

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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



*Happy
New Year
To All*

Paul & Nicole Mai, and daughters Cori (L) & Lily - 7th MI Christmas Party, Dec. 4, 2021. Photo by E. Painter



Quartermaster's Report

Don Everett, Quartermaster

Due to supply chain and shipping problems the powder and cap delivery was delayed and not received until Dec. 11th. We have received a 2 year supply of powder and caps made up of Schuetzen powder, musket caps and pistol caps. Our new cap supply consists of Schuetzen and RWS musket caps and RWS pistol caps. Schuetzen musket caps come in

tins of 100 and the cost for them is \$9 per tin. RWS musket caps come 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 no 1075 pistol caps (no 11) are slightly smaller than CCI or Remington no 11 caps. For those of you that are close to a Sport's Warehouse location, they have CCI 4 wing caps available at reasonable prices. When our current supply of powder is exhausted the new price will be \$21 per pound of powder. I apologize for the fluctuating prices in past newsletters but until I had the actual invoice before me I was not able to correctly calculate the new price.

DON'T PANIC BUY POWDER!!!!!! There are reports of people asking \$100 a pound for black powder on line and at events. Anything over \$30 a pound is price gouging. Some dealers are out of black powder and do not know when they are going to have any. They may try to sell you Pyrodex or Triple 7. **DON'T BUY THEM.** Black powder is still available at retail price. Swiss and Schuetzen powder is still being manufactured and imported! **BEWARE** there are dealers that may tell you that you can use Pyrodex or Triple 7 for blanks. Don't buy Pyrodex or Triple 7 powders for blanks. They are chemical propellants (smokeless powder) not black powder (explosive). They will not work for blanks as they must be contained to burn properly (go bang). Both Pyrodex and Triple 7 require that they are topped with a bullet for the powder to burn properly. Only use black powder substitutes for live shooting, **NOT FOR BLANKS!**

Treasurer's Report

Don Everett, Treasurer

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. As in the past dues must be paid by Feb. 20, 2022 to be on the roster for Greenfield Village.

The following is a list of members that have not paid 2022 dues:

- Al Baerren
- Armin Berg
- Rev. Robert/Sandra Chapman
- Daniel/Lana Clore
- Dan "Pete" Conklin
- George "Ed" Conklin
- Anthony DiSano/Russ McKenzie
- Drayson/Dorothy Doyle
- Tom Edwards
- Roger/Debra Emelander
- Diane Geck
- Christopher Harward
- Kim Paul/Connie Horning

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- Marilyn/Ned Hughes
- Gavin/Kelly Lewis
- Andrew McComas
- Russ McKenzie
- Dustin/Amanda Mientkiewicz
- Erik/Brittnie Myers
- Dan O'Connell
- Dwayne Robison
- Jane Rose
- Jeff/Lin Sanborn
- Craig Searles
- Danella Sheid
- Richard/ Carol VanDyke



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
Treasurer/Club Roster: Don Everett
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
Newsletter Editor: Elyn 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.

Elyn Painter, Editor



What's Happening



Next 7th MI Club Membership Meeting:

Sunday, January 16, 2022
1:00pm - At Robbins UMC
(See maps on page 6)

7th Michigan to Salute Michigan's Battle Flags: Saturday, January 22

Members will gather together on Saturday, Jan. 22 for a viewing of some of Michigan's original civil war battle flags. Matt VanAcker, the coordinator for the "Save the Flags" project of the state, will be showing some of the original battle flags flown by Michigan troops during the civil war.

Club members who are interested will gather for breakfast ahead of time at the Flap Jack Shack, 3000 E. Grand River in Lansing (just north of Frandor) at 8:30am. Everyone will then meet at 11am for the viewing at the Michigan Historical Center, 702 E. Kalamazoo in Lansing (just west of the Capitol).

The Save the Flags project began in 1989 with the restoration of the Capitol building. There are over 150 flags in the collection, most of them from the civil war. All of them are being preserved, and are on display (on a limited basis) at the Michigan Historical Center.

At this flag viewing you will learn of the most recent developments in the Save the Flags project. You will also get to see some of the original battle flags and hear their stories.

First Quarter 2022 Events

- Jan. 15 Civilian Sewing Gathering - Joan Emerick (details next page)
- Jan. 16 7th Michigan Club Meeting - Robbins Church
- Jan. 22 Club Breakfast Gathering & Michigan Historical Center Battle Flag Tour
- Feb. 19 Civilian Sewing Gathering - Sue Colgrove
- Feb. 20 7th Michigan Club Meeting - Robbins Church
- March 19 - Civilian Sewing Gathering - Vonda Warren
- March 19-20 Kalamazoo Living History Show - Kalamazoo, MI
- March 20 7th Michigan Club Meeting - Robbins Church



Coming to a town very near you next year [this year, now!] in February! Come see a Civil war movie on the big screen. Civil War Digital Digest - We are thrilled to wrap up 2021 by sharing the Whitney's Mettle has received it's second festival nod. We will be screening the short film at the Lake Michigan Film Festival in East Lansing, MI the weekend of February 24th. We hope some of you can join us - and we will try to schedule a history hang out if health will allow us to get a place. Stay tuned!!!

----William Eichler

7th Michigan, Co. B ...
Breakfast and Viewing of the Michigan Civil War Flags
Saturday Jan. 22, 2022



**8:30am - Breakfast at Flap Jack Shack
3000 E. Grand River-Lansing**

**11am - View Michigan Battle Flags
Michigan Historical Center
702 E. Kalamazoo - Lansing**

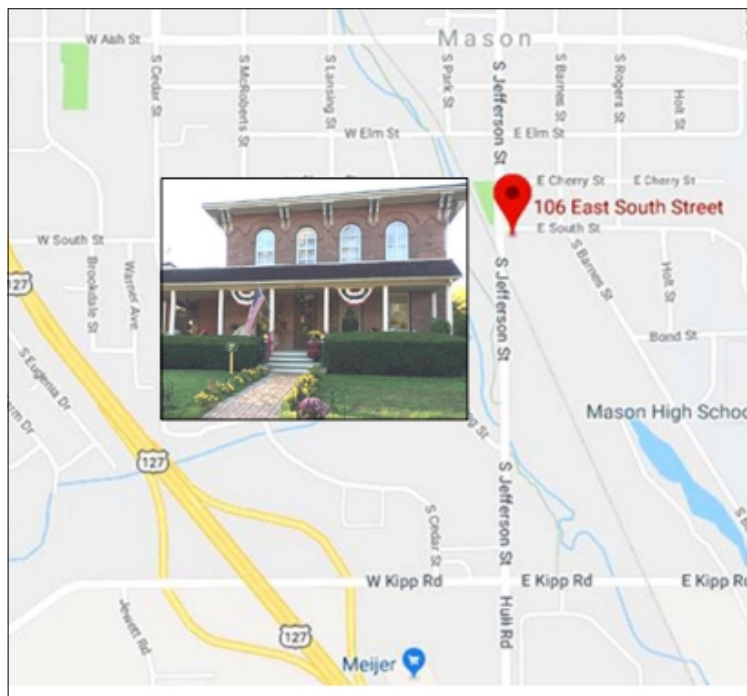


Next Civilian Sewing Party: Sat., January 15, 2022 At home of Joan Emerick

Guests are invited to arrive after 10:00 AM. There will be a brunch/potluck meal shared by all -please bring a dish to pass. Sewing machines are welcome or any other crafts you may choose to work on. If you are new to the hobby, there will be plenty of "veteran" members available to assist you with all of your period sewing and/or accessory questions. To reach your destination take US-127 to the Kipp Road Exit 64. Travel eastbound ½ mile to second stop light at Hull Road in front of the Meijer's gas station. Turn left (north) at the light onto S. Jefferson Street (Hull Road becomes Jefferson Street for northbound traffic). Drive ½ mile, cross over the railroad tracks, and turn right onto E. South Street. We are the first house on the right. Contact is Joan Emerick at tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com or (517) 604-6116.

Residence is located at:

106 E. South Street, Mason, MI 48854



Military Report

I hope you all had a joyous and Merry Christmas. I am completely recovered from a recent hernia surgery and very excited for the upcoming season. Many unique events are in the works this season even with the ongoing covid concerns. Just today I learned the Atlanta Campaign is now running Perryville and I encourage you to make that your national event in October of this year.

There will be a spring living history in Jackson on the training camp site of an actual unit. Talk of an Ella Sharp scaled-down event. Our friends from the 12th SC/4th MI are hosting a living history on the actual Antietam battlefield. This is a very authentic event and as Capt. Crater has shared with me "almost no one will not have to buy or borrow something to attend". Impression requirements will be posted very soon.

Some of the "standby events": We will do a spring drill at McComas Meadow this spring tbd. Greenfield Village is not yet off or on so stay tuned. A new even - t Napanee Indiana in June - is in its second year. I encourage us to attend this event, given rave reviews last year in its first outing. Hastings in July, the return of Guns and Gowns in September, and Van Raalte with our friends out west and our local Meridian event. It should be a full calendar for the first time in a while.

I once again will be missing our January meeting as I will be sailing off to the sunny Caribbean from Charleston SC (and you know I plan on finding time to visit Ft. Sumter).

I am excited about our new slate of NCO's. As I have made VERY CLEAR, this is my last season as Captain. The military is strong and we have great young people in leadership positions. While I personally love being your Captain it is time to turn over the reins to these fine men.

Remember we are only as strong as those who show up. Please make every attempt to attend events. We are strong, growing and healthy!

In your service, Captain McComas





7th Michigan Annual Christmas Party - Dec. 4, 2021

It was a picture-perfect day, sunny and cool, on December 4th for the 7th Michigan's Annual Christmas Party. Proud parents Dan and Caitlene Malick brought the newest addition to the 7th Michigan family, newborn Morgan, who instantly brightened up the festivities. On the other end of the age scale, the infamous Old Farts, Jim Kirschensteiner and Bob Smith, entertained our table with many tales of re-enactments gone by. Longtime member Roger Carpenter made a surprise appearance and was in the running for the member who drove the furthest until Tim Cunningham (darn Buckeye) arrived. A big thanks goes out to the crew (Pat Downing, Julie Everett, Joan Emerick) who organized, set-up, and cleaned up after the gathering. Vonda Warren did her usual fantastic job of decorating the hall and tables. Nicole Mae and her able assistants, Cori and Rowan, hosted a terrific trivia contest. Fun and camaraderie was shared by all.

Best wishes to all of the 7th Michigan family for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year's holiday season.

Tom



The Mystery Guests



And last, but not least, here is our new club president, Tom! The photos on this page are taken by him, except the one at left, taken by me, which he hates. But don't you all agree that he looks very presidential here, the very epitome of strong leadership and Elf-ishness?? Yeah, I think so. Sincerely, the Editor.

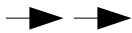


(You can see baby Morgan better in this shot from mom Caitlene's Facebook page)

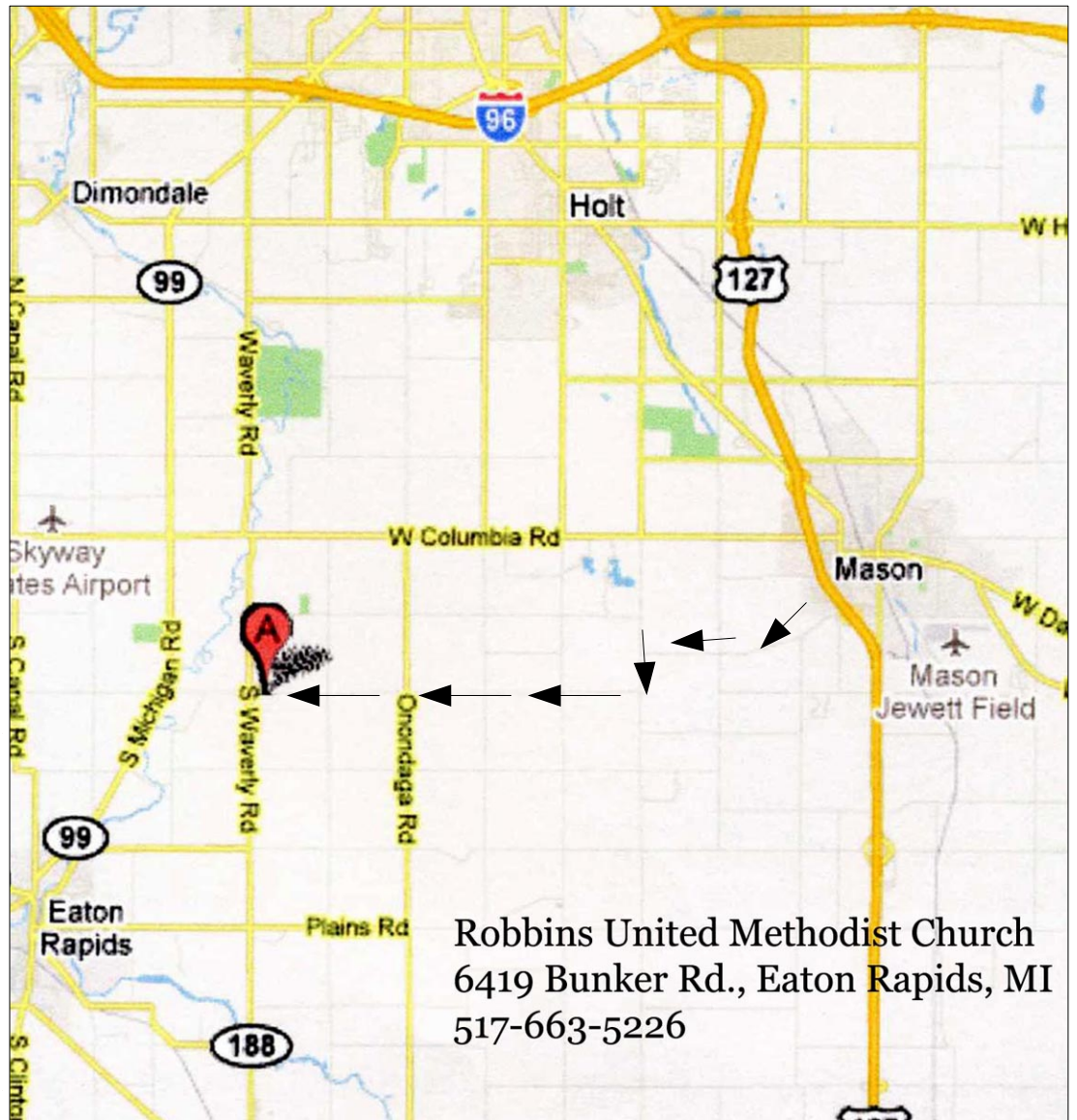


Map to Robbins UMC

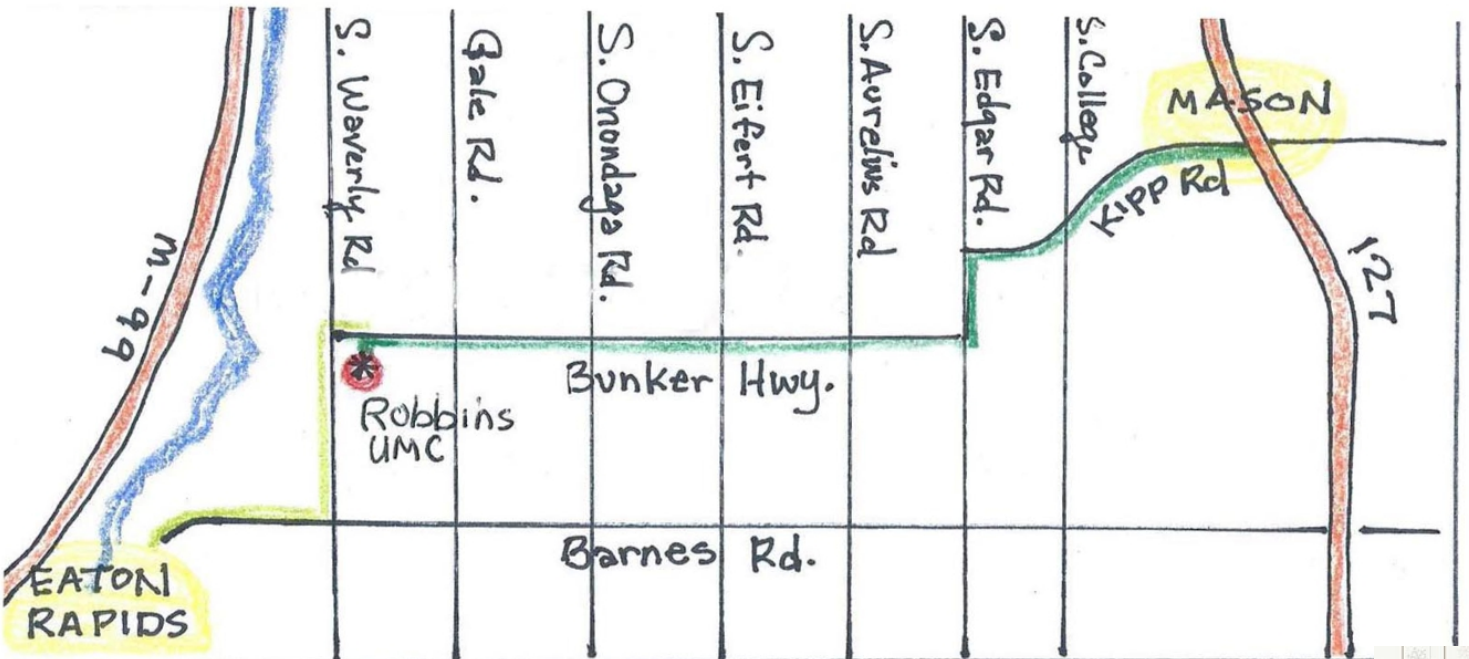
For those coming from the south, (on 127) most direct route is to get off at Kipp Rd., turn left; take Kipp Rd to the end. Turn left onto Edgar Rd., then right onto Bunker Hwy. Take this through several stop sign intersections, and arrive at the church, which will be on your left. (Black arrows show this route. See bottom map detail.



Happy New Year



Robbins United Methodist Church
6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI
517-663-5226



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Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 517-663-5226

NOTE: Map not to scale -
Roads are 1 mile apart

