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David and Scott Graham. Turkeyville, past. Photo by Sue Graham, from Facebook.

**Our Next
Club Meeting:**



Next Event:



As the stay-at-home order continues.....

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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

7th MI Club News

April 10 – From Rob Stone:

Friends, I just learned that Fred Priebe has been diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Please pray for Fred and his wife, in the harrowing days that lie before them.



Honoring Veterans Still Essential for Napoleon Man

April 9-- Our chief bugler, Mark Heath, was featured in a news article by Matt Schepler, of The Brooklyn Exponent, entitled "Honoring Veterans Still Essential for Napoleon Man."

Although during this time of pandemic, the performance of military honors at the gravesites of recently deceased veterans has been suspended, Mark searches obituaries, then goes to the cemetery on his own, to play taps on the day after the veteran's burial. Mark is himself an Air Force veteran, and considers this recognition "Essential Taps." It is another of those "acts of kindness in a time of crisis" which we need more of. See the full article-- as well as a video of Mark dressed in WWI uniform, playing on a WWI trench bugle at the Napoleon Cemetery's WWI Monument—at the website link below:
<http://irishhillslive.com/honoring-veterans-remains-essential-for-napoleon-man?>

Rob Stone reported on Facebook, Apr. 27: "Our pard Nathan Kalmoe has been promoted and has received tenure at LSU!"

Doug McComas, a therapist at Counselling Services, LLC---- has been giving a series of 15-minute talks on Facebook, on such mental health topics as depression during Covid-19, etc. His topic on April 27 was anger: "Have you noticed how angry we are all getting? Join me for my next Facebook live feed "Why Do You Gotta Be So Mean" I'll discuss the increased anger, rudeness and frustration we are expressing and seeing...."

Another Event Cancellation: Because of the coronavirus crisis, the Grosvenor House Museum is cancelling the "Living History Event" on May 16, 2020. Maybe next year.

----Ann & Don Johnson
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Acts of Kindness in a Time of Crisis....

Katie Everett shared this on Facebook, on Sat. April 25:
"Today I was reminded that we are all in this together and despite some of the craziness going on there are still people out there doing good. I make sure Shawn has masks since he comes into contact with the public; so today when I needed to get groceries I wore a bandanna (it's better than nothing). As I was walking into the store a woman stopped me and gave me 2 masks that were better because a bandanna doesn't offer much protection. She had extras and she shared them so that I would be safe. We need more of that in this world. It's tough right now and every one is struggling but we are all in this together and we will get through this together...be kind to one another."



I would welcome hearing about other instances of "kindness to strangers" any of you may have experienced during the Covid-19 crisis. Please share.

These are all replies from Facebook over the past month or so, to the questions Coletta Crews and Sue Colegrove asked of our reenacting friends during this time of isolation:

“How Are You?” And “What Have We All Been Doing?”

April 8- Joy Long-Henderson: “Doing well; still moving into my new house; almost there. Just have a few big things to move. Dog and cat are going today; living in two places now.”

Joan Emerick: "I crocheted one baby blanket, knitted two pairs of slippers, made one chenille quilt top and beginning to quilt it, cut out one skirt and just sitting recuperating from surgery."

Kim Horning reported: “Connie and I are fine and still looking forward to Civil War events this year.”

Kevin Courter: “Gina, Colin and myself are well; thanks to God.”

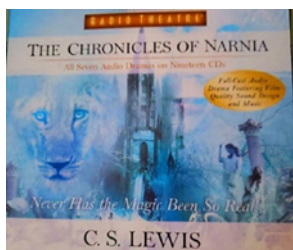
Christopher Harward: “All is well with the Harwards. I ordered some more gear in anticipation of using it this Summer....somewhere.”

Cyndi Carlson: “Gilbert and I are doing well.... we watch the birds and I drink a lot of tea! We did don our 1860’s attire and stroll around Cascades one day. We chatted about all the lovely memories we experienced through the years at the Muster. Miss ya all and praying everyone is staying safe.” (Oh, and Cyndi is also still taking goofy photos. --The Editor)



Coletta Crews, April 24: "Day 42. Six weeks ago, today, I learned that the CDC had recommended that those of us 60 and over stock up and stay in. Still here. Waiting for people who are more educated than I to say it is safe to venture out. In the six weeks, I have completed 8 flannel blankets, one small quilt and five small quilt tops. Need JoAnn Fabrics to open up to obtain more flannel."

William Eichler, April 24: We finished the Disney’s Castle!!!! What a fun time. Now the play begins!!



Fri., April 24-
From Hannah Fenrich:
"Current entertainment--
The 7 Chronicles of
Narnia on Audiobook."

April 25- Ellyn Painter:
“ Today I finished the
quilt I’ve been
working on for the
past 6 or 7 years!!!
Finally have time!”



April 27-from Sue Graham: “Just sharing some previous pics from Turkeyville and checking in to see how everyone is doing? From the Graham Family, we say 'Hello' and we are all doing well!” — with Dafydd Graeme and Scott Graham.

April 28-David Graham: "Finally done with the model 60. Now I'm out of stuff to do. Someone donate some junk for me to fix. I'm bored! LOL"



April 30- from Celeste Hude-Victorian Tailor.com: “Hello Everyone, I hope you are all doing well with our latest quarantine info! Looks like we should have some nice weather so hopefully this will help!! I already 'work at home;' however, maintaining normal working routine is very different now. Especially since our wonderful Maple Street Mall, understandably, is closed. I have always had a set routine and hours for my workshop at home, however this is soooooo different. Somehow this quarantine is very distracting!! I have always been isolated in some ways, [but] the self quarantine is causing a lack of Creativity and Non Inspiration! However I am managing to get some 'Simple Shabby White' garments finished !! ...”



David Walker & Holly Ray:
Stay Home, Save Lives
#Quaranteam



Audio Air Force Radio Show is Back! May 15



In March, Dave Downing cancelled his May 1st radio show, BUT has found a way to do them during the pandemic. "As much as it pains to do this, the next show for Fri. May 1st is cancelled. The next scheduled Audio Air Force show will be July. Let's all hope we're in a better place than we are now. Please stay safe and well."

That said, There will be one on May 15, via Facebook and Zoom. Tune in!

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

 Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary bjjarrett@aol.com

Hope you all are able to enjoy Memorial Day weekend, even without a reenactment to attend. We can all stay safe enjoying the outdoors while strolling a quiet cemetery, because even the dead are practicing social distancing—from 6 feet under! Eew—maybe that's not so funny...

Have a good holiday, anyway!

2020 Annual Harvest Civil War Grand Ball - Sat. Oct. 10, 2020

6-10PM Lansing Central United Methodist Church -
215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

To all my dear reenacting friends, just a friendly reminder that although many events are being canceled, our Harvest Ball is not! Unfortunately, we as reenactors have to mark many events off our calendars. Please remember to save the date for our October ball! God willing we will gather to dedicate the evening as a coming out celebration. Please stay safe. Cyndi

Please join us as we enjoy a congenial evening of dance, refreshments and merriment sponsored by The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co B. Music provided by the Golden Griffon Stringtet Band. Dance prompt conducted by Jim McKinney.

Doors open at 6 PM. Grand March begins at 6:30. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. Attendees must be 12 years or older. Ticket cost: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple. Young attendees 12 to 17 years of age \$10 each. Civil War era attire preferred, or for the ladies, modern/modest formalwear. For the gentlemen, modern military dress or modern suit and tie.

Tickets will be available starting August 1, 2020. For more information and to purchase tickets contact: Gilbert or Cyndi Carlson
(517) 782-8199 or email us at: Cyndiin_his_service@yahoo.com

Save the Date!



Memorial DAY



As a last thought, I couldn't resist including this in our newsletter,, which someone shared on Facebook recently. Even though it isn't specifically related to the Civil War., it WAS written shortly after that War, and the author may have been thinking back on the experiences of recovery from that struggle. It certainly has a voice that is, as the sharer observed "Timeless."

---The Editor



This is Timeless....

It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



★ Stay safe ★

Reprinted during Spanish flu Pandemic, 1919
Photo taken during Spanish flu

