



RAMBLINGS OF THE IRISH RIFLE

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Gettysburg 2018: A Remembrance Day To Be Remembered

Gettysburg Remembrance 2017 will be remembered for the rain and gutters filled with water during the parade. 2018 was yet another that will be remembered for the snow. First was the 13 hour trip up and down the hills of Pennsylvania dodging cars and semi-trailer trucks that had run off the road and cluttered the medians and shoulders.



Trudging through the snow to get to the Michigan graves.



Before we could do any work with the flags, we had to remove snow from the headstones.



Commander's Corner Brothers and Comrades:

I hope this message finds you well. We have had a busy Summer and Fall. As 2018 will soon come to a close I would like to thank everyone for their participation and dedication to our efforts. All of you continue to impress me with your willingness to serve and support the purpose of the

SUVCW and the SVR.

We recently returned from the 2018 Gettysburg Remembrance ceremonies and participated in a number of activities there. This year was a bit unique in that we had several inches of snow to contend with both on the 13 hour trip it took to get to Gettysburg as well as the snow that we had to remove from the graves.

This year, Gettysburg offered a unique experience in that we served as Color Guard for one of our own, C-I-C Don Shaw. This year we had one of the best number of participants attending. We had a full van, a pickup with a trailer to haul all of our gear and a number of people who traveled to Gettysburg in their private vehicles.

We will wrap up our season for 2018 with the Annual Gov. Crapo Camp Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec 8, 2018. Seating is limited and is offered on a first come basis.

Keep your calendars clear for Springfield on April 13, 2019. More details to follow.

Respectfully your servant,
Capt. L. Dean Lamphere, Jr
Commanding
Co. A – 14th Michigan Infantry "Irish Rifle"
3rd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

Sean Stark, Austin Blair Camp 7



Sean was initiated into the Order at Gettysburg.



Flags were distributed and holes made in the frozen turf.



National Colors were placed first.....



...Followed by the state of Michigan flags. The names of each soldier buried here were read aloud in their memory.



Woolson Memorial Service

Company A, 14th Michigan, SVR was well represented once again at the Woolson Monument Services.



C-I-C Don Shaw at the lectern flanked by Ed, National Color Bearer, Jack and Rob with National Colors



14th Michigan at present arms.

2018 Remembrance Parade

Following the Woolson Services, the boys headed to the next venue of the day forming up for the parade. At first view it appeared that the numbers were down perhaps due to the weather or the threats once again this year. Both proved unfounded as noted by the number of marching units exiting at the parade end.





Patriotic Instruction Sarge Scars and Stripes



The Ole' Sarge has a few humorous thoughts to share with you. First.....



It is the custom of the Department of Michigan to select a Michigan Memorial at Gettysburg and perform a service there. This year we were at the Monument for the Michigan Cavalry Brigade located on the East Cavalry Battle Field. Len McInerney and Jan Davis each had ancestors who fought here.



The 14th usually manages to include a side trip or two during the Remembrance Weekend. This year we headed to Harrisburg, PA. Our target was the Civil War Museum. But we arrived too early, an alternate stop was the Hershey Chocolate World.



...and next, well, you'll just have to ask Color Sergeant Dowd what this is all about.



We then moved on to the Museum and spent the balance of the day there visiting the various exhibits.



Artillery Diorama



General Joe Wheeler's Revolver



Union Camp Life Diorama. One of many displays depicting daily life.



Eating is always a high priority for the group and the 14th concluded its weekend with the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the "Farm."

..... A Reminder

We have launched a new website for Company A, 14th Michigan Infantry, SVR on the Department of Michigan website. Visit the site frequently as there are additional photos posted there as well as timely and important information about Co. A. 14th Michigan, SVR



The Officers and Staff thank all of you for your participation and support this past year.

We wish each of you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

