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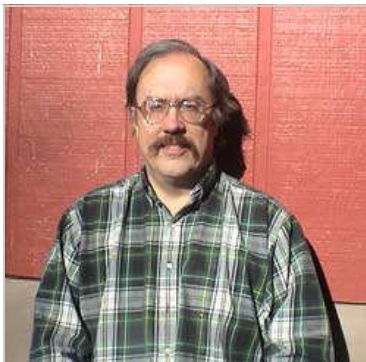
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The FGS Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be TBA.

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Speakers Bureau



*Our next meeting is
Tuesday
March 5, 2013*

Our speaker will be Paul M. Gifford, Archivist & Librarian at the Thompson Library at University of Michigan, Flint.

He will be talking about Henry H. Crapo.

For more info on Paul Gifford

<http://www.umflint.edu/library/people/Gifford.htm>



It's almost March 2013, so if you have NOT sent in your renewal, please, do so right away!

(If you need a renewal form see January's newsletter or click on the link below.)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mifgs/applicat.html>

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... in the *Genealogy Spotlight*



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The article below was sent to us by FGS member Janice Stockman. She said that her uncle Stanley R. Lund was born on Seymour Rd. in Montrose, MI to Jack & Laura Lund. He moved to Flint where he worked at Farmer Pete's Meatpacking.

MY INCREDIBLE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH THE WWII HONOR FLIGHT NOVEMBER 14TH, 2012 • STANLEY R. LUND

I heard about this trip back in October 2011 and I made application and kind of forgot about it as I hadn't heard from them in over a year. Lo and behold, I received an application for the October 30th, 2012 trip and I filled it out and was accepted.

The Honor Flight is a group of WWII veterans flown to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial. Each veteran is assigned a Guardian. On my trip, we first had an orientation meeting on Sunday before the trip at Suncoast Hospice in Clearwater. That is where I met my Guardian, Vanessa Goodwin. She was an outstanding black girl, 23 years old and she had just graduated from University of South Florida law school and she had passed her state law degree. Vanessa was working for a major law firm in Tampa. This was her first trip. Rosemary, got to meet her as she attended the meeting with me and she was thrilled that Vanessa was watching over her 90 year soon to be 91 year old husband.

At the meeting we found out there would be 75 Veterans, 75 Guardians and there would be a Doctor aboard the plane. We were scheduled to leave the next Wednesday, early in the morning at 5:00 a.m. The Guardians could not be the wife nor could they be over 75 years of age. Also, we received our Honor Flight cap, shirt, & bag. The bag was filled with all kinds of goodies and a camera.

Well it didn't go as planned, Hurricane Sandy came through and the flight was cancelled for two weeks. Of course, another cancellation had to be made because of the North Easter that dumped a lot of snow on the Eastern States.

In the meantime, I was walking down the walkway to play our scheduled bocce game along a construction area and a plastic tarp, used to control the debris from blowing around, was loose.



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As I passed by the wind caught the tarp and blew it around my legs and I hit the sidewalk on my face. It broke my nose and broke a tooth. Rosemary took me to emergency and seven stitches were used to close the wound. So, I had a week to heal before my trip. The Doctor took out the stitches the day before the trip and I was fine.

Rosemary drove me down to the St. Petersburg, Clearwater airport, about an hour and 15 minutes drive. We left at 3:30 a.m. to be there by 5:00 a.m. When we arrived we checked in and received my badge with my name on it. Also, Vanessa arrived shortly after we checked in and she was excited about seeing us. Rosemary stayed with us until we went through security, she went back home and I would see her later when she came to pick me up.

After passing through security, McDonalds had a tray with scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and different kinds of drinks. It took a while to board the plane as some of the Veterans had artificial limbs and some were wheel chairs. Finally, we were all aboard and as we were to taxi to the runway, I looked out my window and saw all these flashing lights and I wondered what kind of an emergency could that be. As we got closer, I saw Police Men, Fireman, and Paramedic standing in front of their vehicles saluting us as we passed by. It was heart warming.

As the plane lifted off the ground everybody aboard clapped, because it had been canceled so many times. Our flight to Baltimore was about two hours. Upon landing and taxiing to the terminal, there was a fire engine hosing down the plane & the fireman was saluting us.

It took us a while to get off the plane and as we entered the terminal, there must have been 40 - 50 active service men from all branches, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Air Force saluting us. As we passed down through the airport people waiting to board planes, waitress, bartenders, people in the restaurants and others were clapping their hands and thanking us for our service. It was heart warming and very emotional trip. There were little kids, 2 years on up that ran out and grabbed my hand & thanked me. I had a Coast Guard cap on and several people came up and shook my hand and said, I just retired from the CG. A Captain in the CG Headquarters came up and put his arm around me and told me how much he appreciated my service. If I had known that we were going to be recognized as we were, I would have had my daughter, her husband, my two Granddaughters and six Great Grandchildren there. They live in York, PA, only one hour away from the terminal.



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As we got to the front of the terminal, there were three buses waiting for us. It took about 30 minutes to travel from the airport to Washington D.C. First, we went to the Iwo Jima Memorial, where all 75 of us had our picture taken. From there we went to the WWII, Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam Memorials.

After the Memorials, we passed by the Pentagon Building, Capitol, Supreme Court, Navy and other Government Buildings. We didn't get out of the bus.

The trip back to Baltimore was slow as the traffic was bumper to bumper, stop and go and it took us about two hours.

We finally boarded the plane and they fed us, thanks to Arby's and they had furnished the lunch, too. After, the plane took off an hour late and we were headed to Clearwater. On the way, they passed out 8 by 10 envelopes to us and in mine I receive 23 letters from kindergarten students on up thanking me for my service, tears came to my eyes.

As we landed and deplaned in Clearwater, there was all kind organizations waiting to greet us. The Veteran's of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Seeing Eye Dog, Veterans, Knights of Columbus, Home Land Security, Tampa Bay Transportation, a representative from Nugent's office, one from Senator Bill Nelson's office and many, many more people that came out to say "thank you" and shake our hand as we passed through. It is a trip that I will never forget and Venessa Goodwin will always be part of this memory.

I'm no hero and I didn't take any active part in WWII, however, I was in the South Pacific and I saw the after math of war and it wasn't pleasant. I was aboard a cargo ship and we turned it over to the Japanese after the war, because they didn't have any ships left. We had sunk all of them.

Yes, Rosemary and Nick Marchese, a friend of ours were there waiting to pick me up and they were surprised as I was to the number of people that showed up to greet us back and thank us.

I was very honored to have had this opportunity to go on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C., WWII Memorial.

The Flint Genealogical Society would like to attend this event (below) on April 13, 2013 as a group!

If interested in volunteering with The Flint Genealogical Society for this event, please, contact Carl Pardon at Great Lakes National Cemetery by e-mail at pardoncarl@yahoo.com or call 248-328-0386.

Please tell them you are with the Flint Genealogical Society group.

The following article was taken from mLive.com, http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/02/great_lakes_national_cemetery_5.html



Volunteers sought for April headstone cleaning at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township

HOLLY TWP., MI -- The Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Council is seeking volunteers to help with headstone cleaning for a community service event April 13 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd..

Great Lakes National Cemetery originally opened in 2005 and currently inters more than 17,000 military veterans and family members.

Volunteers will use brushes and water to clean off the headstones, said Advisory Council Chairman Carl Pardon.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and the general public are encouraged to attend. Lunch will also be served for volunteers and first-time participants will receive a patch.

Pardon said that the scouts and general volunteers often have similar reasons for coming out to Great Lakes National Cemetery during the cleaning events.

"They want to honor the veterans," Pardon said. "They figure it's a good thing to make the headstones clean -- a lot of our participants have family buried there. They want to make sure their family headstones are clean."

Headstone cleaning events originally started in 2010 and typically occur before Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Pardon said that last October's event brought more than 240 volunteers.

To register for the headstone event, contact Pardon at pardoncarl@yahoo.com with the number of expected volunteers. Great Lakes National Cemetery can also be reached at 248-328-0386.

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FLINT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, February 5, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.
at the Burton Senior Center in Burton, Michigan.

Vice-President, Della Gamalski, called the meeting to order and welcomed members & guests.

Trustee, Dan Pozarek, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Della asked new members and guests to stand and introduce themselves and to tell the names of the families that they are researching.

No membership meeting had been held in January, so no minutes were printed in the February newsletter to be approved.

Interim Treasurer, Trudy Krueger, reported that for the month of December, 2012, we had income of \$1735.00 and expenses of \$3201.42 leaving us with a balance of \$32,450.86 as of 12-31-2012. For January, 2013, we had income of \$2077.75 and expenses of \$381.65 for a net balance of \$34,146.96. Trudy noted that one of our former members had donated \$1000.00 to the Society to be used for the purchase of books and materials for the genealogy collection at the Flint Public Library. Also, the Society has received \$1500.00 as an initial payment from the Estate of deceased member Ralph G. Coulter. Additional funds will be received as his estate is settled. The Flint Genealogical Society is very grateful for the generosity of our former members and the funds will be used to further our mission of providing guidance and assistance to researchers who come to us for help.

Dale Ladd announced that new white binders had been purchased for the obituaries at the Perry Archives and that he had several boxes of the old binders available to give to members who would like to have them for their own records.

There was no other business, so the business portion of our meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Trustee, Lois Revenaugh, introduced our speaker, Leonard Thomas, who gave an excellent presentation on, "The Civil War Letters of Harrison Harmon Carson." Len told how he acquired the letters and how they portrayed the lives of the Carson family during that trying time in U.S. history. It was a fascinating story and Leonard's book by the same title is being enjoyed by Civil War History buffs all across the United States and beyond. We thank him for sharing it with us.

We thank Lois Revenaugh, Dan Pozarek, Judy Newman and Norma Winters for bringing the cookies and snacks. Thanks, also, to Hospitality Chair, Joyce McClintock, for keeping the coffee flowing and the cookie plates full.

We had about 45 persons present at our meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Winters, Secretary