



# THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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



## 2022 Club Leadership

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At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Live Shoot – April 2016. Photo by E. Painter

## Upcoming April Events:

Charlie Colegrove Memorial Live Shoot –

Saturday, April 30 (see pg 3 for complete info)

April 8-10, 2022 12<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Drill Weekend

April 23, 2022 1:00 PM Historical Marker Dedication - Camp Jackson

(see page 2, 2022 Miscellaneous Events, for more info.)



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 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 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](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)

Or mail to:

736 Gettysburg Ave.  
Jackson, MI 49203

*Ellyn* Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor

Well, the train has left the station as we voted at our March Club meeting for events to support in 2022. There were slim pickings to choose from for the monthly max-effort events but some of the tried-and-true re-enactments are still around. The day prior to the Club meeting there was a Civilian gathering at Vonda Warren's home. The members (me included) who ventured to the 45th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Black Powder Gun Show had a great time. Hopefully, springtime will brighten up our spirits as we shake off the rust from the winter months and pull our clothing out of mothballs in preparation for the re-enacting season.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant  
Tom



## Military Report

Well, finally we begin our season this month! I hope you are as excited as I am. In April there are three activities.

April 8-10 Drill with 12th SC/4th MI: (You will find a complete outline/directions and so forth AS A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT to the newsletter). Please RSVP to me at [dougmccomas@comcast.net](mailto:dougmccomas@comcast.net), on Facebook Messenger, or on the 7th Facebook page, **no later than April 2nd** so I can let Captain Crater know our numbers. Drill is on the grounds that members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan

Sharpshooters used as a hunting club before the war. If you would like to join the company mess, cost is 10 dollars for 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast Sunday.

Also, Please reconsider the Antietam living history in August. I spoke with the Captain and if you do not have an issue shirt you may use a white linen or in rare cases a homespun. Again they are simply looking for a good quality impression. No slouches, and good kit. If you think you won't "pass muster" contact me and we can make certain you do. I've been told the Civil War Digest will be filming and this will be helpful in the final push for fundraising for the Michigan monument to be placed on private land just outside the park grounds.

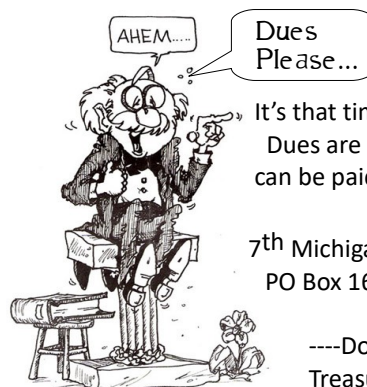
April 23 - Marker dedication in Jackson, Michigan (details on Facebook page) This is a day long event with the marker unveiling and demonstrations. Again please RSVP for military at my email, Messenger, or on the Facebook page.

Finally, is the Live Shoot on April 30. There is info on this in the newsletter. I have a wedding to attend, myself, but I urge you to attend, if possible.

Next month will be drill at McComas Meadow on May 21-22. (My apologies for stepping on the Jonesville event; I simply was out of weekends, with the wedding of my nephew, Mothers Day, and Memorial Day.) Look for detailed information on this drill in the May newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you often this season as we gear up quickly.

I remain, your most obedient servant,  
Captain McComas



## Treasurer's Report

It's that time of year again: Dues are due. Dues are \$16 single, \$19.20 family. Dues can be paid in person at club meetings or mailed to:

7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co. B, Inc  
PO Box 16206, Lansing, MI 49801-6206.

----Don Everett  
Treasurer/ Quartermaster





# Quartermaster's Report

Our cap supply consists of Schuetzen, RWS, and CCI 4 wing musket caps, and RWS pistol caps. Schuetzen musket caps come in sleeves of 100 and the cost for them is \$9 per 100, CCI 4 wing musket caps at \$9 per 100, and RWS musket caps in tins of 200 and the cost for them is \$19 per tin. We also have some no 1075 (no 11) RWS pistol caps. RWS no 1075 caps come 250 to a tin and cost \$20 per tin. RWS no1075 pistol caps (no 11) are slightly smaller than CCI or Remington no11 caps. Price for Schuetzen powder is \$21 per pound.

**NOTICE FOR THOSE USING SCHUETZEN CAPS:** You will need to save a RWS or CCI tin as Schuetzen caps are packed 100 in flat sleeves like reloading primers.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** I have been ask for the formula for my cleaning solution. It is 2 parts alcohol, 2 parts hydrogen peroxide, and 1 part Murphy's Oil Soap. Example 16 Oz alcohol, 16 Oz hydrogen peroxide, 8 Oz murphy's Oil Soap. Solution should be kept in a colored container such as a hydrogen peroxide bottle. I use a fabric softener bottle.

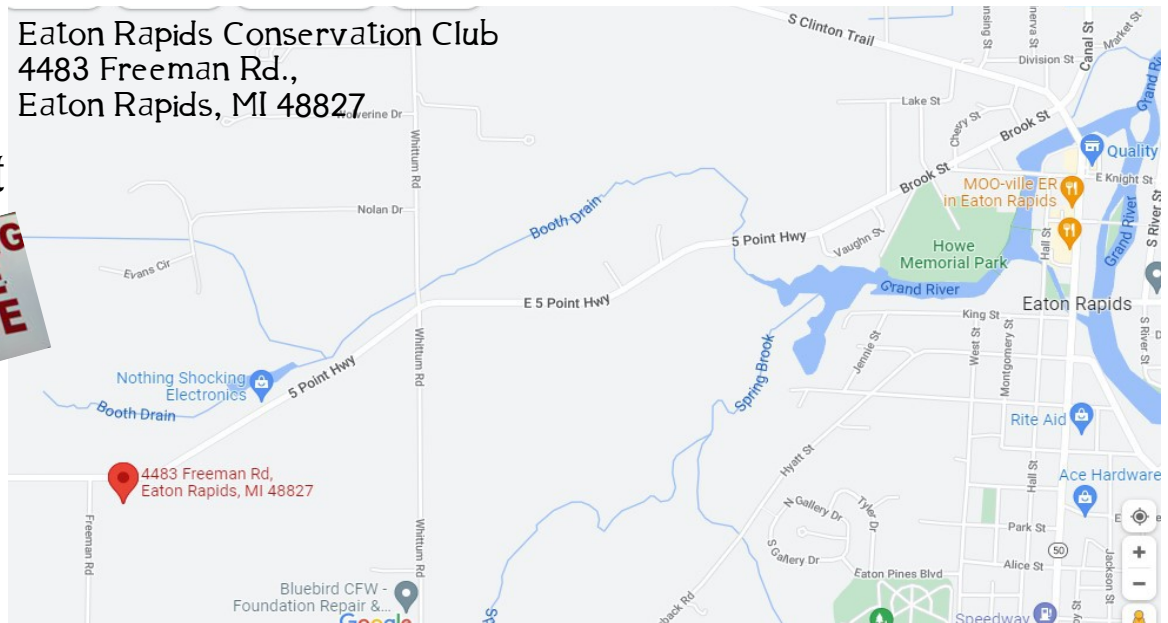
**LATE NEWS:** Goex Powder has been purchased and will resume production of sporting rifle and fireworks powder. Estes Energetics acquired Goex from Hodgson Powder. Estes Energetics produces solid rocket motors for civilian and military use. You may be familiar with their subsidiary company Estes Industries, they make model rockets, accessories, and rocket motors for hobbyists.

### TEE SHIRT ORDERS;

We have received tee shirt orders from the following people: Colleta Crews, Tom/Joan Emrick, Don/Julie Everett, Rob Stone, Kim/Connie Horning, Gavin Lewis, Dave/Pat Downing, Steve Church, Marie Searls, Dan/Caitleen Mallick, Dave Dzierbicki, Bob/Carol Smith.

## Charlie Colegrove Memorial Live Shoot

Eaton Rapids Conservation Club  
4483 Freeman Rd.,  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827



The shoot will be held on Sat. April 30<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast/social hour at 9, shoot starts at 10. Rolls/donuts, coffee, and bottled water will be provided.

This year we will have a men's and woman's division. Weapon for the shoot and course of fire will be determined at a later date. You are welcome to bring any firearms that you have to shoot. The Club will have a supply of .44 round ball, .36 round balls and conical's, and mini balls for those black powder shooters. For those of you that are shooting we would ask for a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of renting the range.

Potluck lunch will follow the shoot; following lunch there will be a Club meeting. The Club will provide plates, napkins and tableware. Due to Covid food must be prepared before you arrive as we will not be able to use the kitchen to prepare food. There are outlets for crock pots. **PLEASE CONTACT NICOLE MAI** at [nicole\\_scarlett\\_rose@yahoo.com](mailto:nicole_scarlett_rose@yahoo.com) or 517-703-4107 and let her know what you are bringing to the Potluck.

The Quartermaster will have uniforms, clothing, accouterments, and general merchandise for sale as well as powder and caps.



# What's Happening

Jim Kirschensteiner celebrated a birthday on March 12.



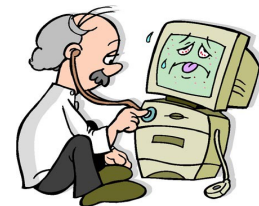
Hang In There



Joy Henderson  
Came home from  
Rehab on March 23.



Morgan Malick  
6 months old on  
March 20, 2022  
What a cutie-pie!



On our Lincoln Logs Youtube site, there is a new video of Don Everett demonstrating how to disassemble, clean, and re-assemble a musket.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_NAIGs1p1Mw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NAIGs1p1Mw)



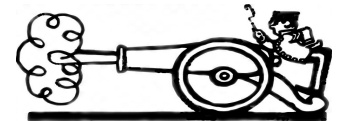
The 2021 7<sup>th</sup> MI newsletters are now available through our website: [www.7thmich.org](http://www.7thmich.org)  
Events for 2022 have also been update on the website.

---Dick Williams, Webmaster



By Ellyn Painter

## Jackson Is Back!



**T**he Jackson Civil War Muster is back – AND – it will return to its original location, the place the event was held for 30+ years: Cascades Falls Park. After a three-year hiatus, the Jackson Civil War Muster will celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary the weekend of Aug. 27-28, 2022.

The last Muster took place in 2018; the next year, organizers decided to cancel for a year, while they worked out new scenarios and features for the event upon its return. Then Covid-19 happened, shutting down the event for 2020 and 2021. as well.

There are also changes in the Jackson Civil War Society, the committee that organizes and oversees the event. A new president is in place: Maurice Imhoff, who, as many of us know, is a reenactor with the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Colored Troops. He is also president of the newly formed Jackson Historical Society, defunct for years before its revitalization in 2020 with younger, energetic blood.

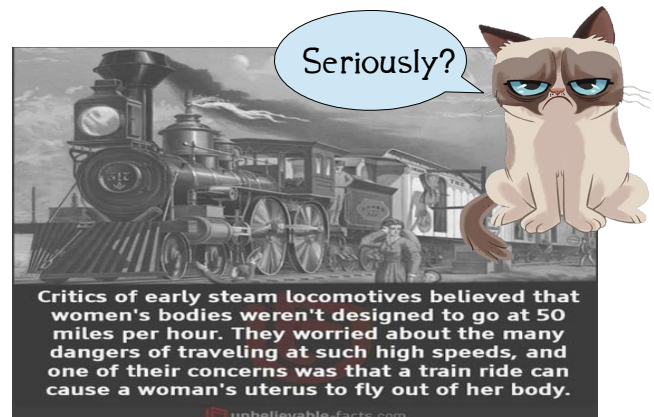
In an article by Jackson Citizen Patriot M-Live reporter Chloe Miller, dated March 28, Imhoff announced that there will be “several new additions for this year's event to make it more unique,” including a Civil War coffee wagon. The article stated that “Jacksonburg” will still be in operation, as well as the military ball, battles, etc. Apparently the Jackson Civil War Society is now working in some sort of partnership with the Jackson Historical Society, as Imhoff says in the article that the “Historical Society is still choosing what battle will be enacted” this year. The Jackson Civil War Muster still claims its status as “one of the largest and longest running Civil War events in the Midwest,” The free event draws 25-30,000 visitors each year, which is an impressive number, but still only about half the number of people who flocked to the event in “the old days,” as many long-time 7th Michigan members recall from the early years in which our club sponsored the event. But the Jackson Civil War Muster is still going strong, and we look forward to what the event has to offer later this summer.

Sources:

<https://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/2022/03/civil-war-muster-making-a-return-in-2022-and-its-back-at-the-cascades.html>

<https://civilwarmuster.org/>

*Note: There are many photos of the 2018 Muster by Nikos Frazier | Mlive.com, attached to the article. #6/70 is of our own Nicole Mai; another in the group features our bugler, Mark Heath.*



Critics of early steam locomotives believed that women's bodies weren't designed to go at 50 miles per hour. They worried about the many dangers of traveling at such high speeds, and one of their concerns was that a train ride can cause a woman's uterus to fly out of her body.

Posted recently by Robinson's Battery on Facebook.

**More 2022 Events - next page!**





## Upcoming Events

### 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Maximum-effort Events

Submitted by Tom Emerick

At the March 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting, we discussed multiple events and the pros and cons of each. The Club members voted to support the following events designated as 2022 maximum-effort events for the entire Club to attend. The event information is also located on <http://www.micw150.us/2022events.htm>

Nappanee event is in its second-year and was designated as a Cumberland Guard max-effort event. It received rave reviews from some of our friends who attended last year.

Charlton Park event is our annual (we are co-host) event designated as a Cumberland Guard max-effort event. A good time is had by all.

Jackson Civil War Muster has been resurrected! It is close to home, back on the original, Cascades Falls Park site, and we get to play (not work) this year.

Van Raalte Farm and Living History **Guns & Gowns** events. We could not decide which one to designate as our one and only monthly event. Club members have attended and thoroughly enjoyed both. We wanted to support our good friends in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan (Van Raalte) as well as our Cumberland Guard commander, Nick Miner (Guns & Gowns). The decision was made to designate both as max-effort events.

**June 11-12, 2022 Nappanee Civil War Days** (Amish Acres, 1600 W. Market Street, Nappanee, Indiana)

Usual amenities (wood, water, straw, flushable toilets and showers, modern camping) will be available. Saturday night meal (possibly provided by the LaSalle Grill). Infantry (Union & Confederate) needed, Plenty of space for Artillery. Civilians welcome. Lots of room for camping and maneuvers during the battle. Registration and set-up begins at 9:00 AM Friday morning and continues as late as necessary. Come enjoy period music, a saloon, food, mobile museum, candle making, frying pan toss competition, ladies tea, fireworks, sutlers and period impressions. Battles will be held both Saturday and

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Sunday. Bounties will be paid for the first 6 units with full-sized artillery (57" Wheels). Due to the damages caused by the pandemic and to help our period vendors, all sutlers, crafters, entertainers and tradesmen fees are waived for this year!!! Hosted by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Indiana Light Artillery Units. Facebook: Nappanee Civil War Days. Event contact: [dakollar@gmail.com](mailto:dakollar@gmail.com).

Tom Emerick will be mailing in registrations for all 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Club members. Please provide the following information to Tom ([tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com)) as soon as time permits:

First/last names of each attendee

Adult or child

Military (with rank) or civilian

**July 16- 17, 2022 Charlton Park Civil War Muster** (2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Michigan). Hosted by

Battery D, 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Light Artillery, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan and 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Confederate and Union Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery units. Shop on Sutler Row, play parlor games, and battle each day. Admission is \$6/adult, \$4/child 5-12, 4 and under are free. All Reenactors are requested to Pre-register at no charge. The on-site registration fee is \$10.00 per reenactor. Pre-registration required/fee for walk-ons. Website and registration form/information at [http://www.charltonpark.org/news\\_events/special\\_events.html](http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/special_events.html). Contact: [info@charltonpark.org](mailto:info@charltonpark.org).

7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Club members will be individually registering via the event website.

**August 27-28, 2022 Jackson Civil War Muster** (Cascades Falls Park, 1401 S Brown St, Jackson, Michigan). Free to the public, but donations appreciated. Battles Saturday and Sunday, Military Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing. Jacksonburg and Special Impression Area. Usual amenities (wood, water, port-a-johns, modern camping) will be available. Contact: Maurice Imhoff at [Imhoff.maurice@gmail.com](mailto:Imhoff.maurice@gmail.com).

Website: <https://civilwarmuster.org/>

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### 2022 Miscellaneous Events

There were other events (re-enactments, living history programs, parades, etc.) that did not make the max-effort Club event list but were of interest to Club members. The event information is also located on <http://www.micw150.us/2022events.htm>

**April 8-10, 2022 12<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Drill Weekend** – Contact Doug McComas if interested.

**April 23, 2022 1:00 PM Historical Marker Dedication -**

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Miscellaneous events, concluded.....

**Camp Jackson – Andrew McComas will be checking with Captain Doug to see if we want to organize a military presence.**

**May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Parade – Jackson, MI – Contact Connie Horning if interested.**

**July 2-4, 2022 Living History Encampment and Parade** is in the final stages of planning and we are waiting for confirmation the event is a go. Nicole Mai attended it last year and said it was a great event with lots of spectators.

**August 9, 2022 Civil War Discovery Camp** has been put on for the past few years by one of our own, Keith Harrison. It sounds like a fun and educational day for both re-enactors and school kids.

**October 1, 2022 Heritage Festival** (formerly Blue & Gray Days) the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan is no longer co-hosting this event. This year it is primarily geared towards period crafts and live demonstrations. We can participate at whatever level we choose but are not responsible for running anything.

**October 1-2, 2022. Hartford City Civil War Days** is a Cumberland Guard max-effort event hosted by our long-time friends in the 49<sup>th</sup> Indiana and one of the few large Indiana re-enactments remaining. It is a great full-scale re-enactment with everything you could ask for in an event: sutler row, first-person historical row, two church services, free Saturday meal, ball, medical scenarios, battles both days, school day (Friday), etc.

**October 8-9, 2022 Perryville** conflicts with our annual Heritage Ball which is why it is not on the max-effort list. However, it is a Cumberland Guard max-effort event and the national-level event for 2022. Some of our military are already planning to go.



Minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting follow on the last 2 pages of this issue.

There are also 2 additional attachments with your April Newsletter:

- 1) Spring Drill circular – 4 pages
- 2) Latest version of the 7<sup>th</sup> MI Roster w. contact info for all dues-paid-up members.



Lastly, Have a Happy.....  
**April Fools Day**

