

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE 7TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.

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The 2019 Reenacting Season!
Coming Soon!

Our Next Club Meeting:
Sunday, March 17
1:00 PM

Robbins UMC - 6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids

The April Club Meeting will be held
At the Charlie Colegrove Annual Live Shoot
Saturday, April 27
(see Don Everett's report)

2019 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
Daniel Malick (military)
dmalick12@gmail.com

Nicole Mai (civilian)
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President: Dave Downing
Vice President: Steve Church
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer/Club Roster: Don Everett
Military: Doug McComas, Captain
Civilian Coordinator: Sue Colegrove
Board Members-at-Large:
Chris Sodman, Anson Roland, Joy Henderson
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Club Historian: Doug McComas
Newsletter Editor: Ellyn Painter
Webmaster: David Finch

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Annual Membership Dues:
\$16.00 – single
\$19.20 – family
\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
non-participating/non-voting member
Mail payments or inquiries to:

7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, Inc.
P.O. Box 16206, Lansing, MI 48901-6206

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted
information for this month's issue.
Deadline date for submissions is the 25th
of each month. Please have all reports,
articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form.
I am able to accept documents in most of the
usual word processing programs or formats.

If accompanying maps or images are
needed, **please** include them (in jpg
format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain
that any items coming from another source
are properly credited, or have obtained
reprint permission.

Personal news items are welcomed and
encouraged, or photos of special
events. Original articles (800-1000 word
limit) pertaining to the Civil War or
reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:
7thmichnewsletter@gmail.com

Or mail to:
736 Gettysburg Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

Ellyn
Ellyn Painter, Editor

March Madness



garyvarvel.com



From President Dave Downing: Greenfield Village Registration

For those that have paid dues for this coming year you are eligible for attending the event at Greenfield Village. Once again they will be having registration on the Friday evening and Saturday morning of that weekend. More information will be made available on registration and the specifics of the event, and schedule, after you have successfully registered.

At this writing we will be sending the current roster of our members who have paid dues to Greenfield Village at the end of Feb. You can register now, but your registration won't be confirmed until after they have checked our roster. Each person registering will receive 3 visitor passes (buttons) as in years before. Anyone who will be actively participating in the event needs to be registered as a participant. Failure to register and participate can result in your being asked to leave the event. Children should be registered with their parents/guardians.

To register - here is the link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/qbqyf1>

This is just an application to participate - remember that everyone who applies will only be confirmed and registered if they are a member of our group and have their dues paid up. More information will be available at upcoming club meetings.

Dave Downing, President, 7th Mich. Inf.

From the Captain: Military Report

I hope you will forgive the indulgence, but I can sometimes be a bit introspective. I'm about to begin my 15th reenacting season. I've had the honor of serving the 7th Michigan in a number of capacities over that time. I've served as a board member, secretary, vice president and president. I've been the coordinator for the Jackson Muster. I've been allowed to serve the military as a private, corporal, sgt., 1st sgt., and now as captain. I've watched friends come and go and sometimes return. I've watched children grow into men and men grow old. I've shared some of my most intense friendships and fought some of my most trying battles. I've watched my son grow from a "runner" to a leader.

I encourage you to come to events, reach out and form friendships within and outside of the 7th. The time of "cliques" is past. We are the Great Lakes Battalion, the Cumberland Guard, the Grand Army of the Republic, and more. It's time to recognize and treasure the gift we have that we call "the hobby". It is so much more.

Now on to the season.

Please come to the March meeting with weapons and traps. We will drill inside or out. Our first event will be Tom Emerick's training at Ft. Wayne at the end of March. Let him know you are coming and do so. I can't wait to stand before you and forget my left from my right. We all play a role in this hobby. We share a passion. I will always work and play with ANYONE in this hobby who shares that passion no matter their affiliation or experience. We will fall in with main streamers and progressives, easterners and westerners, Michiganders, Buckeyes and Hoosiers; Union and Confederate, people more experienced and those less so. If we continue to do this we grow our hobby and ourselves. There's no place for ego and "me" in Civil War reenacting. I will fight it wherever I find it and welcome friendship wherever they are offered. I hope you will too.

I remain in your service,

Captain McComas





Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot



Our annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot will be Sat. April 27th at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club, 4100 Freeman Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. The day begins with a breakfast at 9 am for a donation of \$2. The shoot will commence at 10; bring any firearm that you would like to shoot. There will be a \$5 fee for shooting to help defray the cost of the range rental. **Hearing protection is required** and eye protection is recommended. Lunch will be a potluck at 12:30. Following lunch the April meeting will convene at 1:30. For more information contact me at 517-393-3475 or djkeverett@comcast.net
Don Everett



Quartermaster Report

Powder is \$19 per pound, caps are \$7 per hundred. We will have powder, caps and paper at the upcoming meetings and at events that I will attend this summer. Let me know if you hear of anyone wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.

Education Director's Report

The program for Nicole Mai's Home School group was canceled due to weather. It will have to be rescheduled. I will keep posted on a replacement date. If you are available feel free to join us.

Update on Recruiting Brochures and Business Cards:

We have received a proof of the corrections on the brochure and sent it back for additional corrections. It is important that I get a photo of the monument in Fredericksburg to reconstruct the Business Card. If you have a photo let me know so I can complete the revisions to the card.

Treasurers Report

Dues for 2019 are due. Family: \$19.20, individual: \$16. To make the roster cut off for Greenfield Village ***Dues need to be received by Feb 20, 2019 for you to be included in the roster for admittance the Village.*** The following people ***HAVE NOT*** paid their dues as of Dec 21st. ***If your dues have not been received in the Post Office box by Jan 25th, the closing date for Jan, you will be on this list*** If you have paid your dues and are on the list contact me to correct any errors.

Don Everett, Quartermaster/ Education Director/ Treasurer

People that owe 2019 dues:

Chris Cook
David Finch
Diane Geck
Lynn/Jackie Holton
Dean Mielke
Mark Parks
Ian Searles
Richard/Carol VanDyke

"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."
Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary
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Civilian Report



Hi Everyone

For our March ladies sewing circle we are going on a fabric trip to Portland; from there possibly a store in Lowe (it is a 5 and dime store). Then possibly to Grand Rapids to the Meyer gardens. So lots of things are planned.

I would like to hear back from you to see which you would like to do and who needs a ride.

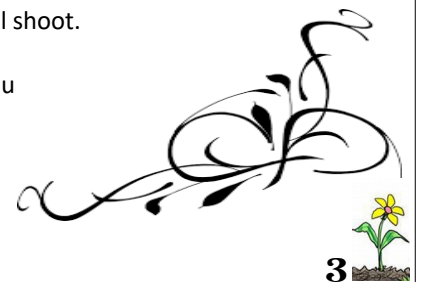
The plan is to meet at the Flying J's and car pool from there. Meet at around 10:00 am

Again, please let me know what you would like to do.

I am looking for volunteers to help set up the Conservation Club house for Charlie's memorial shoot.

Thank you

Sue





SIGN THE PETITION to Restore Detroit's Historic Fort Wayne as a National Park

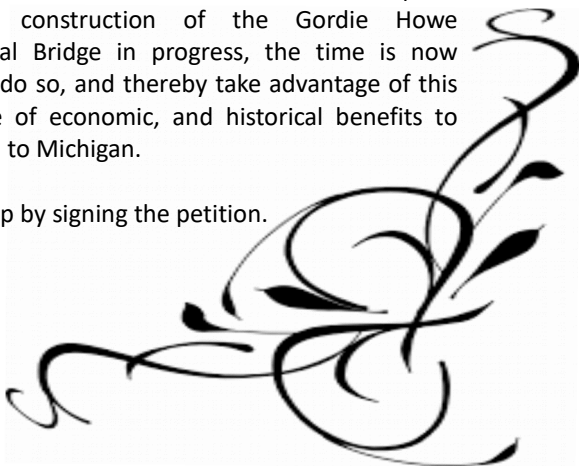
at [change.org](https://www.change.org)

(Google "Restore Historic Fort Wayne")

Michigan senator Stephanie Chang is sponsoring this petition to have Detroit's Fort Wayne designated a National Park. She and petition signers also call for revitalization and restoration of this important military installation, citing its historic importance, not only to Michigan, but also to the nation. The fort saw the opening shots of the War of 1812, and was the signing place of the end-of-war treaty between the American government and Native American tribes that fought for the British; it has relevance, also, to the River Raisin battles fought in 1813. As the location of the Tuskegee Airmen Museum, it stands as a memorial to World War II black American veterans ; it has significance as a Civil War mustering into service site, as well as serving as an important WWI and WWII storage depot and transportation hub.

A Federal bill approved by Congress in 2009 already provides for secure funding for site revitalization and maintenance under the national park system, IF the city of Detroit donates the land for said national park. With the construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge in progress, the time is now optimal to do so, and thereby take advantage of this rich source of economic, and historical benefits to Detroit and to Michigan.

You can help by signing the petition.



Congratulations!

Joan and Tom Emerick are proud to announce the recent graduation of their granddaughter, Carrissa (Warren) Burgess, from Airman Leadership School. Senior Airman Burgess will officially put on Staff Sergeant stripes March 1, 2019. Carrissa is standing front and center in the accompanying photo. She is currently stationed in Geilenkirchen, Germany



A "Receipt" for Civil War Era Snow Cream

posted on Facebook by Nicole Wilson

from worldturndupsidedown.blogspot.com

A blog dedicated to Early American History Lovers, Civil War Reenactors, Living Historians, and people that love the past.

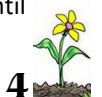
Lots of Historical Recipes and Patterns!

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Heavy Cream (you can use milk; it is just not as rich)
- 1/3 Cup of Powdered Sugar
- 4 Cups of Snow
- 1 tsp Lemon Extract or Vanilla Extract

Instructions:

Mix together cream, sugar and flavoring. Mix in fresh snow until as stiff as ice cream. Enjoy!



March 19 - Michigan's G.A.R. Museum Showcases "Andersonville"



Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring a Free Civil War History Seminar on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 7:00 PM at Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum located at 224 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids. The topic of the presentation is entitled Andersonville. The presenter will be Bruce B. Butgereit.

At the May 30, 1904 dedication of the Andersonville Prison Michigan monument, General James H. Kidd, 6th Michigan Cavalry, declared, "It is a far cry from Michigan to Georgia, but Michigan will not forget or cease to honor the men who filled the ranks of her volunteers...". One-hundred years later, at the rededication of the newly restored Michigan monument on May 30, 2004, a contingent of residents of Michigan proved General Kidd's words were true.

The presentation will begin with a video documentary of the prison by Mr. Kevin Frye, long-time historian of Andersonville Prison. A powerpoint presentation by Mr. Butgereit will follow, highlighting the rededication ceremony and other events from the May 30, 2004 weekend.

Bruce Butgereit is a former commander of the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has coordinated restoration efforts for many Civil War memorials and conducted countless ceremonies to dedicate and/or rededicate headstones for Civil War soldiers. Bruce is a professional historical researcher, preservation consultant, genealogist, public speaker, and historian. He has received numerous awards for his historical work. He has coordinated the restoration of 14 Civil War memorials, including the Michigan monument at Andersonville. Bruce currently serves as the Executive Director of History Remembered, Inc., a not for profit organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation and restoration through educational programs.

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum's Seminar Programs for 2019

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring 5 Free Civil War History Seminars during 2019. Mark your calendars. The dates and times for the programs are:

Tuesday, March 19th (7 PM) - Program: Andersonville (Speaker: Bruce Butgereit)

Tuesday, May 21st (7 PM) - Program: Three Ties That Bind Us to the Civil War: The Medal of Honor, TAPS, and Memorial Day (Speaker: Dave Finney)

Tuesday, July 16th (7 PM) - Program: The Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville (Speaker: Dr. Jim Pula)

Sunday, September 22nd (3 PM) - Program: Last Veterans of the Blue and Gray (Speaker: Larry Hathcock)

Tuesday, November 19th (7 PM) - Program: Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army - Stories of Native Americans who fought in the Civil War (Speaker: Quita Shier)

There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Information about the only museum in the state dedicated to the G.A.R. may be obtained by going to Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum website at <http://garmuseum.weebly.com> or its Face Book page at GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Information about the only museum in the state dedicated to the G.A.R. may be obtained by going to Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum website at <http://garmuseum.weebly.com> or its Face Book page at GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum.

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March is

Clara Barton -
Civil War nurse,
and founder of the
American Red Cross.

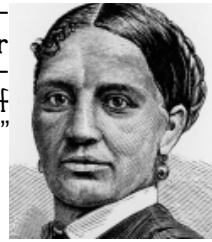
Women's History Month

Harriet Tubman - an American abolitionist and political activist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some thirteen missions to rescue approximately seventy enslaved people.



Elizabeth Keckley-
former slave; later
Mrs. Lincoln's dress-
maker and author of
"Behind the Scenes."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton--
an early women's rights
activist and slavery
abolitionist.



Abigail Adams -
(wife of John Adams), a
very smart woman, who
wittily remarked: "Well,
knowledge is a fine
thing, and Mother Eve
thought so; but she
smarted so severely for
hers that most of her
daughters have been
afraid of it since. "

You Know You Have Been Reenacting Too Long When....

<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/about/>

We're finally past the doldrums of February, but as we all prepare for the upcoming season, we can still use a good laugh. This is an oldie, but a goodie.... shared recently on Facebook by David Graham (and edited due to limited space, but you get the idea.):

§ You see a beautiful girl in a skimpy swimsuit and you wonder what she'd look like in a hoop skirt.

§ Someone asks you for the time and you start digging for your watch in the pocket of the vest you are not wearing.

§ Your wife burns the breakfast bacon and you do not notice.

§ You realize your reenactment schedule means you do not have the time for your job anymore.

§ You find that you cannot count any higher than two. (Or four if you're cavalry).

§ You go parking with your girlfriend and you cannot snuggle 'cause the tent poles are between the seats.

§ You decide it would a be a great idea to bronze your first pair of brogans.

§ You start cleaning your rifle in the shower 'cause it saves water.'

§ You realize your annual expenditure on reenactment is considerably more than the national debt of some countries.

§ You look down the ranks and everybody else is lots younger than you.

§ Your prime consideration for a new vehicle is the cargo capacity.

7th Michigan Events for 2019

cm=club max

mm=military max

March 28-29 Officer and NCO training Fort Wayne Detroit
(Tom Emerick) mm

April 27 Charlie Colegrove Memorial Live Shoot
(Don Everett) cm

May 25-27 Greenfield Village (Dave Downing) cm

June 15-16 Turkeyville (Bob Smith) cm

July 21-22 Hastings (Don Everett) cm

Aug. 24-25 Sharp Park Jackson (Kim Horning) mm tbd

Sept 21-22 Van Raalte (Doug McComas) mm

Sept 28-29 Greenmead Guns and Gowns (Andrew
McComas) cm

Oct. 5-6 Meridian Blue and Grey days (Sue Colegrove) cm

Oct 12 Harvest Ball (Cyndi Carlson) cm

Oct 18-19 Hartford City Indiana (Rob Stone) mm

Nov 1-3 Mill Spring KY (Doug McComas)
National Event mm

