

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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



"In glory,
underneath the sod,
Slumber our
heroes to-day."

1861-1865

VETERANS
Nov. DAY 11th



2022-23 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:

Daniel Malick (military)

dmalick12@gmail.com

Nicole Mai (civilian)

nicole_scarlett_rose@yahoo.com

President: David Dzierbicki

Vice President: Rowan Wilson

Secretary: Nicole Mai

Treasurer/Club Roster: Don Everett

Military: Andrew McComas, Captain

Quartermaster: Don Everett

Civilian Coordinator: Avery Williams

Board Members-at-Large:

Dravyn Allen, Julie Everett, Caitlene Malick

Club Historian: Doug McComas

Newsletter Editor: Elyyn 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:

\$20.00 – single \$25.00 – 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.

Elyyn Painter, Editor





Well, 2022 has come and gone...

As you will see in the newsletter, we have elected a new, mostly younger slate of individuals who will be charged with carrying forward the tradition and principles of the 7th Michigan Vol. Inf., Co. B. Please provide them with the same support and guidance offered to me over the past year.

Joan and I will still be around spending time with our Civil War friends. We intend to dedicate more time to camping (really glamping), visiting with our grandkids and great-grandkids, and, me, working on my family genealogy and reading those 400+ books on Civil War history I have accumulated over the past few decades.

Thank you all for your support over the past year!
 Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,
 Tom



Highlights from the Annual Meeting of Sunday, October 16:

T-shirt orders are complete, and we are waiting to hear from the vendor as to when to pick them up. If you have not yet paid for your shirt(s), please do so ASAP.

Our new club President is
 Dave Dzierbicki
 Congratulations, Dave!



See next page for
 full election results

-  The club has a large collection of clothing and equipment for sale. Quartermaster Don Everett and helpers will be photographing and listing everything on a Google Lists app.
-  Greenfield Village Annual Holiday Nights: the Christmas holiday season offers an opportunity for our participation in concert with the 17th Michigan. Doug McComas will follow up on this as a possible fund-raiser for us. Watch for updates.
-  Annual Harvest Ball Report: This year's participants numbered between 65-75. For the second year in a row, the club did NOT make a profit. A raise in ticket price of \$5-10 is being considered. Gilbert & Cyndi Carlson are proposing to move the ball to a less busy time of year-perhaps February, or early spring. The Carlsons are also seeking a club member(s) to eventually take over from them the organization of the event.
-  The possibility was raised of discontinuing the Live Shoot, as low turnout persists, and the club also experiences a revenue loss on this event.
-  Andrew McComas has offered to do the needed repairs on the club's trailer. Also, storage of the trailer will be relocated from Don's home to either Doug, or Andrew McComas's property.
-  It was voted to increase club dues from \$16 to \$20 per individual and from \$19.20 to \$25 per family, to go into effect in 2023.
-  Tom Emerick paid tribute to Vonda Warren for her contributions to the club, which include decorating and providing food at every club meeting, and hosting modern camp potlucks at events or at her home. Tom also recognized Ellyn Painter for creating a quality newsletter every month.
-  GOOD & WELFARE: Keith Harrison is currently resting comfortably at home.

FOR DETAILS, **PLEASE** READ THE MEETING MINUTES ON THE LAST PAGES OF THE NEWSLETTER.



Club Election Results

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Secretary: Nicole Mai
Treasurer: Don Everett
Members-at-Large: Dravyn Allen, Julie Everett, Caitlene Malick
Civilian Coordinator: Avery Williams

MILITARY

Captain: Andrew McComas
Lieutenant: Doug McComas
1st Sergeant: Dan Malick
2nd Sergeant: Dave Dzierbicki
1st & 2nd Corporals: NO NOMINATIONS-will be brevetted in the field at events



Avery Williams is our new Civilian Coordinator. She has been a member of the 7th Michigan since the Jackson event in August. Welcome, Avery, and congratulations on your new position.

Report : Meridian Heritage Festival, Oct. 1, 2022



What a great day!!

Lots of sun shine and lots of public responses.

I want to Thank Nicole Mai, Rowan Wilson, and Cori Lorence for all their help and support and work to make the day go well.. I could not have done it with out you.

What a great presentation!! From flag ceremony, to the demonstration for the public, it was all well done..

Next I would like to thank the members of the 7th Michigan Co. B and the 17 th Michigan military.

Thank you to Celeste for doing the kids' games. Even the adults got involved in the games . So fun to watch.

Again, Thank you, everyone.

Sue Colegrove,
Meridian Event Coordinator



Native American drummers .



*Cori Lorence in camp.
Photos by Sue Colegrove*

Upcoming Events November

Saturday, November 5, 2022: Michigan's Annual Civil War Reenactors Calendar Conference

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM. As with the previous annual conferences, the purpose of the reenactor conference is to help promote Michigan Civil War events and Civil War events of significance to Michigan Individuals, organizations, and communities sponsoring and/or hosting reenactments, living histories, programs, presentations, and/or commemorations are encouraged to bring their fliers and other promotional items about their 2023 events to the conference. The conference and subsequent statewide calendar have proven to be effective tools in helping to avoid event date conflicts and in bringing in additional notice, participants, and public to your events. The event is being sponsored and hosted by the Michigan Civil War History Partners, Friends of Michigan History, Inc., Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum, and Historic Fort Wayne Coalition. Refreshments will be served. Contacts are Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net, or Tom Berlucchi at tberlucchi@yahoo.com. 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.

Friday, November 11, 2022: Veterans Day Parade – Mason, Michigan

American Legion Post 148 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7309 will once again be hosting the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Mason. We will be mustering in the parking lot of the Mason First Church of the Nazarene located at 415 E. Maple Street, Mason, Michigan 48854. The parade units will be forming up between 2:00-3:00 with step off planned for 3:00. The parade route is 8/10th of a mile long with a serious hill to climb enroute to the downtown courthouse square. Civilian and Military members are invited to participate. Military should bring leathers and rifles but no ammunition. For those Club members wishing to observe the parade, a good viewing spot is the southeast corner of the courthouse square by the war memorial plaques. We will be dining at a local restaurant immediately following the parade. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Contact is Tom Emerick at (517) 230-8242



Upcoming events, concluded...

Saturday, November 19, 2022: Civilian Sewing Gathering – Home of Ellyn Painter

Guests are invited to arrive at 10:00 AM. There will be a brunch/potluck meal shared by all. Please bring a dish to pass, and include a list of the ingredients, for those with dietary restrictions. 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. Location: 736 Gettysburg Ave., Jackson, MI 49203. Contact: Ellyn Painter at (517) 782-4387.

Sunday, November 20, 2022: 7th Michigan Club Meeting

Robbins United Methodist Church, 6419 Bunker Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827.

1:00-2:00 Civilian & Military meetings

2:00-5:00 Club Meeting

Maps for the listed November events
can be found at the end of the newsletter.

2022 Remaining Club Events

Saturday, December 3, 2022: Christmas Party -
Robbins Church – Eaton Rapids, MI

7th Michigan Christmas Party



Saturday Dec. 3, 2022

12:30 – social time / 1pm Lunch

Robbins United Methodist Church

6419 Bunker rd.

Eaton rapids, mi 48827

*Lunch – Chicken – beverage will be provided

*Please bring a dish (or two) to pass (depending on family size)

*No alcohol

program / awards

(Anyone wanting to give out an award or perform please
contact Pat Downing: 517-930-5378

-You will not be able to prepare potluck dish at the church.

There are plugs for crock pots

We will be providing paper plates and plastic silver service.

(You may use your own table service)

*Due to Food allergies, it is requested
that you list ingredients.



Upcoming Civilian Sewing Meetings

Home of:
January 21, 2023 – Joan Emerick
February 18, 2023 – Vonda Warren
March 18, 2023 – We will be going to
the Kalamazoo Living History Show
April ? 2023 – To Be Announced



2023 Potential Events:

June 10-11: Nappanee Civil War Days- Nappanee, IN

May 27-29: Greenfield Village Remembrance Day
Weekend [CANCELLED]

May ??-?? Living History Guns 'n Gowns-Livonia, MI *

* There is a possibility of this 17th MI event being
rescheduled from September to May

June 25: 20th Anniversary Re-Dedication Ceremony
for the 7th MI Monument, Fredericksburg, VA

June 30/July 1-2: 160th Battle of Gettysburg,
NPS Living History Weekend [tentative]

Posted by Doug McComas , on the
7th MI Facebook page, from Eli Grimes:
Mark your calendars! **May 6-7 2023!**

Billie Creek Village Civil War Days is back!

Billie Creek is a living history village and farm located
near Rockville, Indiana. At one time Billie Creek was the
premier event in Indiana and now we're bringing it back!

Interested reenactors or those wanting further information,
please contact myself, Eli Grimes,
on Facebook Messenger,
or by email at: hotrod2290@gmail.com



Our Annual

Harvest Civil War Grand Ball



Was October 8, 2022 - Honoring
The Legacy of Linda Williams



Above: Linda with her daughter, Kim, at a long ago ball. Photo taken in 1993, at the former Port Huron Ball, (which was usually held in early spring, or around Valentine's Day each year.)



Dick Williams, center, flanked by his children, Christopher and Kimberly.



Photos courtesy of Julie Everett, except where otherwise noted.



Family Group, including Kim's husband, Alan Woodbury, and Christopher's friend, Sena Hiline



"I hope you, and all of the 7th Michigan, understand how grateful we all are for the beauty of that ball. It was so touching to have her remembered at intermission. She loved reenacting, dancing, and all of her friends with her whole heart."

Kimberly Woodbury



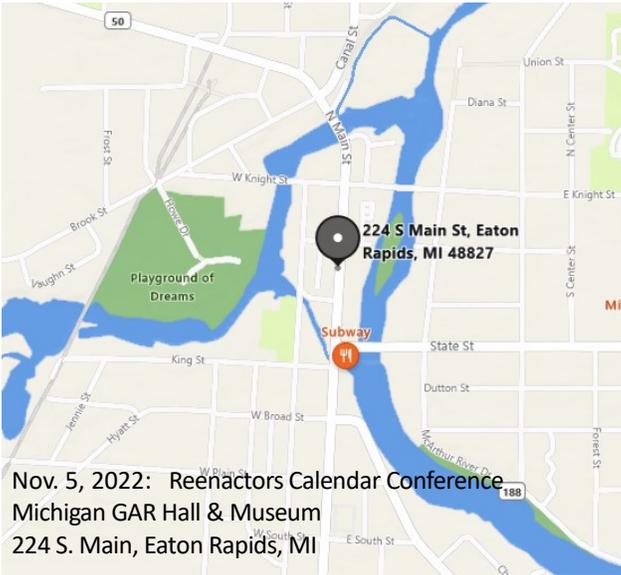
Dick & Linda



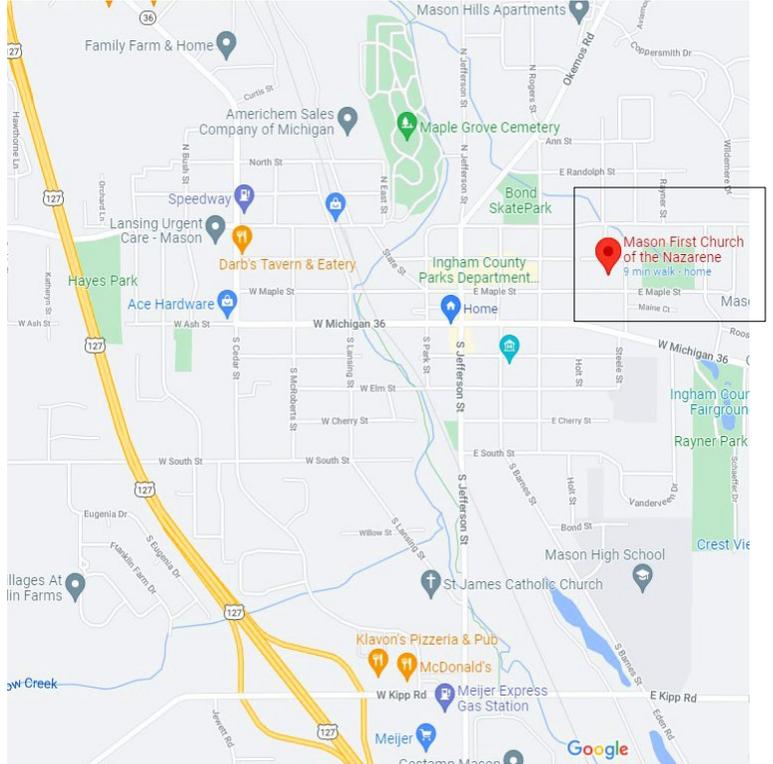
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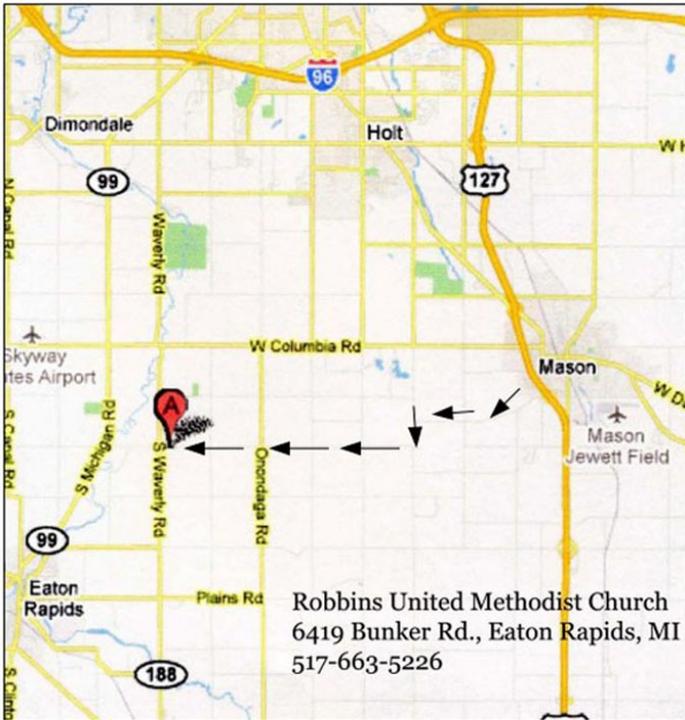
Courtesy of Amber Hershey-from Facebook



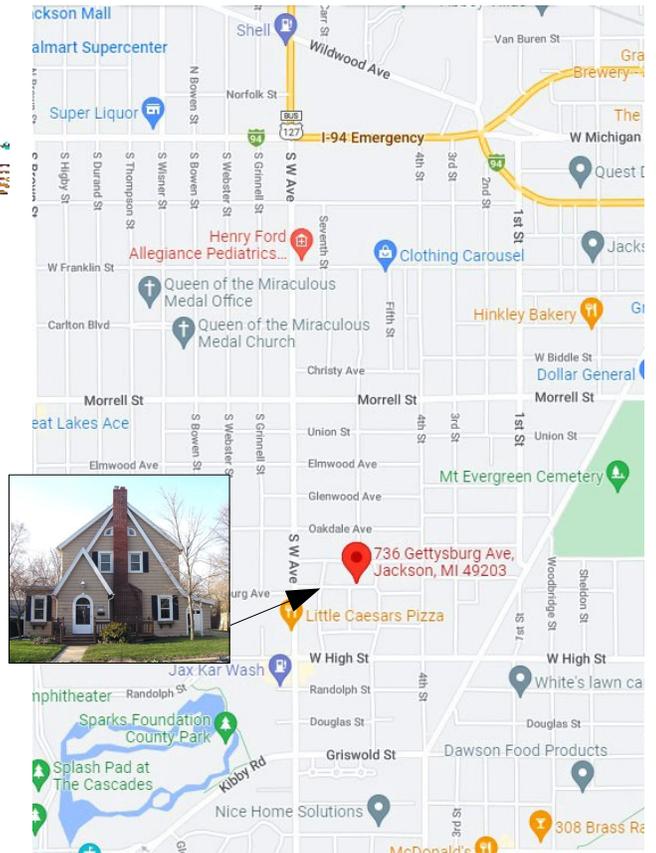
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Michigan GAR Hall & Museum
224 S. Main, Eaton Rapids, MI



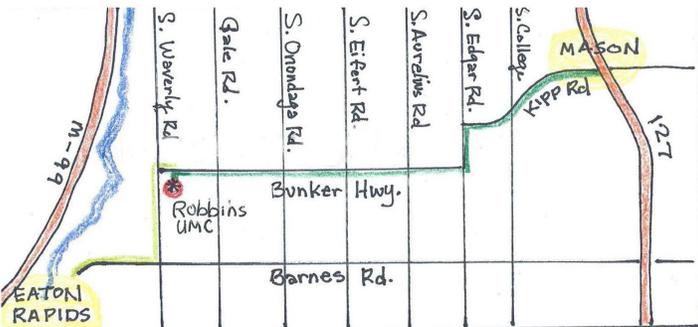
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First Church of the Nazarene,
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Robbins United Methodist Church
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517-663-5226



Sat., Nov. 19: Civilian Sewing Party at Ellyn Painter's
736 Gettysburg Ave., Jackson, MI



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Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 517-663-5226

MAP Not To Scale
Roads are 1 mile apart

