

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



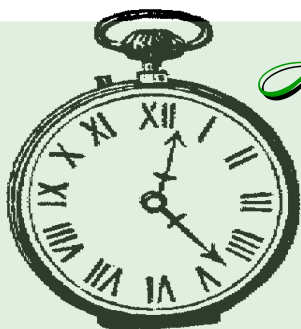
NEWSLETTER OF THE 7TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.



Temperance parade, led by Pam Yockey and friends, at the Cascades (Jackson) Civil War Muster, August 2006. Photo by Ellyn Painter.
NOTE: This was also the year the 7th Michigan held our Sanitary Fair at the Muster.

Upcoming August Events:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9: CIVIL WAR DISCOVERY CAMP
AUGUST 13-14 ANTIETAM NP & LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM IN ANTIETAM, MD
AUGUST 27-28: 35TH ANNUAL JACKSON CIVIL WAR MUSTER



A Look Back in Time....

August 2008: 7th MI men assemble "The Courthouse" for the first time in Jacksonburgh, at the Cascades (Jackson) Civil War Muster.





Well, the summer is half over and the **2022 Charlton Park Muster** has come and gone. No rain (except Friday afternoon), no mosquitos to speak of (remember last year's bumper crop?), and not too high of day-time temperatures made for a pleasant weekend.

Military numbers were up this year along with the most spectators that I can recall seeing in a very long time. After incorporating enlisted from other units, the 7th Mich-

igan company (23+) almost equaled the 3rd Michigan's numbers. I chose to portray a civilian in order to spend more time with Joan, but ended up being Don Everett's wing man most of the weekend. We hobnobbed with so many of our fellow Michiganders that we had not seen since the prior year that it almost felt like a family reunion.

The Club held its annual potluck dinner late Saturday afternoon. There was a cornucopia of food (a big thanks to our Civilians) to accompany the extra-large helpings of Vonda Warren's world-famous sloppy joes. The Military was so overwhelmed by the bounty of food they organized a group nap session to let their meal settle before returning to camp.

The weekend's battles were pretty intense within the village proper. The only downside was Captain McComas being touched by some heat exhaustion in the midst of Saturday's battle. With plenty of rest and fluids, Doug was back in the thick of things on Sunday. Overall, a good time was had by all.

Next up on our calendar is the **August 9, 2022 Civil War Discovery Camp** in Eaton Rapids. This is a fun way to educate the younger generations on this important time in our country's history. Please consider supporting this event should you have some spare time to fill.

Not to steal Doug's thunder, but we also have a handful of military participating in the **August 13-14 Antietam NPS Living History Program in Antietam, MD** in a few weeks.

Following is the **35th Annual Jackson Civil War Muster** at month-end. The event is returning to the original Cascades Falls site and it will be hosted by an entirely new organization. Looking forward to seeing what the new host unit puts into place.

Last, but not least, is our **September 10, 2022 Club Meeting & Frontier Days Parade** in Charlotte. There will be a parade, pot-luck dinner, and Club meeting all rolled into one. Plan on lots of food and camaraderie.

For those of you planning to attend the 7th Michigan's October 8 Harvest Ball, just a gentle reminder that tickets go on sale August 1st. Hope to see many of your friendly faces in Jackson!

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
Tom



2022 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:

Daniel Malick (military)

dmalick12@gmail.com

Nicole Mai (civilian)

nicole_scarlett_rose@yahoo.com

President: Tom Emerick

Vice President: Steve Church

Secretary: Joan Emerick

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Military: Doug McComas, Captain

Quartermaster: Don Everett

Civilian Coordinator: Nicole Mai

Board Members-at-Large:

Dan Malick, Julie Everett, Caitlene Malick

Club Historian: Doug McComas

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Annual Membership Dues:

\$16.00 – single \$19.20 – family

\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
non-participating/non-voting member

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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



The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co. B

is proud to announce:

The 2022 Annual Harvest Civil War Grand Ball

Honoring Linda Williams

To be held on:

Saturday, October 8, 2022

At Central United Methodist Church
215 N. Capital, Lansing, Michigan

Please join us, once again, as we take a step back in time to the Civil War era, to an evening filled with dancing, refreshments and the delightful company of gallant, dashing young men and refined, yet spirited, young ladies. Also joining us will be the dignified and sophisticated, as well as budding, debutantes. So, come one, come all! This year's Harvest Ball is in honor and memory of Linda Williams who, because of her love of history, initiated our very first Civil War Harvest Ball many years ago.

The event is sponsored by the
7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co. B.

The music is provided by the Golden Griffon Stringtet Band. Dance prompt is conducted by Jim McKinney. Doors open at 6 PM; Grand March begins at 6:30 PM.

Attendees must be at least 12 years of age.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

Ticket cost: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple.
\$10 each for young attendees, ages 12-17.

What to Wear:

1860's / Civil War era attire preferred (either military or civilian) OR for the ladies, modern and modest formal wear. For the gentlemen, modern military dress or modern suit and tie.

Advance tickets will be available starting August 1st.

For more information and to purchase tickets contact: Gilbert or Cyndi Carlson
(517) 782-8199

Cyndiinhisservice@yahoo.com

NOTE: The ticket price for dues-paid-up
7th Michigan members is \$15 per person.



Below is an excerpt from the letter sent to Don and Julie Everett from Dick and Linda's daughter, on behalf of the Williams family:

Dearest Don and Julie,

Alan and I would be honored to attend the Harvest Ball in memory of my mother...

My parents have both made it clear our whole lives that they did not want a memorial service of any kind when they passed. But if mom would have chosen to have one, this is exactly what she would have picked. The entire 7th Michigan has my sincere gratitude for not only thinking of this, but including all of us in it....

Kimberly Woodbury



Linda and Dick Williams, conversing with Carol Smith at the 2015 Harvest Ball.
Photo by Vonda Warren.



**What's
Happening**
7th Michigan
Club News

On Friday, 7/29, Don Everett reported: "In Sparrow...Had some stroke symptoms Thursday...dizziness and difficulty waking... and didn't want to chance it. Two CT scans... physical therapy, echo cardiogram and many exams... nothing found yet. ..Wish me luck on getting sprung Saturday [if they don't find anything]..."



Update: Don was released on Saturday. It was determined that he did have a mild stroke. "Good to be home resting.. I want to thank all of ya for all the support and prayers. I will be following up with [doctors] and taking it easy for awhile..."



More... What's Happening

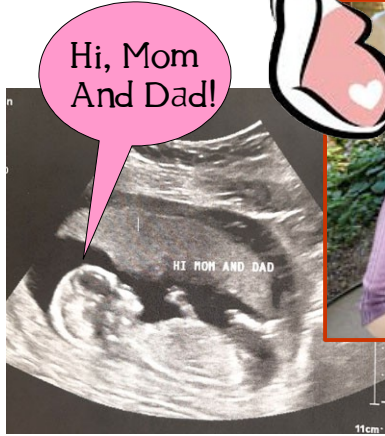
Gilbert Carlson
Coletta Crews
Don Everett
Marie Searles
Bob Smith



July Birthdays:



Now we know!
It's going to be a girl!



Elisabeth Elaine Hershey is scheduled to be welcomed into the world by her parents, Dan and Amber Hershey, on January 7, 2023.



Civilian Report

Our Historic Charlton Park, Hastings, event was a great success. We had a little bit of rain, but it wasn't terrible. Our canvas was put away dry, so that's good. The bugs were tolerable. The temperature was manageable. I heard some military reenactors went home early due to heat and humidity. We had many spectators come through camp, and we enjoyed the battle through the town. The little kids in camp had a blast "shooting" the soldiers as they battled through the street. The food truck, Gretchen's Kitchen, served up delicious food all weekend. Our unit's First Aid box got its first attention, as a rebel got powder in his eyes. Military, please be careful, we don't want you to be blind! My little dude tried out some stilts, and was really good at them! It was nice after COVID to get reacquainted with old friends, like Andy the Egg Guy and Robert the Tintype Guy. All-in-all, it was a delightful weekend. It was almost a festive atmosphere among us Authentic Camping Civilians.

The Heritage Festival at Meridian Historical Village is October 1st. We will have a schedule out soon. Please consider attending!

Blessed Be,

Nicole Mai, Civilian Coordinator

CHARLTON PARK

PHOTOS



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**Civil War Discovery Camp:
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
9AM – 3PM**
Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic
Memorial Hall and Museum

Hosted by the G.A.R. Museum located in Eaton Rapids. The camp is open to children between 7 and 14 years of age. The students will be taken to G.A.R. Island Park for several hours of planned activities to include instruction of manual of arms, how to march,

history of the G.A.R. Island Park, information about the life of a Civil War soldier, how to fire a reproduction Civil War musket (with prior parental/guardian approved), etc. This will be followed by a tour of the G.A.R. Museum and lectures on the history and purpose of the G.A.R. Civil War veterans and their auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Lunch will be provided. Cost: \$20 per student. Re-enactors and uniformed members of the S.U.V.C.W. are encouraged to volunteer their time in this fun and educational day for both re-enactors and school kids. Website: <https://garmuseum.com/>. Contact: Keith Harrison at GARmichigan@gmail.com.

Keith Harrison is the co-coordinator for this event. Please notify Keith should you plan to attend the event.



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JACKSON CIVIL WAR MUSTER
35TH ANNIVERSARY



Cascades Falls Park Jackson, MI
27 & 28 August '22

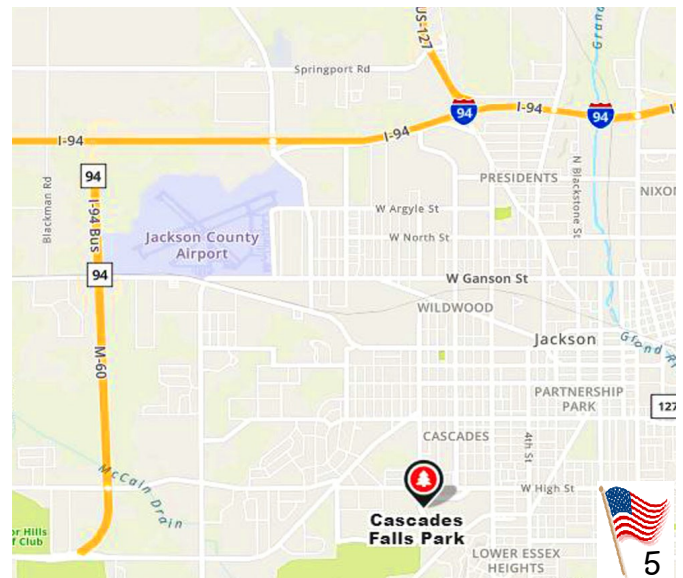
Event opens at 9 AM, with BATTLES commencing at 2PM on Saturday & Sunday. The Jackson muster is the largest, longest running civil war event in the Midwest. Each year this weekend draws 25,000 to 30,000 from throughout Michigan, Canada, and destinations as far as Sweden. Welcoming to people of ALL AGES.

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**JACKSON CIVIL WAR MUSTER:
AUGUST 27-28, 2022**
[MAXIMUM-EFFORT CLUB EVENT]

Battles Saturday and Sunday, Military Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing. Jacksonburg, sutler row, period coffee wagon, Camp Chase Fifes & Drums, and Special Impression Area. Usual amenities (wood, water, port-a-johns, modern camping) will be available. Located at Cascades Falls Park, 1401 S Brown St, Jackson, Michigan 49203. Website: <https://civilwarmuster.org/> Contact: Maurice Imhoff at Imhoff.maurice@gmail.com.

NOTE: 7th Michigan Club members will be individually registering via the event website.



MORE CHARLTON PARK PHOTOS...



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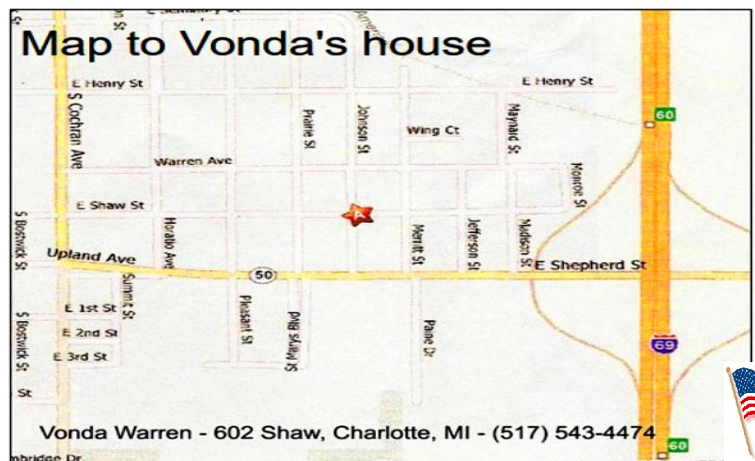
2022 REMAINING CLUB EVENTS:

- August 9: Civil War Discovery Camp – Eaton Rapids, MI
- August 13-14: Antietam NPS Living History Program – Antietam, MD
- August 27-28: Jackson Civil War Muster- Jackson, MI **[Maximum-effort Club event]**
- September 10: Frontier Days Parade and Club Meeting - Charlotte, MI
- September 17-18: Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster- Holland, MI **[Maximum-effort Club event]**
- September 23-25: Living History Guns n' Gowns - Livonia, MI **[Maximum-effort Club event]**
- October 1: Meridian Heritage Festival – Okemos, MI
- October 1-2: Hartford City Civil War Days – Hartford City, IN
- October 8: Harvest Ball - Central United Methodist Church – Lansing, MI
- October 8-9: Perryville 160th Anniversary – Perryville, KY
- October 16: Annual Club Meeting & Elections - Robbins Church – Eaton Rapids, MI
- November 20: Club Meeting - Robbins Church – Eaton Rapids, MI
- December 3: Christmas Party - Robbins Church – Eaton Rapids, MI

CLUB MEETING & FRONTIER DAYS PARADE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

The 7th Michigan is once again participating in the annual parade through the streets of Charlotte. We will be mustering at 8:00 AM. at Vonda Warren's home in advance of the parade. We are required to be in our line up position by 9:00 AM. Step off for the parade is at 10:00 AM. Amber and Dan Hershey have generously offered the use of a flatbed trailer for the Civilians to ride on. The Military will be firing volleys throughout the parade so bring plenty of rounds and caps. Vonda has graciously offered to host a potluck dinner after the parade for Club members. Dinner participants will need to bring their own table service and chairs. There will be a Club meeting immediately following dinner. Vonda's home is located at 602 Shaw Street, Charlotte, Michigan 48813.

Tom Emerick is the co-coordinator for the event should you desire any additional information.



Vonda Warren - 602 Shaw, Charlotte, MI - (517) 543-4474

