

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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

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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:
7thminewsletter@gmail.com
Or mail to:
736 Gettysburg Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.


Ellyn Painter, Editor

Colonel
Rob Van



Club News

Cover Image For this issue:

Is the portrait painting commissioned by the Cumberland Guard in commemoration of Rob Van's service to the Guard, on the occasion of his retirement as Colonel. Shared by Doug McComas on Facebook.

Our Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, February 16

1:00 PM

Robbins UMC

6419 Bunker Rd.

Eaton Rapids, MI

Quartermaster's Report

The new supply of powder is in and it is still \$19 per pound; caps are \$7 per hundred and we still have 7,000 available. 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. It will be available after it is inventoried and priced. Probably March or April. When done, the stock list will be published in the newsletter. Contact me at djkeverett@comcast.net if you need caps, paper, or powder. 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.

--Don Everett, Quartermaster



**Remember!
It's time to pay
your dues!**

See the Treasurer's Report on the following page for important information if you haven't yet paid.



Our Deepest Sympathy



from Cyndi Carlson on Facebook - January 2, 2020:

"This morning at 3 am my little sister, Mary Ann, went home to be with mom and dad and her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As many of you know, Mary had Down's syndrome. Everywhere she went she brought a smile to everyone she met. I'm sure she is bringing a smile to the angels in heaven as she is once again dancing and laughing. Happy homecoming Mary!"

Mary Ann, age 58, is survived by three siblings, and many nieces and nephews and their children, all of whom she adored. She was a graduate of Lyle A. Torrant Center (in Jackson), and when young, participated in Special Olympics, enjoying clogging and bowling. Mary's biggest joy was making people happy.

Mary's family received friends on January 7 at Lauer Family Funeral Home in Jackson, with a memorial service following. A prayer service was held on January 8, with The Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, and internment is at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Jackson, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics; share condolences with the family at: www.lauerfh.com.



Civilian Report

Hi Everyone

The February ladies' sewing circle is on February 15, and will held at Sue Colegrove's house. (See maps on last page)

Breakfast at 9:00 am at Flapjack Shack, with the sewing circle to follow at 10:00 am at Sue's house. Please bring a dish to pass for a lunch potluck, and whatever projects you wish to work on.



At this time I am working on getting a grant for our Blue and Grey Days, with hopes of being able to expand this event. Keep fingers crossed.

Sue scolegrove@rocketmail.com 517-626-0144



Treasurer's Report:

Dues for 2020 are due. Individual dues \$16.00, family \$19.20; checks can be sent to the PO Box. **Reminder:** dues must be received by Feb 20, 2020 for you to be included in the roster for Greenfield Village. There are no exception to this, **dues must be received by Feb 20, 2020.** Dec newsletter will include a list of people that have not paid dues.

--Don Everett, Treasurer



Paul Bargardi
Eric/Michelle Behnke
Dan "Pete" Conklin
George "Ed" Conklin
Orin/Beth Duda
David Graham
Scott Graham
Lyle Malaski

Walter Malaski
Julie (Nick) Nau-Guin
Jay Pearson
Elliot Searles
Marie/Audrey Searles
Chris Sodman
Dick/Linda Williams
Mikayla Williams
Kennedy Wilson



As of Jan 23rd the following members' dues have not been received or were at the PO Box. If your name appears on this list and you have paid your dues contact me at djkeverett@comcast.net or 517/393/3475 to correct any errors.



Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall & Museum

Attached is our January 2020 Newsletter as compiled by our editor, James B. Pahl. (See separate PDF file)

We hope that you enjoy our newsletter and please feel free to come and visit Michigan's only museum in the state that is exclusively dedicated to ensuring that the memory and accomplishments of our country's first major veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and its Union Civil War veteran membership in Michigan

Keith G. Harrison, Board I
Michigan's G.A.R Memori



Civil War Digest Features Lady Photographer Lucretia Gillett: A Rarity in Her Time!

The Jan. 1, 2020 edition of Civil War Digital Digest, hosted by Will Eichler, as Posted on the 7th MI Facebook page:
Lucretia Gillett, Photographer - Vol. VI, Episode 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXvpJR2ZTGw&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwA>

"In this episode, we meet a photographic artist during the Civil War period named Lucretia Gillett. Please enjoy the telling of her story as Lucretia is remembered through historian William Christen's research. You will hear how she was a photographer in Saline Michigan during a time that was not common for women to have professional careers. Mr. Christen also talks a little about the ability to date Civil War era carte de visites or CDVs. Thank you to the Waterloo Area Historical Society for their hospitality for this episode."

Information about Ms. Gillett on the Saline Area Historical Photos website states that, at age 38, she moved from Illinois to Saline in 1858 with her parents. Within two years, she was well known as one of only three photographers in Saline (one of whom was also a woman; the other, a relative of Lucretia.) Three years later, she was the ONLY professional photographer in the town, and remained so for 30 years.

Grace Shackman's article on the Ann Arbor District Library website-- <https://aadl.org/aobserver/36252> – observes that at the time, only 5% of Michigan's photographers were women. Her early work was mainly carte-de-visite photos, and later the larger "cabinet cards" which measured about 5" X 7" starting in the late 1860s. The "relative" was her brother, George, with whom she worked until 1863, when he moved to Ann Arbor. She ultimately sold the business at aged 70 (in 1890), and retired to California with one of her sisters. She passed away in 1894.





Historical Campaign Fundraiser - February 21

From Ethan Smith, on Facebook

<https://thehistoricalcampaign.com/>

The Historical Campaign will be hosting a fundraiser on February 21 at the Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson. We have many great prizes being raffled off with complimentary hors d'oeuvres being served that night. For those of you that do not know about the organization, we take primary sources from the American Civil War into classrooms all across Southern Michigan giving students the opportunity to see artifacts firsthand... [thus] enhancing the learning experience for these students. Our goal is to make sure that students understand that this is more than just a story out of a textbook; it's about our history... . After the organization's first year of operations, we were in 19 schools and spoke in front of 2,800 students. With classroom sizes growing, we are in need of a microphone and speaker system to accommodate these groups. We are also looking to increase our marketing efforts to reach more schools in the area...

Note from Rob Stone: "Pards and pardettes: one of the items to be raffled off at this event is one of my first person talks on aspects of the Civil War soldier's life. I encourage you to buy a ticket and come on out to support a worthy cause!"

DATE: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 6 PM – 9 PM

WHERE: Ella Sharp Museum, 3225 4th St, Jackson, Michigan 49203

TICKETS: Pre-pay tickets: \$25; At the door: \$30

Veterans pre-pay: \$20; Veterans at the door: \$25

Sponsors: \$200 (includes four tickets)

EMAIL: thehistoricalcampaign@gmail.com or

CONTACT for Tickets: thehistoricalcampaign.com

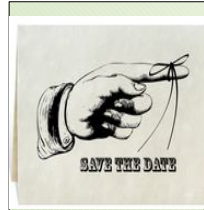
<https://thehistoricalcampaign.com/purchase-form/>

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

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

 btjarrett@aol.com

Upcoming Events



Annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot and club meeting is scheduled for **April 25th 2020** at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club.

State Memorial Day Celebration - May 21

Pards, I had a brief conversation with Matt Van Aker and while tentative it is very likely that there will be a period flag displayed at the Senate Memorial Day celebration the weekend before memorial day at the holiday. We again can serve with our pardes as color guard for the flag. Stay tuned and save the date: **May 21**

--Doug McComas



Grosvenor House Museum Living History- May 16

The Grosvenor House Museum is hosting the "Living History Event" on Saturday, May 16, 2020, starting at 10 am. Hoping to make this year the best ever.

Museum's address: 211 Maumee Street, Jonesville, Michigan 49250

<https://grosvenorhouse.wordpress.com/events/>

info contact: Ann & Don Johnson johnsondone@yahoo.com

River Through Time and Civil War Days Reenactment - May 22-24

Friday, May 22, 2020 - 9 AM – 3 PM Education Day

Saturday & Sunday, May 23-24, 2020 - 9AM – 4PM

1776 Heritage Park, Coldwater, Michigan 49036

Hosted by River Through Time **Free** www.riverthroughtime.com

Join in a journey through time this coming memorial weekend, covering the 1600's-1975! Our event is free and hosts a free education day for all school age children and their families on Friday May 22nd. Then stay all weekend long for activities, battles, live cannon fire, train rides and so much more!

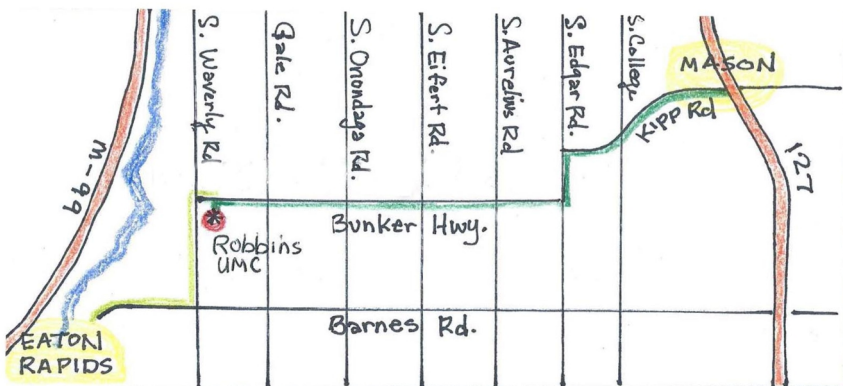
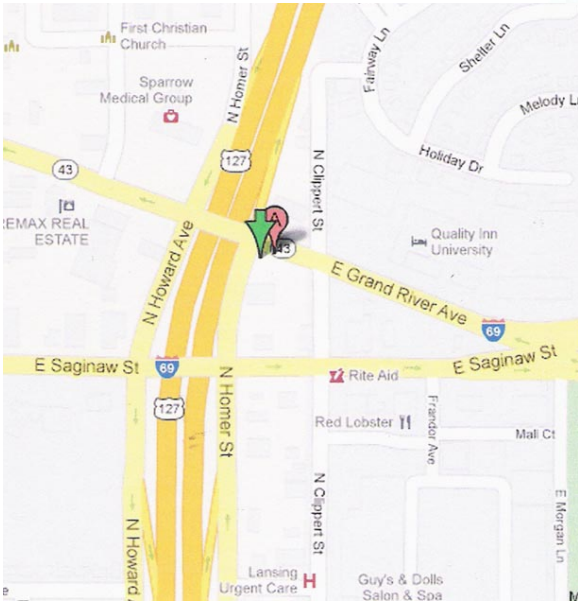


Maps

Sue Colegrove's House
 3415 S. Catherine St.
 Lansing, MI 48911
 Phone: 517-626-0144



Flap Jack Shack
 3000 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing MI
 517-351-0530 (near Frandor Mall)



Robbins United Methodist Church - 6419 Bunker Rd. (Hwy),
 Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 517-663-5226

MAP Not To Scale
 Roads are 1 mile apart



Ella Sharp Museum
 3225 4th St., Jackson, MI