

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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



7th Michigan members gathered for the Jackson Rose Parade. Not sure what year... June of perhaps 2007?? Photographer unknown.

Upcoming June Events



June 5: Jackson Rose Parade

See page 3 for event details



June 11-12

Nappanee, IN Civil War Days

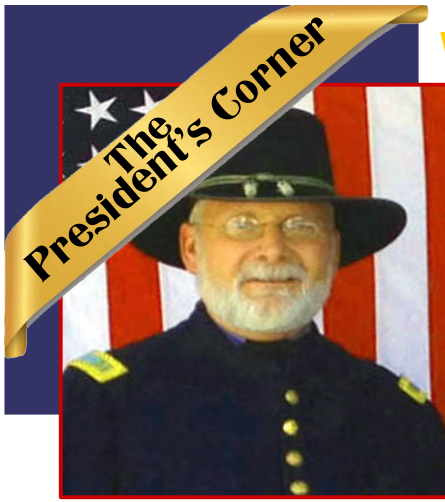


Hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

Memorial Day

For the Military: Another Flag Event - Tuesday, June 14 - 11 AM, Lansing

See page 4 for details



Well, by the time you receive this newsletter, it will only be a week before our first max-effort re-enactment at Nappanee, Indiana on June 11-12. It is never too late to register if you still want to come hang out with your friends. Also, see the newsletter for Captain McComas's after-action report on the McComas Meadow drill weekend from last month. Rumor has it was shortened due to extreme weather conditions but I strongly suspect some quality drilling was experienced during the time avail-

able. Hoping to see you all in the very near future!
Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
Tom

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 asked 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.



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, and Gina Courter.

Tee shirt orders have stopped coming in! At this time we have 24 shirts ordered and we need another 16 ordered to make the price point. Hurry up and order! Time is running out!

---Don Everett,
Quartermaster



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: Ellyn Painter

Webmaster: Dick Williams

Website: 7thmich.org/

Email: info@7thmich.org

YouTube Channel: [Lincoln Logs](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Email: 7thmichreenactors@gmail.com

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 Painter, Editor





Lois Ann Downing - June 28, 1928 - May 3, 2022

Our condolences go out to Dave and Pat Downing, and their family, on the passing of his mother, Lois Downing, on May 3, 2022.

Lois was a vocal musician who sang with the Machtel music group in Lansing, and won singing contests. For years, she also taught music to disabled children in several area schools and learning centers.

Also active in researching her family genealogy, she published a book of her family tree, and later, also wrote a children's book about her father, who found a mastodon tooth on the family farm.

The funeral service for Lois Downing was held on May 13, in Lansing.
(excerpted from Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes obituary)



The Jackson Rose Parade: Sunday, June 5th

Several reenactors will carry a banner to advertise the Jackson Civil War Muster to the public. Set up begins at 11 am and the parade will be a short event in downtown Jackson starting at 1pm. Contact person for questions or more info: Kim Horning
kimph@comcast.net 517-581-0372



June 11-12, 2022: Nappanee Civil War Days - Nappanee, IN [Maximum-effort Club event] See map – page 4

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 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 7th and 21st Indiana Light Artillery Units. Located at Amish Acres, 1600 W. Market Street, Nappanee, Indiana, 46550. Event contact: dakollar@gmail.com. Facebook: Nappanee Civil War Days.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2824305777849278/>

Tom Emerick will be mailing in registrations for all 7th Michigan Club members. Please provide the following information to Tom tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com ASAP: First/last names of each attendee Adult or child Military (with rank) or civilian



July 16 - 17, 2022: Charlton Park Civil War Muster See map – page 4 [Maximum-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. NO club meeting is planned.





From the Captain

Another Flag Event: Tuesday, June 14 11 AM, Lansing

"We do have another flag event... coming up on June 14th at 11:00 (flag day, by no small coincidence) in our new Heritage Hall. A Masonic Lodge from Flint will be making a \$2,000 donation to the project (they also made a \$2,000 donation last summer) and I will be honoring them with a ceremony. It should be a great event; we have a very talented musician coming in also to perform a few songs. We also will have a flag in our new conservation lab in the Heritage Hall (which is an underground, brand new, annex to the Capitol). This event is shaping

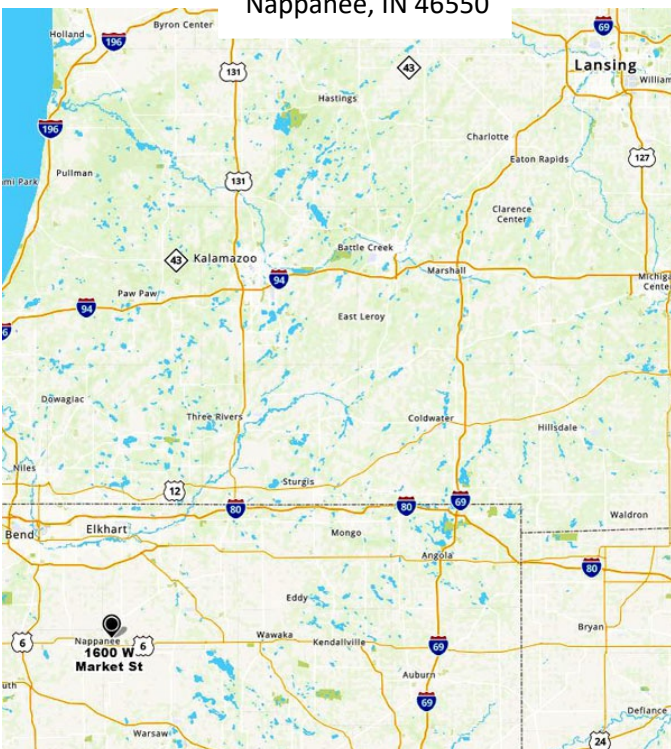
up to be, most likely, the first big event in this 40 million dollar addition to the Capitol. I would love to have an honor guard to post the colors, if you think some of your members might be interested in attending? I understand if none are available or interested, but thought I would ask, anyway. Sadly period firearms are not allowed with the new Capitol Commission rules, but swords/sabers are allowed. Lunch is being provided by the Masons and we will also be visiting flag storage at the museum after the lunch."

Event is TUESDAY JUNE 14 AT 11 AM IN LANSING

Doug



Amish Acres
1600 W. Market St.
Nappanee, IN 46550



Attention, Men of the Military both within and beyond the 7th:

I received this yesterday (May 25) from our friend Matt VanAcker. If there is enough interest I will let him know, so please respond promptly.

Military Report

Unfortunately, the weather huffed and puffed and blew away the Saturday morning McComas Meadow's drill. Still, five hardy reenactors braved the later bright sunshine and good weather to share a couple of meals, work on manual of arms and firing. Given numbers and the threat of later bad weather the drill was suspended. Thanks for those brave souls who made it.

Nappanee is two weeks away. I again encourage you to come to this newer event, which has good reviews. There is much information on the Facebook page for the group and you would be a welcome addition. Col. Lawlin anticipates "a small battalion." Come join us!

The first "big event" is Hastings in July. Plan on it hot, mosquitoes, and a great time.

Please don't forget to register for our national Perryville event in the fall. I hope to see many of you soon.

Your most obedient servant.
Capt. (one more year) McComas

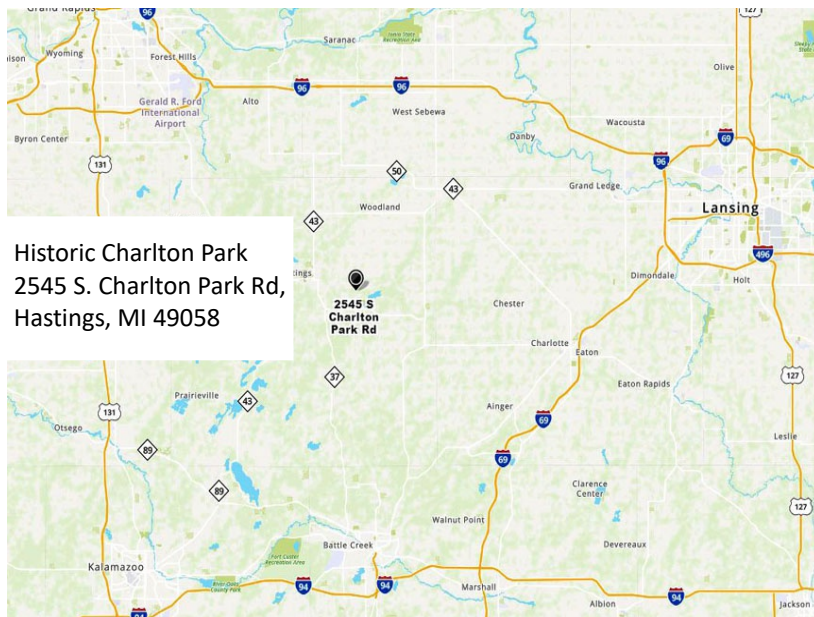


Since a new reenacting season is now getting underway, I thought I would reprint another version of "You Might Be a Civil War Reenactor if..." This one was recently posted on the Nappanee Civil War Days Facebook page by David Kollar. Enjoy!



You Might Be a Civil War Reenactor if....

- ...Your \$20,000 car sits out in the weather so your \$200 tent can stay in the garage.
- ...You drive by some open land and think, "What a great place for a battle!"
- ...Most of the clothes you own went out of style 135 [or 155!] years ago.
- ...You've made a vehicle purchase decision based on how well it can accommodate your tent poles.
- ...You've ever uttered the phrase, "only 68 more days 'til our next event!"
- ...Sleeping in a leaky tent in the rain and mud is your idea of a fun Saturday night.
- ...Your friends refuse to attend any historic movie dramas with you.
- ...You've ever made a career decision based on its impact on your reenacting weekends.
- ...You can spot 100% wool at 30 yards.
- ...Your kids can correct their history teachers.
- ...You have been asked at a gas station if you're Amish.
- ...Your birthday and Christmas lists read like a quartermaster's supply request.
- ...You believe your brogans are the most comfortable shoes that you own....



You just might be a reenactor!!



Photo by E. Painter



Remaining 2022 Club Events:

- June 11-12: Nappanee Civil War Days – Nappanee, IN
[Maximum-effort Club event]
- July 16-17: Charlton Park Civil War Muster- Hastings, MI
[Maximum-effort Club event]
- 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- [Maximum-effort Club event] Holland, MI
- September 23-25: Living History Guns n' Gowns - [Maximum-effort Club event] Livonia, MI
- 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 UM Church – Eaton Rapids, MI
- November 20: Club Meeting - Robbins Church – Eaton Rapids, MI
- December 3: Christmas Party - Robbins UM Church – Eaton Rapids, MI