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 Jim Zenner placed the stones as they were received.

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Late 2016 Camp 14 Meeting and Event Schedule

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!

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John Henry (Kedgnal) Duvernay Memorialized

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.
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.

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 Post 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.

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 this rank. In August, 1864, his fleet ran the gauntlet of torpedoes and mines to enter Mobile Bay, capture the opposing Confederate ships, and close the South’s remaining major port. In the most famous US Navy battle up to that time, Farragut, tied to the Hartford’s mast, was 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!” This victory helped ensure Lincoln’s nomination for his second term. This 4.5 ton cannon had a standard gun crew of 16 and could fire a 90 lb. shell two miles. This sign funded by a grant from Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and private donations.
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
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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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


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 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.


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.
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!


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/SUVCEssignJohnDavisNo10/

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!

New Brother Initiated at KSC Event

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!
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 main McPherson Post No. 18 plot in Oakwood Cemetery in October 2016.

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
Girl Scout Comm.: Emily Breaugh, PAP, Chair


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

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

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

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

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

Above: API Debra Downey, PAP Mary Rose, and PAP Emily Breaugh
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 Breaugh, Sec. Lisa Smith, PAP Mary Rose, and Council Darlene Hinkle.


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

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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