

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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7<sup>th</sup> MI members at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Live Shoot, April 2015., Eaton Rapids Conservation Club.

## 2019 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:  
Daniel Malick (military)  
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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  
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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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:  
[7thminewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)  
Or mail to:  
736 Gettysburg Ave.  
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

  
Ellyn Painter, Editor

It's not an  
April Fool!

## Next Club Meeting:

Saturday, April 27 -

At the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Charlie Colegrove Live Shoot!

(See info & map on pgs 2, and 4).



# Commemoration of the 153rd Anniversary of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic GAR Memorial Hall and Museum

224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

April 6: 10 AM - 5PM, April 7: Noon - 5 PM, 2019

On the night of April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Illinois, 13 veterans of the Union Army of the Civil War, led by Major Benjamin Stephenson, gathered in an upstairs room in a small, unassuming brick building. Little did they realize that the organization they were forming would have so much influence on the country they fought to save. The organization that was created that evening was the Grand Army of the Republic. It would end being one of the largest and most influential veterans' organizations this country has ever seen with virtually every northern state legislatures, Congress, and five presidencies occupied by members of the Grand Army. Among the many issues advocated by the G.A.R. was legislation to benefit both current and future veterans, the promotion of May 30th as Memorial Day throughout the country, and 19th Amendment ratification for the right to vote for women. The organization would last over 90 years and help to establish later veterans' organizations including the Spanish American War Veterans, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. It also sanctioned the creation of five Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic that still exist today to ensure the legacy of Grand Army.

Michigan's remembrance and commemoration of the 153rd anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place with a special Open House on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, April 7, 2019 from Noon to 5 PM at Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). In addition to the two floors of Grand Army artifacts and memorabilia, many other special G.A.R. exhibits will be on display throughout the day in the 1886-built former G.A.R. Post building. Two full floors of special exhibits relating to the 90-years existence and accomplishments of the Grand Army will be available for viewing. A special 153rd birthday cake in honor of the Grand Army will be served on Saturday and refreshments will be served both days.

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognize 501(c)(3) Michigan nonprofit museum and is the only such museum in the state that is exclusively dedicated to ensuring the memory, deeds, and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its members in Michigan's 460 plus Posts are not forgotten. The Museum is free to the public.

Keith G. Harrison, Board President & Director  
Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum

Website: <<http://garmuseum.weebly.com>>

## Civilian Report

### Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot - April 27

Our annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot will be Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup> 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, Don Everett, at 517-393-3475 or [djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net)



Hi Every one:

Our April sewing meeting will take place in conjunction with the April 27 Charley Colegrove Memorial shooting contest at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club. (However, ladies are more than welcome to shoot if they so desire!)

The ladies will be serving a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to pass. I will be providing sloppy joes.

Ladies, we are trying to help outfit two of our young ladies for the upcoming season, so please bring sewing machines/needle & thread if you have them.

It would be very helpful if I could have a couple pair of extra hands to help set up and tear down tables.

Thank you. If you have any questions please call me. Sue



# 2019 Cumberland Guard Annual Meeting Report (March 9, 2019)

Rob Van chaired the meeting.

These clubs were represented: Battery "D", "Great Lakes Battalion, 1st Michigan Engineers, 3rd Michigan Coy F, 15th Michigan, 29th Michigan, 30th Indiana, 114th Pennsylvania.

## Cumberland Guard 2019 "Blue Ribbon Events":

Hastings, MI July 22-22  
Ella Sharp Park, MI August 23-25  
Hartford City, IN October 18-19  
Mill Springs, KY November 1-3

Tom Berlucci mentioned that there is to be a living history weekend at Historic Fort Wayne (June 8-9), which will consist of portraying garrison troops in the Fort, with no battles taking place during the event.

## The Grand Army of the Republic member organizations at present are:

Army of the Ohio  
Army of the Wabash  
Black Hats  
Cumberland Guard  
Federal Cavalry Association  
1st Federal Division  
Great Lakes Battalion  
Military Department of Mississippi  
U.S. Muddy River Battalion  
Western Reserve

## Rob laid out the Cumberland Guard's proposed Five Year Plan:

2020 Stones River  
2021 Wilson's Creek  
2022 Prairie Grove  
2023 Gettysburg or Vicksburg  
2024 Resaca

## Assorted notes regarding Mill Springs:

- Register at: <https://www.millsprings2019.com>
- Thus far 10 Federal artillery pieces have been registered.
- Rob hopes to have all Union infantry organized into a single battalion.
- People will have the opportunity to spend all of Saturday night standing picket on the historical battlefield, with cavalry support
- There will be new-laid gravel roads leading to the Union, Confederate and civilian areas.
- Straw will cost \$3/bale.

## 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 cancelled due to weather. It has been rescheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Foster Community Center at 1 pm. Jim Mackinnon and Steve Church will be helping with the presentation. If you are available feel free to join us.

## Update on Recruiting Brochures & 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. I am still looking for a usable photo of the monument. If you have a photo let me know so I can complete the revisions to the card.

## Treasurer's Report

Dues for 2019 are due. Family: \$19.20, individual: \$16. If you have not paid your 2019 dues you are not on the registration list for Greenfield Village. This is the last newsletter that you will receive.

Don Everett,  
Quartermaster/ Education  
Director/ Treasurer

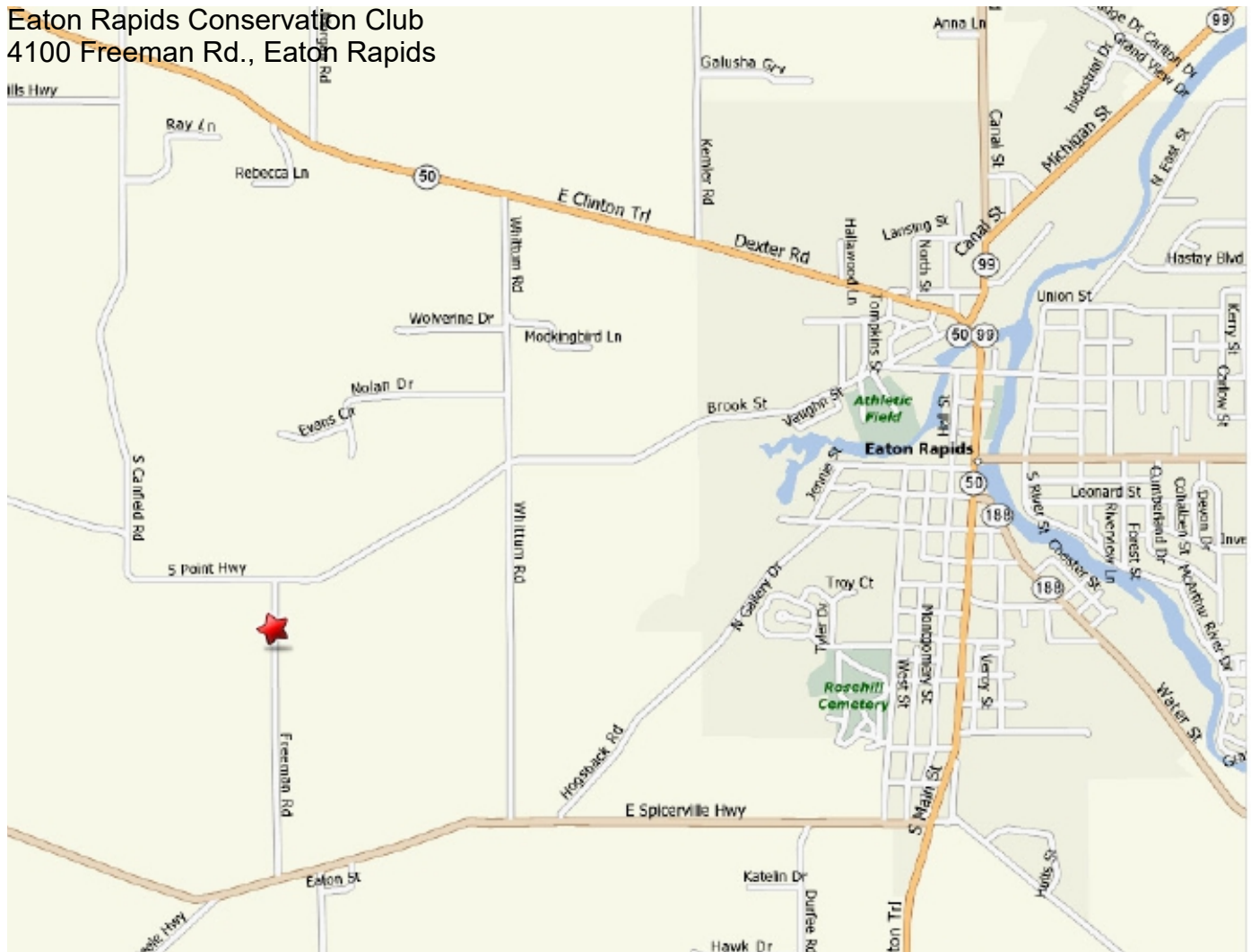


"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

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## Proposed Key Effort Events 2019

**February:** None.

**March 22-25:** Military Training for Officers and NCO's AT HISTORIC FORT WAYNE (Tom Emerick):

**April 27:** Charlie Colgrove Memorial Shoot & Club Meeting. (Don Everett): Eaton Rapids Conservation Club,

**May 25-27:** Greenfield Village MI: (Dave Downing):

**June 15-16:** Turkeyville MI: (Bob Smith) - ★Club Meeting

**July 20-21:** Charlton Park, Hastings, MI: (Don Everett) - Setup after 7:00am on Thursday. ★Club Meeting

**August 24-25:** Jackson CW Muster, Jackson, MI (Kim Horning)

**October 4-6:** Meridian Village (SueColegrove):

**October 18-20:** Hartford City, IN (Rob Stone)

**October 12:** 7th MI Harvest Ball (Gilbert & Cindi Carlson): Central United Methodist Church, Lansing MI

**November 1-3:** Mill Spring, KY (Doug McComas): THIS IS OUR NATIONAL EVENT

**December \_\_\_ :** Christmas Party (Pat Downing)

### Other 2019 Events:

**March 16-17:** Living History (Kalamazoo Gun Show)

**May \_\_\_ :** Williamstown Event (see page 5 for details)

**September 21-22:** Van Raalte Farms CW Muster Holland MI: Put on by our good friends in the 3<sup>rd</sup> MI Co. F

**September 28-29:** Gowns & Guns, Greenmead Historic Village, Livonia MI, sponsored by the 17<sup>th</sup> MI (Andrew McComas)

**October 5-6:** Mooresville CW Days, South Haven, MI (Chris Sodman)

# HERITAGE FESTIVAL AT THE MERIDIAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE

CENTRAL PARK  
OKEMOS, MICHIGAN  
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

11 AM - 4 PM

The Friends of Historical Village will host a Heritage Festival as part of the **Celebrate Meridian** event.



This is a  
Free, Family-Friendly Event!  
Games and Crafts for Children!



Free Parking and Admission  
to Historic Buildings!



**New ★  
★ Event!!**

**May 17-19, 2019 - Williamstown Township Park Living History**

Ben Cwayna and our good friends from the 12th South Carolina are hosting a first year, living history weekend at Williamstown Township Park. The event is to be a Union-only event. There will be camps for both authentic Military and Civilians. Amenities include water, firewood, and port-a-johns. Set-up begins Friday morning and the event should wrap up by Sunday afternoon at 1:00. The Union will be portraying a company of the 26th Michigan that was recruited from the Williamston area. The event coordinator is David Barton and his telephone number is (517) 202-2296. Walk-ons are permitted but the host unit would greatly appreciate RSVP's from attendees in order to arrange for sufficient amenities. A schedule for the weekend will be published but was not yet available at press time.

Williamstown Township Park is located on M-43 (E. Grand River Avenue) approximately 3 miles northwest of downtown Williamston midway between Meridian and Zimmer Roads.

---submitted by Tom Emerick