

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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



Above, Connie Horning and Amber Hershey – Jackson Rose Parade, Sun., June 5, 2022. They, along with their husbands, Dan Hershey and Kim Horning, represented the 7th Michigan. At left, Dan and



Kim march the parade route with two other gentlemen, carrying flags and the Jackson Civil War Muster banner. Photos by Ellyn Painter



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Annual Membership Dues:

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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.

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Email submissions to me at:

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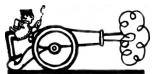
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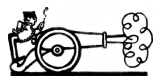
Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor

OUR NEXT 2 MAX-EFFORT CLUB EVENTS :



JULY 16-17, 2022 CHARLTON PARK CIVIL WAR MUSTER



AUGUST 27-28, 2022 JACKSON CIVIL WAR MUSTER

See pages 4 & 6 for details

There are also several more exciting events to come!

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.

CHARLTON PARK: I will be at the event and will have powder, caps, and paper for those that need them. If you have something that you need from the Unit Sutlery, contact me and if we have it I will bring it with me to the event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: There is a Facebook post with a YouTube video making the rounds that states that Goex is out of business. The video goes on to tell that, while Goex is no longer in business, you can use Pyrodex, Triple 7 and another black powder substitute to shoot your cap and ball revolvers. The post and video are wrong on several points. First, the YouTube video is 7 months old, produced before Goex was purchased by Estes Energetics. Second, the post and video lead you to believe that no blank powder is available, only substitutes, and that is not true. Both Swiss and Schuetzen powder (we have a two year supply of FFFg Schuetzen) are available and Goex will be back in production at some point. **Don't buy substitutes! They won't work for blanks.**

BALL CAPS: The club has a supply of 7th Michigan Ball Caps. For \$10 you can have one of these beautifully embroidered hats. Act now before our supply runs out.

TEE SHIRT ORDERS: Tee shirts are 50/50 cotton polyester and cost \$20 through xl, add \$2 for 2xl and \$3 for 3xl. We have received tee shirt orders from the following people: Coletta Crews, Tom/Joan Emerick, Don/Julie Everett, Rob Stone, Kim/Connie Horning, Gavin Lewis, Dave/Pat Downing, Steve Church, Marie Searles, Dan/Caitleen Malick, Dave Dzierbicki, Bob/Carol Smith, Gina Courter, Ellyn Painter, Chris Harward.

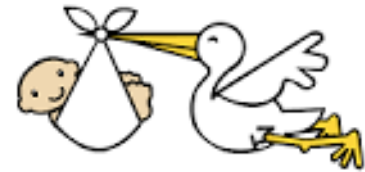


Tee shirt orders have stopped coming in! At this time we have 26 shirts ordered and we need another 10 ordered to make the price point.



Hurry up and order! Time is running out! Cut - off for ordering shirts is the Jackson Muster, August 28th!!!

What's Happening 7th Michigan Club News



A Delivery is on its Way!

Dan and Amber Hershey are expecting a baby. Due date is Jan. 7, 2023



Several 7th MI folks celebrated birthdays in June. They are:

- Joy Henderson
- Katie Banks & Shawn Banks
- Caitlene Malick
- Carol Smith

Vonda Warren (we're not telling how old she is!)

Happy Birthday to All!

(and my apologies to anyone I may have missed on this list.)

---The Editor



Hello, Friends:

I'd like to encourage all of you to make me aware of any family or personal news items you may have from time to time that I can share in the newsletter. Of course, this is completely voluntary, and I'm aware that we're all different, and not everyone feels comfortable tooting their own horn, or drawing attention to themselves. (I get it—really. I'm one of those!) But I'm always happy to get news for the newsletter and don't want anyone to feel unappreciated or left out simply because I'm out of the loop on something.

Thanks. Ellyn





Everyone I spoke with who attended the June 11-12, Nappanee, Indiana event agreed it was a wonderful event. We were participating in the muster (in its second year) for the first time. The weather was warm and dry and amenities (to include a meal) top-notch. Doug McComas has included pictures in his after-action-report [EDITOR'S NOTE: They are on the 7th MI Facebook page] and I will endeavor to do the same by the time the newsletter comes out. The civilians are already excitedly planning for next year's event.

I had a conversation with one of the participants at Nappanee and was informed the Billie Creek Village Civil War Muster (Rockville, IN) was returning in June 2023 after a multi-year hiatus. I will forward more information as we hear anything new.

Our primary Club event for the past few years (Charlton Park) is nearly upon us. We are one of the host units so it behooves us to make a good showing. It does not hurt that it is always a good event and is located in our own backyard. Be sure to register through Don Everett if

intending to go. Also, if participating in Saturday's potluck dinner, please try to bring something (large or small) to share with others.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom

NAPPANEE, INDIANA AFTER-ACTION REPORT



This new (last year) event lived up to its billing. Located on an Amish farm converted to a museum/event center (think Charlton Park), it was a beautiful location and just over a two hour ride from Jackson.

The majority of the troops pulled in on Friday evening and the Union troops were two good size companies of 20 men each, one comprised of Indiana men and the second of Michigan men. Your writer was given the honor of commanding the Michigan boys. After a night of lies and libations, in which we were joined for the evening by our 12th SC brethren, Saturday dawned as a warm, but not hot, day. We were pleased to have the Searles boys arrive Saturday morning to bolster our numbers and we had eight 3rd Michigan lads, a couple Zouaves, a berdan, and a couple independent rifles from the west side in our ranks. In his first event as acting First Sergeant, David Dzierbicki (Sgt Daisy) performed admirably well. Our first drill we were informed the scenarios for the battle had changed and we were to act as skirmishers for the battle. We practiced skirmish drill "by the bugle" until well drilled and flawless (more on that later).

After a fine lunch and some shopping we entered the field after a slight delay, deployed as skirmishers and . . . well I guess you had to be there. But we pulled it off eventually.

We were treated to the fine company of Tom Emerick and Don Everett in camp and the hosts provided a wonderful dinner of ham sandwiches, Amish noodles, potato salad, and cake and ice cream.

A night of trains and peacocks left us slightly refreshed for Sunday where we learned we would portray the 3rd Michigan at the peach orchard. The boys rose to the honor, and double quicked between the guns to crush the flank of the rebs for the Sunday afternoon battle. Our infantry commander, Scott Lawalin, was top notch as always, our house unit Ziggy accommodating, and a good event all around. Rumor has it the event will be moved to May next year. I hope we will continue to grow in numbers and support this fine new addition for many years to come.

In your service,
Capt. McComas



Nappanee, IN, Civil War Days, June 11-12, 2022 Photo by Tom Emerick.





MORE NAPPANEE EVENT PHOTOS - JUNE 11-12, 2022

By Tom Emerick



July 16- 17, 2022 Charlton Park Civil War Muster [Max-Effort Club Event]

Hosted by Battery D, 1st Michigan Light Artillery, 7th Michigan, and 3rd 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. Located at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Michigan. Pre-registration required/fee for walk-ons. Website and registration form/ information at http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/special_events.html.

Contact: info@charltonpark.org.

Don Everett will be registering all Club members for the event. This year participants are subject to a \$10 fee if not pre-registered. All Club members are encouraged to notify Don if you plan to attend even if unsure you will actually participate. We also need some volunteers to work Friday registration and modern camping. Please contact Don if you can donate a few hours to the cause. There is again the possibility this year that bagged ice will not be available onsite for purchase. Sutler Row is being relocated closer to the Village Green this year. Club members (as we are one of the co-hosting units) can begin setting up on Thursday after 12:00 PM or Friday after 8:00 AM. The Club will be having a potluck dinner at the pavilion in Modern Camping, time to be determined. Vonda Warren volunteered to provide a main course of sloppy joes.

August 9, 2022 Civil War Discovery Camp

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 approval), 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. Located at Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum, 224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Website: <https://garmuseum.com/>. Contact: Keith Harrison at GARmichigan@gmail.com.

Events continued on page 6.....



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

Cyndiin hisservice@yahoo.com



★ The ticket price for 7th MI club members is ★
\$15 per person.

Link below to the Facebook page for the 2022 ball,
or search:

"2022 Annual Civil War Harvest Ball Honoring Linda Williams"

<https://www.facebook.com/events/724932952090506>



Registration for the
Jackson Civil War Muster
is now Open!
You must pre - register to attend.

Link:

<https://civilwarmuster.org/reenactor-application/>

Planning is progressing and we look
forward to seeing everyone!



Cascades Civil War Muster, Aug. 2017. Photo by E. Painter

REMAINING 2022 CLUB EVENTS:

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



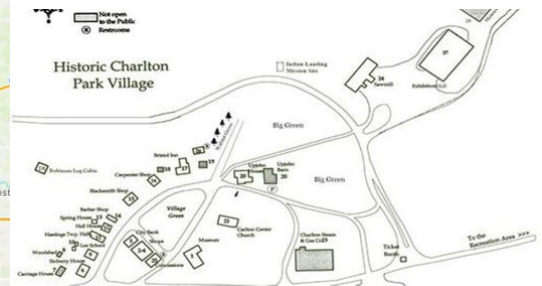
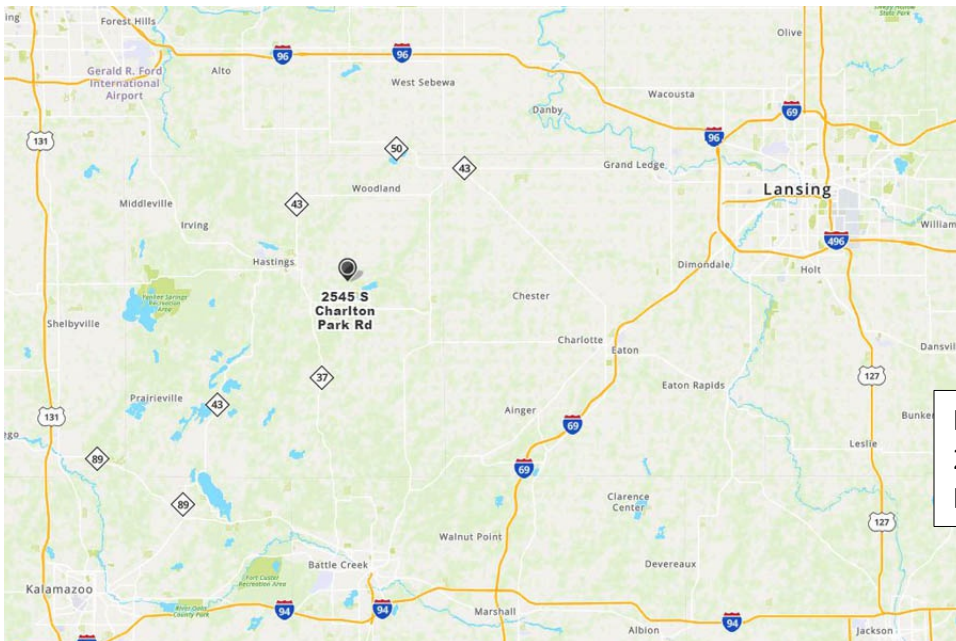
August 27-28,2022 Jackson Civil War Muster [Maximum-effort Club event]

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. Map below. 7th Michigan Club members will be individually registering via the event website.

September 10, 2022 Club Meeting & Frontier Days Parade

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. Dan Hershey is working diligently to obtain a 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. 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.



Historic Charlton Park
2545 S. Charlton Park Rd.
Hastings, MI

Jackson Civil War Muster
Cascades Falls Park
1401 S. Brown St.
Jackson, MI 49203

