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**Rededication Program:**  
**Grand Army of the Republic**  
**Soldiers' Monument Lot**  
**Mount Hope Cemetery**  
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# Syllabus

*[Troops have marched up, are stationed around plot, and are at parade rest]*

## Welcome and Introductions ..... Camp Commander Ronald Shull

**Camp Commander (Ron Shull):** “Representative Jones, Mayor Bernero, Honored Guests, Members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Civil War Reenactment organizations; and Friends, on behalf of the Lansing/Sunfield Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I would like to welcome you to our program of rededication of this special section of Mount Hope Cemetery.”

“Before we get started, I would like to introduce several dignitaries in the audience and then acknowledged several organizations and individuals without whose assistance, we would not be able to conduct today’s program.”

*[Reading of list of people to be introduced]*

“As with any large project, there have been many people responsible for its success. We would like to direct your attention to pages 37 & 38 of your program booklet for the complete listing of all those who have been involved with the Camp in the project. Of those listed, we would like specifically to recognize the following:

- Maintenance Construction Resource Center of the Lansing Board of Water & Light for their assistance in the painting of the flag pole, cleaning of the monument, and raising and alignment of the tombstones.
- Lowe's & Home Depot Lawn and Garden Centers for gift cards to purchase needed equipment and supplies.
- A local turf-grass organization for its advice and assistance in the grounds restoration.
- The Mount Hope Cemetery Crew and the Parks & Recreation Department of their support.
- The American Legion for the Civil War era 34-star federal flag.
- Representative Rick Jones, for the Michigan Flag.
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars for the small flags given out today and for the use of the memorial crosses.
- The Holder Corporation for restoration supplies.
- The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camps 14, 17, and 28 for their generous financial donations.
- The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B for use of its in ground flag holders and

dining fly.

- The Wal-Mart Department Store for the reception cake
- All the individual contributors who provided financial, material, and/or time assistance and
- All the participants in today's program

This project could not have been completed without everyone's assistance.

**Proclamation and Tribute ..... Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero  
..... and State Representative Rick Jones**

"We are pleased to have with us today the Honorable Virg Bernero, Mayor of the City of Lansing and the Honorable Rick Jones, State Representative, who bring greetings from the City of Lansing and the Michigan House of Representatives, respectively."

***[Mayor Bernero makes his presentation and  
Representative Jones makes his presentation.]***

"Thank you Mayor Bernero and Representative Jones."

"I would now like to introduce immediate Past National Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, James B. Pahl, who will be in charge of today's program of rededication."

**Rededication of the Mt Hope  
Soldiers Monument Lot .....Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl**

**Commander (James B. Pahl):** "Thank you. We assemble here to pay to our ancestors our tribute of love and respect and within these sacred bonds to pledge anew our dedication to their memory and the principles for which they fought."

"With bowed heads, solemn tread, and voices hushed, we meet to remind our citizenry of their duty to our veterans; to the Flag for which they fought; to the country for which they died; and that it is for us to keep green the memories of their heroic service and unselfish sacrifice."

"May we fully realize the sanctity of the place and hour and may our conduct give assurance of the sincerity of our purpose."

"The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing, uncover."

**Opening Prayer    Camp Chaplain George Roux**

**Chaplain (George Roux):** "Supreme Ruler of the Universe! God of battles and of peace! We thank Thee for this day and hour; for this blessed privilege of meeting here as sons and daughters of soldiers and sailors to do homage to a Nation's dead."

"We thank Thee that in the day of trouble and the hour of danger Thou in Thy infinite wisdom

raised up men who were ready to do battle, and if need be, to die that this country might be preserved. Grant us, we beseech Thee, a continuance of Thy watchful care.”

“Grant Thy blessing upon these sacred ceremonies, consecrated as they are to the memory of brave and loyal hearts who dared stand for the right and did not fear to bare their breasts to a storm of steel in defense of human liberty, a united country and the brotherhood of man.”

“Bless our country. Preserve its integrity. Prosper our Orders. Make them, we pray Thee, an instrument in Thy hands of great good to our country and to Thee, and at last gather us with Thee in the Great Camp of Eternity. Hear and answer, we beseech Thee. Amen.”

**Music Interlude (*Battle Hymn of the Republic*) ..... Fife and Drum Corps**

**Commander:** “On the inside back cover of your program you will find the words to the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Please join with us in singing as the Fife and Drum Corps play this American standard. ”

**Poem (*The Blue and the Gray*)..... Junior Vice Camp Commander Paul David Arnold**

*“The Blue and The Gray*  
by Francis Miles Finch (1827-1907)

By the flow of the inland river,  
Whence the fleets of iron have fled,  
Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,  
Asleep are the ranks of the dead:  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the one, the Blue,  
Under the other, the Gray

These in the robings of glory,  
Those in the gloom of defeat,  
All with the battle-blood gory,  
In the dusk of eternity meet:  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment-day  
Under the laurel, the Blue,  
Under the willow, the Gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours  
The desolate mourners go,  
Lovingly laden with flowers  
Alike for the friend and the foe;  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the roses, the Blue,  
Under the lilies, the Gray.

So with an equal splendor,  
The morning sunrays fall,  
With a touch impartially tender,

On the blossoms blooming for all:  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Broidered with gold, the Blue,  
Mellowed with gold, the Gray.

So, when the summer calleth,  
On forest and field of grain,  
With an equal murmur falleth  
The cooling drip of the rain:  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment -day, Wet  
with the rain, the Blue Wet with  
the rain, the Gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,  
The generous deed was done,  
In the storm of the years that are fading  
No braver battle was won:  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Under the blossoms, the Blue,  
Under the garlands, the Gray

No more shall the war cry sever,  
Or the winding rivers be red;  
They banish our anger forever  
When they laurel the graves of our dead!  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment-day,  
Love and tears for the Blue  
Tears and love for the Gray”

**Music Interlude (*Rally Round the Flag*)..... Fife and Drum Corps**

**Commander:** “The Fife and Drum Corps will now play another Civil War song entitled *Rally Round the Flag* also known as *The Battle Cry of Freedom*.”

**Assignment of the Monument and Graves  
to the SUCVW for Rededication .....Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero**

**Mayor Bernero:** “Commander, I have been authorized to invite the Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this time to accept from the City of Lansing at the hands of its accredited representatives this Memorial, and to request that it along with the 48 veterans graves that surround and guard it be rededicated by you to the noble purpose for which they represent.”

**Commander:** “Mayor Bernero, in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, representing as they do all the soldiers and sailors who defended the integrity and authority of the nation, I thank you and those whom you represent.”

**[The Mayor takes his seat]**

“This Memorial assures us that our dead are held in remembrance - those dead who gave their lives for the security of the citizen and the union of the states. It is significant of brave and loyal obedience to the command of the nation always and everywhere, since the obligations of citizenship are not restricted to time or place, or to the conflict of arms. It gives encouragement for the future, since the recognition and approval it gives of patriotic fidelity and heroism will be an incentive for the display of public valor and virtue in all coming time.”

“Also, there can be no doubt that the honor we pay to our patriotic dead, and to their memorable deeds will serve not only to make American citizenship in these days more reputable, but also to maintain and perpetuate, through all future generations, the union and authority of the United States of America.”

“Officer of the Guard, you will station a Rifle Detail near the Memorial.”

***[Officer of the Guard stations a Rifle detail]***

**Commander:** “Holy Scripture saith: The Lord gave the word; great was the Army of those that published it. Declare ye among nations, and publish, and set up a standard. In the name of God we will set up our banners.”

**Reading of the Honored Veterans .....Historian Jesse Lasorda**

**Commander:** “Historian, please read the records of these 48 honored veterans who served our country.”

**Historian (Jesse Lasorda):** ***[Reading of the list]***

**Commander:** “We will now have wreaths presented from the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861 to 1865, Woman’s Relief Corps - Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Sons of Union of Veterans of the Civil War.”

**Placement of Wreaths**

**Bruce B. Butgereit, Commander, Michigan Commandery  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States**

**Joanne N. Bailey-Boorsma, President, Michigan Department  
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865**

**Marcia K. Butgereit, National President  
Woman’s Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic**

**Ronald Shull, Commander, Curtenius Guard Camp #17  
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- [MOLLUS - (Monument’s south corner)]***
- [DUVCW - (Monument’s east corner)]***
- [WRC - (Monument’s west corner)]***
- [SUVCW - (Monument’s North corner)]***

**Placement of the Symbols of the Soldier ..... SUVCW, VFW & American Legion**

**Commander:** “Officer of the Guard, let the Honor Guard set up the symbols of the soldier, and let a soldier be detailed to guard it.”

**[Soldiers Symbols Honor Guard Detail: Ronald Shull, and one VFW and American Legion Representative]  
[One Guard, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War]**

**[At the front of the monument, the Honor Guard sets up a musket with fixed bayonet, canteen and haversack hanging from it, knapsack leaning against the stock].**

**[A Brother in full uniform, armed with a musket with fixed bayonet, stands guard.]**

**Commander:** “Officer of the Guard, what proclamation from the Holy Scripture can you make?”

**Proclamation of Peace .....Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison**

**Officer of the Guard (Keith Harrison):** “A proclamation of peace - Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us for Thou also hath wrought all our works in us. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who bringeth good tidings; that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”

**Commander:** “The Chaplain will now offer the prayer of rededication, uncover.”

**Prayer of Rededication ..... Camp Chaplain George Roux**

**Chaplain:** “Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy sovereign care and protection, in that Thou did lead us in the days that were shadowed with trouble, and gavest us strength when the burden was heavy upon us, and gavest us courage and guidance, so that after the conflict we have come to these days of peace. We thank Thee that the wrath of war has been stilled, the brother no longer strives against brother, that once again we have one country and one flag.”

“May Thy blessing be upon us as a people that we may be Thy people, true and righteous, in all our ways, tender and patient in our charity, though resolute for the right; careful more for the downtrodden than ourselves, eager to forward the interest of every citizen throughout the land, so that our country may indeed be one country from the rivers to the sea, from the mountains to the plains. We pray Thee to make our memories steadfast, that we may never forget the generous sacrifices made for our country. May our dead be enshrined in our hearts? May their graves be the altars of our grateful and reverential patriotism?”

“And now, Oh God, bless Thou this memorial. Bless it Oh God, in honor of the mothers who bade their sons do brave deeds; in honor of wives who wept for husbands who shall never come back again; in honor of children whose heritage is their fallen father's heroic name; in honor of men and women who ministered to the hurt and dying.”

“But chiefly, Oh God, in honor of men who counted not their lives dear when their

country needed them; of those alike who sleep beside the dust of their kindred or under the sea salt, or in the nameless graves where only Thine angles stand sentinels till the reveille of the resurrection morning. Protect it and let it endure, and unto the latest generation may its influence be for education of the citizen, for the honor of civil life, for the advancement of the nation, for the blessing of humanity, and for the furtherance of Thy Holy Kingdom.”

“Hear us, oh our God, we ask it in the name of Him who made proof of the dignity and who consecrated the power of sacrifice in His blessed life and death, even in the name of Jesus Christ, the great Captain of our salvation. Amen!”

**Officer of the Guard:** “Cover!” “Attention!” “Shoulder Arms!”

**Rededication .....Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl**

**Commander:** “In the name of the Sons Union Veterans of the Civil War, I now rededicate this memorial to all those that it represents and the 48 veteran graves that surround and protect it.”

**Salute .....SUVCW, VFW, and Reenactment Organizations**

*[Three Volleys are fired]*

**Officer of the Guard:** Battalion Attention!

“Firing Squad Load!, Fire by Section!,  
First Section: Ready, Aim, Fire!,  
Second Section: Ready, Aim, Fired!,  
Third Section: Ready, Aim, Fire!”

“Battalion, Present Arms!”

**Taps .....Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 701**

*[Taps are played]*

**Officer of the Guard:** “Shoulder Arms!” “Order Arms!” “Parade Rest!”

**Closing .....Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl**

**Commander:** “Our service of rededication is ended. I thank you and those you represent, for your courtesy in permitting us, who are bound by special ties to them, to honor our dead.”

**Commander:** “As we close this program, the Guard of Honor is withdrawn, the symbols removed, but the memorial we have dedicated remains; guarded by our dead. So long as it shall endure, it shall speak to us and to all of the loyalty and heroism in the army and navy, and of the significant national authority of which our flag is the symbol to every true American heart.”

“Officer of the Guard” “Remove the symbols!”

**Removal of the Symbols of the Soldier ..... SUVCW, VFW & American Legion**

**Officer of the Guard:** “Honor Guard, Remove the Symbols! Guards Post!”

*[Pause long enough for the Honor Guard to remove symbols and the Guards to leave]*

**Commander:** “Chaplain, pronounce the Benediction, uncover.”

**Benediction .....Camp Chaplain George Roux**

**Chaplain:** “The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen.”

**Officer of the Guard:** “Cover!”

**Assignment of the Monument and Graves**

**back to the City of Lansing .....Past Commander-in-Chief James B. Pahl**

**Commander:** “Mayor Bernero, in conclusion, let me assign back to the City of Lansing this memorial and the 48 surrounding Veteran Graves and I thank you for permitting us this opportunity. Parade is dismissed.”

**Refreshments and Patriotic Music.....Fife and Drum Corps**