



Completed War Memorials Report
Updated December 19 2020
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The following items which fall under the WMO responsibility have been visited, inspected, photographed, documented and reported to the Department of Michigan.

Antrim County Milton Township Cannon:

Completed 18 September 2018. Based on limited information gathered and sent to Department of Michigan. Possibly a 6 pound model 1841 Field Gun. However, because of the natural desecration and poor condition, this cannot be verified and confirmed.

Maple Grove Cemetery Elk Rapids

The following GAR Markers have been cleaned, repaired and replaced
Milton B Lang, Co I 65 NY INF. GAR Marker removed 20 Oct & Returned 27 Oct 2017.
Monroe Hughes, Co K 132 NY INF. GAR Marker removed 20 Oct & returned 27 Oct 2017.
William J Bannon, GAR Marker removed 20 Oct & returned 27 Oct 2017.
William Dingman, Co I, 14 NY HART, Broken double spiked marker removed, repaired and converted to a single spike, reconditioned, repainted, sealed & returned on 25 Nov 2017. The total amount of CW Soldiers buried here is unknown. Multiple phone calls to the sexton's office have never been returned.

The **Duffield GAR Post 322** in Elk Rapids was in existence for one year, from 1885 to 1886 and they dissolved. It appears the next closest post would have been **George Martin 227** who formed in 1884 and disbanded in 1930.

Antrim City Cemetery

Antrim City Cemetery is located in Banks Township, near the village of Atwood in Antrim County. It is located on Old Dixie Highway near an area called Rex Beach. A very old cemetery maintained by Banks Township. Although it is gated it does not have a water supply or ambient

lighting. There are no monuments or markers contained within the cemetery which need to be reported to the Department of Michigan. The cemetery contains 232 known burials and six (6) known civil war soldiers. It appears the cemetery pre dates the civil war, c. 1850.

The following GAR Markers were removed & returned.

Pvt. Daniel L. Flanigan, Co E 10 MI CAV. GAR marker removed 29 Oct 2017. Returned 17 Nov 2017.

John M.C. Runyan/Runyon, Co E 10 MI CAV. GAR marker removed 29 Oct 2017. GAR Post 227 George Martin. Returned 17 Nov 2017.

Pvt. Wesley A. Greenman, Co B 9 NY HART, GAR Marker Removed 29 Oct 2017 & returned. GAR Post 227 George Martin.

Pvt. William Blissett, Co A 50 WI INF. GAR Marker Removed 29 Oct 2017 for repair at NMC. Returned 5 June 2018. GAR Post 227 George Martin.

Cpl. Amasa W. Hartwell, Co H 9 NH INF. Flag holder added 7 Nov 2018

Catholic Cemetery Atwood

Located about two miles south of the Village of Atwood in Antrim County. Physical address is 8193 US 31 South. In the township of Banks and maintained by the same municipality. It predates the civil war and contains 66 documented burials. The actual number of burials is unknown. I am told there was a potter's field in the cemetery. There are Civil War soldiers here, all belonging to The George Martin Post 227 from Eastport. Organized in 1884 & disbanding in 1930.

25 October 2018. The Cemetery rededication was a huge success and the community came together in spirit and tradition. A wonderful ceremony.

Grand Traverse County:

The Courthouse Statue located at the courthouse lawn. The statue is in very good condition with no structural concerns. However, **black mold is starting to appear in several areas not seen to the eye and it could use and should be cleaned before the black mold takes a foot hold. This is something that we should look at again.**

The Courthouse 100 Pounder Naval Parrett Cannon. No real concerns, sound structure including the masonry base. The barrel is not capped and should be looked at again for garbage, trash and debris.

Barry Granite Soldier in Oakwood Cemetery, 2nd Addition, Block 241. Sound, stable and solid. Originally dedicated May 1903. Constructed of Barry Granite. 12 feet, 9 inches total height. Base is 5 feet, 2 inches high. Second base is 3 feet, 6 inches square and one foot tall with a Scotia Wash (concave molding). The granite soldier at parade rest stands 5 feet, 11 inches. Designed by W.W. Kelly, of the Rickerd Monument firm of Traverse City. This soldier monument and adjacent headstones received D/2 cleanings and remains clean.

Granite marker of the frontal McPherson Post. In very good shape, no concerns, foundation is solid and this too had a another cleaning with D/2

First Michigan Sharpshooters, Company K mile US-131 Fife Lake Township.
Part of the Michigan Adopt-a-highway program. No further cleanings needed until 2021.

Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition memorial park, Civil War monument and wall. Very clean, well maintained and plenty of room for bricks for future use.

Oakwood Cemetery Project

As of 6 Sept 2018 every civil war veteran has had their headstone cleaned, sometimes multiple times. After care at this juncture is an important step in the maintenance process. Brother Bob O'Hara has been assisting in Oakwood Cemetery. A spread sheet has been completed, shared within the camp, cemetery office, Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society and a permanent copy donated to the resource room at the Traverse City Public Library.

Total number of Civil War Soldiers in Oakwood Cemetery – 309

Soldiers who were patients at the Traverse City State Hospital buried, unmarked in the asylum block – 5

Total GAR Replacement Flag Holders Purchased 76

GAR Flag Holders Repaired To Date 118

Total number of military and personal headstones cleaned – 286

Civil War Soldiers interned in Oakwood Mausoleum – 1

Civil War Soldiers interned in Julius Hannah Mausoleum - 1

Empty Graves – 2 Known (Henderson & Carmichael)

Prisoners of War POW's - 2 known

Special Operatives to Gather Counter Intelligence – 1

Veterans in the Old Catholic Section - 5

Total Burials including spouses – 474

Donations of D2 Cleaner

David S. Smith, LM, PCC, PDC, SVC, 3 Gallons @ \$150.00

George Beckett, Lyles Tennessee 2 Gallons @ \$100.00

Scott Schwander 25 Gallons @ \$ 1250.00

Thomas Ghering, US Army Veteran 10 Gallons @ \$ 500.00

Marilyn Genia 1 Gallon @ \$ 50.00

John Russell 1 Gallon @ \$ 50.00

Finch Camp 14 – 16 Gallons @ \$ 800.00

Brother Art Wakely 2 Gallons @ 100.00

Grand Traverse County Deputy Sheriff's Union 15 Gallons @ \$ 750.00

American Legion Post 35 Traverse City 2 Gallons @ \$ 100.00

Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition 10 Gallons @ \$ 500.00

Anonymous Donors 6 Gallons @ \$ 250.00

Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center \$ 10.00

Retired Michigan Conservation Officer Jerry Freels 1 Gallon @ \$50.00

November 7th 2020, Seventeen (18) gallons D2 remain on hand

December 15th 2020, 26 GAR Flag Holders remain on hand

On March 3 2003, President George Walker Bush signed **Executive Order # 13287**, in an effort to preserve America. In this order, all federal agencies are directed to use the D2 Biological cleaner after a seven year study from 2004 to 2011. This product is now used in all national cemeteries and has been used in headstone restoration by Camp # 14.

Captain Richard Thomas Henderson

With the assistance of Brother Aurund, we were able to make contact with Commander Thomas L Schmitt, Camp # 17 Champion Hill Huntington Hill, Indiana. He has also been researching Captain Henderson. Henderson is buried in Grant County, Riverside Cemetery in Gas City Indiana. A Camp GAR flag holder has been mailed to Commander Schmitt for placement at his red granite headstone. Upon receipt, they will hold a dedication ceremony. As all records on hand reflect that he is buried in Grand Traverse County, Oakwood Cemetery. Sexton Morgan prefers to maintain the original McPherson Post GAR flag holder which was purchased in 1908. It will remain at the empty grave location purchased by his wife one day after his death in his honor and memory.

April 11 2018. PCC Smith and Brother Schwander were invited to the Fife Lake Cemetery Board in the commission chambers in Fife Lake. Present were Township Supervisor, Linda Forweck, John Kelly Village Cemetery Sexton and local researcher, Lisa Plamondon.

There is a large volume of Civil War Soldiers in the village cemetery. Sexton Kelly has spent his career in cemetery presentation. They are progressive in their efforts to maintain and restore the cemetery located in the village. There could be as many as 10 Civil War Soldiers who are interned in Fife Lake without headstones. Researcher Plamondon has extensively studied the burials located in the cemetery and has volunteered her services, documents and research to help Camp # 14 complete headstone applications for the unmarked. There has been no additional communications beyond this meeting to date.

May 9 2018 15 Memorial Bricks have been purchased and will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Park on Elmwood Street in Traverse City. These 15 men are Native American men from 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, Company K. I encourage you individually to purchase a memorial brick at the Veterans Park for a family member or loved one.

May 19 2018. A successful Dedication Ceremony was held in Oakwood Cemetery. Present were various branches of the military, USCG, USMC, United States Army, Law Enforcement, Fire Personnel and members of the public. Also present was David Schock, PhD who produced the documentary "The Road to Andersonville." John Russell, Detroit News, and longtime Traverse City resident. The 54 minute video can be watched online at this URL:

<https://vimeo.com/277798158>

Acme Township Cemetery

Located near the entrance to the Grand Traverse Resort on US 31. A pioneer cemetery which assumedly maintained by nearby Acme Township. A gated cemetery, very well kept and manicured with their own water supply. Ambient lighting is unknown. A total of 674 known burials. The following civil war soldiers have had their GAR markers restored. There are no memorials, markers, monuments or other items which need to be reported to the Department of Michigan. There are two headstones here in despite need of a cleaning.

Joseph Taylor GAR marker removed 20 Oct & replaced 27 Oct 2017. Interestingly, Joseph Taylor had his name "stamped" into the back side of his marker.

Francis Hooper, Co E 1st Michigan LA. GAR Marker removed 20 Oct & replaced 27 Oct 2017. Amansa Gillett, Co K 10th Michigan Infantry. Repaired & Returned 22 Nov 2017. Headstone cleaned 8 June 2019

Williamsburg Cemetery

Present day Williamsburg was settled by three families who arrived from Monroe County New York in 1856. At that time, it was named Mill Creek after the nearby stream. Originally named Williamsburgh, the name was shorted to Williamsburg in June 1894. Source: Michigan Place Names by Walter Romig.

Probably one of the oldest cemeteries in Grand Traverse County with 572 known burials. It is gated with a United States flag pole. However, it has fallen in disrepair. The cemetery is overgrown, markers have fallen to the ground, tilted and/or sunken. Bushes are overgrown, covering & concealing several headstones. Limbs from the large trees have fallen into the cemetery grounds and have not been picked up and removed. Heavy tree cover combined with shade and condensation has stained and promoted algae, moss and lichen on a vast amount of headstones. It would appear that Whitewater Township does not, or can't afford to pay for maintenance of this hallowed ground. No ambient lighting but there is an interior water supply for easy cleaning of headstones. No garden hoses are supplied by the township. There are no memorials, markers monuments or other items which need to be reported to the Department of Michigan. All CW soldiers in this cemetery need to have their headstones cleaned.

During a recent visit, the following GAR markers were removed for reconditioning and then repaired. The following civil soldiers were noted.

William James Bannon, GAR marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned and replaced on 27 Oct 2017. Plat 2, Lot 080. Unknown military unit.

Sgt. Theron E Carpenter, Co E 20th MI INF. GAR marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned and replaced on 27 Oct 2017. Plat 1, Lot 042. Headstone cleaned 20 Aug 2019.

Edward E. Cross, Co I 3 MI INF., GAR marker removed for reconditioning 27 Oct 2017. Replaced on 29 Oct. Plat 1, Lot 012.

Andrew J. Swarthout, Co E 1 MI LART, GAR Marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned and replaced 29 Oct 2017. Plat 2, Lot 013 Headstone cleaned 20 Aug 2019.

N.M. Pulver, GAR Marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned and replaced 27 Oct 2017. Gray granite headstone, Unknown full name and military unit. Plat 1. Lot 009.

Unknown CW Soldier. There is a soldier who has both a headstone and GAR marker. However, the headstone is so old that it can't be read. The GAR marker is not tagged with a name. I am optimistic that he has been identified but his ID is unknown at the camp level. He probably has a file with GTAGS and/or Whitewater Township. For the interim, we will refer to him as the unknown until the change can be made. Photo available upon request. Headstone cleaned 20 Aug 2019.

Circle Hill Cemetery

A very old cemetery located off Vinton road in Whitewater Township Grand Traverse County. It holds about 506 known burials. It would be interesting to see an old map of the cemetery. The focal point is a hill, which on top, is located a pit constructed of fieldstone to supply the cemetery with water, in the early days. The cemetery is also fenced with a US flag pole with no ambient lighting. However, there is a modern water source for cleaning the few military stones present. There are no monuments or markers present which need to be reported to the Department of Michigan. The following civil war soldiers were visited on 20 October and headstones and GAR markers reconditioned.

Milo McCune Co F 1st Vet Calvary NY. GAR marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned & returned 27 Oct 2017. Headstone cleaned.

Henry C Barber Co B 72 NY INF., GAR marker removed 20 Oct 2017, reconditioned and returned 27 Oct 2017.

Cpl. David E. Rolfe, Co I 10th MI CAV. GAR marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned and returned 27 Oct 2017. Headstone Cleaned.

George W. Abbott, Co H 21 IA INF. GAR marker removed 20 Oct, reconditioned and returned 27 Oct 2017. Headstone Cleaned.

Sgt. Abner T Novess, Co H 194 NY INF, GAR marker removed for repair 20 Oct 2017. GAR Marker returned 22 Nov 2017

Sgt Medad Vinton, Co D 27 MA INF. GAR marker removed for repair 20 Oct 2017. GAR Marker returned 22 Nov 2017.

Evergreen Cemetery – Kingsley

Evergreen Cemetery located east of Kingsley on M-113 is very easy to find. Located on the south side of M-113, cyclone fence, archway, flagpole and huge evergreen trees and bronze military memorial plaque. A pioneer cemetery which is maintained by Paradise Township. It contains about 2973 known burials. There is a water source, marginal restroom facilities at best, and in general, is not very well maintained. There are no monuments within this cemetery that need to be reported to the Department of Michigan.

Through GTAGS I can probably get a numerical count of all the civil war soldiers interned. A convenient map is located on a board showing the numerical arrangements of lots. A variety of GAR markers are found within the grounds, including numerous double spiked New Hampshire markers. The following GAR Markers have been removed for paint or repair:

Harley Holliday, Co F 147th ILL INF. GAR marker removed, repainted, reconditioned & returned on 25 Nov 2017.

George B Tillotson, Not in the SUVCW Graves Registration Database. However, he does have a CW military headstone and GAR marker. Broken double spiked marker removed, repaired by NMC, reconditioned and returned to cemetery on 25 Nov 2017.

Robert N Snell, Co G 142 IN INF, removed, reconditioned and returned 25 Nov 2017.

Nathan Palamater, Co C 9 MN INF, GAR marker removed, reconditioned and returned 18 Nov 2017.

Slyvester Clark, Co I 3 NY LART, Broken double spiked marker removed, repaired by NMC, reconditioned and returned to cemetery on 2 Nov 2017.

Yuba Cemetery

Two (2) GAR Flag Holders have been removed for repair and reconditioning on April 23 2019.

Horace Phillips, Co A 26 MI INF. Flag holder at NMC Welding Technologies for repair. Returned 15 May 2019. Headstone cleaned 15 May 2019

George B Allen, Co A 26 MI INF. KIA Farmville Virginia 7 April 1865. Flag holder out for reconditioning. Returned 15 May 2019. Headstone cleaned 15 May 2019.

William Newton, Co K 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, Cleaned 15 May 2019

Distribution of Camp 14 GAR Flag Holders as of 14 August 2019

Pvt. John, Lake Leelanau St. Mary's Cemetery

Marshall W Swenor, Petoskey St. Francis

Aaron Pequongay Omena Hill Crest Cemetery

Thomas Miller, Omena Presbyterian Cemetery

Lt. Walter W. Scott, 34th Regiment of the MA Vol GG Grandfather to Brother Kennedy

Henry Hudson Co K, First MI INF, Calvary Cemetery Cheboygan County

George Ashkabug, 1st MI SS, Co K, Onominiese Cemetery, Northport Leelanau County.

John Rogers Greenman Co D, 20 MI INF, Rose Hill Cemetery, Leelanau County.

Robert S Day, Co E 11 MI INF, Rose Hill Cemetery, Leelanau County

Elias B Baker, Co D, 116th NY INF, Oakwood Cemetery

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Mackinaw City Veterans Memorial Park. There are three (3) IX (9) Inch Dalgren Cannons on display in the village park. These cannons, we aboard the USS Hartford in the Battle of Mobile Bay. Admiral Ferragut climbed the mast of the Hartford, tied himself secure and was heard saying "Damn the Torpedo's, Full Speed Ahead." From his vantage point, Ferragut was able to observe the battle clear of smoke and obstructions. His references to the torpedoes was actually a reference to the mines which had been laid in Mobile Bay. In the park is a large red colored granite veteran's memorial wall which has been photographed and added to camp

reports. In mid-June of 2017, all three Dalgrens in the park have been filled with cement by the Mackinaw City DPS staff. Report Updated 26 June 2017.

EMMET COUNTY

30 Pound Parrott Rifle, Lakeview Cemetery, Harbor Springs. Isreal B. Richardson Post, GAR # 13. The cannon is very dirty and needs a good cleaning as soon as possible, and/or a painting. I found the presence of algae, moss and microbes. The 2 concrete pillars which hold the cannon are sound and the structure is solid. We have a good relationship with the sexton and he and his staff might take this job on upon request.

Isreal B. Richardson, GAR Post # 13 archway, Lakeview Cemetery, Harbor Springs. I see the emergence of growth upon the masonry in places, but have no real concerns about the stability or its overall condition. The amount of civil war burials in Lakeview Cemetery is unknown at this time. All headstones are in need of a good cleaning. A total headstone count is still needed.

IX (9) inch Dalgren cannon located in Zorn Park # 610 near the public park and across from Holy Childhood Catholic Church and Parish. Solid foundation, stable and sits on a very nice concrete pad and cradle. I need of a basic cleaning, but overall, no immediate attention, unless we had a volunteer willing to give it good wipe down. We are informed this cannon was also aboard the USS Powhatan by Brother Thomas DuVernay.

Toll Park, a marker for veterans in the potter's field, Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey. Very good condition, clean, well-cared for by Karl Crawford and staff In Greenwood. No need for concern.

4.2 inch Parrott Rifle, Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey. Located in the GAR Circle. This cannon was placed on a brick and mortar foundation. A raised poured cement pad are starting to show their age ad wear. However, they are not a safety concern and again, well cared for.

Woman's Relief Corp # 152. A gray granite marker standing upright and solid. Located in GAR circle. It could use a good cleaning, but otherwise, no concerns and located in Greenwood Cemetery.

Pennsylvania Park, Petoskey Dalgren IX (9) inch cannon. The cannon and is solid and sound. However, I have been told that the City of Petoskey would like to replicate or replace the Marsilly cradle templates. Fund raising efforts in the past organized by the city have not been prosperous and fizzed out. A continued work in progress.

Arlington Park Type 4 Confederate cannon. Completely clean, well-cared for and looking brand new. No issues to report. It looks great.

Stolen and recovered 12 pound bronze Napoleon. Having sat on a cement pad near the hospital for decades, it was moved to Pennsylvania Park for decades. During this time, it was

referred to as Old 27. It was later moved to the interior of the courthouse. As everyone knows, it was supposed to be restored by a WWII veteran as a garage project. However, he became seriously ill and the cannon was never finished. It then sat outside again until it was put up for sale on the internet. After recovery and charges being declined by the prosecutor's office. It is now stored and hidden from public view in a county maintained facility. Brother Aurand and I have seen the cannon and verify that it is safe and sound.

SEGER DEDICATON 29 JULY 2017

The Cpl. George Washington Seger dedication was held in Greenwood Cemetery with many camp members present. The story was featured by the Mackinac Journal as a front page story. Additionally, Jane Cardinal made a small spiral bound notebook covering all aspects of the dedication service. I have one copy and can scan, share and email for those who would like to see this item. A copy of this booklet was presented to the Kauffman Family of Petoskey, who in turn, presented it to Gr Gr Grandson, Bob Seger.

Lakeview Cemetery GAR Veterans – Harbor Springs

Lakeview and Holy Childhood School of Jesus in Harbor Springs are basically combined. On paper & in reality they are separated from each other. There is a paved road which separates each cemetery and signs for each. This location is staffed full time and is maintained by West Traverse Township. The cemetery is easy to locate. As you descend the hill to enter Harbor Springs take any road to the left. Take Lake Street north to Cemetery Road. Follow Cemetery Road to the burial ground. There is a combined 4,047 known burials located here. The amount of unknown burials is not known. This location is gated with limited extraneous lighting. However, If you plan on cleaning headstones here, bring your own water jugs or garden hoses.

There are two monuments within this cemetery which have been reported to the Department of Michigan. A 30 pd parrott rifle in marginal condition and the Isreal B Richardson archway. There is no truth to the rumor that Major General Richardson is buried in the foundation of the archway. He is buried in southern Michigan.

The total number of CW veterans buried here has not yet been determined. However, it would be safe to say between 200 and 300, possibly more. The cemetery office does not have a computer and all the records are contained in a 3 ring binder. Staff are very friendly and will help you with anything.

The only known cleaned headstones are listed below:

Cpl. Leon Otashquobono, 1st MI SS, Co K. Military headstone and GAR marker cleaned and/or reconditioned.

John O. Shomin, 1st MI SS, Co K. Military headstone and GAR marker cleaned and/or reconditioned.

Agustus Boushaw, 1st MI SS, Co K. Military headstone and GAR marker cleaned and/or reconditioned.

Antoine John Tabyant, 1st MI SS, Co K Military headstone and GAR marker cleaned and/or reconditioned.

Greenwood Cemetery – Petoskey. Markers, monuments & 4.2 inch Parrott Rifle have been reported to the Department of Michigan. **Total number of civil war veterans interned here: 202**

Holy Cross Cemetery & Cross Village Township Cemeteries

Again two cemeteries combined into one. Situated on four (4) acres of land purchased by Father Weikamp OFM in 1898. The old Indian cemetery, now known as the Fr. Weikamp Shrine was actually a cemetery located in the village limits. After the purchase of the new cemetery ground all the markers were removed from the surface and disposed. The interned remained in the ground including a large amount of civil war soldiers. At one point, burials were being placed on top of each other. The actual amount of burials who are still interned at 6100 N. Wadsworth Road in Cross Village number in the high hundreds.

In 1970, a fire in the Holy Cross rectory destroyed all the vital records for this cemetery. Very few items remained. The majority of those records were written by the hand of Fr. Weikamp and then given to the Diocese of Gaylord, who now oversees both burial grounds.

A total of 516 known burials exist between the two cemeteries. However, a real and reasonable number could be as high as 750 to 1000. The cemetery is enclosed by a cyclone fence. There is no water source. There are no monuments or other items to be reported to the Department of Michigan. At least two Andersonville survivors are buried here.

Those headstones cleaned and which have been consistently maintained by camp 14 are:

Sgt. Francis "Frank" Tabasash, 1st MI SS, Co K. Military headstone & GAR Marker cleaned, reconditioned and returned.

Joseph Ashkanak, 1st MI SS, Co K. Military headstone & GAR marker cleaned, reconditioned and returned.

Payson Wolf, 1st MI SS, Co K. Military headstone & GAR marker cleaned, reconditioned and returned. Andersonville P.O.W.

Pvt. Edwin P Brown, Co E 1st OH LART. Military headstone cleaned. No GAR marker with additional D2 applications necessary.

Valentine Schlosser, Co E 28 OH INF. Military headstone cleaned by camp 14. No GAR marker.

Zina D. Ransom, 1st MI SS, Co C. Military headstone cleaned by camp 14. GAR marker needs to be restored. Andersonville P.O.W

Three (3) additional CW soldiers were discovered on 29 Oct 2017. To be cleaned on my next trip to Cross Village in the spring of 2018 with D2

KALKASKA COUNTY

Col Baker GAR post # 84, red granite marker at the corner of South Cherry and 4th Streets within the village limits. Solid, clean, upright, sound foundation with a bronze marker indicating the involvement of the Woman's Relief Corp in 1929.

Clearwater Township Veterans Memorial Wall Report, Kalkaska County

A cemetery owned by and in Clearwater Township.

Clearwater Township Cemetery, aka, Gillett Cemetery holds the remains of eight (8) civil war soldiers. A huge veteran's memorial wall, made of plywood and ornately decorated appears in the frontal portion of the grounds. This memorial wall honors veterans from the civil war, Spanish-American, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Gulf and Afghanistan. Local WWII veteran, Harold A. (Bud) Deater, decorated the graves of ever veteran buried in this cemetery from 1947 to 2010. A total of 63 years. Today, his family carries the family tradition. On a side note former Kalkaska Sheriff who died very young, is interned here without a marker. I've alerted my old union and they were going to find out why one was never ordered or payed for. This report completed on 23 May 2017

KALKASKA EVERGREEN CEMETERY CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

A report of two Civil War Union Soldiers who are interned in Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska. Charles M Thatcher and Sergeant Charles De Puy, both which received their medals of honor for actions taken in 1864.

Both headstones cleaned with D/2 and cared for. This report completed on 29 May 2017.

MISSAUKEE COUNTY

Missaukee County Veterans Memorial Park. Located in the center of town, this park is well laid out and in immaculate condition. There are cubicles which display the names of men involved in several theatres of war in the United States. It is well lit, modernized, handicapped accessible, displays lit flags on poles which are lit at night, 365 days a year. This memorial park is a must see for any patriot. Report completed on 31 May 2017

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne City, Maple Lawn Cemetery, gray granite soldier monument in the GAR portion of the cemetery. Clean, sound foundation, in very good condition and well cared for by the city. The Walter Clifford GAR Post # 235.

Boyne City, 8 inch Rodman Cannon, restored and cradled in the Veterans Memorial Park.

Excellent condition, very well cared for and anchored to a cement pad.

30 Pound Parrott Rifle, Brookside Cemetery, Village of Charlevoix. Also located in GAR Circle. This cannon was acquired in 1887. Seated in a poured concrete cradle. It was manufactured to allow the drainage of water out onto the ground. The cannon would benefit from a basic cleaning but there are no concerns due to maintenance and care.

East Jordan 24 pound Iron Flank Howitzer. Located in Sunset Cemetery within the village limits. This cannon is sound. However, the poured concrete slab is completely level and this does not allow for displacement for water. The arches which hold the howitzer are showing large stress cracks and are a safety concern. As of 3 Dec 2017 I've been informed by city commissioner Tom Breakey that the cement pad under the cannon has been repainted and its

appearance is greatly approved. However, I do not know if the cannon has been secured within the cradle to prevent the cannon from rocking up or down. Another inspection with photographs of the cradle, platform and structure would be a good idea.

GAR Park at Main and Williams Street in East Jordan. Originally, an opera house in 1889. It was lost to fire in the spring of 1910. The corner lot was sold to the city for \$1 by a Mr. Loveday for the GAR and its continued use for generations to come. There is aluminum name plate affixed to a sign in GAR Park with 136 CW soldiers. There is a red bricked house still standing on rear 31 foot lot. It was reported that the Stevens – Begole Post # 66 held their meeting in this building which still stands. In 2001. A single Eagle Scout built a gazebo on site which still stands in memory of the GAR.

Beaver Island Veterans Memorial Park

This memorial park is owned by Charlevoix County and maintained by American Veterans Post # 46 on Beaver Island. Although, this memorial contains a single brick for a Native American Civil War soldier, it is multi-generational. Indeed a very important part of local history from all conflicts, theaters, campaigns.

There is room to grow if persons would be interested in buying memorial bricks for the 217 soldiers from Charlevoix County.

I express a huge amount of gratitude to Thom Bell, who while on vacation on Beaver Island, took these photos for Camp #14. As you remember, Thom was director of photography for our Oakwood Cemetery Dedication Ceremony in May of 2017.

WEXFORD COUNTY

G.A.R Flagpole located in Maple Hill Cemetery, Cadillac
Completed fall 2019

LEELANAU COUNTY

Leelanau Township Cemetery, aka Northport Cemetery. 24 Pdr Cyrus Alger & Co., Howitzer. Originally donated to the Woolsey GAR post # 399 in 1901 by A Congressman Bishop. **In 1932 Jacob Vannatter**, the sole survivor of the Woolsey Post gave the cannon to the Leelanau Township Cemetery. A rededication occurred in 1982. The cannon sits on a nicely crafted iron cradle, on a brick and mortar foundation. However, during this camp project, it was discovered that the barrel had been filled with concrete. When and why this occurred is unknown. Additionally, it was noticed that the cannon had been placed upside down in the cradle. Since the barrel is filled with hardened cement, I suggest no further action taken on behalf of camp 14. Completed report on file and completed on 16 May 2017. Submitted to Memorials Officer John McGill.

Government Circle Veterans Memorial Park. Completed July 11 2017.

Veterans Memorial Park located on Government Drive in Leelanau County. On the main driveway to the county administration building and sheriff department. There are six (6) panels

in gray granite which contain the names of veterans from Leelanau County. However, they are not denoted by date, conflict, theatre, battle, war or actions. In the near future, I will be purchasing the cemetery index & data base from GTAGS. These records reflect burials in every cemetery located in Leelanau County. Additionally, GTAGS just finished digitalizing 100 years of burial records for Martinson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay. This data base alone will be helpful not only with my Native American research, but will be a huge help locating and following up every civil war soldier in Leelanau County. This remains a work in progress.

Solon Township Cemetery Leelanau County.

A small cemetery and conveniently located only seven (7) miles away from Traverse City. Take M-72 west to County Road 651. Drive north in the direction of Cedar. The cemetery is located at north of East Kasson Road. There is no perimeter fencing, ambient lighting or water supply. There are no monuments or other structures that need to be reported to the Department of Michigan. Thirteen (13) civil war known soldiers are interned here.

Major General Benjamin Henry Gierson – Report completed 10 Aug 2017

Union Cavalry Commander. B. 8 Jul 1826 Pittsburg Pennsylvania – D. 31 Aug 1911, Omena, Leelanau County MI 83 YOA. Burial Jacksonville East Cemetery, Jacksonville Illinois. After the Civil War, General Benjamin Henry Grierson built his retirement home in Omena and named it “The Garrison On Omena Bay.” He stayed at this residence during his summers for eleven years up to the time of his death 31 Aug 1911. Today, The Garrison, is now summer vacation rental. Omena, which is a Odawa word translates to “beautiful.”

Rose Hill Cemetery

Rose Hill Cemetery is easy to locate. Take M-72 25 miles west of Traverse City and it is located at Fritz Road and M-72. Found on the north side of the road in Leelanau County. It is visible from the roadway. This cemetery contains no monuments or memorials that need to be reported to the Department of Michigan. There is no ambient lighting. There is a water supply source on hand, definitely old school. Located to the west in this cemetery is a storage shed. Adjacent to this shed is a large metal water trough. It is filled by rainwater from the gutters on the storage shed. Bring your own jugs if you plan to clean headstones.

Two unknown Civil War Soldiers without headstones. Each has a Murray Post 168 GAR flag holders located on the west end in the potter’s field. Their Identity is unknown at this time

Removed, repaired & replaced from the cemetery for recondition are the following GAR markers. William Freeman Kellogg, Co B 15 MI INF. Two (2) Unknowns from the Potters Field area.

MANISTEE COUNTY

Currant total restored by Brother Goodrich

Brother Goodrich is to be commended for his commitment, enduring and tireless efforts, and dedication for the good of the order. Never wavering in his committal pledge and devout promise to keep the memories of our soldiers alive.

Manistee County Veterans Memorial Park, City of Manistee. Located at 177 Memorial Highway near the old Maple Street draw bridge. This park contains several stone memorial walls. Reflective of all wars, conflicts and battles, the names of each Manistee veteran are listed in accordance with the particular war. Additionally, it is located along the Riverwalk and situated within an amphitheater with easy access to seating. Flag poles, gray and black stone memorial walls are cleaned, well groomed, and maintained by the City of Manistee. Free parking is located adjacent to the park. A granite wall displays all the branches of military service. Twenty-two names of civil war soldiers are also displayed including Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients John Hyland and Michael McCormick for their actions on the USS Signal in Mississippi Operations. The good ship and crew had been dispatched to The Red River in Alexandria Louisiana. After coming under artillery fire and hundreds of sharpshooters. The ship was burned by the crew to prevent it falling into the hands of Confederate Forces. Report completed on July 25th 2017 and emailed to Memorials Officer John McGill.

John Hyland US Navy Medal of Honor Recipient Oak Grove Cemetery – Completed and emailed to Memorials Officer John McGill on August 4th 2017.

Oak Grove Cemetery 8 Inch Rodman Columbiad Cannon. Completed 16 October 2017.

Brother Goodrich has been great asset to this effort. His assessment of this cannon indicate that it is need for both a new and solid foundation. The foundation has degraded and settled which has compromised the strength and integrity of the existing cradle mount. Since the Manistee newspaper is not online, I have been unable to determine the date and method of arrival. It would be desirable to clean, prepare and repaint this relic of the war. All emails and telephone calls to the cemetery owner Mr. James Kiezowski have not been returned or answered. Oak Grove Cemetery is privately owned.

Eight (8) Inch Rodman Columbiad Cannon

McM & Co. – McManus & Co.

Smooth Bored Heavy Artillery Costal Defense Weaponry

Mass: 8, 558 Pounds or 4.279 Tons

Known 8 inch Columbiads' to exist – 56

BENZIE COUNTY

City of Frankfort, 10 inch Columbaid Rodman offshore artillery. Repainted and probably received by rail after the formation of Carver GAR Post 119 in 1883. The huge cannon sits safely in a concrete cradle near the public beach.

Village of Thompsonville. 8 inch siege and garrison howitzer. Located at Michigan and North Streets. The cannon itself is in very good condition but is currently sitting upon a piece of farming husbandry. Early postcard images show that at one time, it sat high on top of a brick and mortar foundation. A permanent foundation would be in order. Owned by the City of Thompsonville, which is 1 square mile, divided by Colfax and Wallin Townships, in Benzie County which includes a few municipalities. **A letter of interest was sent to the village president but he has still not replied as of 22 February 2018.**

Greenbriar Cemetery

Brother Morse has visited Greenbriar Cemetery, reconditioned & returned four (4) GAR markers.

Hiram Bowen, Co D 15 MI INF, Removed, reconditioned & replaced 28 Oct 2017. Plot 60, Lot 04
Harmon W. Stowe, Co B 105 OH INF. Removed, reconditioned & replaced 28 Oct 2017.

James Strickland, Co B 127 IL INF, Removed, reconditioned & replaced 28 Oct 2017. Plot 69, Lot 02

George Valleau, Co D 7 OH INF. Removed, reconditioned & replaced 28 Oct 2017. Plot 19, Lot 01

OTSEGO COUNTY DALGREN CANNON AND BAGLEY CEMETERY REPORT

CITY OF GAYLORD

One (1) Dalgren cannon downtown in the frontal lawn of the circuit court building. Located 305 Main Street Gaylord. Originally one of the 26 Dalgren cannons located aboard the USS Hartford. The cannon has been repainted and remains in the same location, in front of the county courthouse downtown Gaylord. Indeed this cannon is in the best condition of any found in the area served by camp 14. Still seated on the originally Marsilly cradle and the muzzle capped with aluminum or tin. A very nice gloss black in color. Updated as of July 25th 2017.

Total Number of Cemeteries in the Camp 14 Service Area – 728

Total Number of Cemeteries, Memorials, Cannons, and cemeteries added to Google Maps for public use – **76**

Costs savings repairing GAR markers donated by Devan DePauw **\$1200.00.**

Civil War Soldiers Needing Headstones:

Henry W Folsome, Co K 14 ME INF, b. 1839 d. 14 Apr 1913, Grand Traverse County, Oakwood Cemetery, 2nd Addition, Block 8, Lot 102

Colonel John D. Billings, Co A 11 MI INF, b. 25 Jun 1825 d. 1 Mar 1895, Grand Traverse County, Oakwood Cemetery, Plat 2, Lot 137.

William Houghton, Co G 23 MI INF, b. 5 Apr 1821 d. 28 Apr 1886, Rose Hill Cemetery Leelanau County, Block 2, Lot 7. Enlisting 23 Sept 1864.

Sgt Charles Manns 26 MI INF, Co A & Co K b. 1847 France d. 21 Mar 1924 Kent County. Enlisted 2 Aug 1862. Muster out 4 Jan 1865. Oakwood Cemetery, 1st Addition, Block 233, Lot 04

Individual cemetery breakdown, Memorial Reports and photographic Images available by or email request. Supply your own thumb drive and I can share everything with you.

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