

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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

*The Cascades Civil War Muster* Is Back!



A friendly visitor at the Ladies' tent



# LABOR DAY

Is Monday, September 5

Above: Julie Everett, Vonda Warren, Elyn Painter, standing; Don Everett, seated. 35<sup>th</sup> Cascades Civil War Muster, Aug. 27, 2022. Photo taken by Joy Henderson. Joy did not dress this weekend, as she is still recovering mobility from the fall she took some months ago, but she graciously took this perfect photo for us!







Since we last spoke, Keith Harrison hosted the **August 9 Civil War Discovery Camp** in Eaton Rapids. It appears (see his attached report and images) that this education experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Doug McComas has submitted a report on our men who participated in the **August 13-14 Antietam NPS Living History Program** in Antietam, MD.

Last weekend was the **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Jackson Civil War Muster**. Wow!!! From my point of view the event was a great success. The return to the original Cascades Falls site, the beautiful weather, and how the new host organization ran the whole show seemed beyond reproach. We kept bumping into past Club members with more than a few seeking to return to the fold.

Joan and I had a grand view of the Saturday battle from the top of the hill filled to capacity with spectators. Dave Downing did his usual excellent narration of the activities (battle, cavalry demonstrations, etc.) down on the battlefield both days.

Don Everett set up his barbershop impression and Julie and Vonda manned a civilian tent next door. Both were in the high traffic path to and from the battlefield and band shell and they experienced lots of questions and interaction with spectators. The Camp Chase Fifes & Drums put on some excellent musical demonstrations both days.

We had a chance to wander about the authentic Civilian camp both days and dropped in to visit the Malick, Hershey, and Mai households along with many of the "old-timers" we are friends with. Be sure to put this on your calendar for next year.

Now comes the part for me to brag a little bit about the Military...

At Charlton Park, I proposed to Colonel Nick Miner (US) that the Union army perform an unscheduled Dress Parade ceremony on the battlefield in front of the spectators on Saturday before the battle. The Union Army at Jackson has never done Dress Parade in front of a public audience and we thought this would be fun for the troops and educational for the crowd at the same time. Upon hearing of my proposal, TJ Berlucchi volunteered to follow-up with the Camp Chase Fifes and Drums to determine their interest in participating. On Saturday morning, Camp Chase Fifes and Drums committed to leading the Union troops onto the battlefield and serve as the Field Music for Dress Parade. When Colonel Nick Medich (CSA) heard of our plans, he requested that the Confederate battalion be included in a combined Union and Confederate Dress Parade. To say the least, I was ecstatic to lead the ceremony as Adjutant. And the spectators were treated to a portrayal of a period-correct military Dress Parade, I suspect, for the first time ever. I was thrilled to assist with this and will be indebted to both the Colonels, the US and CSA armies, and Camp Chase Fifes and Drums for portraying this special ceremony for the spectators. Huzzah!

Next up is our **September 10<sup>th</sup> Frontier Days Parade, Pot-luck Dinner, and Club Meeting** in Charlotte. There will be a parade, pot-luck dinner, and Club meeting all rolled into one. Please bring a dish to pass! Plan on lots of food and camaraderie.

[NOTE: Our Spot Number in the parade is 21, and our starting position will be located on Lovett Street \(between Oliver & Pleasant\).](#)

At the Club meeting we will be discussing the following topics:

160<sup>th</sup> Battle of Gettysburg Re-enactment (2023)

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## 2022 Club Leadership

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dmalick12@gmail.com

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nicole\_scarlett\_rose@yahoo.com

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### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

**Thanks to all who submitted information for this month's issue.**

**Deadline date for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)

Or mail to:

736 Gettysburg Ave.

Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

Elynn Painter, Editor

President's Corner concluded....

October Club elections & nominations

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the 7<sup>th</sup> MI monument in Fredericksburg, VA (2023)

Facebook guidelines & rules

Annual Club fees review

Veterans Day Parade in Mason (2022)

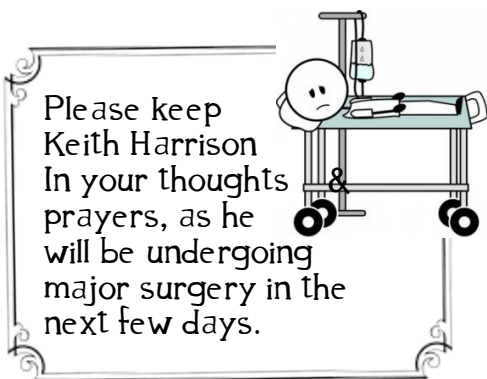
For those of you planning to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan's own **October 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Civil War Grand Ball**, get your tickets soon so you do not miss out on Michigan's grandest Civil War ball.

Lastly, just a reminder we will be holding elections for Club officers on **October 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Meeting & Elections**. For those Club members interested in running for office, please feel free to contact any (or all) of the current or past Executive Board members to answer any questions about the duties and responsibilities of the offices. The duties of the positions are also documented in the Bylaws on our 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan website <http://7thmich.org/>. Do not be shy about throwing your hat in the ring for the benefit of the Club.

Hope to see you all in Charlotte!

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

Tom



September



**Our Next Event:  
Frontier Days Parade  
Sat. Sept. 10, 2022  
Charlotte, MI**



**The 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan is** once again participating in the annual parade through the streets of Charlotte. We will be mustering beginning 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. Amber and Dan Hershey are providing a flatbed trailer for the non-marching Club members 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, chairs, and a dish to pass. There will be a Club meeting immediately following dinner. (Vonda Warren's home is located at 602 Shaw Street, Charlotte, Michigan 48813). Contact Tom Emerick (517) 230-8242 if planning to attend.

[Our Spot Number in the parade is 21, and our starting position will be located on Lovett Street \(between Oliver & Pleasant\).](#)



## Civilian Report

Good day, all! I just woke up the day after Jackson's Cascades event.

The weekend was gorgeous! We got to camp right next to the pond, over which the breeze continuously blew, keeping us at the perfect temperature. We got to see the little waves rippling over the water, and the reflection bounced off our canvas doors.

Next to us, our camp mates, Amber, Caitlene, and Morgan, were delightful. We had so many spectators come through, asking really good questions. I had one woman come through from South Africa!

Saturday brought us a potential new Civilian member. She is extremely interested.

On Sunday, my 5-year-old niece ran around giving everyone she could find a flier and asking them to come to Meridian Village's Heritage Day. Hopefully she did a good job bringing us some traffic!

Sunday saw my supply of Electrolyte beverages used. I always carry powder to add to cups or canteens for those soldiers that forget to drink, or it is just too hot.

Please remember to join us on October 1st for the Meridian Village Heritage festival! I have posted the event invite in the Facebook group. If you need more information, please contact either myself or Sue Colegrove. Blessed be!

Nicole Mai  
Civilian Coordinator





## Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster September 16-18, 2022 Holland, MI [Maximum-effort Club event]

(Historic Van Raalte Farm Park, 1076 E. 16th Street, Holland, Michigan 49423). Free dinner Saturday night. Battle both days and a tactical. Bounties are offered for cavalry and artillery. The Emerald Peacock will be there. Presented by 3rd Michigan, Company F. Registration website: <http://vanraaltefarmcivilwarmuster.com/>. Face Book: Facebook/hollandcivilwarmuster. Contact: [VanRaalteMuster@gmail.com](mailto:VanRaalteMuster@gmail.com).

**7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Club members will be individually registering via the event website.**

**NOTE: Maps for these events are to be found at the end of this newsletter issue.**

## Living History *Guns n' Gowns* September 23-25, 2022 [Maximum-effort Club event] Livonia, MI

(Greenmead Historic Village, 20501 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, Michigan 48152). Military Camp Life, Drills, Demonstrations and Equipment, Field Surgery and Medical Practices of the day, Civilian Life, Courting and Mourning Practices, Fashions, Phrenology, Letter Reading and much more. Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday (bagels or donuts, coffee and tea). Saturday Camp-wide potluck with main dish/drinks/paper products provided – Please bring a dish to pass. Presented by 17th Michigan, Company E. Usual amenities (wood, water, port-a-johns, modern camping) will be available. Co-sponsored by the Livonia Historical Commission. Registration Website: <http://17micoe.org/guns-n-gowns-reenactors>. Contact: Stephanie Miner at [sminer2015@gmail.com](mailto:sminer2015@gmail.com) or by telephone at 734-218-6607.

**7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Club members will be individually registering via the event website.**

## After Action Report: 2022 Civil War Discovery Camp Tues., August 9, 2022

By Keith Harrison



**Michigan's G.A.R.  
Memorial Hall &  
Museum's 2022 Civil War  
Camp on Eaton Rapids'  
G.A.R. Island Park was a**



rousing success. Thirty kids, ages 7 – 14 participated. This was the most participation that we have had since 2015 when the G.A.R. Museum began the annual August Civil War Camp program.

During the program, considerable time was spent teaching the kids, the manual of arms with their wood muskets, how to left and right face, and how to march. What is absolutely amazing was the speed in which the kids – even the youngest - picked up on all this. Teaching kids is nothing like teaching adults. The kids are like sponges who soak up everything in a very short time while the adults are like impermeable rocks with everything washing off, but I digress. The kids also were allowed to fire a real musket (the kids wearing safety glasses, having ear plugs and just being allowed to pull the trigger). The kids were then broken up and allowed to visit several learning stations where they became familiar with the clothing and equipment used by the soldiers, the medical practices of the time, etc. Lunch was provided with the fare being Subway sandwiches, chips, and bottled water. After lunch more informational programs were provided, including a segment about the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corp at the monument on G.A.R. Island Park. Following this, the kids were split up into two groups, assigned either Union or Confederate status, and the battle of Antietam's Burnside's Bridge was reenacted – with many fictional maneuvers offered up by the combatants. However, it all ended historically correct. After all this, the kids were marched back to the G.A.R. museum where they deposited their wooden muskets, were told more about G.A.R. Museum and what many veterans did after the Civil War, and then were discharged from federal service, paid off with authentic 1861 fake money, and provided some additional historical booklets as souvenirs of the camp. An undertaking like this cannot be done without the assistance of several volunteers. Individuals assisting at this year's Civil War Camp included Chris Allen, Matt Allen, Pam Colestock, Bob Griggs, Kim Horning, Howard Lloyd, Carolyn Manning, Roger Manning, Erin McKay, Kira O'Donnell, Cody Orr, and Ron Tyrl.





# Military: After-Action Report- NPS Living History Program, Antietam, MD August 13-14, 2022

By Captain Doug McComas

Friday morning three lads from the 7th left Michigan for a grand adventure, joining our pards from the 12th SC/4th MI in representing the 7th Michigan Company C near the West Woods. A smooth trip had us arriving about 4 pm to a beautiful, sunny sky where we set up our dog tents for the weekend, checked in, and did some preliminary drill.

Saturday was another picture perfect weather day. After a hearty breakfast of bacon, biscuits, and gravy the lads drilled, and provided three presentations to the public. We were pleased and surprised to have our own David Dzierbicki make an appearance. Dave was recovering from an accident at the plant and was unable to fall in, but spectated and cheered on the boys. The demonstrations were led by Captain Brian Crater, with able narration from Ben Cwayna. We loaded in 9 times (your captain found his private skills had definitely eroded after 5 years waiving a sword, but were still passable). We were asked by the park, on the third demonstration, to be filmed loading in 9 times for the new interpretive video being created for the visitors' center. The cool thing is, that means our own Steve Church, who was in the previous video, is also in the front rank of the upcoming video. We spent the evening spectating the West Woods, Bloody Lane, and Burnside's Bridge.

Another beautiful morning dawned, and we entered what, for me, was truly the main event. I was given the great honor of placing a wreath for the 7th Michigan at the corner of the West Woods with my old friend Dan Hall. I am not ashamed to tell you that I felt great emotion as we contemplated the 400-plus men who went into the woods, losing over 200 in less than 20 minutes. I took the liberty of leaving a Celtic cross on the wreath, and we affixed a Michigan button to a concrete fence post at the site, in memory of the boys. Then followed two demonstrations. On our final trip to camp, Steve Church was handed the regimental banner to carry back to the Dunkard Church, and she was a beautiful sight waving in a stiff breeze.

We packed up and headed over to West Virginia to take in Harper's Ferry. Arriving in a light rain, we jumped on the bus, and found David Dzierbicki seated next to us. The four of us had a great time taking in the sights and having a great dinner and drinks at "The Rabbit Hole". They were wonderful, even if they had no flights. LOL. A safe journey ended with a quick side trip in Tipton, Michigan, to view the earliest public subscription Civil War monument in the state, that was placed in 1866. It was truly a magical experience I shall never forget. And this is for you, Brian Crater: It was . . . F\_ing Amazing!!!!!!

Doug



Recently, Captain Doug McComas announced that the Jackson Civil War Muster would be "my last time as captain at a major event (I'm adjutant at Van Raalte and Perryville)." He asked that any troops who "have fallen into the ranks at anytime during my 20 years" to fall in for one formation during the Jackson event weekend. The result is shown in the photo above, at the 35<sup>th</sup> Jackson Muster, August 27-28, 2022.

## 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.

**BALL CAPS:** The club has a supply of 7<sup>th</sup> 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 SHIRT ORDERING HAS CLOSED!!! The following people owe for their tee shirt order: Dan/Caitleen Malick, Dave Dzierbicki, Christopher Harward. Contact me to see what is owed.

---Don Everett, Quartermaster

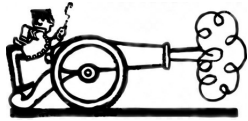




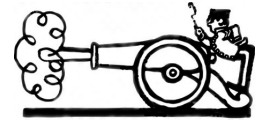
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There's a new dressmaker in town: Amber Hershey Make way, Ellyn and Celeste!!



*The 35th*  
**Cascades Civil War Muster**  
*Was August 27-28, 2022*



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Photo by Ellyn Painter



Camp Chase Fifes & Drums



**BATTLE OF IST BULL RUN**  
**SEPTEMBER 30- OCTOBER 2, 2022**  
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## Hartford City Civil War Days October 1-2, 2022. Hartford City, Indiana

(304 S County Road 075 E, Hartford City, Indiana 47348), Is a Cumberland Guard max-effort event hosted by our long-time friends in the 49<sup>th</sup> Indiana and one of the few large Indiana re-enactments remaining. It is a great full-scale re-enactment with everything you could ask for in an event: sutler row, first-person historical row, two church services, free Saturday meal, ball, medical scenarios, battles both days, school day (Friday), etc. Registration website is <https://www.hartfordcitycwdays.com/>

7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Club members will be individually registering via the event website.



## Meridian Village Heritage Festival Sat., October 1, 2022 Okemos, MI

(5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864). This one-day event is primarily geared towards period crafts and live demonstrations along with U.S. Civil War-period civilian and military demonstrations. The Festival hours are 10AM – 4 PM. Please come out and lend a hand. The Village is located at 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos. At right is the schedule of events for the day.

For more information contact Nicole Mai:  
 517-703-4107 7thmichreenactors@gmail.com  
 or Sue Colegrove: (517) 626-0144  
 scolegrove@rocketmail.com

**Meridian Heritage Festival**  
 Saturday October 1st 2022  
 10 am - 4 pm

Located  
 5151 Marsh Road  
 Okemos MI  
 48864

10am: Welcoming Ceremony, Flag Raising  
 10am-4pm Buildings Open to Public, Mini Barn Raising, Cross Stitch, Basket Weaving, 1st Person Historic Interpretation  
 10am-11am: Military Presentation  
 10:00am-Noon: Candle Making  
 12pm-1pm Cupcake Walk  
 1pm-3pm Vintage Baseball Game  
 3pm Military Demonstration  
 4:00pm Events Close For The Day

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## 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Perryville October 8-9, 2022 Perryville, Kentucky

Conflicts with our annual Heritage Ball is why it is not on the max-effort list. However, it is a Cumberland Guard max-effort event and the National-level event for 2022. Some of our military are planning to go.

Contact Doug McComas (517) 474-0353 for additional information.

## Annual Meeting Notice

The 7<sup>th</sup> MI Annual Meeting will take place on  
**Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm**  
**Robbins United Methodist Church,**  
**6419 Bunker Road, Eaton Rapids, MI**

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. It is at the Annual Meeting that we elect new club officers for the upcoming year, and YOUR vote is needed!  
 Come and make your voice heard.

The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co. B is proud to announce:

## The 2022 Annual Harvest Civil War Grand Ball

Honoring Linda Williams

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.

\*\*\*See complete information in previous (August) newsletter\*\*\*

To be held on

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**  
 At Central United Methodist Church  
 215 N. Capital, Lansing, Michigan

Ticket cost: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple.  
 \$10 each for young attendees, ages 12-17.

Ticket price for 7<sup>th</sup> MI members: \$15

For more information and to purchase tickets,  
 contact: Gilbert or Cyndi Carlson at:

(517) 782-8199

Cyndiinhiservice@yahoo.com



# 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Monument in Fredericksburg 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Dark rolled the Rappahannock's flood,*

*Michigan, my Michigan.*

*The tide was crimsoned with thy blood,*

*Michigan, my Michigan.*

*Although for us the day was lost, yet it shall  
be our proudest boast,*

*At Fredericksburg our Seventh crossed,*

*Michigan, my Michigan.*

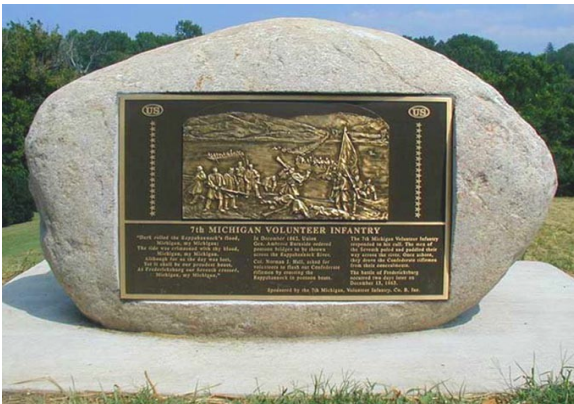


**The monument to the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan's** crossing of the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg, VA. in December of 1862 will be 20 years old next summer. The club started exploring, then working on creating, the monument in 2001. The US Park Service requested we use a boulder from Michigan, so our first step was to locate a suitable boulder to use. Once the boulder was found, we worked with the Marsh Monument Company in Durand to create the monument. A suitable scene for the bronze plaque to be affixed to the boulder was drawn by Brian Kirschensteiner and edited by Bob Smith. The picture below shows a club gathering in March of 2003 at the new monument behind the Marsh Monument company. Two pictures below show a gathering of a group of military and civilians at the monument dedication ceremony on August 31, 2003, in Fredericksburg. The remaining pictures are of the monument in place in Fredericksburg at the original 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan crossing site. More photos of the monument preparation and ceremony will be available for viewing at future club meetings.

We are in the planning phase now to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the monument dedication by holding a celebration at the monument next summer in Fredericksburg. The planning team currently consists of Dave Downing, Bob Smith and Jim Kirschensteiner, and any club member interested in helping with this is more than welcome. We are tentatively looking at Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> as a possible day to hold this event in Fredericksburg. This date is prior to the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle at Gettysburg the following weekend. We would like to have as many members participate in this celebration as possible.







At right- 2003: 7<sup>th</sup> MI men waiting for the start of the ceremony to install the monument on the bank of the Rappahannock, as spectators look on.  
At left-The 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Monument at its site on Sophia St. in Fredericksburg, VA.



## Hartford City, IN event flier

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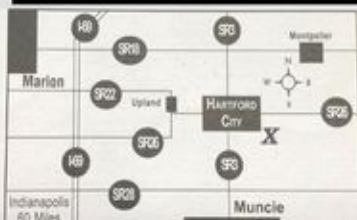
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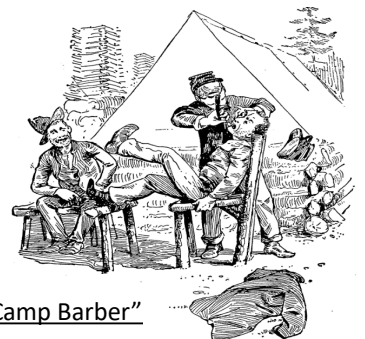
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## 2022 Remaining Club Events:

- September 10: Frontier Days Parade, Potluck Dinner, and Club Meeting - 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: Meridian Village Heritage Festival - Okemos, MI
- October 1-2: Hartford City Civil War Days - Hartford City, IN
- October 8: Harvest Civil War Grand Ball - Central United Methodist Church - Lansing, MI [7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Club sponsored event]
- October 8-9: 160th Anniversary Battle of Perryville - 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



"The Camp Barber"

Hey, Don: Is this you?



# A "Gettysburg" Tribute By Director Ron Maxwell

Since some of our fine 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan men had the privilege of serving as extras in this movie, I thought this piece would be of interest, and bring back some good memories.



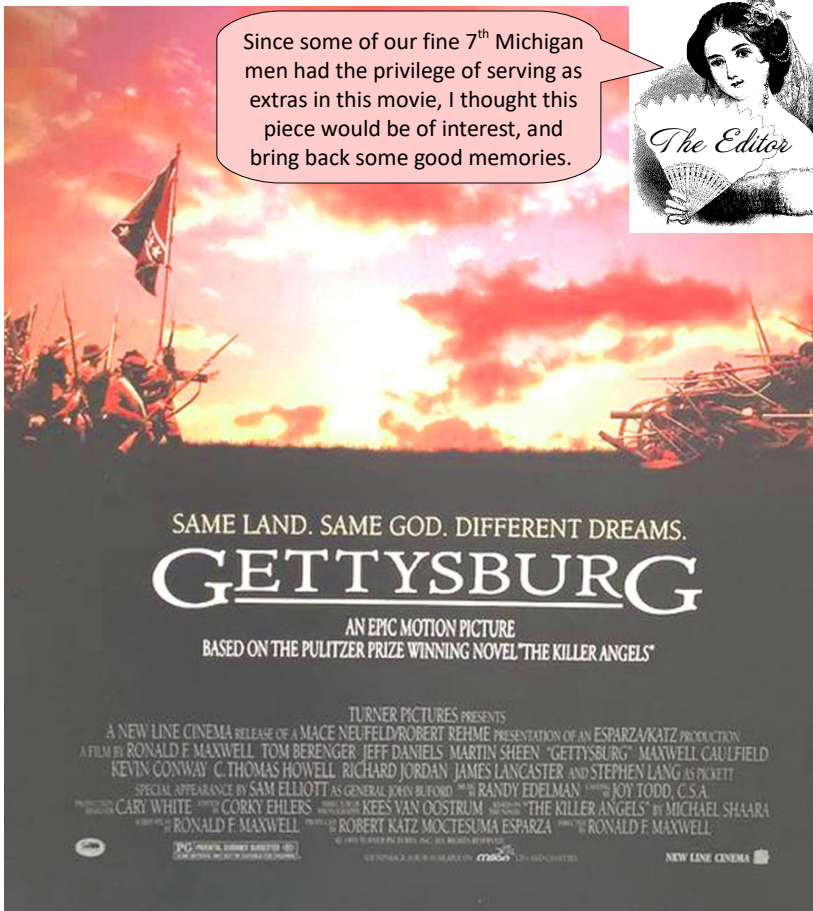
Posted on Facebook by Robinson's Battery, 8/21.2022 from: Ron Maxwell

Thirty years ago this summer we filmed the movie Gettysburg. Anyone associated with the motion-picture industry knows just how hard it is to get any movie made. To oversimplify, there are basically two kinds of movies: the ones churned out on an assembly line, glossy and formulaic; and those willed into being by a solitary filmmaker - so called 'auteur' films. Obviously, both kinds can result in memorable movies as well as duds.

Thanks to Ted Turner, Gettysburg was made as an independent, auteur film. Translation - there was no interference in the content, storytelling, editing or final cut. Input? Yes. Participation? Yes. But no interference, censoring, bullying, threats, intimidation or pressure - other than staying on schedule and on budget.

This film, whatever you may think of it, would not exist without the financial commitment and total creative support of Ted Turner.

On this 30th anniversary of its filming, it would be derelict of me not to acknowledge the other major factor that made this movie what it is, namely the re-enactors. When you see the thirty minutes of the Pickett's Charge sequence, recall there's no CGI. There



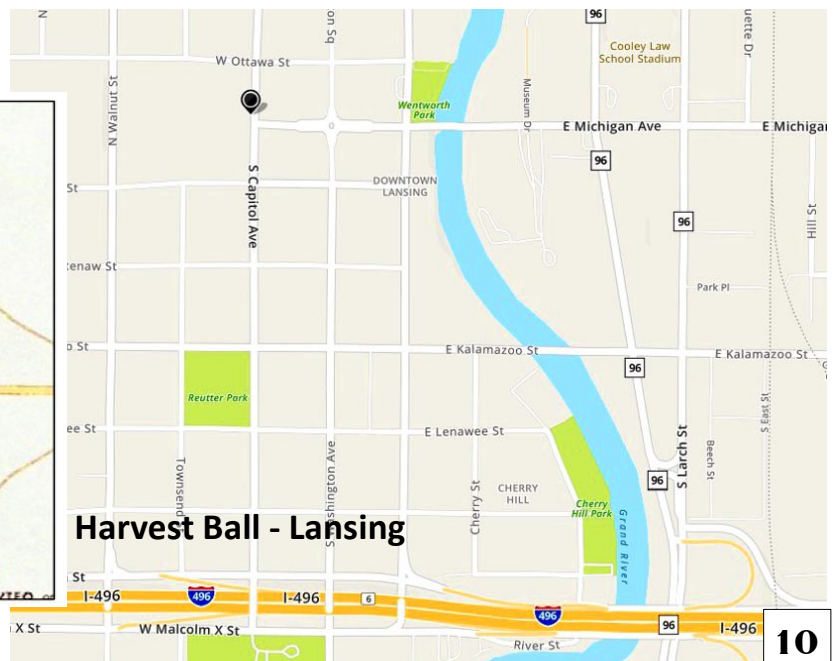
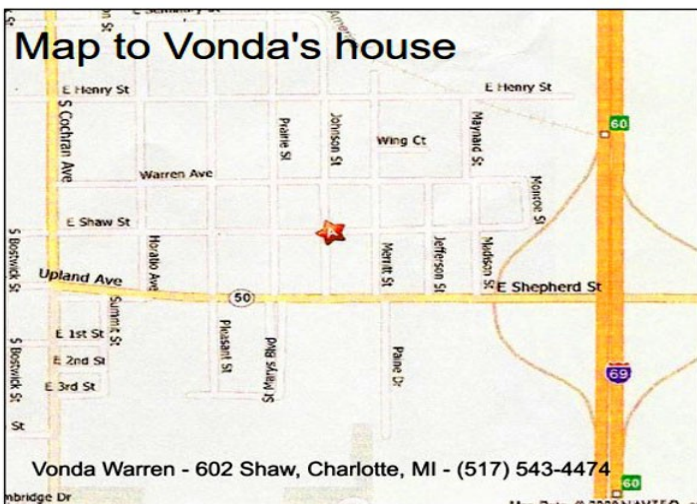
are actually 5,000 troops in those scenes. That permitted us to place cameras wherever we wanted. Everywhere we filmed what we saw were authentic civil war soldiers, up close and personal. It's one of the factors that makes the film as authentic and believable as it is.

This is not to claim we made the perfect film. If anyone is aware of its shortcomings, it's me. But none of these failings, however large or small, detracts from the life of this movie and it's continued discovery by audiences here at home and across the globe. I see the quarterly reports from the studio. Gettysburg is being watched by more people today than even the number of those who viewed it over the past thirty years. Such is the power and reach of streaming TV.

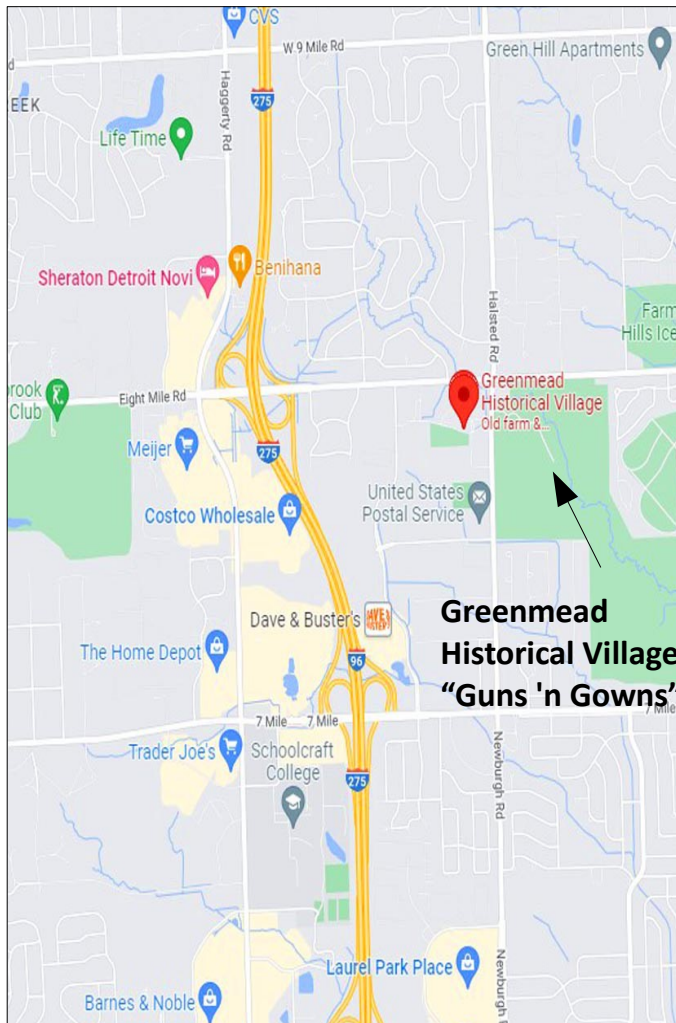
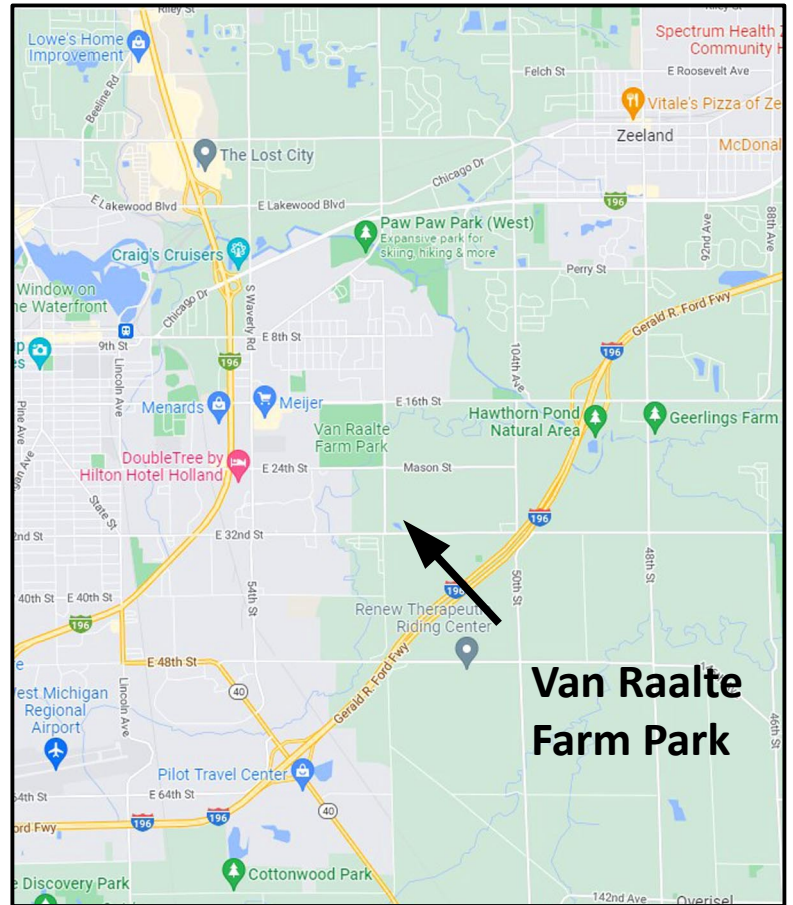
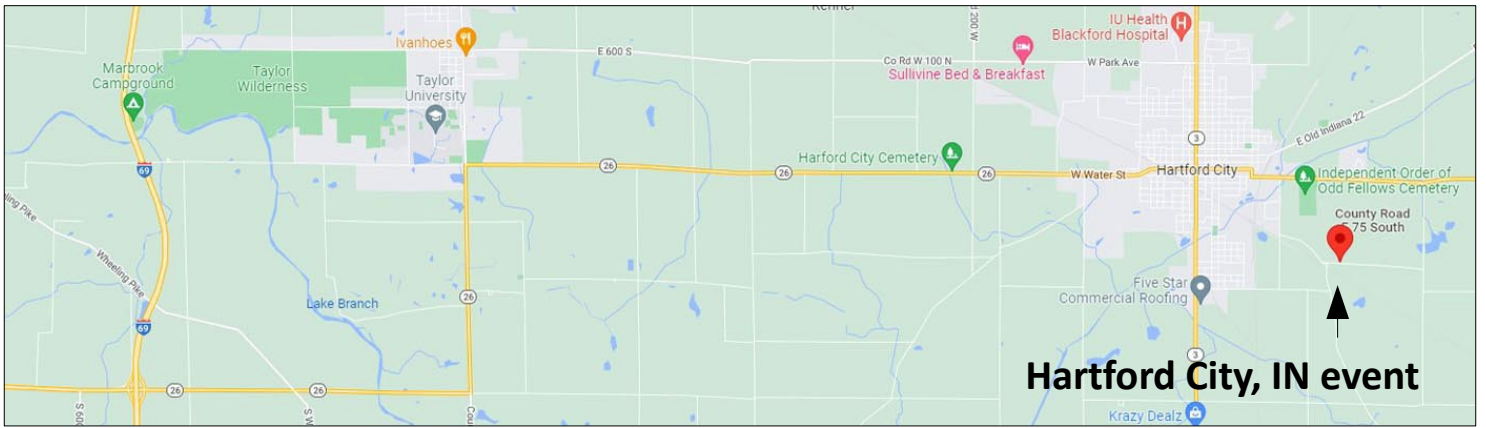
To all those who worked on this movie - it's your movie. Hats off to you!

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