the* Robert Rogers of Rogers' Rangers and 28 Rules for Ranging fame (those rules used to this day by U.S. Army Rangers and other Special Operators.

In summation, Fort Michilimackinac was the great fur trade center of the Northwest until the Fort was relocated to Mackinac Island. This location was the site of where American Indians and European fur traders met, French and British officers organized war parties to attack targets across the vast Great Lakes region and further, and was the launching point for explorers to journey into parts unknown in the west.

Robert Finch Camp No. 14's Past Commander-in-Chief

Submitted by Neal Breagh, PCC

Urien W. Mackey Commander-in-Chief, 1944-1945

Urien W. Mackey was elected Commander-in-Chief in 1944 at the 63rd National Encampment. He traces his Civil War roots to his Grandfather, William Losure.

William Losure enlisted on September 1, 1861 as a Private in Company K of the 38th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He rose to the rank of Sergeant, and on March 21, 1862, he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant. William Losure was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant on September 1, 1863. He was mustered out in Nicholasville, Kentucky. Later, he belonged to Grand Army of the Republic Losure Post #35 (Department of Ohio) in Wauseon, Ohio.

Urien W. Mackey was initiated into the Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Department of Michigan on October 28, 1933. He held many positions in the then Grand Rapids-based Camp.

Camp Commander: 1935 and 1936

Treasurer: 1937 and 1938 and 1965 through 1971

Patriotic Instructor: 1939 and 1941 through 1964

Camp Council: 1964 through 1971

U.W. Mackey served the Department of Michigan as Commander in 1941 and later in 1954 as a member of the Department Council.

Urien W. Mackey passed away on May 11, 1971 while serving as a member of the Camp Council and as the Camp's Treasurer.



Urien W. Mackey, PCinC



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