

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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



Editor's Note: Although I know it isn't "Civil War-ish," I couldn't resist using this beautiful photo, taken by former 7th MI member, Bev Nichols, and shared by her on Facebook. It offers a gentle face to this long winter, which, as we all are aware, "ain't over yet!"

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- "Dues Are Due" Update
- Civil War Book Shelf -A Review by Tom Emerick
- Upcoming Events News
- New 7th MI T-shirts Ordering Info
- And More!

2022 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:

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Vice President: Steve Church

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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:

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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 2022 re-enacting year has begun slowly but is gradually picking up speed. We have recently confirmed dates for the Live Shoot (04/30), Heritage/Blue & Gray Day (10/01), Harvest Ball (10/08), and Jackson Muster (08/27-28). Sorry to hear the Greenfield Village event is cancelled again this year but it is a good possibility in 2023.

We have begun taking orders for the new 7th Michigan t-shirts (a big thanks goes out to Dave Downing). At our March Club meeting, we will be voting on events to support in 2022 so please come and vote for your favorites. This month we are all looking forward to the Civilian gathering at Vonda Warren's home and the annual road trip to the 45th Annual Kalamazoo Living History Black Powder Gun Show.

On a personal note, Joan is recovering well from her second knee replacement surgery at the end of January. Facebook videos of our two 1+ year old great-grandchildren show they are walking faster than her right now. But, I keep reminding Joan the tide will turn in her favor later in the spring (not earning me any points).

Take care and hope to see you all soon.
Tom



Highlights From February Meeting Minutes & Other News

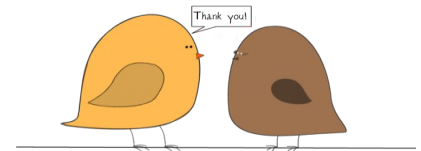
- ★ Doug announced May 14-15, 2022 McComas Meadow Drill Weekend; Also encouraged Club attendance at June 11-12 Nappanee, Indiana Re-enactment held near an Amish museum
- ★ Our Greenfield Village Liaison Dave Downing reported the 2022 event is officially cancelled this year.. Club members are asked to avoid online conversations regarding the 2022 event so not to jeopardize the goodwill we have built up with the Village over the past 20+ years.
- ★ The club now has new business cards and brochures. Contact Don Everett if you wish to obtain some.
- ★ We will be selecting the Club maximum-effort events at the March Club meeting. Tom's source for event candidates is the Reenactor Conference website (<http://micw150.us/2022events.htm>). Please visit the website (or any other event sources) to see what events interest you. Election criteria:

One major event per month	Battles both days
Authentic Civilian & Military camps	Military drill both days
Civilian activities	Modern camping
Dance (optional)	Potluck dinner (optional)
Past Club attendance	Past support from other event sponsors
- ★ Our annual Harvest Ball is Oct. 8. The Carlsons have reserved the the band and the Lansing church for that date. An amendment was approved for the Club to annually vote on supporting the Ball at our November meeting after the income/loss detail from the October event is available.

New 7th MI T-shirts Now Available

We're ready to begin taking orders for T-shirts, using the new 7th Michigan design. They will be a dark blue with "Civil War Reenactor" on the front left breast, and the 7th Michigan "eagle" design on the back.

Cost: \$20 each for sizes S-XL. Add \$2 for XXL, and \$3 for XXXL. In order to keep the price discount, we are hoping to get 50 orders. Place your order with Don Everett along with your payments to the club. For questions, contact Dave Downing.



Thank you for the card expressing well wishes. It was greatly appreciated.
--Keith Harrison



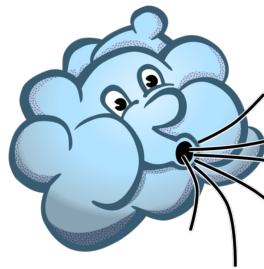
Please also keep Joy Henderson in your thoughts & prayers as she continues to recover from her fall.



Please welcome new 7th MI members **Dan & Amber Hershey** who joined at the Feb. club meeting. They are also newlyweds, and live in Jackson.



Saturday, March 19
 Civilian Sewing Gathering –
 Home of Vonda Warren



March Events

Guests are invited to arrive after 10:00 AM. There will be a brunch/potluck meal shared by all. Sewing projects 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 I-69 to the M-50/Shepherd Street [Exit 60]. Travel westbound four streets and turn right (north) onto Johnson Street. Drive to the first intersection (Johnson St. and E. Shaw St.). It is the cute light blue house on the right. Contact is Vonda Warren at (517) 543-4474. Residence is located at 602 E. Shaw, Charlotte, Michigan 48813 (See Map to Vonda's on last page)

Sunday, March 20: 7th MI Club Meeting - 1:00 pm at Robbins United Methodist Church; 6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI

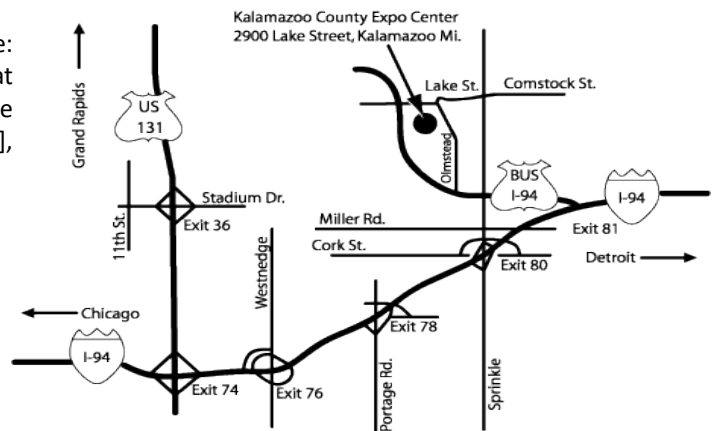
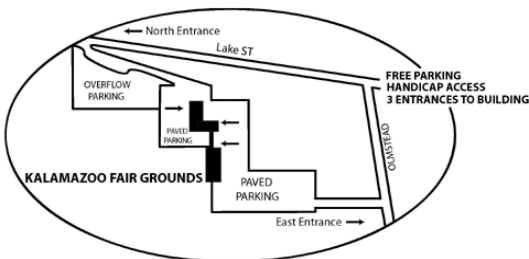
March 19-20 Kalamazoo Living History Show – Kalamazoo, MI

Saturday - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The largest, nationally recognized, juried show in the Midwest devoted to pre-1890 original or reproduction living history supplies, accouterments and related crafts. Admission is \$7.00 for a single day, \$10.00 for a weekend pass. Children 12 years of age and under admitted free when accompanied by a parent. No strollers allowed. Anyone attending the show in pre-1890 style clothing will be eligible for a drawing on a door prize.



<https://www.kalamazooshow.com/>
 NOTE: Maps & images are from the website

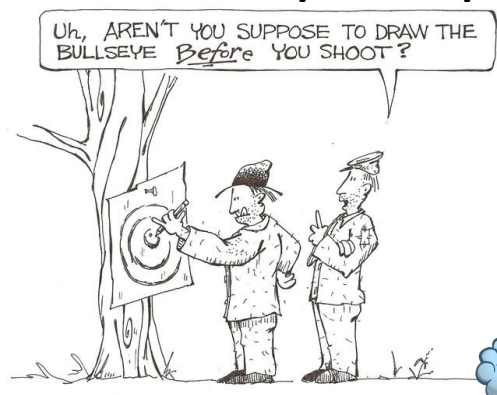
The show is sponsored by Yankee Doodle Muzzle Loader, Inc. Website: <http://www.kalamazooshow.com/index.html>. Contact: Email at kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com. Venue is located at the Kalamazoo Fair Grounds, 2900 Lake St. [off I-94, Exit 80 North], Kalamazoo, Michigan 49048



April Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot: April 30

The shoot will be held on Sat. April 30th. 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 balls, and mini balls for those black powder shooters. Pot luck 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. The Quartermaster will have uniforms, clothing, accouterments, and general merchandize for sale as well as powder and caps.

From Roger Carpenter –
 “This is why Don always wins”:



UPcoming EVENTS

MORE

Annual Spring Drill

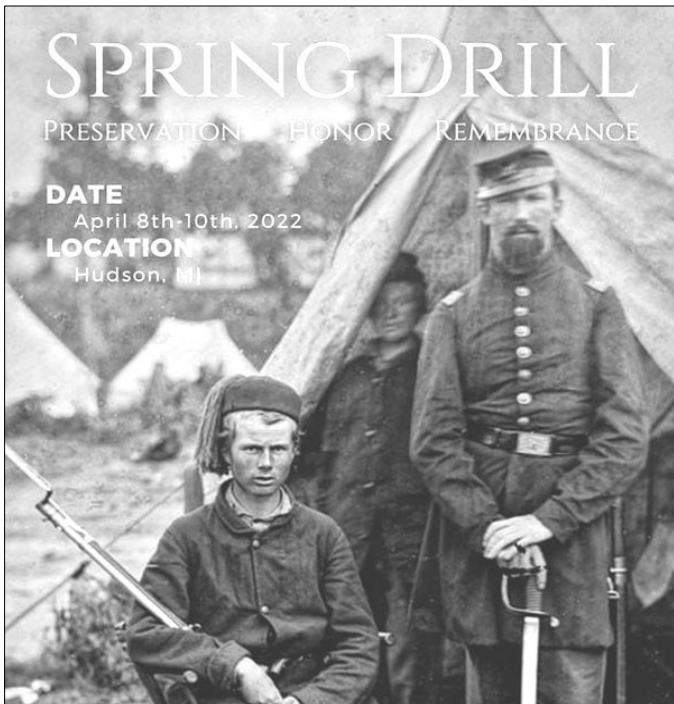
April 8-10, 2022

Sponsored by 12th South Carolina / 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Inc.

This April our organization will be hosting its annual Spring Drill on private ground near Hudson, Michigan!

Alongside this event, we will be laying a wreath during a public ceremony on April 9th in Maple Grove Cemetery, the final resting place for many 1st Michigan, 4th Michigan, and US Regular Veterans. Immediately following this ceremony, we will be holding a narrated drill and firing demonstration that is open to the public! A schedule of events will be available soon!

https://m.facebook.com/pg/civilwarlives/posts/?ref=page_internal



2022 Events:

March 19: Civilian Sewing Gathering – Vonda Warren

March 19-20: Kalamazoo Living History Show – Kalamazoo, MI

March 20: Club Meeting - Robbins Church

April 30: Club Meeting & Charlie Colegrove Memorial Shoot – Eaton Rapids, MI

October 1: Heritage Festival /Blue & Gray Day – Meridian Historical Village, Okemos, MI

October 8 ; Harvest Ball - Central United Methodist Church, Lansing

October 16: Annual Club Meeting & Elections - Robbins Church, Eaton Rapids, MI

November 20: Club Meeting - Robbins Church

December 3: Christmas Party - Robbins Church



"We have had the honor of being invited to join our pals for this drill and I would love to do so but I need to make certain we have HARD numbers. Please sound off if you will be able to attend."

Capt. McComas

"I encourage you all to attend the Nappanee event."

2nd Annual Nappanee Civil War Days, Nappanee, IN – June 11-12, 2022

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2824305777849278/>

"The 7th Indiana & 21st Indiana Light Artillery Units would like to invite you to the 2nd annual Nappanee Civil War Days, scheduled for June 11th and 12th. Set up will be on Friday, June 10th.

We are looking for Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery and Civilians to come and take a stand for your side." Activities: 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.

Please send information to dakollar@gmail.com or print out and mail the form to Nappanee Civil War Days, 603 W. Pike St., Goshen, IN 46526. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jackson Is Back! - Aug. 27-28, 2022

And it's returning to Cascades Park. <https://civilwarmuster.org/>

Save the Date! Blue & Grey Day / Heritage Festival: Sat., October 1

The Blue & Grey Days event this year will be ONLY ONE DAY – October 1st. It will be combined with the Meridian Heritage Festival. Featured will be a period baseball team. These guys want to play ball! So... I'm looking for volunteers (both men & women are welcome) to form an opposing team. Also, I need some cane fishing poles, so kids can fish in the pond. Please let me know if you can help meet either of these needs. The Village has a new director, Holly, who was previously the Education Director for the Village. Her tenure appears promising so far; she is enthusiastic, and has a lot of good ideas. ---Sue Colegrove, Meridian Village Liaison



National Event: Antietam Living History: August 13-14, 2022



"I'm pleased to announce that Capt Crater has opened registration to the Antietam living history to us please feel free to register if you are able to meet event guidelines."
Capt. Mccomas

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7thmiantietam.com

Col. Hall / Michigan Monument At Antietam: Progress Report

Michigan Civil War Association: Feb. 11

We are excited to share progress on the Michigan Monument at Antietam project. Artist and sculptor Michael Kraus has completed the clay maquette (a fifteen-inch tall representation of the final sculpture) representing Colonel Norman Hall. As you can see from the clay and the photo of Colonel Hall, Michael did a great job with his features as well as the officer's cap. Of course the finished piece will exhibit even more details.

The maquette is at a foundry for the purpose of casting a bronze, which will aid in awareness, promotion, and fundraising. Several people have asked if bronze maquettes might be available for sale or a donation. We are considering these options as well as potentially creating some with a less expensive resin-type material.

Michael has been exceptional to work with throughout this process! The conversations with him are always productive, inclusive, and exciting. He has been a true partner in the process, both in terms of history and artistry, and we look forward to the other phases of the project with the ultimate goal of a Michigan monument at Antietam.

We are often asked about the time-line. Much of that depends on fundraising efforts. What has been raised to date has allowed us to accomplish the first phase of the maquette and in launching our fund raising efforts. Whether one of our followers would like to make a single donation to cover the rest (in our dreams) or it is campaign of grass-roots efforts by many, we look forward to finish line. Look to hear more on that from us soon!

Included is a rendering of approximately what the finished piece will look like as well as specs on the stone base. Please note that the text to be written on the bronze plaques has not yet been finalized but it will be similar to like monuments on battlefields. Also, the inscription on the base with the Michigan seal is yet to be determined but we are leaning toward having MICHIGAN inscribed for immediate recognition.

Thank you again for your interest and support. More updates to come.



Col Norman Hall

Norman J. Hall (1837 – 1867) was born in New York State in 1837 and graduated from West Point in 1859. At age 12, he moved with his family to Raisinville in Monroe County, MI. As a young officer in the first year of the Civil War, he had already performed a least one feat of battlefield bravery, when in July 1862 he accepted a commission as colonel of the 7th Michigan Infantry.

At the Battle of Antietam that September, his regiment suffered 60% casualties, and he himself was wounded. He was cited for gallantry for his actions both in that battle, and later in the Battle of Fredericksburg. Twenty-five year old Hall volunteered to lead the 7th Michigan on the dangerous river crossing while under fierce enemy fire, in order to take the town. That feat was eventually achieved by Michigan I men in open boats, under command of Lt. Col. Henry Baxter of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

Col. Hall served with distinction until late in the War, when his health failed and he returned home, dying two years later. He is buried at West Point.



NOTE: Our club donated \$500 to the monument project when it was initially suggested in 2015.





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 tin, CCI 4 wing musket caps at \$9 per tin of 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 will be \$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.

Late News: The FTC has objected to the merger of Sportsman's Warehouse between Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's! Apparently the FTC thought that if the merger were to go forward Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's would have an unfair advantage, not a monopoly and Sportsman's Warehouse has withdrawn from the merger. Only time will tell if Sportsman's Warehouse can survive.

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. **For those that have not paid dues this will be your last newsletter!**

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

- Dan "Pete" Conklin
- Anthony DiSano/Russ McKenzie
- Christopher Harward
- Gavin/Kelly Lewis
- Andrew McComas
- Erik/Brittne Myers
- Dan O'Connell
- Dwayne Robison
- Jane Rose
- Craig Searles
- Danella Sheid



Will March behave like this? Hope so!

Civilian Report

On Saturday, February 19 we had a small Civilian meeting. Julie, Pat, Sue, Nicole, Cori and Rowan met at Sue Colegrove's house, and talked about many goodwill type subjects.



The Sunday meeting on the 20th went...

...ok. We discussed the Charlie Colegrove Memorial shoot, to be held April 30 at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club. We discussed what foods will be offered and that we will have a potluck. If you are interested in more info, please contact me (Nicole), at 517/703-4107. Also, if you would like to bring a dish to pass, please let me know. I'd like to keep a list, so we don't end up with 5 different macaroni and cheese, but no vegetables (for example!). Last minute changes are great! No worries there.

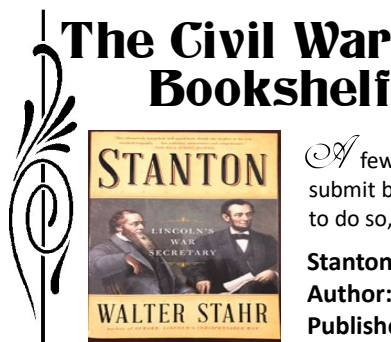
We also discussed the Blue and Grey Day, October 1st, at Meridian Historical Village. We have been in contact with a Vintage Baseball team, who has agreed to play a game with us! We would love to have 9 or more people for them to play against, in whatever garb you choose to wear. I, personally, would love to see a few in military uniform, a few in 1860s Civilian garb, a hoop or 2, maybe a couple spectators... We will be combined with the Village's Heritage Festival.

Remember, we have a You-Tube channel! We are "Lincoln Logs". Email: 7thmichreenactors@gmail.com

If you have ideas for a video, let me know! I understand the military will be getting some videos to me for uploading soon. Wanna help? I'd welcome it!

I hope you all have a fabulous month, and I hope to talk to some of you soon! Feel free to text, call or email me anytime!

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A few years ago, Ellyn graciously requested Club members to submit book reviews for the newsletter. This is my first attempt to do so, so bear with me.

Stanton: The Life and Times of Lincoln's Secretary of War
Author: Benjamin P. Thomas, Harold M. Hyman -
Published 1962, Alfred A. Knoph, Inc. - 643 Pages

This is an excellent book covering the private and public life of, what I now consider, one of the primary architects of the Union victory in the Civil War. Everything I had read previously about Mr. Stanton led me to believe he was a cutthroat lawyer who inflicted his will on everything he touched with no concern for how it affected anyone. I could not have been more wrong. This book uses primary source material and personal correspondence to reveal the real man and his herculean efforts during the war. To paraphrase a statement by the author, Edwin Stanton should be considered on the same level as Lincoln, Grant, and Sherman for winning the war that preserved the Union. ---Tom Emerick

