

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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

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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:
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Or mail to:
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Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor

Celeste Hude and Ellyn Painter on porch of our lovely new "house" - Cascades Civil War Muster, Aug. 2012. Photo courtesy of Ellyn Painter

An Unusual Club Meeting ...



Our mask-wearing, social-distancing club meeting at the Cascades Park band-shell on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Historic Fort Wayne GoFundMe project

Shawn Fitchpatrick and Kim Fitchpatrick organized this fundraiser on behalf of Andre Kropacek.

Hello: I am starting this fundraiser to aid the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition in their ongoing mission to repair and restore the Historic Fort Wayne site so it can stand another century to enthrall and educate the people of Michigan and beyond, as it has been doing for so long. The funds will be used to restore the star fort and as many of the buildings as possible. It will also help pay for the ongoing maintenance of the vegetation. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Shawn F.



Dated July 27: A plea from HFWC chairman Tom Berlucci: "Please help us continue maintaining Fort Wayne. The Historic Fort Wayne Coalition is almost out of funding as the Covid-19 pandemic has not allowed us to host our usual fund raising events that support this organization and our maintenance efforts. We are in very dangerous financial times and are on the brink of shutting down. I have never asked for financial assistance over the past twenty years as we have always been able to generate enough income to keep our equipment and programs moving ahead. The pandemic has made it almost impossible to continue. I ask that you please donate what you can and share this link with everyone you know. Thank you!"



As of July 31: **\$2,203 raised of \$4,000 goal**

Another Fundraiser: for 102nd USCT Co. B

Maurice Imhoff organized this fundraiser on behalf of 102nd CO B USCT Black History Group. Donations are 100% tax deductible.

We are raising funds to have one memorial highway sign made and installed for the men of the 102nd United States Colored Troops. The signs will cover the beginning and end of I-375 within Wayne county. Your support in this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated and will help make sure the great sacrifice and bravery of these men is not forgotten.

MDOT's estimate of a single installation of the described memorial highway sign would be approximately \$3,200.

MICHIGAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ACT

(Excerpt) Act 142 of 2001 250.1090

"102nd USCT Memorial Highway."

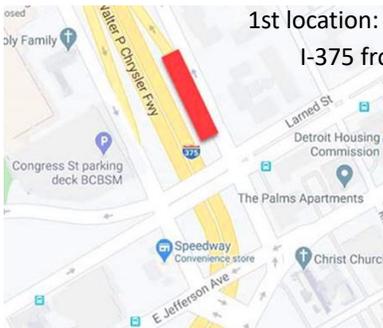
Sec. 90. The portion of highway I-375 that is within Wayne county shall be known as the "102nd United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.) Memorial Highway".

Original battle flag of the 1st Michigan Colored Regiment/102nd USCT Col B.
Photo from the 102nd's Facebook page.

Save The Flags

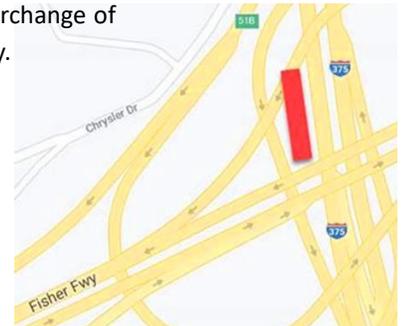
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Currently, **we have raised \$2,369 of \$3,200.** Let's make this happen!

Aug. 1 - Big update! Our signage for the memorial highway sign has been approved! Also, instead of having one sign, MDOT has approved us for TWO SIGNS within our \$3,200 budget! The exact locations for both of the signs have also been determined.



1st location: Near the on-ramp to I-375 from Larned St.(Detroit)

2nd location: The interchange of I-375 & Fisher Freeway.



There is still time to donate! As soon as we finish our fundraiser the signs can start to be constructed. Contributions to our fundraiser can be made with the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/102nd-us-colored-troops-memorial-highway-sign>

Quartermaster Report

Uncle Don's Sutlery-- I mean the 7th Sutlery-- has just acquired some "new" stock. We have purchased the remainder of Chris Sodman's store. With the exception of a few items everything is new. See attached list of items and prices for club members it has been updated to show what we have. We also still have the used items that we had in the past. If you are looking for something, check the list or get in touch with me to check the old stock. Powder is \$19 per pound, caps are \$7 per tin. We have acquired 2 pairs of brogans size 11, one almost new (\$40); one older pair that has new soles and heels (\$30). **FREE** We also have a supply of magazines that are free. They include National Geographic and Time/Life special editions as well as several Civil War publications. There are also books on various Civil War subjects including 2 table top atlases. **FREE** I will have them at in person meetings for a while, if they are not taken they will be donated to a library or trashed. Let me know if you hear of anyone leaving the hobby and/or wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.

ATTENTION: CHARLEY COLEGROVE MEMORIAL SHOOT/CLUB MEETING!!!! At this time the board of the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club has not decided when club rentals will resume. We were looking to have a September shoot/meeting but give that they have not decided when they will resume rentals we have decided to cancel the shoot for this year.

Civilian Report

Hi Everyone

I hope you are all well and staying safe. It has been a while since we have seen everyone. Miss you all.

I had a meeting with the Meridian Villiage board. They are still interested in having a Blue and Grey Day! But it all depends, of course, on the virus and how things are going.. I will keep you updated.

For now I wish you all good health and safety during this time. *Sw*

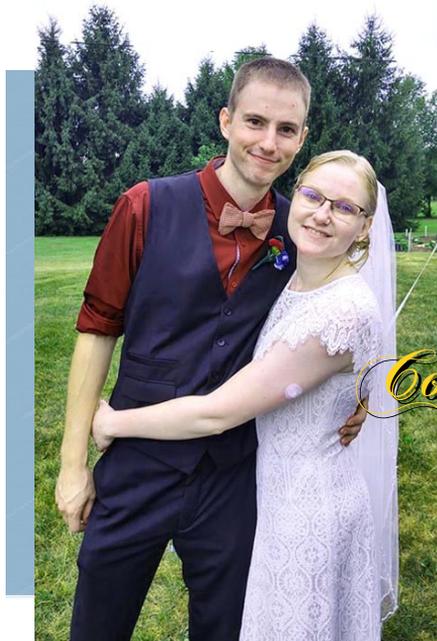


Announcements



Earlier this summer, **Doug McComas** commented on his bout with prostate cancer: "...while I'm recovering well from the surgery, the pathology report was not as positive as we hoped. The cancer had spread regionally but not metastasized. In other words, a little outside the prostate and into the seminal vesicles. That's still not awful. My surgeon described it as we probably got 99.9% but that little bit could/is a concern and I'll almost certainly have to have a dose of radiation therapy in 3-6 months. A bit of a disappointment, but still could have been much worse. I am feeling well." (Doug was at the club meeting 7/19 at the Cascades. Said he is feeling good, and looks good.) UPDATE on Facebook July 28:

"Grateful for a good medical test result today. Its a great relief I must admit. I thank you all for your prayers. They matter."



Congratulations!

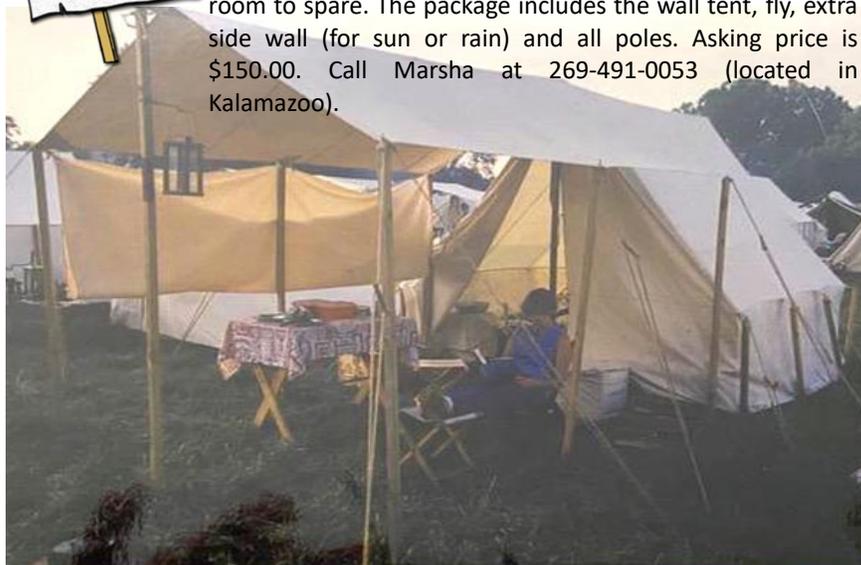
*Daniel and Caitlene
Married*

Saturday, August 1, 2020

The new Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Malick. Photo from Charisse Sturton's Facebook post



Former 7th Michigan member, Marsha Hoenle, is selling the tent she used with her two daughters for many years. It's in excellent condition and comfortably fits three cots, with room to spare. The package includes the wall tent, fly, extra side wall (for sun or rain) and all poles. Asking price is \$150.00. Call Marsha at 269-491-0053 (located in Kalamazoo).



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

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

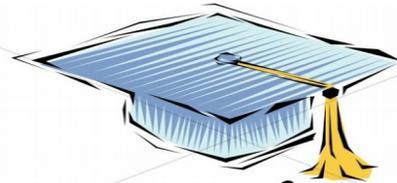
jarrettwilliam30@gmail.com

Congratulations!

Kyle Emerick, Master Sergeant, USAF



Joan and Tom Emerick proudly announce the recent promotion of their youngest son, Kyle, to Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. For newcomers to the Club, Kyle "enlisted" in the 7th Michigan when he was two years old and served with distinction until he graduated from high school. Kyle has proudly served his country for over 14 years and is currently stationed at Osan Air Base in South Korea.



Congratulations!

From Audrey Searles:

"If I could go back to 2014 when this all began the advice I would give myself would be to keep persevering, try to stay positive despite what may seem like an overwhelming amount of obstacles ahead, and to not stress about the people in life just struggling a different course than your own but to embrace the possibility of brightness to come. Here's to graduating in 2020, no ceremony, still valid, and still worth it. BSE, Chemical Engineering."



From Col. Jeffrey Windsor, 5th Texas:

"Okay, brothers and sisters of the 5th Texas and our extended family members from all the other units on here, I'm personally asking each and every one of you to take a moment to become a prayer warrior for Mike "Rufus Felder" Rich. He has started chemo for cancer and has more treatments 3 weeks apart. For those who are not 5th Texas Mike is proprietor of the Emerald Peacock Saloon. If every one of us passed this on to all of our friends and families imagine how many prayers would be offered on his behalf. A big thank you to all of y'all from myself. Mike, you know we all love you brother!!"

---Shared by Doug McComas, July 10.

Harvest Ball Cancelled

After much thought and deliberation, it is with great sadness and disappointment that we must announce the CANCELLATION of the 2020 Harvest Ball.

We are sure almost everyone in the reenacting community knows the reason why, but simply put: Covid-19. We cannot take lightly the health risks associated with these uncertain times.

Meanwhile, if all goes well, we are looking forward to seeing all of you again at our 2021 Harvest Ball.

Gilbert & Cyndi Carlson



Alas, More Cancellations (surprise, surprise....)

Port Sanilac Civil War event: I sadly must pass the news on that the Port Sanilac Civil War event, Aug. 1-2, like all the others, has been cancelled for this year. From Ken Giorlando Facebook Posted July 10

Van Raalte Farm CW event, Sept 19-20: - It's CANCELLED for this year - although the website doesn't yet say so.

Sooo...after that sad stuff, we could all use a good laugh about now, yah think?

Here is one of Roger Bjorn Carpenter's wonderful, resurrected cartoons from 1998. For those new to the club, Roger was a 7th MI member many years ago.



Hartford City Civil War Days, Oct. 9-11

Over the past several weeks the members of the Blackford County Civil War Reenactment Club (Hartford City Civil War Days) have been debating the future of the event. Several factors came into play this year from constructions, spectators and participants. First, there is a large construction project planned for the area around the event effecting the entrance. Second, is the economic impact from the shutdown with our ad book. A large portion of our funds come from our ad book and with most businesses having financial issues ad sales will be down. Third, school attendance and income is unknown due to COVID and there is a high probability schools will not be going on field trips thus effecting spectators. Looking at all these issues we want to guarantee the event will continue in the future. Unfortunately there are too many factors this year that could effect future events. Based on that information we made the decision to cancel the 2020 Hartford City Civil War Days. This decision was a tough one but it was to protect the event and ensure we can continue in coming years. We are already starting to plan for 2021.

Thank You,
Ethan Cox, President
Blackford County Civil War Reenactment Club

Why is Senator Howard ignored?

In a Feb. 1, 2018 guest commentary for *Bridge Michigan Magazine*, John Mogk, a law professor at Wayne State University asks the question - even more timely now than it was when he penned the article over two years ago - why is Michigan native U.S. Senator Lewis Cass, a slaveholder who, as Secretary of War to Pres. Andrew Jackson (also a slavery advocate) also pushed forward the forced removal of native Americans from Michigan honored with a statue and buildings named for him in Lansing and Detroit, while Senator Jacob Howard, also from Michigan, an abolitionist who worked closely with Pres. Lincoln to draft and pass both the 13th and 14th Amendments (abolishing slavery, and protecting the civil rights of African-Americans.) Both men had impressive political careers. Both are buried in Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery.

"Unjustly and ironically in Detroit, a city predominantly African-American, the slave owning senator who also endorsed slavery in the territories enjoys a place of honor in the city and in Michigan history, while the senator who fought slavery is long dead, buried in Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery, and forgotten, even by Michigan historians."

<https://www.bridgemi.com/guest-commentary/why-does-michigan-honor-slave-holding-senator-while-forgetting-senator-who-fought>

In a related story by Bridge Michigan, Gov. Whitmer, at end of June 2020, ordered the Lewis Cass Building in Lansing renamed for two former Michigan legislators who authored Civil Rights legislation in 1976: Elliott-Larsen Building.

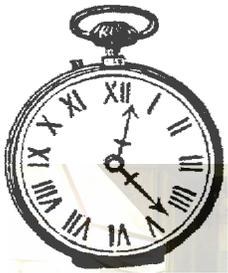
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Reenactor Dave Tennes, portraying Senator Howard at the Cascades Civil War Muster, Aug. 2007. Photo by E. Painter

Senator Jacob M. Howard

United States Senator from Michigan
 In office: January 17, 1862 – March 3, 1871
 Attorney General of Michigan
 In office: 1855–1860
 Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
 from Michigan's At-large district
 In office: March 4, 1841 – March 3, 1843
 Member of the Michigan House of Representatives
 in office: 1838
 Born Jacob Merritt Howard July 10, 1805
 Shaftsbury, Vermont
 Died April 2, 1871 (aged 65) Detroit, Michigan
 Resting place: Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan
 Political party: Republican
 Other political affiliations: Whig



A Look Back in Time.....



2009: Remember Gloria Kirschensteiner's beautiful calligraphy on the signs made for the Special Impressions area at Cascades Muster? Photo by Ellyn Painter



And here is one from the "olden days" when the 7th MI participated in the Jackson Rose Parade. Photo by Ellyn Painter, at Ella Sharp Park, June 2008.

Uncle Don's List of Stuff for Sale

Description	Size	Price	Used
Military & Men's			
Confederate sack, gray	46	\$50.00	new
Confederate sack, gray	52	\$55.00	new
Confederate vest, gray	38	\$50.00	new
Confederate trousers	30	\$30.00	new
Union sack, dk blue	Medium	\$20.00	used
Union sack, dk blue	Medium	\$20.00	used
Union sack, dk blue	40	\$50.00	new
Union sack, dk blue	42	\$55.00	new
Union sack, dk blue	Large	\$30.00	used
Union sack, dk blue	48	\$55.00	new
Union trousers, sky blue	32	\$30.00	used
Union trousers, sky blue	46	\$30.00	used
Union trousers, sky blue	52	\$50.00	new
Union trousers, sky blue	50	\$50.00	new
Union trousers, sky blue	44	\$50.00	new
Men's vest, beige	3X	\$40.00	new
Men's vest, stripped pattern	Large	\$35.00	new
Men's vest, blue brocade	Extra Large	\$35.00	new
Men's vest, black, modern style	44	\$20.00	used
Men's shirt, white, pleated front	Large	\$40.00	new
Men's shirt, beige,	Extra large	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, beige plaid	Large	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, beige checked pattern	Large	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, gray & lt blue checked	medium	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, white	Small	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, blue checked pattern	Small	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, dk blue plaid	Small	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, red and white checked	Small	\$15.00	new
Men's shirt, lt. blue checked pattern	Small	\$15.00	new
Men's suite, black	waist 40, coat 46	\$60.00	used
Women's			
Skirt, green	32" waist	\$10.00	new
Skirt, black	32" waist	\$10.00	new
Pinner apron, white	No size	\$10.00	new
Under petticoat	26" waist	\$10.00	new
Over petticoat	26" waist	\$10.00	new
Dining and Cooking Things			

3 Tine Forks	20 total	\$1.00 each	used
Knives	6 total	\$1.00 each	used
Wooden cooking spoons	5 total	\$1.00 each	new
Spatulas	3 total	\$1.00 each	new
Plates	1 total	\$5.00 each	new
Tin pie plates	6 total	\$1.00 each	used
Two handled pot	1 with lid	\$5.00	used
Etched tray	1	\$5.00	used
Metal trays	3 total	\$5.00 each	used
Silver metal tray	1	\$7.00	used
Rabbit Bowl	1	\$2.00	used
Blue wash basin bowl	1	\$2.00	used
Tin cups	1	\$1.00 each	used
Candle holders with handle, brass	4 each	\$5.00	used
red paraffin candles	6 each	\$0.50 each	new
Blankets			
Wool blanket, heavy	1	\$25.00	used
Afghan, white	1	\$25.00	new
Afghan, with pattern, bed size	1	\$30.00	new
Afghan, pink, with pattern	1	\$25.00	new
Wool blanket, dark gray, heavy wool	1	\$35.00 each	new
Wool blanket, dark gray, light wool	2	\$30.00 each	new
Rag blanket, dark gray	2	\$15.00 each	new
Quilt, small, pink, red, white	1	\$40.00	used
Damask tablecloth, ivory color	1	\$20.00	used
Quilt, red, white and blue	1	\$10.00	used
Quilted pillow covers with zippers	2	\$5.00 each	used
Wool blanket, red and brown plaid	1	\$20.00	used
Afghan, crochet autumn colors	1	\$25.00	used
Accouterments			
Gun cases	10	\$10.00 each	new
Enfield bayonet	2	\$40.00 each	new
NCO sash	1	\$20.00 each	new
Officer sash	2	\$20.00 each	new
Enfield rifle sling	2	\$20.00 each	new
Springfield rifle sling	1	\$20.00 each	new
Cartridge box slings	4	\$20.00 each	new
Leather shoelaces	11	\$1.00 each	new
Nipple wrench	2	\$5.00 each	new

Cleaning kit	2	\$20.00 each	new
Confederate gray wool kepi, medium	1	\$25.00	new
Confederate gray, jean cloth, medium	1	\$30.00	new
Union, dk blue kepi,	5 various sizes	\$25.00 each	new
Cartridge box with tins	3	\$45.00 each	new
Blue stainless steel canteen	1	\$40.00 each	new
Gray stainless steel canteen	1	\$40.00 each	new
Braces (suspenders)	6 pair	\$15.00 each	new
Brogans	1 pair size 11	\$40.00	like new
Pocket watches, battery powered	4	\$10.00 each	new
Brogans, new soles & heels	1pair size 11	\$30.00	used
Watch chain	1	\$1.00	new
Small wood crate	1	\$2.00	new



Don, Master of all he surveys – Cascades Muster, Aug. 2010. Photo by E. Painter