

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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October Events

Attention All Members!

Wow! It's Gandolf and his witchy best friend – aka Gloria & Jim Kirschensteiner, at the 7th MI Halloween party, held on Oct. 31, 2003 at the home of former members Barry & Stormi Stuler. Photo by E. Painter.

Blue & Grey Days: Meridian Village–Oct. 2-3

2021 Harvest Grand Ball – Sat., Oct. 9

7th MI Annual Meeting – Sun. Oct. 17 2:00pm

Please make every effort to attend and let your vote

★★★ count as we elect new club officers ★★★

See inside pages for more info



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From the President

Annual Meeting Notice: This is to inform the membership that the annual business meeting of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B, Inc. (nonprofit) will be held at 2pm on Sunday Oct. 17. The meeting will be held at the Robbins United Methodist Church community room, 6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI.

At the meeting elections will be held for board members as well as conducting the official business of our organization.

Regular Membership Meetings for 2021- 2022

Here are the dates for meetings for the rest of the year and into 2022. They will be held again at the Robbins United Methodist Church, 6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids - in the community room. During regular meetings we will have informal sessions for the military and civilian groups begin at 1pm, with the general membership meeting beginning at 2pm.

Annual Official Business Meeting - Sunday Oct. 17 at 2pm

Regular Meeting - Sunday Nov. 21

Christmas Party - Saturday Dec. 4

Regular Meeting - Sunday Jan. 16, 2022

Regular Meeting - Sunday Feb. 20, 2022

Regular Meeting - Sunday March 20, 2022

During our regular meetings we will determine if we want to have a meeting in April at this location.

-----Dave Downing



Civilian Report

Hello, Everyone! Just a reminder of the Blue & Grey Days event this weekend – Oct. 2-3 – at Meridian Historical Village, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos, MI

Set up is Friday, Oct. 1 after 4:00pm, at the village. I will be on hand for any questions and waivers signed. Firewood is provided by the township.

We have lots of activities planned for Saturday, during the day. A blacksmith will demonstrate his craft; candle making, drop spinning, weaving , games for children, and a fashion demonstra-tion, are among the things going on. Rob Stone will also give one of his first person military presentations.

Sunday will feature more activities, with a barn dance from 2-4pm. There will be military skirmishes both days. (see Flyer on page 5)

There will be a food truck and Kona ice available both days until 5:00-5:30 pm. You may bring your own food if you wish to do so.

We hope to see you there!

-----Sue Colegrove, Civilian Coordinator



2021 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
Daniel Malick (military)
dmalick12@gmail.com

Nicole Mai (civilian)
nicole_scarlett_rose@yahoo.com

President: Dave Downing
Vice President: Steve Church
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer/Club Roster: Don Everett
Military: Doug McComas, Captain
Civilian Coordinator: Sue Colegrove;
Co-coordinator: Nicole Mai
Board Members-at-Large:
Chris Sodman, Anson Roland, Joy Henderson
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Club Historian: Doug McComas
Newsletter Editor: Ellyn Painter
Webmaster: Dick Williams

Website: 7thmich.org/
Email: info@7thmich.org

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
Ellyn Painter, Editor



What's Club Happening News

Happy Birthday

to Mark Heath -
on Sept. 29.



Sept. 7:
Sue Colegrove
announced she
has a new great-nephew.



Congratulations! to proud
parents Dan & Caitlene

The Malick clan would like to
introduce the newest member
to the clan:

Morgan Nicole Malick,

born 9/20 at 3:09 am, weighing 8lbs 7oz and 20"
long. Everyone is doing great.

---Dan Malick



On Sept. 20, we received the following
update from Dick Williams on Linda's
health situation:

Thanks for all concerned about Linda
Williams.

She has had some problems fainting early in
the year and visits to the doctors didn't
reveal any problems. On July 26 she didn't
feel well at all so we went to Urgent Care.

Linda's blood pressure was high and she was immediately
transferred to McLaren Hospital. After 17 days there and two
failed attempts of discharge (she fainted before leaving her
hospital room) she was discharged to a nursing facility for
physical therapy. After three weeks there she was discharged to go home. The first night home she got up in the middle of the night to
get something to eat and fainted on the kitchen floor. This time we went to Sparrow Hospital. After 13 days there she developed
hallucinations, didn't recognize Kimberly or her husband, and stopped eating. I asked for immediate discharge to Sparrow Hospice. She
came home September 10.

She is still under the care of Sparrow Hospice but is now up walking around, eating well, recognizing everyone and comprehending what
has occurred over the last two months. We're still working on what her new normal is.

Thanks again to all for your concerns.

-----Dick Williams

Annual Harvest Civil War Grand Ball - Oct. 9, 2021

Photo courtesy of Cyndi Carlson



Time: 6 PM – 10 PM

Location: Central United Methodist Church
215 N Capitol Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

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 gentleman, modern military dress or modern
suit and tie.

Tickets will be available starting August 1, 2021. For more
information and to purchase tickets contact:

Gilbert or Cyndi Carlson (517) 782-8199 or email us at:
Cyndiinhiservice@yahoo.com

"ILLNESSES: Because we would like to keep this ball on as
scheduled and not have to cancel it, if you are ill, OR If you believe
you have been recently (near the date of October 9) exposed to any
contagious illness, even if you have no current symptoms, as a
courtesy and consider-ation to everyone, PLEASE DO NOT COME. If
you have already purchased a ticket, your MONEY WILL BE
REFUNDED."





Van Raalte Farm: After-Action Report

Great to be in the field again with our dear friends! A beautiful weekend with great weather and good people. The reenactors and crowd both were engaged and thrilled to be back and we had a grand time!

As always our hosts treat us very well with a wonderful meal on Saturday and Kevin and Donna Burrows provided breakfast (and a lunch) for the small price of helping with breaking down their camp (thank you it was wonderful!)

I fear for my friend Marty Walker's judgement as he offered me the Ajudant position for the weekend which I gratefully accepted. Many thanks to Captain Russ Paul for taking the 2nd company to allow me to take on that role.

Its always a treat to see clubs work so well together as second company was comprised of the 7th, 4th, and 17th. The 7th was truly a band of brothers for the weekend. With Adam and Ethan Jarrett and Ian and Elliott Searles both joined by their fathers. David did a fine job herding the boys as corporal and we found a new corporal in a pinch in Ethan Jarrett.

Michigan is really just one reenacting family and there was a great intermingling of all the groups including our host 3rd Michigan. I am honored that they treat me as one of their own.

On Saturday we were treated to field music by our own Nick Nau (approximately a foot taller than last encountered). He was the object of many of photo as he kept the step throughout the day. Gavin is coming into his own in confidence and is making a fine soldier.

The battle scenario was 1st Manassas and the boys lost with grace and skill on both days. Hats off to the crew ran and fled with the best of them. Ron Clary from the 4th was his usual self and lost the entire payroll of 2nd company to of all people the chaplain of the third in a poker game. Fortunately the evidence was clear pvt. Clary confessed, the funds were recovered from the padre Matt Guinn along with a variety of other elicited items like dice cards and tokens to places best unmentioned. The padre was double punished by being forced to remain in the ranks then serving his sentence.

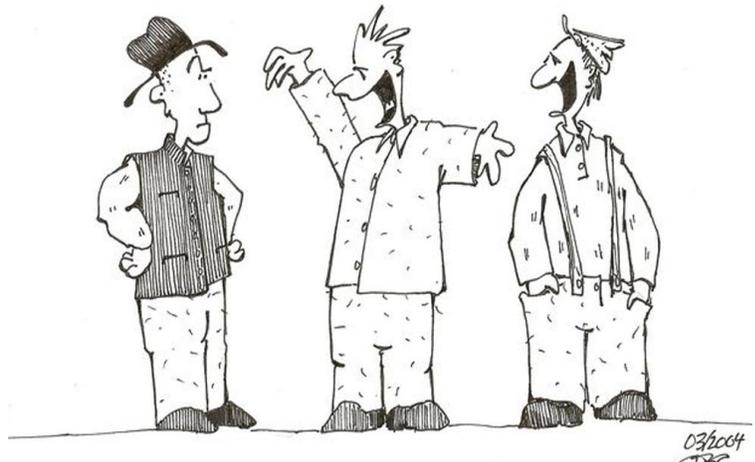
In all one of the finest weekends in recent memory a good turnout of men on both sides of the field. Next event Meridian Village lets have a great turnout and a great time then on to Stones River!

I remain your most humble servant,

Captain McComas

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST DIDN'T GET THE JOKE.

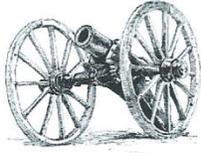
"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."
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And....finally, one last bit of humor from our talented pard..... Roger Carpenter.



7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry – Co. B
Presents



Blue and Gray

Living History Days

Saturday, October 2nd – Sunday October 3rd

Meridian Historical Village

5151 Marsh Rd, Okemos, MI 48864

Featuring

Saturday, October 2nd

- 9:00 Open to Public
- 10:00 Military Recruiting Demo.
- 10:30 Drop-Spinning Demo.
- 11:00 Fashion Talk
- 1 – 3 Blacksmithing
- Candle-Making
- Military Skirmish
- 3:00 Rug Hooking Demo.
- 3:30 "A Soldier Speaks"

Sunday, October 3rd

- 9:00 Open to Public
- 9:30 Church Service
- 11:00 Cooking Demo.
- 12:00 Weaving Demo.
- Drop-Spinning Demo.
- 2 – 4 Barn Dance
- 5:00 Closing