

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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



Some handsome soldiers at the Camp Jackson memorial dedication on Saturday, April 23, 2022, Jackson, MI. Photo by Elynn Painter



Event :

May 21-22: Drill at McComas Meadow

(details on page 2)

ATTENTION ALL:

An updated version of the latest club roster is available as a separate PDF accompanying this issue of the newsletter.

**Drill at McComas Meadow:
May 21 - 22, 2022**

**321 Riviera Dr,
Brooklyn, MI**
(entrance corner of Cement
City and Kelly Rds)



Save
the Date!

Authentic camping only; military and civilians. Water, wood, and modern bathroom available. For Schedule, see next page.





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

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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:

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

May 1, 2022

Well, this month is starting out with a bang for our household. My eldest son (Robert), wife (Guadalupe), older daughter (Carrissa) and one of our three great-grandchildren (Evangelina) flew in from Germany yesterday. Carrissa's husband (Terrell) arrives from Germany today. Our youngest son, Kyle, arrives from Germany Monday. Our grandson, Thomas, arrives from California Tuesday. Thomas's girl-friend (Nelsy) arrives from New Jersey on Wednesday. Our granddaughter, Juanita, is graduating from MSU on Friday. A wonderful young lady with very good grades and a terrific attitude. And, the graduation party at our house commences on Saturday for the Belman and Emerick sides of the family to attend. All in all, a great time to be spending time with the family!



The President's Corner

It sounded like last month's 12th South Carolina/4th Michigan drill weekend was a rousing success. We are looking forward to the same outcome (good weather, good drill, good food, camaraderie, etc.) for this month's McComas Meadow drill weekend. Our first regional re-enactment (Nappanee, Indiana) is fast approaching in June. Additional information is in the newsletter. Please register through me early if you plan to attend. I am looking forward to seeing the faces of newer and longtime friends on the battlefield in the upcoming months.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

Tom



Schedule for McComas Meadow weekend:

Participants may setup after 5pm, Friday May 20.

Friday: 5 pm-? Setup and fellowship

Saturday:

8 am: Breakfast	Wheels	Change front forward on x
9 am: First Formation	Firing positions	By files to the rear
Forming the company	10.30am: break	Firing by: File, rank, oblique
Roll Call	11 am: Skirmish Drill	company
Arms positions	12 pm: Dinner	3.30pm: Clean weapons /
Stack arms	2 pm: By company into line	Downtime
Facings	By the right and left flank	5Pm Supper
<u>Sunday</u>	Wheeling on the move	6pm - informal
9 am Breakfast		drill/skirmish/
10 am Drill review & any additional items		7 pm social time
12:00 pm Dinner		
1 pm : Skirmish or other item		
as identified by the men		
2pm: Drill closes		

*Sutler will be available
* Various officers will take command over the weekend



7th MI Club NEWS

READ ALL ABOUT IT !!



Above: Don & Julie Everett with the newlyweds, Shawn & Katie Banks, and Shawn's daughter, Sammy. Photos courtesy of Don & Julie.

Congratulations, Katie & Shawn!



*On Sunday, April 17, 2022,,
Katie Everett became
Mrs. Shawn Banks.*



May 1, 2022

Paul & Nicolø Mai

celebrated their
7th wedding
Anniversary.



April 14th, from Matt Allen on the 7th MI Facebook page::

Hello fellow members and pards,
We would like to let everybody know that Dravyn had a stroke recently, but we are back home now and doing okay. Due to the unknown nature of recovery, we are going to try and make as many events/meetings this season as we are able to, but it will most likely be less than we would like to be involved. This mostly applies to the early season events; we're hoping things look better for the summer. We are looking forward to seeing everybody in the field!
Matt & Dravyn





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.

NOTICEFOR 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 ask 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 2XLand \$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 Mallick, Dave Dzierbicki, Bob/Carol Smith, and Gina Courter.

----Don Everett, Quartermaster

Recent Club Activities

April 30th: CHARLEY COLEGROVE MEMORIAL SHOOT

The Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot was held Saturday 4/30/2022. Though sparsely attended a good time was had by all. We had 10 participants for the shoot. Mark Heath demonstrated his LeMat pistol, a 9 shot .44, plus a 20 gauge shotgun barrel. We had to keep an eye on the Tow used to wad the shotgun barrel as it smoldered for quite a while. We didn't want to set the range on fire.

This year's shoot course consisted of 5 rounds of .45 Colt from an 1860 Army Colt Richards/Mason conversion revolver at a 50% silhouette target. Maximum score was 100 points. Cordelia Mai and Caitlene Malick shot in the women's division. However Caitlene showed all of us up this year. I am proud to announce that this year's overall winner is **Caitlene Malick** with a score of 67 out of 100. She had 2 10x, a 10, a 9 and an 8. That was fine shooting, Caitlene! Congratulations! Caitlene has bragging rights in the 7th this year!

---Don Everett



The Winner...Caitlene Malick. Photo by Sue Colegrove



Above: Amber Hershey in her lovely shooting outfit. Photos from Facebook by Amber

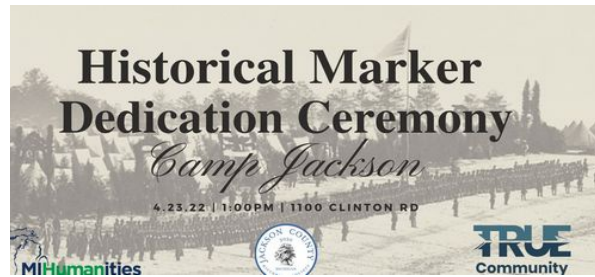


Above:The ladies, enjoying time with our youngest club members. Right, the Fenrich family. Photos by Sue Colegrove.



At left:: Tom Emerick, Mark Heath; Jim MacKinnon shooting. Photos by Don Everett





Several members of the 7th MI, as well as other reenactors and living historians, participated in the ceremony. Photos below are by Elyn Painter



Above: Soldiers gather for their march. Amber Hershey & Connie Horning, who laid a wreath at the marker.

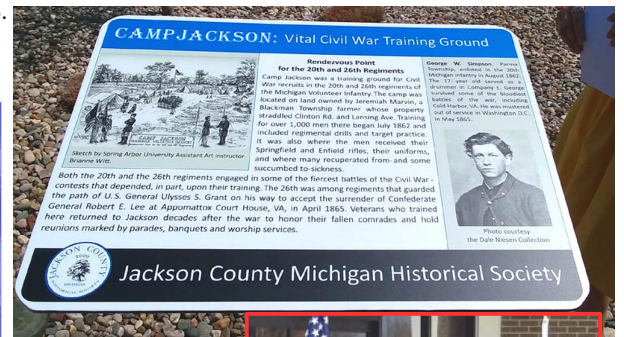


SAT., APRIL 23, 2022: CAMP JACKSON MEMORIAL UNVEILED

A ceremony unveiling a new historical marker commemorating Camp Jackson featured a number of dignitaries including Linda Haas, local Jackson historian and author of several books about the Underground Railroad in Jackson County, and Maurice Imhoff, who many of us know as a reenactor with the 102nd U.S. Colored Troops. Maurice is also president of the Jackson County Historical Society.

Camp Jackson was a training ground for recruits from the 20th and 26th Michigan Volunteer Regiments which, during the Civil War, was set up on land now occupied by the True Community Credit Union, at 1100 Clinton Rd., in Jackson, MI (where the historical marker is placed).

In the 1860s, the land was owned by Jeremiah Marvin, "a Blackman Township farmer whose property straddled Clinton Rd. and Lansing Ave." Over 1,000 men began their training there in July 1862. "...the 20th and 26th regiments engaged in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil War...the 26th was among" those who guarded Gen. U.S. Grant's route to accept the surrender of Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse, April 1865.



Right: Maurice Imhoff



Cancellation: 2022 Independence Day Weekend: Civil War Living History Event

Regrettably, Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum has had to cancel its annually sponsored Civil War Living History event that was planned for the July 4th 2022 weekend in Eaton, Rapids. Based on discussions with city staff, we were unable to secure adequate space that we would have needed to sponsor a successful Civil War Living History program for this year. The space we used last year is being utilized by the city for a program that is incompatible with reenactor camping. We were offered a smaller area by the city, but it would not have been sufficient to accommodate the participants we had last year, let alone the surge of interest we've experienced from additional Civil War reenactors expressing their plans to attend this year's event.

We apologize for the inconvenience and hope to begin earlier discussions in the planning process with the city and also to include more stakeholders this time regarding the holding of the event again in 2023.

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum
224 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Harvest Ball to Honor Linda Williams

With the gracious consent of the Carlsons, the Ball this year will be honoring Linda Williams (who passed away last November), a 7th MI member for over 30 years. It was Linda who started the Ball and managed it for many years before stepping down, at which point the Carlsons took on the responsibility. In Linda's memory, I have told the Carlsons I will handle the refreshments this year. If there is anyone that would like to help me with the food this year please contact me by Phone: 517-393-3475 or

E-mail: djkeverett@comcast.net

Also I'm collecting pictures of Linda (and her family) at the ball or any Civil War events to display on picture boards set up at the Ball. Please put your name on the back of the picture(s) so I can return them to you. We will be personally inviting Dick and his family to the Ball (at no cost, and period attire not required for them).

Thank you.
Julie Everett



Upcoming Events



June 11-12, 2022: Nappanee Civil War Days Nappanee, IN [Maximum-effort Club event]

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.

DAYS OF THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

At Nappanee, Indiana
JUNE 11 & 12, 2022



Located at the former Amish Acres site along US 6 on the western edge of Nappanee, Indiana.

Please join the 7th and 21st Indiana Light Artillery Units along with The Barns and Power From The Past, for our 2nd Civil War History Event at this historic location.

Also:

Join us on Facebook at:
Nappanee Civil War Days

DAYS OF THE BLUE AND THE GRAY
AT NAPPANEE, INDIANA
JUNE 11 & 12, 2022

Units contact Person _____
Phone _____
We will reenact as _____
USA or CSA _____
Affiliation: (Name of Brigade or Sutler) _____

Regiment, Co. or Brigade _____
Number of Troops _____

List Names & state whether Military (rank), Civilian or Minor

Send this form to
7th Ind. Lt. Artillery
603 W Pike Street
Goshen, IN 46526



This year's event will consist of 3 days, but only 2 will be open to the public. Friday, June 10, is only for vendors, Sutlers and reenactors to sign in, register and set up camps. Everyone can start signing in at 9 a.m. Friday morning and as late into the night as necessary. We realize some may want to arrive and sign in Saturday morning and that's fine. This is an open invitation to all reenactors. Among the provisions to be provided to participants and guests include but are not limited to the following:

- Water
- Firewood
- Straw
- Food booths
- Dining Tent
- Showers
- Porta Potties
- Flush Toilets
- Entertainment.



EVENT FEES & BOUNTIES

DUE TO THE HARDSHIPS THIS YEAR FROM COVID AND OTHER ECONOMIC CONCERNS WE ARE WAIVING ALL FEES FOR FOOD VENDOR'S AND SUTLER'S .

BOUNTIES WILL BE PAID HOWEVER AS FOLLOWS:

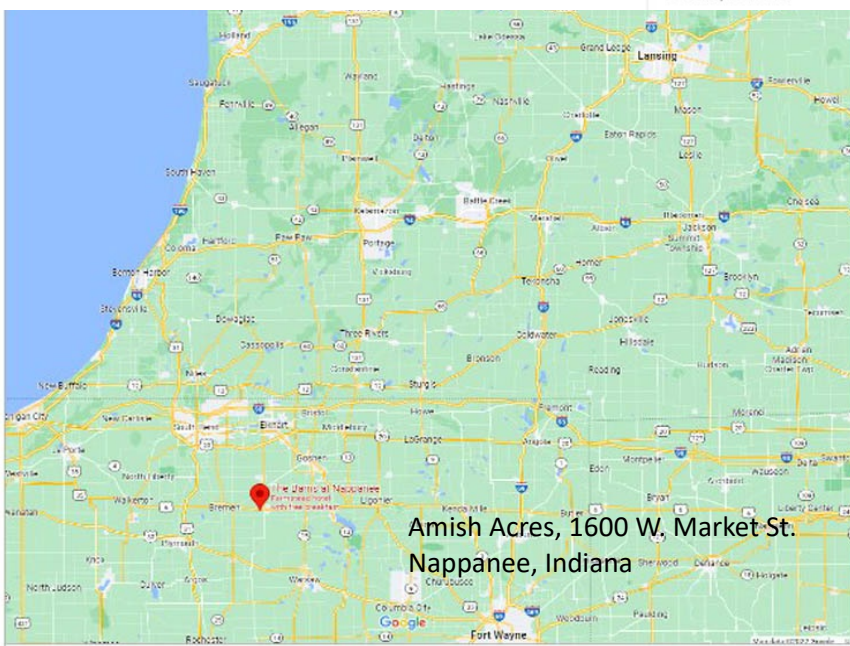
\$100.00 WILL BE PAID TO THE FIRST 6 UNITS OF FULL SIZE ARTILLERY (57" WHEEL) OF BOTH THE UNION AND CONFEDERATE ENTRIES. FOR A TOTAL OF 12 UNITS TO RECEIVE BOUNTY.



The town of Nappanee is located in northern Indiana right on route US 6. Nearby amenities for travelers include but are not limited to:

- ROOMS FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS**
- The Amish Inn- 574-773-2011
 - The Countryside Inn- 574-773-5999
 - The Shamrock Motel- 574-773-3193

- OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:**
- FOR DINNING:** The Barns Restaurants, located right next to the Reenactment Grounds
 - FOR ENTERTAINMENT:** The Round Barn Theatre, also next door, hosting many popular plays throughout the year.

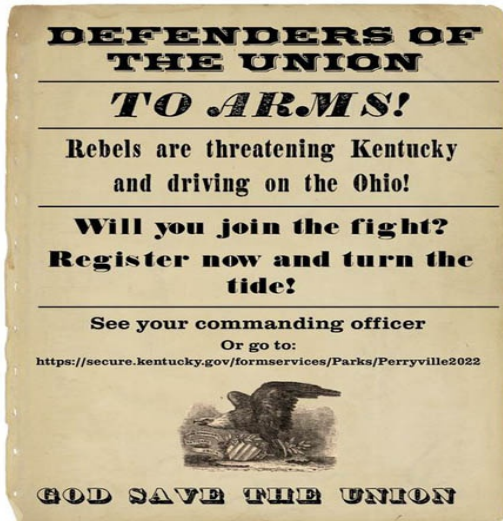


Event contact: dakollar@gmail.com.
Facebook: Nappanee Civil War Days.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2824305777849278/>

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



October 8 -9, 2022: 160th Anniversary of The Battle of Perryville



From the Captain:
'Get those registrations in, lads. Never too early.'

Remaining Club Events for 2022

- May 21-22 McComas Meadow Drill Weekend – Brooklyn, MI
- 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 Club Meeting & Frontier Days Parade - 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 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

Register here: \$10.00 for everyone over 16 years old. No charge for anyone under 16. Regular registration closes on September 2, 2022. NO WALK ONS ALLOWED. See the website for complete instructions

<https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/Parks/Perryville2022?fbclid=IwAR1ML9XOM2Le9gznWgc2I>

General information on the event here:

<https://parks.ky.gov/perryville/events/events/160th-anniversary-battle-perryville-civil-war-reenactment>



4th Texas to Auction Assets

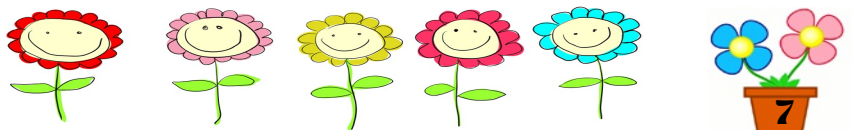
Reposted by Joan Emerick on the 7th MI Facebook page: "Sorry to see one of our fellow Confederate units going out of existence. Posted this in case any of our members may be interested in attending the auction."

From: Nick Miner, Cumberland Guard
Saw this today and figured I'd share it wider.
From Alan Allgaier:

The Multi-Lakes Association for Civil War Studies (MLACWS) (aka "4th Texas") is hosting a Silent Auction on Saturday, May 14 2022 to liquidate its physical assets. All proceeds from this auction will be donated to other 501(c)(3) organizations, in accordance with our bylaws.

Editor's Note: This is just an excerpt from the original notice, which includes detailed instructions on how to participate in the auction, and a lengthy list of the many, many items to be sold.

- This auction will be conducted at the home of Steve Domke – 8892 Marr Road, Almont, Michigan, starting at 1:00pm. This auction is open to the public.
- The bid period is from 1pm-3pm, during which items will be set out for display and inspection.



Thank you all for your patience as you've waited for this issue of the newsletter. It is finally here for you! My appreciation, also, for those who contributed photos and other items.