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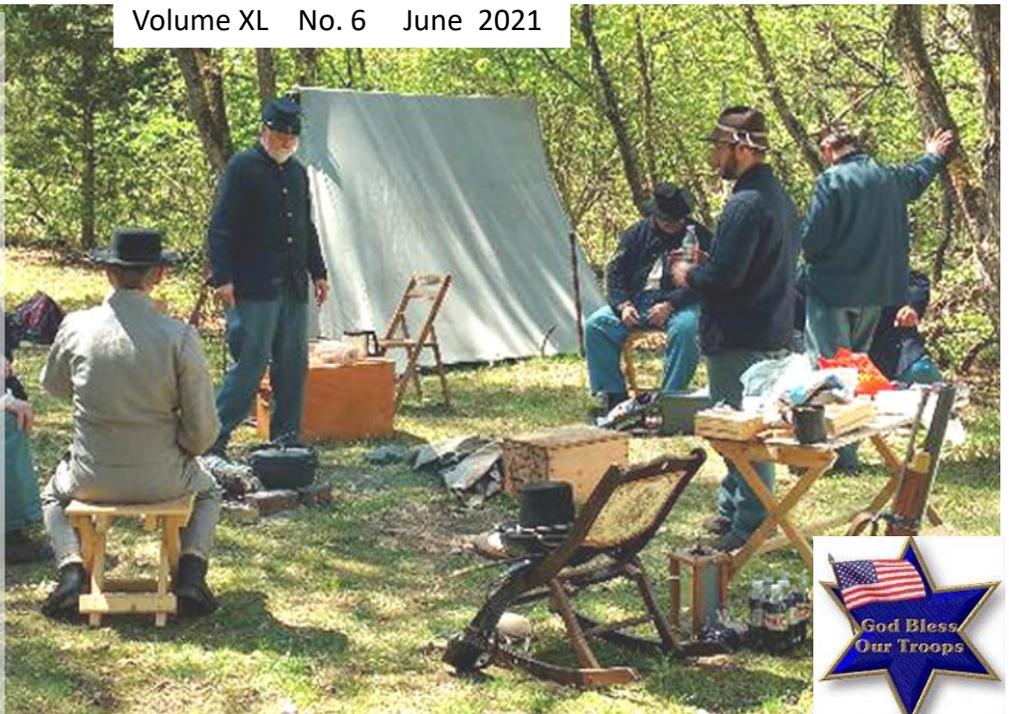
## 2021 Club Leadership

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In camp at "McComas Meadows" - Apr. 30-May 2, 2021. Photo by Dave Downing  
See more photos on page 2.

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### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted  
information for this month's issue.

Deadline date for submissions is the **25<sup>th</sup>**  
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  
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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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736 Gettysburg Ave.  
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Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

# Memorial Day



## From the President...

It was great to see everyone at the shoot in May. We had a short meeting, mostly to update on the status of various events that seem to still be going on this year. Watch the Facebook page for the most up-to-date info.

At the May meeting it was suggested that we get together in person again in June. So, the plan is to get together at the band shell at Jackson's Cascades Park on Sunday, June 13 (the weekend before Father's Day). We met there last year in July, and it went well.

We can have the military and civilians meet at 1pm with our regular meeting starting at 2pm. So, you can plan accordingly. Bring your own chairs and drinks (non-alcoholic)

NOTE - For those going to Jackson from the north on US-127 - the road is closed at I-94. They detour you onto westbound I-94 to go to the next exit (#137-Airport Rd.) and then you can take Boardman Rd. back east to West Ave. (Boardman is the street that runs parallel to the highway). Or, proceed however you wish to the Cascades from where you get off I-94 from the detour.

This is an FYI - we were just there and there is no way they are going to get it all rebuilt before we meet.

With the event at Charlton Park still a 'go' for July, we can have a meeting there on Saturday night like we usually do. At our meeting in June, we can discuss particular items for doing this. At the meeting in May we discussed having a "BYOB" dinner in the pavilion over by 'modern camp' at a time to be announced at the event (generally around 5 or 6pm). Again, we will make plans when we get together on June 13.

It's a good feeling to be talking about making plans for doing events, rather than spending our time talking about everything being cancelled, as we've been experiencing the past year and a half.

Dave Downing

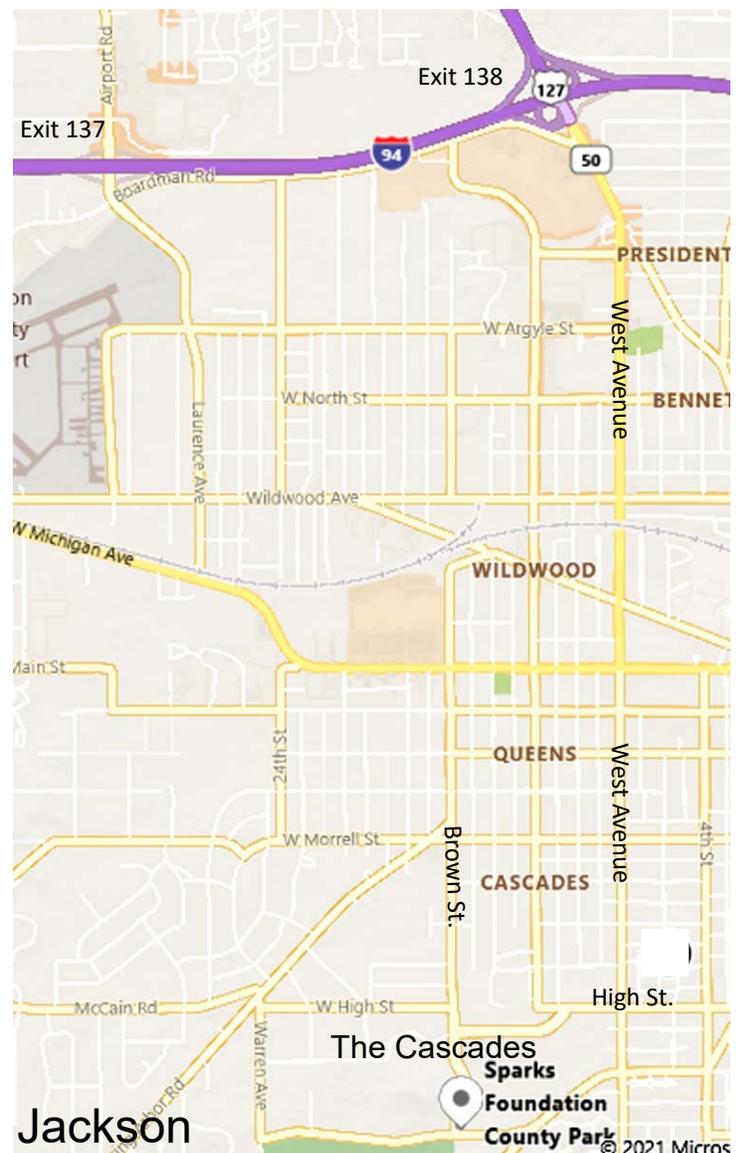


## Attention All Members!



## In-Person Club Meeting This Month!!

Sunday, June 13 – 1:00pm



"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

# Spring Drill at "McComas Meadows"

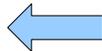
Apr. 30 – May 2, 2021



Photos and descriptions by Dave Downing.



"These three pictures are a demonstration we do periodically to show how important it is to practice safety when handling rifles at events. Even though we're not firing projectiles at each other like they did in the 1860s and just blowing powder, everyone needs to practice safety measures. The firing a 'blank' of just black powder can cause damage to yourself and/or others if you're not careful.



To illustrate that - these pictures are of a cabbage sitting on a log. A 'blank' charge of black powder is fired at it, causing much damage. If a charge of black powder can cause that much damage to a mere vegetable, imagine what it could do to you, or someone else." ---Dave



## A Look Back.....

This photo of some guys we know (we will ignore the fact that they are dressed as Confederates!) was posted on Facebook by Roger Carpenter. It's from August 1992, on the set of the filming of "The Killer Angels," in which quite a few 7<sup>th</sup> MI men took part. Roger is the unlabeled one.



# 7<sup>th</sup> MI Club News

They're



Expecting!

Dan &

Caitlene

Malick



It's going to be a girl!  
Due for arrival in October.



Please make welcome  
our two new club members:  
**Gavin Lewis & Dwayne Robison**



From  
*Celeste Hude-  
May 28:*



"My younger brother,  
Thomas Scott Gallagher, passed away this  
week. He was class of 1972, Mason High  
School. Thank you for all your kind words and  
loving and caring messages!!"

## Quartermaster Report



On May 15th we held the Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot. As the shoot was not held in 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions, this year's shoot was, as a result, heavily anticipated. The weather was perfect when members began arriving about 9am for rolls and coffee. The shooting started at 10 with 14 shooters present. By noon we were all warmed up and proceeded to hold this year's Memorial Shooting Contest. The gun used for the contest was an 1860 Henry, brass frame reproduction. Each shooter was allowed one practice shot and one shot for score. When the dust settled we had two new winners. A guest, Peirce Smith, was the winner, cutting the 10x ring on a silhouette target. Caitlin Malick was the winner of the women's division. Steve Church took second place.

We then took a lunch break followed by a club meeting. In all there were 27 people in attendance and that included a blast from the past as a former member Roger Carpenter attended. It was good to see Roger again, though, if you have been watching the Facebook page, it seems that your beloved Quartermaster has once again become the butt of Rogers's cartoons.

We have some more new used equipment. We had 3 pistols but before I had a chance to add them to the inventory 2 of them sold. There is, however, an 1848 Walker Colt/w holster (\$90) left. If you are interested contact me at: [djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net) or 517-393-3475.

We have two new members, Gavin Lewis and Dwayne Robison. Both attended the muster at McComas Meadow. Dwayne is nearly completely outfitted thanks to our sutlery and only needs a belt. He also purchased our last rifle. Welcome to the unit guys!

Don Everett, Quartermaster/Treasurer

**Everett's Emporium:** FUNERAL DIRECTOR, SUTLER,  
JUDGE, and BARBER services.



Roger Carpenter May, 2021

6th Annual  
*Charlie Colegrove*  
 Memorial Live Shoot - May 15, 2021

“Thank you  
 again  
 For honoring  
 Charlie



*Sue & Ethan*



Photos by Ellyn Painter

Methinks we need a bit more humor....



This photo of 7<sup>th</sup> MI guys at some event? In 2012? was posted on Facebook by former 7<sup>th</sup> MI member Steve Hainstock, and given a fanciful caption: "I want a flanking maneuver on that privy, it must be taken at all costs! That camp food is giving me the green apple stomps."

Others added additional humorous captions. Doug McComas: "How about 'Damn, Tom, you were right! That is a raptor over there!'" John Daniel Esterline: "Look! The bugler is calling for reservations. Bad time to have your cellphone ring."

*Civilian*  
**Report**



I would to thank everyone that came out for the annual Charlie Colegrove shooting contest. Thank you, also, to Don and Julie Everett for all their hard work on this event. It was great to see everyone. Thank you again for honoring Charlie.

We are moving forward with the Blue and Grey days at Meridian Village, October 2-3. They are really trying to expand this event. The village has indicated they would also like sutlers; this is under discussion. We are also looking for club members that would like to display a craft or special skill, such as rag rug making. Julie Everett suggests things we can do with children, such as making church babies, playing tic-tac-toe, etc. I have a lead on a couple of crafters through the village. So if you have something you can display please contact me.

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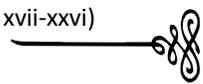


*I thought Seventh Michigan members would enjoy reading a couple of excerpts from Nathan Kalmoe's book, *With Ballots and Bullets: Partisanship and Violence in the American Civil War*, a review of which appeared in May's newsletter.*

Rob Stone

“Michigan is also where I fell in with the ‘7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteers, Company B’ Civil War reenacting group, just in time for sesquicentennial events nationwide. The most interesting parts of reenacting weren’t the fake battles—they’re the physical elements a little closer to true: sleeping fitfully on the ground, overheating in wool uniforms under summer sun or soaked in rain, shivering through cold nights, the weight of carrying a rifle and equipment, the need for hydration, pitching tents to avoid rain flows along the ground, drill maneuvers, the smell and taste of gunpowder when tearing cartridges with your teeth, and the full methodical process of loading and firing an Enfield muzzle-loading rifle. I enjoyed the camaraderie of camping with Civil War buffs from all backgrounds—auto mechanics, authors, engineers, high school students, retirees, and the unemployed—who each contributed stunningly detailed knowledge of niche Civil War topics. Thanks especially to Tom Emerick and Rob Stone for those memories.” (Acknowledgements, xvii)

“We camped for a weekend in 105-degree heat for the first big 150<sup>th</sup> at Manassas. Following a terrific Tennessee hailstorm near Shiloh the next spring, we spent the night in camp listening as a period band played wedding dances for reenactor newlyweds in the distance, with lightning flashing silently far beyond. We recreated the pontoon river crossing at Fredericksburg and fought our way through the historic town up to disaster on the heights. In the garb of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin at Antietam, we advanced at dawn through the battlefield’s foggy cornfields 150 years to the moment they had before us, in total silence but for our footsteps, and later we crested the rise leading up to the Sunken Road under the banner of the Irish Brigade. And I’ll never forget camping on the Gettysburg battlefield near the huge Pennsylvania monument, walking in moonlight and mist in the middle of the night to the site of the 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota’s desperate charge.” (Notes to Pages xvii-xxvi)



## More Info: Stones River Event

Posted May 14: ----Captain Doug McComas on Facebook

I participated in a wonderful conference call for the Stones River national event. This is really going to be a "don't miss it event" that will be talked about around campfires for years to come. Great staff. Will have actions and activity nonstop throughout the event. If you haven't yet done so, I strongly encourage you to get registered. You don't want to miss this one!

Below are unit portrayals that we will be using for the three scenarios. The scenarios are roughly as follows:.

The Saturday morning battle will be the initial contact made to McCook's division pushing us out of our 'camps'.

FFD Battalion : 15th MO

CG Battalion: 39th IN

MDM Battalion: 15th WI

AJG Battalion: 22nd IL

The Saturday afternoon battle will be the continued Confederate push leading up to the stand that Sheridan's division blunted.

FFD Battalion: 15th MO

CG Battalion: 21st MI

MDM Battalion: 9th KY

AJG Battalion: 22nd IL

The Sunday afternoon battle will be the Confederate assault on the Federal left with the massed artillery barrage.

FFD Battalion: 13th OH

CG Battalion: 44th IN

MDM Battalion: 9th KY

AJG Battalion: 59th OH

Monitor the Cumberland Guard Page. Scott is sharing info and is the regimental commander.

<https://stonesriver2021.com/registration>

Editor's NOTE: There is much more info, ie. General Uniform Guidelines - Federal posted on the 7<sup>th</sup> MI Facebook page by Doug

