

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & Clare City Commission  
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
DATE: October 12, 2023  
RE: City Manager's Report

For the Agenda of October 16, 2023

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Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission had several items they approved over their last few meetings:

- Approval of a site plan/façade improvement application from Bishop Automotive. They are renovating the exterior of their existing building at 821 East Fifth Street and remodeling and expanding the office, showroom, and service areas with a 1,687-square-foot addition to the southwest section of the building. The Planning Commission also just approved an additional Service Bay to the original proposal. The Service Bay will be off the North Side of the building and add 5,200 square feet.
- Approval of a site plan application for the City of Clare for the construction of the well house for the MEDC CDBG WRI Grant well and water/wastewater plant upgrades project that we are working on currently.

Lake Shamrock Dredging and Dam Project. Mechanical dredging by the City is progressing nicely. We have had some equipment issues that we have had to work through, but the process is working well. With the days getting shorter our operator is back to working 5 days a week for 8 hours instead of the 10-hour days for days a week that we were using during the summer months. For the hydraulic dredging project, Savin Lake Services is still waiting on EGLE for the official permit so that they can put the hydraulic dredges in the water, but work on the holding cell at the airport has been nearly completed and the liner should begin to be installed in the cell hopefully starting October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Dam feasibility study work is continuing and is on track to give options/prices in November.

Last Civil War Veterans of Clare County Ceremony at Cherry Grove Cemetery. Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 2 PM the Last Civil War Veterans of Clare County Ceremony at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare was held. I was honored to be able to attend and say a few words from the City of Clare. Mary Warner, Utility Billing Clerk and Cemetery Clerk was also able to participate and laid flowers on the grave of the last Clare County Veteran. The ceremony detailed the incredible Civil War journeys of Reverend William N. Younglove and Mr. Elias Riegle. The men died one day apart in January of 1939. Reverend Younglove personally knew President Lincoln and his cabinet and family, John Wilkes Booth, and General Ulysses S. Grant. Additionally, he was at Ford Theater on that tragic day. Mr. Riegle fought under General Sherman during his famous campaigns in the Southeast in the final year of the war. The ceremony featured General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Honor Guard dressed in Union Engineer and Infantry uniforms and firing 3 volleys with reproduction Civil War era rifles with Echo Taps being performed by high school students of Clare Bands. *See attached press release and pictures.*

Rail Trail (Clare Gap). This project continues to move forward. MDOT recently let the city know that the letting for the project has occurred and the Preliminary Bids have come in 2.57% less than the MDOT Engineers estimate. This is great news and should keep the project moving forward with construction to begin in the Spring of 2024 and hopefully complete next year.

City Department Tours. Normally on this second meeting of the month, we would do our next department tour, however, due to scheduling conflicts we will do our next tour at the first meeting in November. We will be heading to the Police Department for our next tour and information session.

Attachments:

1. Last Civil War Veterans of Clare County Ceremony at Cherry Grove Cemetery Press Release and Pictures.

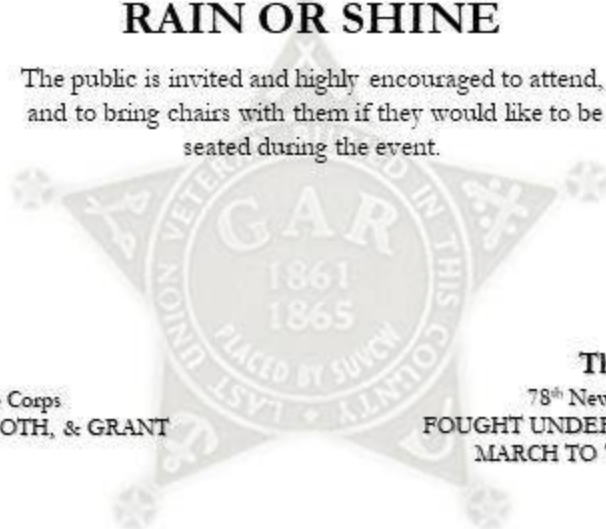
# LAST CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF CLARE COUNTY CEREMONY

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE FINAL TWO CIVIL WAR VETERANS  
BURIED IN CLARE COUNTY

**SATURDAY, 07 OCTOBER 2023 – 2 p.m.**

**Cherry Grove Cemetery, Clare  
RAIN OR SHINE**

The public is invited and highly encouraged to attend,  
and to bring chairs with them if they would like to be  
seated during the event.



**Reverend William Younglove**

27<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry & Veteran Reserve Corps  
PERSONALLY KNEW LINCOLN, BOOTH, & GRANT  
AND WAS AT FORD THEATER.

Died: 10 January 1939

**The Last Veteran, Mr. Elias Riegler**

78<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry & 102<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry  
FOUGHT UNDER SHERMAN DURING THE ATLANTA,  
MARCH TO THE SEA, & CAROLINAS CAMPAIGNS

Died: 11 January 1939



PRESIDENT LINCOLN



JOHN WILKES BOOTH



GENERAL U. S. GRANT



GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN



SERVICES CONDUCTED BY:

**GENERAL ORLANDO M. POE CAMP 444**

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

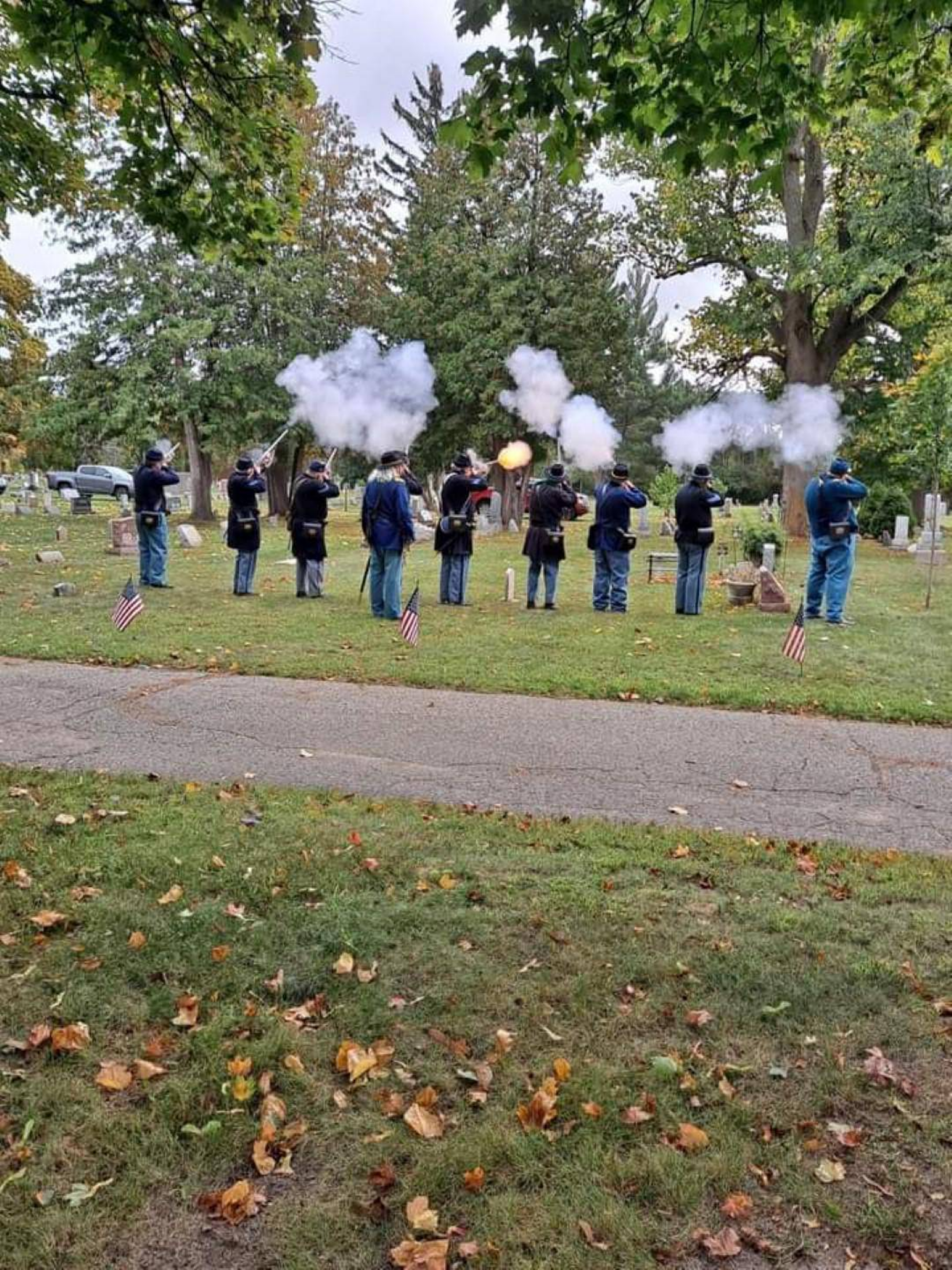
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

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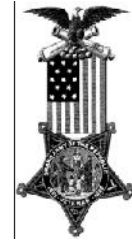








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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **CAMP 444 OF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR TO HONOR THE LAST TWO CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF CLARE COUNTY**

*Last two Veterans died one day apart and served under and personally knew legendary figures of American History*

CADILLAC, MICHIGAN – On Saturday, 07 October 2023 at 2PM (1400), the Brothers of General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will be performing a two-part ceremony to honor the last two Civil War Veterans of Clare County at Clare’s historic Cherry Grove Cemetery.

Reverend William Younglove and Mr. Elias Riegle passed away on 10 and 11 January 1939 respectively, with both interred at Cherry Grove Cemetery. Reverend Younglove’s incredible life included personally knowing **John Wilkes Booth, President Abraham Lincoln, General Ulysses S. Grant**, and others of Lincoln’s family and cabinet. Mr. Riegle fought under **General William Tecumseh Sherman**, during the historic Atlanta, March to the Sea, and Carolinas Campaigns.

The City of Clare has been highly supportive of Camp 444’s lead up to the Last Union Veterans of Clare County Ceremony. Clare City Manager Jeremy Howard described the significance of honoring the lives of the last two soldierly connections to the Civil War for the city: “The City of Clare is excited to be able to participate as a stakeholder in this event. It is an honor to have the final two Civil War Veterans in Clare County to be buried at Cherry Grove Cemetery. Their unique circumstances and the timings of their deaths add to the story even more. The two gentleman being honored were truly witnesses to some amazing times in our history and would have had a perspective on the events that very few were able to say they took part in during our country’s history.”

The ceremony will provide the public a window into the past of the ceremonies and rituals of the Civil War Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Additionally, the General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444 Honor Guard will be attired in Union Army Engineer and Infantry uniforms.

The public is invited and highly encouraged to attend, and to bring chairs with them if they would like to be seated during the event.

**About General Orlando M. Poe Camp 444:** Camp 444 (genompoecamp444.org) headquartered in Cadillac is the newest Camp in the Department of Michigan of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), established in 2021. The Camp currently is responsible for a geographical area of 5 counties across northern Michigan (Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Osceola, and Clare), striving to document and preserve graves, monuments, and memorials honoring Union Veterans, as well as provide patriotic and historical education. The SUVCW is a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Organized in 1881, and chartered by Congress in 1954, the SUVCW is the legal heir and successor of the Grand Army of the Republic.