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**GEN. BENJAMIN PRITCHARD**  
**CAMP 20**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE**  
**CIVIL WAR**  
***"PRESERVED BY THE GRACE***  
***OF GOD..."***



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**REMINDER-** our next camp meeting will be **Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7pm.** Camp 20 meets on the first Tuesday of the month, March through November, at the Oshtemo Branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 7265 West Main Street.

**THANKS TO ALL UNITED STATES  
VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

**LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM 1809-2009**

A WEEK WITH LINCOLN IN KALAMAZOO  
TO CELEBRATE HIS 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
EVENTS SATURDAY AUGUST 15 THRU SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 2009  
THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS  
(See information sent along with this newsletter)

**Reminder:**

Please report any change in your contact information to Camp Commander Keith or Camp Secretary Knight so we can be up to date!

### LINCOLN FACTS-

After her marriage to Abraham Lincoln on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1842, friends asked Mary Todd Lincoln why she married “so far beneath her”? She answered matter-of-factly, “He is to be President of the United States someday!”

The ring Abraham gave to Mary at their wedding was engraved, “LOVE IS ETERNAL”.

At the end of the Black Hawk War, someone stole Lincoln’s horse and he had to walk and canoe the 250 miles home.

Also after the Black Hawk War, Lincoln was paid \$125 for his service, received a grant for 40 acres in Iowa in 1852 and in 1856 received another grant for 120 acres in Illinois. His son Robert sold both plots of land in 1892 for \$13,000.

Stephen A Douglas, Abraham Lincoln’s future rival, was among the young politicians who dated Mary Todd.

Among those who admired President Lincoln were, Leo Tolstoy, Karl Marx, Theodore Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, Ho Chi Minh, Mohandas Ghandi, and Nelson Mandela, among many others!

Unlikely visitors to the Lincoln Memorial were Nikita Khrushchev and young Fidel Castro both in 1959.

CASCADES CIVIL WAR MUSTER 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
AUGUST 28-30, 2009

BOWEN MILLS CIVIL WAR DAYS  
OCTOBER 10 AND 11 2009

Humor:

A Civil War buff stated after putting down the book on the Lincoln assassination he was reading, he explained to his wife how after shooting Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth jumped on to the Ford’s Theater stage and shouted the Virginia state motto. His wife looked confused and said, “Virginia is for Lovers”?

Please submit items to be added to this newsletter to-

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