

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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



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\$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 Painter, Editor



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The Civil War "Jeopardy" Quiz – 7th MI Annual Christmas Party, Dec. 7, 2019.
Photo by Dave Downing.

★ ★ **DUES ARE DUE!** ★ ★see page 4

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

December 7, 2019.



Photos by Dave Downing



“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

Happy New Year



News from the Captain

Grandpa's benefit of announcing the arrival of Madelynn Elizabeth McComas at 2.30 am, December 12, 2019. She is Andrew McComas' new little girl.. 6 lb. 8 oz and mom and baby doing fine.

Doug McComas



Christmas poem time as I contemplate the many changes and phases of life.

by Doug McComas

WHERE DO CHRISTMAS MEMORIES GO?

Where do Christmas memories go? Do they get hidden by the snow?
I really wish that I could know, and find them new today.

Do they slide down snowy hills like children having winter thrills?
Are shaken off by winter chills? or leave on Santa's sleigh?

I had so many memories of Christmas's that used to be;
Of times of past great pageantry; they seem so far away.

A little boy wakes in the dark and as excited as a lark.
Outside my parents' door I bark "Today is Christmas Day!"

The tree next to the fireplace, tinsel all around that space;
Ribbons and bows are all in place, on the pretty presents placed,
As sisters squeal out for joy, at every gift and every toy.
I remember it now, oh boy-- a time of love and grace.

Perhaps they never go away, they hide until another day,
When the grandkids come and play, on joyous Christmas eve.
I see the world through younger eyes, and hear it through the happy cries
Of those whose wonder is so wise; on joyous Christmas day.

So, time goes on each Christmas eve, and like a child I believe
The magic of the holly leaves and love of family dear.

Memories don't go away; they get passed on in new ways
To little ones on Christmas day, and last throughout the year.

Dlmjr 12/19/19

A Message from The Michigan Civil War Association

Below is updated info about the Antietam Monument we provided a donation a couple of years ago and exciting to see it moving to fruition. --Doug McComas

December 19 at 9:02 AM
From the MCWA secretary:

I'm proud to report a lot has been going on behind the scenes this year! We are on the brink of a lot of huge news to announce. So far, since our annual meeting last December, we have adopted a new logo... That's the small step.

The large step taken by the board is that our RFP seeking artists to create the



Michigan monument at Antietam was released earlier this year. To honor the sacrifice and struggle Michigan's men made there, we set the proposal deadline as September 17th. Three artists returned full proposals.

The board has been very busy since then reviewing these

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Quartermaster 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. At the Jan meeting there will be some new items for sale and some items that are free for taking. Come to the meeting and see what is available. 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.



Save the date:

The Charley Colegrove memorial shoot and club meeting are scheduled for April 25th 2020 at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club.

Treasurer's Report:

Dues for 2020 are due. Individual dues \$16.00, family \$19.20 and 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

As of Dec 26th the following members' dues have not been received or were at the PO Box. If you 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.

Al Baerren
Paul Bargardi
Eric/Michelle Behnke
Armin Berg
Donald/Nancy Buck
Jack Byers
Rev. Robert/Sandra Chapman
Steve/Catherine Church

Daniel/Lana Clore
Dan "Pete" Conklin
George "Ed" Conklin
Drayson/Dorothy Doyle
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Tom Edwards
Caitlene Elwell
Roger/Debra Emelander

Christopher/Hannah Fenrich
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Scott Graham
Mark Heath
Joy Henderson
Marilyn/Ned Hughes
Lyle Malaski
Walter Malaski
Julie (Nick) Nau-Guin

John Noto
Jay Pearson
Jeff/Lin Sanborn
Craig Searles
Elliot Searles
Marie/Audrey
Searles
Chris Sodman
Dick/Linda Williams
Mikayla Williams
Kennedy Wilson

My Family Tree



From Coletta Crews:

As anyone who will hold still for 5 seconds knows, I am engaged in writing up 47 years of family genealogical research. Some of what I have found and filed required additional research before "accepting" it. Today's find is rather spectacular. I am the 7th cousin, 5 times removed, of President Abraham Lincoln! I know, "shirttail kin," but we share a common English ancestor: Edward Gilman. His son, Edward, is my immigrant ancestor, and his daughter, Bridget, who married Edward Lincoln, is Cousin Abe's. Back to work. Who knows who I will find tomorrow!
Coletta



Civilian Report

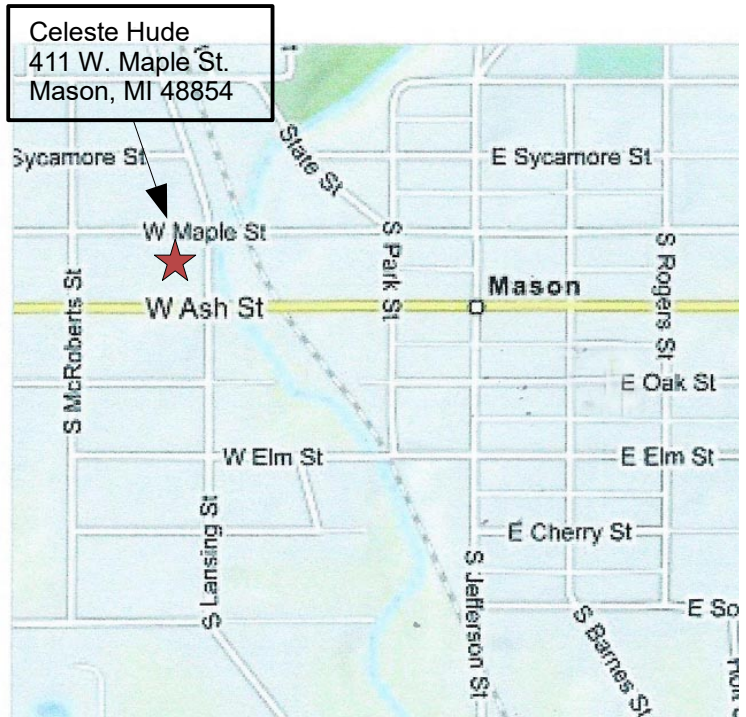


I would like to thank the members of the 7th who came out to the Meridian Christmas event in the Village., on Dec. 8. It was wonderful to see everyone.. We also had members from Grand Rapids join us on Sunday. It was wonderful! ☐ ☐ ☐

If you look on the Facebook page for Meridian Villiage you will see some pictures that were taken during the day.. They were great.

Our next sewing circle will be on Saturday, January 18, **11:00 am** at Celeste Hude's house - 411 W. Maple St.Mason, MI. Please bring a dish to pass, for potluck brunch, and whatever projects you are working on. Or just come to eat and visit! See you there.

Sue Colegrove, Civilian Coordinator
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Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum

Help Support Michigan's Only G.A.R. Museum in 2020

During 2019, just under 1,000 individuals toured Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum (G.A.R. Museum). In addition, the G.A.R. Museum has acquired many new artifacts and records pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic and in particular to the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan. We now have over 4,700 such artifacts and records housed in the G.A.R. Museum, which are available to the public for viewing and research. In addition, we hosted five Civil War history seminars during the year.



We could not have accomplished all that we have without the assistance and generosity of many people throughout the state. However, in order for us to continue to operate, grow, and keep access to our all volunteer staffed G.A.R. Museum free and available to all, we hope that you will consider renewing your interest in our Museum family by becoming a 2020 Sponsor of Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum. Eight different levels of sponsorship are available to select from depending on your situation. Also, since Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum is a federally recognized 501 (c) (3) tax exempt, Michigan nonprofit corporation, all levels of sponsorship are tax deductible. For those who have already provided 2020 support for Michigan's only museum that is totally dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, thank you. For those who have yet to become a 2020 sponsor or to renew their sponsorship, we have attached 2020 G.A.R. Museum Sponsorship Application for your use.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing interest and support in helping to ensure that the memory of the Civil War Veterans who preserved the union of this nation and the subsequent contributions of their and this country's first major Veterans' organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, are kept in the public eye and not forgotten.

On behalf of the Museum Board of Directors,

Keith G. Harrison, Board President

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum - 224 South Main, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Phone: 517-922-6427

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

**NOTE: 2020
Sponsor
Application -
separate PDF
attachment**



From Michigan Civil War Association concluded.....

proposals, weighing them, and in a few cases seeking further information from the artists. In all three cases, these teams won't only do the artwork. Each proposal provides us a team to do the entire creation and installation of the monument. There is a lot to consider!

The board had its annual meeting this past Saturday. The main agenda item was further consideration of these proposals. I'm thrilled to report that we are in the final stages. We will meet our announcement deadline.

To honor the great result of the struggle at Antietam, the Emancipation Proclamation, we will announce the selected artist on January 1, 2020. Join us here to learn more about the next steps in the journey to place Michigan's ONLY monument to its men on the Antietam National Battlefield as we start the new decade!

December 31th Update: MAJOR STEP FORWARD!

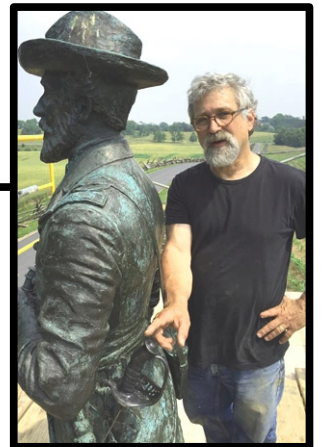
The board of the Michigan Civil War Association is pleased announce that Michael Kraus' proposal was chosen to design, sculpt and oversee the Michigan Monument at Antietam – a monument creation dedicated to all Michigan men who served and sacrificed at the Battle of Antietam.

Kraus is an artist, material culture expert and historian from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since 1993, he has created over 20 major works of sculpture, including many featuring the Civil War era. In the mean time, he has also served as a curator, author, and historian. Additionally, Mr. Kraus already has a relationship with the Antietam National Battlefield. He has previously been commissioned by them to repair several monuments on site that had been damaged.

The board feels Mr. Kraus brings a wide range of expertise, from the artistic and technical of sculpting to the artistry of detail, to the passion for an history which make him our choice to partner with through the monument creation process.

The MCWA board will be working with Mr. Kraus over the next several months in launching the first phase of the project in the creation of a maquette (a specific type of model used in the sculpting process) for use in fundraising and awareness. We are excited to introduce Michael Kraus to you today and look forward to moving forward to the next steps in fundraising for the Michigan Monument at Antietam!

Note – The image at right is of Michael Kraus doing repair work of the Colonel Benjamin Christ monument on the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland



Key Effort Events 2020

February: None.

March ____: Military Training for Officers and NCO's AT HISTORIC FORT WAYNE
(Tom Emerick)

April 25: Charlie Colgrove Memorial Shoot & Club Meeting. (Don Everett): Eaton Rapids
Conservation Club)

May ____: Greenfield Village MI: (Dave Downing):

June 20-21: Turkeyville MI: (Bob Smith): Club Meeting

July ____: Charlton Park MI: (Don Everett): Setup after 7:00am on Thursday. Club Meeting

August ____: Jackson CW Muster MI (Kim Horning)

September 7-8: Meridian Village (Sue Colegrove)

October 2-4: Meridian Village (Sue Colegrove)

October 10: 7th MI Harvest Ball (Gilbert & Cindi Carlson): First United Methodist Church, Lansing MI

October ____: Hartford City IN (Rob Stone)

November

December ____: Club Christmas Party (Pat Downing)

Other Events 2020

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

May ____: Williamstown Event

September 19-20: Van Raalte Farms CW Muster Holland MI: Put on by our good friends of 3rd MI Co. F

September 26-27: Gowns & Guns, Greenmead Historic Village, Livonia MI, sponsored by the 17th MI

October ____: Mooresville CW Days, South Haven MI,

