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Ted Christoff, Craig Searles – Jackson 2006 Photo by Elyn Painter

Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, April 21
1:00pm Robbins UMC

Next Civilian Sewing Party:

Saturday, April 20
(see civilian report
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We now have a new,
updated club roster.
Hope you all received
yours!



A copy of the minutes of
previous club meetings
is available to all
members in good
standing upon request.

William Jarrett,
Club Secretary
btjarrett@aol.com

President's Report



I was browsing EBay when I came across a soldier's letter from the 22nd Michigan. He was in Syntheana (Cynthiana, KY) and had been doing some "hard marching" around Williamstown with Rebs lurking nearby. It remains remarkable to me that families have held such treasures for over 150 years.

My original interest in the item came from the fact that this is the area from which my only known Civil War ancestor, Pvt. John S. Hutton, was recruited for the 5th KY Cav (CSA). For some, the war in Kentucky went on long after the official end of the hostilities. Men who had been trying to kill each other went back to little communities and tried to pick up the pieces of their lives. We like to think they just shook hands and moved on, but too many didn't; some saw the war as the grandest time of their lives, but others maintained lifelong animosities that were sometimes transferred to their children and beyond. What made the difference between a ruined life and a happy, successful one? It was truly a choice and a decision as to what the experience meant to each person who experienced it.

The season is just about upon us. I don't know what will happen but I'm pretty sure there will be rain, heat, mosquitoes, nonsense orders, temper tantrums and more. There will also be magic moments, times with friends, amazingly executed maneuvers, wondrous sights, practical jokes, acts of kindness and concern and memories of a lifetime. Each of us gets to choose what we will take away from the 150's. I hope you actively seek and choose the positive, wonderful experiences the hobby offers.

Your most obedient servant,

Doug



2013 Leadership

New Member co-Chairs:
Jeff Verstraete (military)
jbvisme@gmail.com
Heather Jarrett (civilian)
btjarrett@aol.com

President: Doug McComas
Vice President: Steve Hainstock
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer: Dick Williams
Military: Tom Emerick, &
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains
Civilian Coordinator: Katie Everett
Board Members-at-Large:
Don Everett, Pat Downing,
Jeff Verstraete

Annual Membership Dues:
\$16.00 – single
\$19.20 – family
\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
non-participating/non-voting
member


Website:
www.7thmichigan.us

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted info 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 (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 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 Crispin family is in need of period clothing to purchase for a 7-year-old boy, 9-year-old girl, and a woman 5'5" in height, size 10. If you have any of these items available, please contact Craig or Gretchen Crispin.
Email: msu344@gmail.com (Craig)
Phone: (Craig) 256-390-7760 (Gretchen) 256-390-9723
Address: 4 Maumee Ct., Adrian, MI 49221

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If you have items to sell, or know of anyone leaving the hobby who may wish to sell their goods, contact our company quartermaster, Don Everett.

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Please note that in addition to the school programs listed in the Military Minutes, we will also be doing a school program at White Pine Academy on Friday, May 10th. Also, Steve Hainstock will be doing a program on 19th century ailments at our April 21st Business meeting, at Robbins UM Church.

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Thank-you to all of you who supported me in the loss of my granddaughter on January 21. It meant a lot to me.

----Sandy McCarrick



Now that St. Patrick's Day is behind us, you may find this helpful:

5 Ways to Use Leftover Beer

1. For your lawn: Beer is a great greener way to kill slugs and snails. It will not harm pets. Bury a clean open topped container in your yard or garden with about half an inch sticking out above the ground and fill with beer; snails and slugs can't resist it, so will fall in, and can't get out. Also, beer is rich in nutrients, so treat bald spots in your lawn by pouring beer over brown spots and see greener grass shortly.
2. For garden use: Attract bees and butterflies to your flower and vegetable gardens with beer. Bees like beer alone; for butterflies, just mix a can of stale beer with sugar, syrup, fruit juice and a mashed, overripe banana and spread it on whatever you want to attract the butterflies to.
3. For beautiful hair: Beer is high in B vitamins, which make beer a good hair conditioner. Allow it to go flat at room temperature, then work through your hair along with your regular shampoo, and rinse out. If you allow your hair to dry out in the sun, the beer will leave beachy highlights.
4. For cooking: Many recipes are available for beer cheese soup, beer bread, beer batter for fried fish, etc. It is excellent as a marinade for meats, and kills up to 70 percent of carcinogens in the meat.
5. For cleaning inside the home: The slight acidity in beer will shine up metals and jewelry, pots and pans, and polish wood furniture. Allow it to go flat, then apply by wetting a microfiber cloth. Blot stubborn carpet stains, especially coffee or tea, with beer (spot test first!).

<http://www.care2.com/causes/5-ways-to-use-leftover-beer.html>



Greenfield Village - May 24-26

Important! New online registration procedure

Be sure to see the separate PDF attachment - instructions for online registration to attend the event at Greenfield Village. You can register yourself and others in your party. Your name must be on the 7th MI roster of members active as of March 1, 2013 to have your registration confirmed by Greenfield Village.

Register by April 30 to be sure of being processed in time.

For questions, please contact me. Thanks - Dave Downing



Captain Tom Emerick

Military Minutes - March 2013

- Co-Captains: Dave Slayton
Tom Emerick
- Lieutenant: Jim MacKinnon
- 1st Sergeant: Doug McComas
- Sergeant: Dan Conklin
Jeff Verstraete
- Corporal: Tom Edwards
Andrew McComas
Rob Stone
Dennis Zank
- Chief Bugler: Mark Heath



Captain Dave Slayton

The time for teaching about the Civil War and doing living history at reenactments is fast approaching. Please see below for information, and we hope to see you at as many events as you can attend.

Education Events

We have three Education events at schools, and we can always use help! The events are April 19th at Birney Middle School, May 3rd at Ovid and May 17 at Dexter.

Contact is Don Everett for details at 517-393-3475 or djkeverett@comcast.net.

March 9 - Military School of Instruction - Leslie, MI

Tom Emerick reported another productive six hours of drill was enjoyed by all. Representatives from the 7th Michigan, 17th Michigan, 21st Michigan, 33rd Virginia, and Brothers from the S.U.V.C.W. Blair Camp #7 drilled shoulder to shoulder. Sergeants Doug McComas (7th Michigan) and Jim Cary (21st Michigan) took charge of teaching School of the Solder and Company drill while Tom Emerick spent time with the Company officers reviewing Dress Parade and positioning during battalion maneuvers. Mark Heath nearly wore himself out again providing the bugle calls for every thing we did. Corporal Rob Giorlando proudly showed off his new Lorenz rifle to everyone and anyone. It seems the Lorenz has lately become a popular small arm amongst the Michigan re-enacting units. All participants agreed they wanted to continue the winter drill tradition in 2014.

April 13 - Breakfast and Cartridge Rolling - Lansing, MI

Even though we produced 730 rounds at the last cartridge rolling, we need more for our Swedish platoon, and for the 7th to use at education events and reenactments. So we will meet again at 9:00 am for breakfast at the Fleetwood Diner located at 2211 S.Cedar Street, Lansing, a little bit south of Mt. Hope Avenue. Then to Don Everett's house for cartridge making, 1815 E. Irvington Ave, Lansing, MI, 48910. Please join us if you can. Contact is Dave Slayton at slaytondave@juno.com or (517) 663-4161.

April 20 – 7th Michigan Annual Live Shoot – Eaton Rapids, MI

Breakfast 9:00 am at Robin's Nest Restaurant located at 6048 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids (it is about one mile south of town). About 10:00-10:30 live shoot at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club (4100 Freeman Road, Eaton Rapids) at the corner of 5 Point Highway and Freeman Rd. Contact is Dave Slayton at slaytondave@juno.com or (517) 663-4161.

May 4-5 MAXIMUM EFFORT Event – Walker Tavern, Brooklyn, MI.

Here is information about our first re-enactment. Although we are invited this same weekend to do living history on the Gettysburg Battlefield, we voted to make Walker Tavern a maximum event. David Slayton is the contact person at 517-663-4161 or slaytondave@juno.com.

The following is from the email that was sent out to some by the event organizers:

It is almost time for the Civil War reenacting season! The 5th Texas Volunteer Infantry Co E., Friends of Walker Tavern, Walker Tavern Historic Site, Michigan Historical Center & Walter J. Hayes State Park, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources will be holding a Civil War Re-enactment on May 4th to 5th 2013. We thank you for participating last year and hope you can join us again this year!

We are also holding a School Day Presentation on Friday, May 3rd from 9 am to 3 pm. We are expecting 500 school children (so far!); any and all are welcome to help out! We will be raffling gas cards to those who can participate in the School Day Presentation.

Please visit our website www.5thtexascoe.com for event information guidelines. We also have online pre-registration available this year to save some time when you arrive; click on the link above, click on Walker Tavern, and select "Online Registration."

For more information or questions, contact:

Confederates: Michael Ovsenik, 517-803-0363, michael.ovsenik@gmail.com

Union: Paul Davis, pdmarcomm@aol.com

Civilian: Belinda Grier, 313-928-1932

Registration: Marie Ovsenik, 586-604-9270, marieptam@gmail.com

May 4-5 – 150th Anniversary Gettysburg NPS Living History Program – Gettysburg, PA

Tom Emerick reported the 7th Michigan has been invited to fall in with Craig DeCrane and the Black Hats who will be camping on the battlefield (location to be determined) and will be portraying the Iron Brigade. There will be numerous Union and Confederate units encamped on the battlefield throughout the weekend. The most important uniform requirement is for participants to wear either the Regulation (Hardee) Hat or a proper, re-production slouch hat. Gaiters and frock coats are optional but strongly recommended. Website for the Gettysburg NPS is <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com.

The following men indicated they were interested in attending:

John Chamberlain

Mark Chamberlain

Nathan Kalmoe

May 24-26 MAXIMUM EFFORT - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI

NOTE!! There is a new procedure to register for the Greenfield Village event. You have to have been on the 7th Michigan roster by early March, and then each individual must register on-line with Greenfield Village. However, as of late March, the Greenfield on-line registration is not ready. Hopefully we will have some information for the April newsletter on that.

June 15-16 MAXIMUM EFFORT - Battle of Turkeyville, Marshall, MI

Tom Emerick reported there has been no update on the event website nor responses from the host organization regarding registration or details of the event. Tom will keep trying to contact the hosts.

July 4-7 – 150th Anniversary Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, PA

Tom Emerick reported the first registration cut-off date for the event has come and gone. Registration is now \$35/person. The event is located at 1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA and website is <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com>.

Our **Organization Affiliation** on the registration form will be **Third Division/Black Hat Battalion**. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick, 112 S. Logan St., Dewitt, MI, 48820 (517) 669-5607 and tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com.

Ammunition: We will be involved in six battle scenarios and possibly a non-public tactical. Bring at least 200 rounds.

Battalion: We are designated to serve under the 3rd Division, 2nd Brigade (DeCrane), 1st Battalion under Colonel Peter Seielstad.

Carpooling: Tom Emerick will be arriving onsite Tuesday afternoon and departing for Michigan Monday morning. For those of you who want to carpool/caravan please notify Tom of your preferred departure/return dates, and whether you need a ride or can drive, etc. Tom will be coordinating carpools as best as possible.

Company Cooks: Steve Hainstock mentioned at the March Military meeting he might be interested in cooking a meal(s) for the Company. Tom Emerick will follow-up with Steve (and possibly Anson Roland) and report back to the troops.

Modern Camping: The website indicates you may park your RV/Motor-home in the Re-enactor parking lot **however camping in the reenactor parking lot is prohibited and enforced**. You may **NOT** put out any awnings, lawn chairs, block any additional spaces, build fires, cook outdoors, etc.

Pets: No Pets are allowed onsite, in camps, or in the parking areas. Forewarned is forearmed.

Registration hours:

Are as follows and vehicles need to be out of camp by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2013.

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3rd 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Thursday, July 4th 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday, July 5th 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 6th 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 7th 7 a.m. – Noon

Tentage: We are limited to wedges, shelter halves, and flies in the company streets. Plan accordingly.

Uniforms: We will be portraying the Iron Brigade during the **First Day Struggle at Willoughby Run** battle scenario. As part of the Black Hat Battalion for the weekend we are encouraging everyone to bring their Regulation (Hardee) Hat or a proper, reproduction slouch hat for that scenario. Frock coats and gaitors are optional for that scenario so bring them if you have them. The remainder of the weekend we will be wearing our forage caps or kepis and our basic four button blouses.

Confirmed Attendees: As of this newsletter, the website confirms the following men are registered for the event. We have a few more men with their "checks in the mail".

Bjorn Angman	Patrik Gustafsson	Dean Mielke
Aaron Bolder	Ian Halbeisen	Bengt Osterman
Mark Chamberlain	Mark Heath	Anson Roland
John Chamberlain	Tom Huether	Elliott Searles
Steve Church	Michael Jantzen	Craig Searles
Dan Conklin	Bill Jarrett	Ian Searles
Ed Conklin	Nathan Kalmoe	Dave Slayton
Craig Crispin	Rolf Lundberg	Jim Slayton
Kevin Doyle	Jim MacKinnon	Rob Stone
Tom Emerick	Andrew McComas	Cole Walter
Don Everett	Doug McComas	Dennis Zank
Bjorn Garpstal		

2013 Maximum Effort Events

May 4-5	Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Reenactment – Brooklyn, Michigan
May 25-27	Civil War Remembrance Weekend @ Greenfield Village – Dearborn, Michigan
June 2	Jackson Rose Parade – Jackson, Michigan
June 15-16	Battle of Turkeyville – Marshall, Michigan
July 4-7 150 th	Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
July 20-21	Charlton Park Civil War Muster – Hastings, Michigan
August 24-25	29 th Annual Cascades Civil War Muster – Jackson, Michigan
September 7-8	5 th Annual Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster – Holland, Michigan

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants,

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Civilian Report

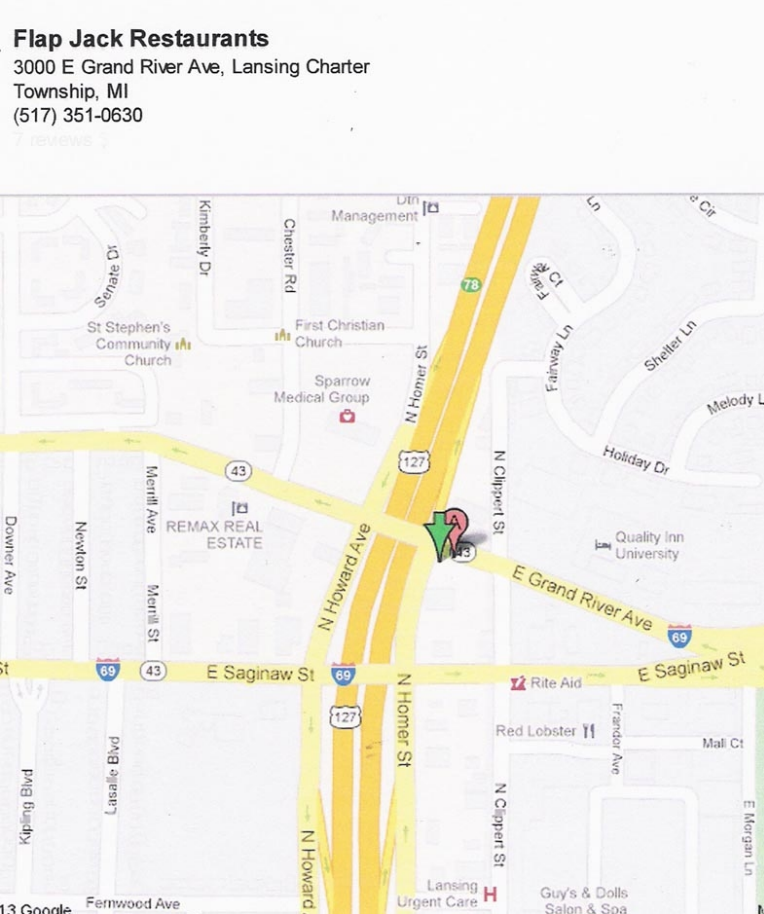
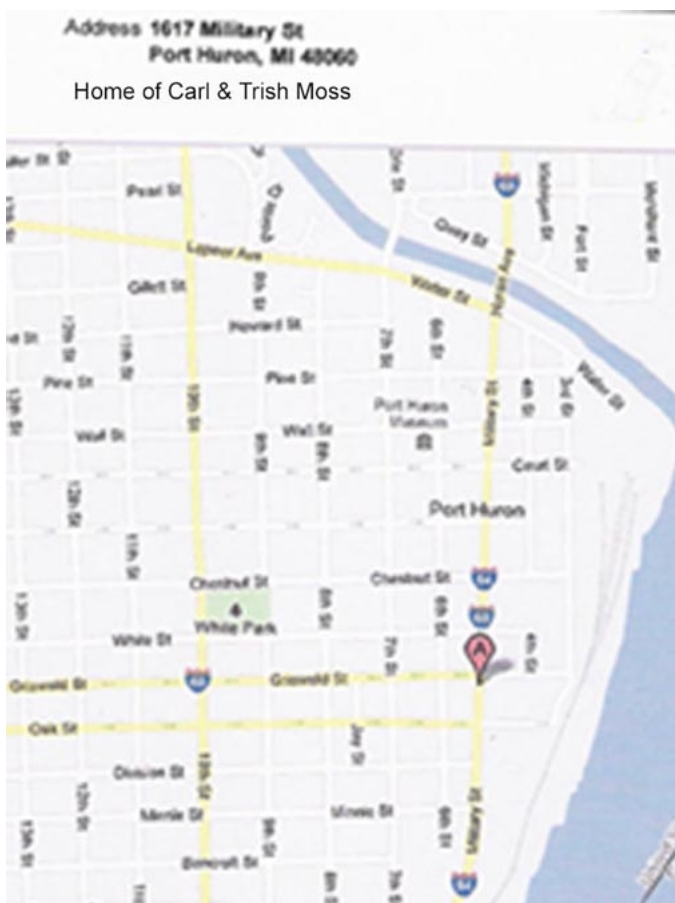


I would like to thank the ladies that came on the March sewing party road trip! We all had a good time and found some great fabric! Our next sewing party is going to be on April 20th and it will be another road trip. Trish Moss will be hosting the sewing party at her home in Port Huron. We will be meeting at the Flap Jack in Frandor for breakfast at 7am and carpooling to Port Huron. Anyone who wants to skip breakfast can meet us at the restaurant at 8am. Trish will be providing a lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, chips and tea. Please feel free to bring a dish to pass to add to the lunch. While there we will be touring her historic home and possibly stopping at a quilt shop or two. Any gentlemen that would like to come are welcome as there are many great museums to see.

This will be our last club meeting at the church and I would like to use our time to answer any questions you might have on clothing, hair, or just your impression on general. We have a wealth of great knowledge in our group to share! I will also be finalizing plans for the mourning house impression at Jackson this August.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:
cinderellie_2003@yahoo.com or (517)393-3475
Trish Moss- 1617 Military St. Port Huron, 48060
Flap Jack- 3000 E. Grand River Ave. Lansing, 48912

I look forward to seeing you all there!
Katie Everett
Civilian Chair



April 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 107 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), [there are 12 events listed for April. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to \[www.micw150.us/2012events.htm\]\(http://www.micw150.us/2012events.htm\)](#) and clicking on the month in question. Events for 2013 can be added anytime by contacting pcinc@prodigy.net.

4 - 7. Reenactment: *Marmaduke's Raid 150th Anniversary Battle Reenactment* (Event takes place in the highest and roughest terrain in the Missouri Ozarks). The event site is 15 miles from the original site of Ft. Benton as well as the original roads used by both armies during the raid. Contact Jeremy Bevard at [bjj696@yahoo.com](mailto:jbj696@yahoo.com).

5 - 7. Tactical: *In Hooker's Rear* (Chancellorsville, Virginia area). A Federal Campaigner Battalion is being raised to participate in the Tactical. Contact: Andy Roscoe at 24thmi@gmail.com.

6. Civil War Symposium: *1863 The Turning Point of the Civil War* (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan). 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM. The Civil War Symposium is sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. and the Michigan Historical Center. Topics include: *Women in the Civil War, Food during the Civil War, Tools and Resources to Research the Civil War, Recent Books on the Civil War, The Battle of Gettysburg Revisited, President Lincoln – A Portrait in Time, The 102nd United States Colored Troops, The Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi and the Battle of Gettysburg from a Geographer's Perspective, International Intrigue or "Cotton was not King," In Their Words – the Story of Annie Etheridge, Civil War Nurse, The Michigan Cavalry Brigades and Weapons of Mass Destruction..* The cost is \$20.00 per person. Contact: Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net.

6. Civil War Trust- National Park Day (Historical Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Start time: 9 AM. Since 1996, the Civil War Trust has sponsored Park Day, an annual hands-on preservation event to help Civil War battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects large and small. Contact: Tom Berlucchi at TBERLUCCHI@YAHOO.COM

10. Premier Film Showing: *The Road to Andersonville* (Park Library Auditorium, 250 East Preston Street [on the campus of Central Michigan University], Mount Pleasant, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Documentary film on the story of Michigan's Native American Civil War Soldiers. Contact: Chris Czopek at historydetective@aol.com.

11. Presentation: *Canada and the American Civil War* (Ellis Library and Information Center, 3700 South Custer Road, Monroe Michigan). 7:00 PM. During the time of the Civil War, Canada was not yet established as a federated nation and followed the neutrality of England. Website: http://monroe.lib.mi.us/civil_war_series.htm.

12 - 14. 2013 Historic Fort Wayne Combined Arms Drill (Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). We will be honing our drill and tactical skills for the season and for Gettysburg. Union Infantry, Artillery, and Cavalry encouraged to attend. Contact: Scott Cummings at scotthyomeseller@charter.net.

14. 56th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (Oakridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois). Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Parade to and Wreath laying at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Website: <http://suvcw.org/mollus/oldsave/2013lincolntomb.pdf>.

17. Presentation: *The Battle at Shiloh Church* (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM). Presenter is Del F. Jarvis. Website: <http://civilwar.connerprairie.org/share/calendar>. Contact Paul Watson at pwatson001@indy.rr.com.

27. 3rd Annual Coldwater Civil War Spring Ball (Historic Masonic Temple, 45 East Chicago St, Coldwater, Michigan). 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Tickets: \$15.00 by mail until April 26th, \$20.00 at Door. Website: <http://www.cwcwmi.com/> or Facebook at [Coldwater Civil War Spring Ball](#). Contact: Dave McKee at dm307mckee@charter.net or Telephone at 517-924-0438.

27. 3rd Annual Civil War Dinner. (Monroe VFW Hall, 400 Jones Ave, Monroe, Michigan). 5:00 - Doors open, 6:00 PM - Dinner. The cost is \$20. Music will be provided by Fiddlesix and the speaker will be Steve Alexander, aka General George Custer. The topic is the *Battle of Gettysburg*. Contact: Christine Kull at chris_kull@monroemi.org or by Telephone at 734-240-7787.

30. FREE Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar: *Food during the Civil War* (Sunfield United Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43) in Sunfield, Michigan). 7:00 PM. FREE Civil War History Seminars. Website: <http://suvcw.org/mi/017/announcements.htm> Contact: Paul David Arnold at arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net.

Keith G. Harrison, Chair
7th Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners is composed of over 1,000 Civil War reenactors and living history historians; patriotic and hereditary organizations; scholars and educators, roundtables; local and statewide libraries, historical societies, genealogical societies; local and statewide museums; and numerous local Michigan communities that sponsor special and annual historical programs related to the Civil War. Each year the History Partners hosts the annual Reenactors' Conference and creates a Statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar to commemorate the Michigan's role in Civil War.