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Greenfield Village
7th MI men with Union parade,
Greenfield Village, May 2004.
Photo by Ellyn Painter

Our Next Key Effort Event:

*Greenfield Village-
Civil War Remembrance
Memorial Day Weekend
May 25 – 27, 2019*



Ahh! Almost time again to smell
the woodsmoke and love
that REAL food!



2019 Club Leadership

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Annual Membership Dues:
\$16.00 – single
\$19.20 – family
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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:
7thminewsletter@gmail.com

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

Thank-you.

Ellyn
Ellyn Painter, Editor



And



**To Steve
Church**
winner of this
year's shooting
contest!!!

Photos by Ethan Slee, courtesy of Sue Colegrove



Scenes from the

Live Shoot

April 27

“Thank you to everyone that
came out for our potluck and
our Charlie Colegrove Memorial
shooting contest. To Don &
Julie, and those who helped set
up and take down, and to the
ladies for both the breakfast
and potluck meals, thank you!

It was a very
special day for me
and I appreciate
you all for remem-
bering Charlie”

---Sue



Memorial Day



Gettysburg National Cemetery --150th Anniversary reenactment,
July 4-7, 2013. Photo by Heather Jarrett.



Upcoming May Events:

Special Free Civil War History Film Debut and Program on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 7:00 PM

Michigan's G.A.R. Museum Showcases

"History through Media and Antietam Stories"

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring a Special Free Civil War History Seminar on Tuesday, May 7, 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 "History through Media and Antietam Stories. The presenters are Brian James Egen, William Eichler, and Timothy Troy.

Filmmakers William Eichler and Timothy Troy will debut "Hold My Horse," a short film about Michigan's Civil War General Israel Richardson. Starring Christian Stolte (Chicago Fire, Public Enemies), the film tells the true story, recorded by the 3rd Michigan's Dan Crotty, of how Richardson taught an important lesson to a junior officer.

The film will be followed by a short discussion of using storytelling as a way to connect people to American history as well as raise awareness for historic preservation.

Brian James Egen, President of the Michigan Historical Commission and co-author of Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State's Sacrifice on America's Bloodiest Day will then share stories of Michigan's role in the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Major General Israel B. Richardson of Michigan was the vanguard of the Army of Potomac's actions during the campaign. His promise to his men, "I will not send you where I myself will not go" proved poignant as he was mortally wounded leading the 1st Division of the II Corps on September 17, 1862.

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is a federally recognized 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 and refreshments will be served.

Please see also the
G.A.R. April 2019 Newsletter
(PDF attachment)



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 RSVPs 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.



May 18: William H Withington Medal of Honor Exhibit Opening

Saturday, May 18 1 PM · Michigan Military Heritage Museum · Grass Lake, MI

BIG NEWS! A JACKSON COUNTY HOMECOMING! The military effects of General William H Withington will go on exhibit Saturday, May 18th at 1:00pm right here at the Michigan Military Heritage Museum! William Withington is a recipient of our nations highest honor, The Medal of Honor. He served in the 1st Michigan Volunteer Infantry at the battle of 1st Manassas or Bull Run, where as a Captain he took command of the regiment from his wounded Colonel and rallied the men. He was wounded and captured, but later paroled by the Confederates. Later he was promoted to Colonel and raised the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry in Jackson. He was promoted to Brevet Brigadier General by President Johnson and went on to found what would become Sparton Corporation in Jackson MI. We will be opening a new exhibit with many items related to General Withington to include his Medal of Honor. There will be refreshments and snacks as well as period dressed living historians and guest speakers. More news to follow in the upcoming days so look for our official event. Let's all turn out to welcome home a true Jackson hero! (shared by Doug McComas on Facebook)



<https://www.facebook.com/mimilitaryheritagemuseum/>



From the Captain:

➔ *Thursday, May 23*

Gentlemen of the Military,

We have been offered an amazing opportunity to stand guard in the Capitol Rotunda with an original civil war flag, On Thursday May 23 from 8 am to 11 am

I WILL BE THERE AND WILL ACCEPT THE FIRST 9 MEN TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS GREAT HONOR TO JOIN ME. RESPOND TO THIS POST.

Dress Frock and white gloves required

Captain McComas

From Matt Vanaacker:

This will be part of a HUGE event held here every Thursday before Memorial Day. This is a Senate event but they have very graciously invited us to join in. The Senate brings in Veterans, color guards, Blue and Gold Star Mothers, a bagpipe group and also some exhibits—they also have a very moving ceremony in the Senate chamber at 10 am. It is usually a very solemn and moving day of activities. It has always bothered me though that the connection between our modern Memorial Day and Decoration Day and the Civil War sometimes is forgotten—I think this will be a great opportunity to help correct that.

So...I know you are dying to know which flag. In 1875 General Alpheus Williams donated his First Division, 20th Army Corps flag to the state (image attached) This information just came to light due to the research Jack Dempsey has done for his new book on Williams. Jack will be here also to help us highlight Williams. The flag is a bit smaller than the others, fairly intact and made of linen so a lot easier to transport. We will be featuring Williams in a few displays we are putting together for the event.



Registration for the Turkeyville Event

At the Live Shoot/Club Meeting in April I started a list of those members that want me to preregister them for the Turkeyville Event (June 15-16). That list includes the following:

Bob & Carol Smith	Jack Byers
Tom & Joan Emerick	Kevin & Gina Courter
Pat & Dave Downing	Colin Haudek
Don & Julie Everett	Adam, Ethan & Bill Jarrett
Vonda Warren	David Graham
Joy Henderson	Daniel Malick
Coletta Crews	Steve Church
Jim & Gloria Kirschensteiner	Doug & Andrew McComas
Sue Colegrove	

I plan to submit a group registration on behalf for the club the week of May 20th and would be glad to add more names to our list. If you would like to be added to the list please email your name(s), whether you will be portraying civilian or military and what way you will staying (Military, Civilian or Modern Camp). Send your email and any questions about the event to me at: carolsmith40160@yahoo.com.

If you aren't sure if you will be able to attend...go ahead and let me have your info' anyway and I'll register you just in case.

Bob Smith
Club Coordinator for Turkeyville Event



RE: The Atlanta Campaign, Inc.

The Mill Springs web site is now fully populated and functional.

Included are the rules and regulations, the education page, the ticket page and updated both commanders staff assignments. The registration page has the forms to be downloaded and completed.

TAC is still looking for a suitable site to register on-line.

Now is the time to start to register yourselves and your units. We are going to have a great weekend.

For more information, follow us at Grand Armies of the Republic.

From Rob Roy on Facebook

My most sincere apology for this extremely tardy edition!!! I've been dealing with an infection, flu, and PROM SEASON!! Fortunately things are beginning to get back on track. Thanks for your patience.



April Club Meeting Highlights:



Please welcome our new 7th MI members: John Noto, Chris Fenrich, and Cristopher Harward.



Our next club meeting will be on June 15, at the Turkeyville event.



Dick Williams, Webmaster:
We will have past issues of the Newsletter posted on the website after 3-4 months.

"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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Doug McComas is in charge of the AED. The AED will go to all Maximum Events and be housed in the Captain's tent in a bag with a RED CROSS. Nicole Mai will have the First Aid Kit and carry it to events.



After Action Report: March 22-24, 2019 – Military School of Instruction – Detroit, Michigan



By Tom Emerick

The weekend started out with snow flurries as I pulled into the parking lot at Historic Fort Wayne Friday afternoon. For the remainder of the weekend it was perfect weather (sunny and cool) for drilling outside in wool. Tom Berlucchi, Russ Paul, and Kevin Burrow greeted me on their “fleet” of golf carts care of the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition. They quickly assisted me (and all the other attendees) with transporting all of my excessive amount of baggage and teaching materials to the limestone barracks. Kevin did a great service to me helping out with all of the small stuff throughout the weekend. Other Coalition members did an excellent job behind the scenes keeping the barracks clean, stocked with amenities and firewood, etc. Bravo to their efforts in keeping the old Fort open.

The biggest benefit gained by our site relocation this year was the expansiveness of the old Fort interior within which to practice maneuvers versus the 1/2-acre lot my residence is located on. Better to drill on a parade ground than a postage stamp. We also attempted the (my) first ever battalion drill utilizing “clothesline” companies. More than a few participants expressed their appreciation of this technique employed to recreate battalion-sized maneuvers with a minimal number of line officers and men in the ranks. It worked out extremely well even when challenged with Scott Cummins requested **Change Front to Rear on Last Company** maneuver.

Music and signals for the entire weekend were provided by drummers T.J. Berlucchi and Michal Schroeder. Dave Goodwin appeared unexpectedly Saturday morning and added his expertise for the day with both the bugle and the fife. In between drill sessions you could hear all three practicing in, around, and atop the brick and mortar fort. Believe it or not this was Dave’s first visit to the fort in over 20+ years of re-enacting. He was pretty geeked after taking a self-guided tour of the historic grounds before he left. T.J., Dave, Michal, and I held an all too brief Civil War jam session Saturday at lunchtime. As many of my long-time friends can tell you, I LOVE playing and/or listening to fife & drum music. Thank you, guys, for giving me a musical “high” for the weekend.

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Jim MacKinnon provided his usual, exemplary instruction in the execution of Skirmish Drill. A big shout out goes to Chad Johnson who ably, and quietly, corrected all of my errors and filled in the blanks where needed. I also imposed on Chad to demonstrate the always complicated **Rest On Arms** and **Reverse Arms** movements. Kudos go out to Will Eichler for researching and publishing the many excellent videos demonstrating this and other intricate arms movements. I need to offer a special thanks to Alex Konieczny for instructing us in the proper Casey’s method for **Stacking Arms/Taking Arms**. Sad to admit I discovered I had been using and instructing the incorrect Casey’s method for the past several years. Who says you cannot teach an old dog new tricks?

Saturday night found the Fort filled with camaraderie shared by comrades around the camp fire, singing and card playing throughout the barracks, or participating in the Civil War “trivia contest” held in the mess hall. The three trivia teams were composed of Team Schroeder-Tolan, Team MacKinnon-Tinoni-Burrows, and the Johnnie-come-lately Team Johnson. After a two-hour contest Team Schroeder-Tolan reigned supreme, followed closely by Team MacKinnon-Tinoni-Burrows, and lastly, closing fast with a furious finishing round, Team Johnson. Forewarned is forearmed, Brad Johnson and Michal Schroeder are walking Civil War encyclopedias. Everyone came away with a little more knowledge and each contestant received a period book on flags as rewards for all of their efforts.

The officer corps for the weekend was composed of Lt. Jeremy Buschlen, Capt. Rob Giorlando, Lt. Jo Imhoff, Capt. Nick Miner, and Capt. Russ Paul. The NCO contingent consisted of 1st Sergeant Charles Turlo, 2nd Sergeant Rob Stone, and Corporal Josh Shermatero. In total we had 35+ attendees at the school. There were more than a few unregistered individuals to include a patriotic “Buckeye” from the great state from Ohio! Among the fresh fish for the weekend was the 7th Michigan’s newest recruit John Noto. After the first taste of drill on Saturday, John is excitedly anticipating the arrival of the upcoming season.

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Units I am aware of attending the drill encompassed the following:

Tiger Light Guard	7 th Michigan, Co. B	17 th Michigan, Co. E
4 th Michigan, Co. A	15 th Michigan, Co. B	21 st Michigan, Co. H
5 th Michigan, Co. K	15 th Michigan, Co. K	102 U.S.C.T, Co. B

It was good to see the old Fort come back to life if only for a brief weekend. It is always a challenge to educate and keep the interest of attendees spanning the range of newbies through 37+ years of experience. I truly appreciated the interest shown by all of the participants. The friends that we make and experiences we gain make it all the better. I sincerely hope everyone had a good time and learned at least one new thing to take home with them.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

Tom

Following are the Youtube videos of the aforementioned arms movements.

Stack Arms/Take Arms – taken from Casey's Infantry Tactics Volume I

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0RGd_lylc4

Rest On Arms – the 1861 Regulations dictate final position only and not the accompanying movements

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJ2ffx_n1cw

Reverse Arms – the 1861 Regulations dictate final position only and not the accompanying movements

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hq0V25pcyw>

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*A Look Back.....
Greenfield Village past*



Photos by Ellyn Painter 2005-2014