



L to R: Jim MacKinnon, Ellyn Painter, Don Everett, Dave Downing, Joy Henderson – Mason, MI Sesquicentennial Opening Ceremony, March 9, 2015. Photo by Pat Downing.

## Next Club Meeting:

**Saturday April 18**

Eaton Rapids Conservation Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Military  
Shoot and Ladies' Sewing Party

POTLUCK lunch and April Club Meeting

NOTE – there is NO Sunday meeting this month.

The above events will be combined for a great  
get together for all. (See more info pg. 2 )

No more club meetings until

Sat. June 20, at the Turkeyville event. Time will  
be early evening, after supper but before the ball.

*Spring is here!  
At last!  
Spring is here!*





## Club Leadership

**New Member Chairman:**  
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**Quartermaster:** Don Everett

**Club Historian:** Doug McComas

**Webmaster:** Dennis Zank

**Website:** [www.7thmichigan.us](http://www.7thmichigan.us)

**Annual Membership Dues:**

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**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 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 (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.

*Ellyn*

Ellyn Painter, Editor

Eaton Rapids Conservation Club:  
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**TAKE NOTE:** Anyone wishing to partake of  
the 9am breakfast must let Katie Everett know by  
April 11. (517)420-6837 [cinderellie\\_2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cinderellie_2003@yahoo.com)

## Quartermaster Report

The Military Minutes and Civilian Report contain additional  
details of the upcoming combined Military Shoot / Ladies'  
Sewing Party.

After lunch we will hold our April meeting before cleaning up.  
Also, it is rumored that there will be a special surprise by yours  
truly. Bring something to shoot and a dish to pass. Please note  
that this is a change of meeting date from April 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday,  
April 18. Those wishing to participate in the Live Fire Contest,  
see the rules, below.

### **The rules for the Live Fire Contest** are as follows:

There will be a donated military rifle of some  
undetermined vintage (the era of the weapon to be disclosed at  
the shoot), which all participants must use to make their two  
allowed shots. The first will be a practice shot, the second shot  
to score. The competitor scoring the best shot will have his (or  
her?) name added to the trophy plaque, and be allowed to keep  
(and hopefully display proudly!) it for the year.

Many wonderful bargains will be available for purchase--  
uniforms, accoutrements, etc --so bring money!

-----submitted by Don Everett



# Club News

**REMINDER:** Deadline for Greenfield Village registration is April 15. You MUST register personally on the Village website. (See Military Minutes for more info).

**CORRECTION:** Dennis Zank is still our club Webmaster. I believe I reported earlier that the job had been taken over by Casey Wallick, due to Denny's heavy job responsibilities. His work load has now lightened, thus he will be resuming the Webmaster position. Dennis is in need of good photographs of recent events to include in the photo slideshow on the website. ---The Editor

**AED TRAINING REPEAT:** There is a possibility that the AED training class that was offered in February will be repeated - perhaps in the fall. The class would train participants to use the AED (heart defibrillator) the club owns, along with general first aid skills - same as the February training. It is approx. 3 hours in length. The club will cover the cost of the training. Anyone interested in the club offering a second class, please contact Dennis Zank - 517-667-4082; [denny\\_sucw\\_camp17@ameritech.net](mailto:denny_sucw_camp17@ameritech.net)

**ROSTER:** The new updated club roster was distributed to all present at the March club membership meeting by Don Everett. Anyone who did not receive one and would like a hard copy, please contact Don. It will be snail mailed to you. One good reason for every club member to have a roster in his/her possession is so that we may maintain the privacy of our members and not have to publish contact information in the newsletter. The other principal reason is "community"-ie, so that we can all keep in touch with each other!

**CONDOLENCES:** To Bob Smith, on the death of his mother, on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Bob reports: *"She was 97 years, 7 months, and a few days old. She had a stroke in late January...she had previously had a mini stroke about a year back...but this one was a bad one. She rallied for a bit, but then just lacked the reserves and declined. She lived independently in a seniors apartment complex right up to her stroke. So, going rather quickly would have been her wish. Lingering at a convalescent home would have been awful for her. She remarried after my Dad died in 1978, so her last name was not Smith....it was Wreatha Pauline Hancock. She outlived the "Hancock" husband as well."*

Bob added: *"We're glad to be back to active in the 7th. The past 5 years between Carol's Mom and Dad and my Mom we didn't have much spare time. Now things are lightening up a bit. We're enjoying being back in the club."*

The club offers condolences also to Anson And Lorrie Roland on the passing of Lorrie's mother, Wed., March 25. Services were Saturday, the 28th at Goreling-Runciman Funeral Home in E. Lansing.

**RETIREMENT OF CLUB FLAGS:** At the March club meeting it was voted to donate our two silk reproduction 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan battle flags to the State of Michigan, as they are now 20 years old, very worn, and thus too fragile to use in reenactments. The state has shown interest in obtaining them. Jim Kirschensteiner and Dave Downing will be looking into costs and particulars of getting repair and preservation work done on the flags before they are presented to the State Archives.

Watch for more info on this topic at a later date, as we will likely be doing some kind of presentation ceremony or a reenactment of the original presentation of the flags to the regiment by the ladies of Monroe, MI. This would also mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the presentation of the reproduction silk flags, made and hand embroidered by Gloria and Sarah Kirchensteiner, to our club.

At right is a photo of our 1864 flag, the one with the embroidered state seal, that is a replica of the original Civil War flag in the glass case (at left, in photo). Gloria Kirchensteiner stands at the left side of the photo. She elaborated: "Before the flag was presented to the unit at the Jackson event in 1995, we took it to the Monroe County Historical Museum to compare it to the original. "That's me, 20 years younger, Melinda Dickinson's legs, and Sarah off to the right."

Photo courtesy of Gloria K.





# Military Minutes - March 2015

Shaking off some rust, we practiced stacking arms, a couple of wheels, and then went over dress parade since that will happen multiple times at Greenfield Village. I also want to remind officers and NCOs to look over skirmish drill in Casey's Manual. If we get the chance to do that, we want to do the best we can and become proficient! The following is information on the upcoming events. Please note the SATURDAY April 18<sup>th</sup> breakfast, target shoot, pot-luck lunch and April Meeting (we will not meet on Sunday as usual).

## **Other NATIONAL EVENTS**

There is interest from some Military and Civilian members in the Lincoln Funeral in Springfield, Illinois. The website is [http://lincolnfurtrain.org/2015\\_event.php](http://lincolnfurtrain.org/2015_event.php).

We have been invited to join the 24<sup>th</sup> Michigan in this event, and so far we have 7 people planning to go. Please contact Craig DeCrane at [decrane@buckeye-express.com](mailto:decrane@buckeye-express.com) if you plan to attend. Pre-Registration for this event will CLOSE on Friday, April 17.

## **2015 MICHIGAN EVENTS**

April 18<sup>th</sup> – SATURDAY - Annual Target Shoot & Food & Club Meeting:

This will be held again at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club, a couple miles west of Eaton Rapids at the corner of 5 Point Hwy and Freeman Road. After breakfast at 9:00am, we'll target shoot and have the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual target competition. Everyone gets a chance for a practice shot and one competition shot, all using the same rifle. Then a pot-luck lunch, followed by the April meeting. Note there will be no Sunday meeting in April.

April 25<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Drill at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit

From Scott Cummings, 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan: Because of all the wrap up 150th events, we decided not to have a combined arms drill or battalion drill at the fort this year. However, I want to invite anyone to the one day drill I am conducting for School of the Company & Skirmish Exercises for the 5th Michigan boys at Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit on April 25th. Any soldiers wanting to drill are very welcome. Drill on your own or drill with us. Come for the day or if you like come on Friday and stay until Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you all sometime this season, if not at the fort. Scott Cummings, Chairman, Co. K., Saginaw City Light Infantry, Fifth Michigan Infantry. Cell: (989) 415-8592, [www.unionreenactor.com](http://www.unionreenactor.com)

May 23 - 25. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance (20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan). Hosted by Greenfield Village. Hundreds of Union and Confederate reenactors, civilians, musicians and historic presenters — all in period clothing — converge, eager to share their knowledge with you. There are dozens of opportunities to learn more about this pivotal time in American history: exhibits, presentations, battle tactics demonstration, hands-on activities and insights from historians. Join us in honoring the sacrifices and achievements of all those who bravely fought and continue to fight in defense of our great nation. The Henry Ford will participate in a national moment of silence at 3 pm Monday as signaled by the Armington & Sims shop whistle. Amenities include firewood, straw, modern camping, military ball, sutlers. This event is by invitation only for reenactors. **If you are now on the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan roster, you can register at : <http://registration.thehenryford.org>.** If you are a returning participant and remember your account password, you can register, and they have a "forget your password" button to select. If not registered last year, you can create an account. Once logged in, select "Civil War Remembrance" and start registering!

The general website: [www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx](http://www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx).

June 20 - 21. Turkeyville Civil War Reenactment (Turkeyville U.S.A., 18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan). Free to the public, but donations appreciated. Battles, Grand Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing, ladies tea and fashion show, and pie eating contest. Special Impression Area to include Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, General Ulysses S. Grant, Post office, Barber, Storyteller, Blacksmith, Quartermaster, and Surgeon. Thursday and Friday set-up, Modern day RV campsite on location with hook-ups (offered at discounted rate for reenactors), wood & hay provided, free reenactor meal Saturday at Turkeyville Restaurant, coffee and donut breakfast free to reenactors. Artillery Bounties (\$100/first six guns each side), Cavalry Bounties (\$20/horse first registered)



Registration can be by via the web or by email. Website: <http://www.turkeyville.com>. Reenactor Contact: Email [elyse@turkeyville.com](mailto:elyse@turkeyville.com) or by Telephone at 517-626-4336.

July 18 - 19. Charlton Park Civil War Muster (2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Michigan). Hosted by Battery D, 2nd Michigan Light Artillery, 3rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company F., and Barry County Parks. Confederate and Union Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery units. Shop on Sutler Row, play parlor games, Two battles on Saturday, one battle on Sunday. Admission is Adults \$5.00, Kids \$3.00 ages 5 - 12 years, 4 and under are free. All Reenactors are requested to Preregister at no charge. The on-site registration fee is \$10.00 per reenactor. Preregistration required/fee for walk-ons. Website and registration form/information at [http://www.charltonpark.org/news\\_events/special\\_events.html](http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/special_events.html). Contact: [info@charltonpark.org](mailto:info@charltonpark.org).

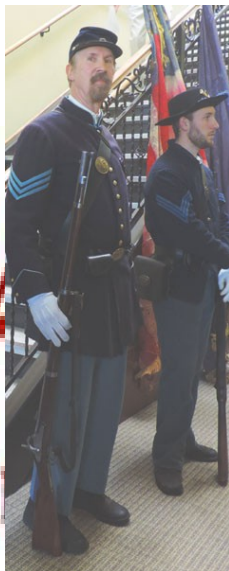
*No decision has been made yet for August, September or October events, but information will be distributed when available!*

Please make plans to attend the Michigan "Maximum Events" for the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan. Greenfield Village is fast approaching; make plans to attend if you can, whenever you can. Just remember to register.

In your service, Capt. Dave Slayton.



The evening of Monday, March 9, was the opening ceremony for Mason's year-long Sesquicentennial celebration, at Mason City Hall. A sizable group of 7<sup>th</sup> MI members attended. Military (color guard): Gordon Duda, Tom Emerick, Jim Kirschensteiner, Jim MacKinnon, Andrew McComas, Doug McComas, Rob Stone. Civilian: Joan Emerick, Dave Downing, Pat Downing, Don Everett, Julie Everett, Katie Everett, Joy Henderson, Celeste Hude, Gloria Kirschensteiner, and Ellyn Painter. We were all made to feel very welcome and appreciated, and we really, REALLY enjoyed the cakes served afterwards!



Photos courtesy of Celeste Hude





## Ladies Needed...



Hi Ladies,

I wondered if any of you would be interested in helping with a program I have been asked to do for the Mason Historical Museum. The date is Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm ( would need to be there at 6pm).

I would like anyone who wants to participate to come dressed in your favorite dress/ballgown/swimwear/women soldier(Emilia Bloomer)/spy. You would give a brief talk about what you are wearing, and/or any info pertaining to the persona you are portraying.

This is not a "fashion show," just a program about what life would have been like at pre and post Civil War.

I will give about a 20 to 30 minute talk and then introduce you one by one or in a group, however you feel comfortable.

You would come up on the stage, model and talk about what you are wearing and give any interesting facts/antidotes associated to that. These would be fairly short presentations.

For example:

1. Vonda, Joy and Joan would be great dressed in mourning. Presentation of information on this topic would be so desirable, as it is seldom seen at events.
2. Linda could discuss proper Ball etiquette.
3. Marie, wearing your camp dress, could talk about cooking in the camps. (Most people think we wore crinolines all the time).
4. Pocket Lady demonstration.

I am sure you may know of many other things we could show and talk about. If you have an idea or something to present that would be great!

**Please let me know by April 14.**

Thanks so much for your help!!!

Celeste Hude

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## Civilian Report

Hello all! I would like to thank Sandy for hosting the March sewing party. We always have a great time! The beginning of the season is upon us and we have a lot of events set up. For our final sewing party of the year we will join the guys for their live shoot at the Eaton Rapids Sportsman Club. The clubhouse has been rented for us to use for our sewing party. Their will be tables and outlets available so you can bring whatever you would like to work on for the day. We will be meeting there to have breakfast at 9am with the guys and then splitting up for our individual activities.

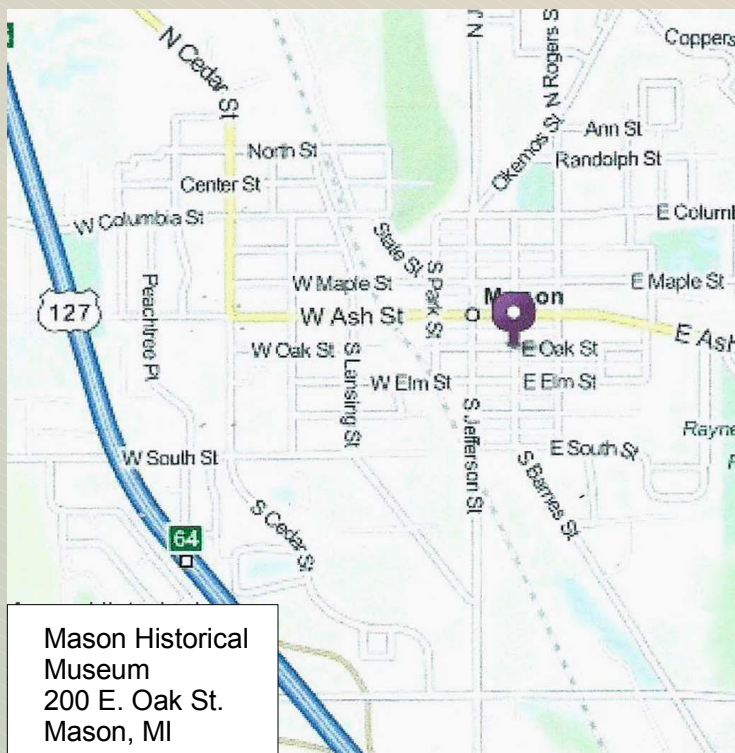
Jeff and Anson will be cooking breakfast for us and we will be having a potluck lunch together and then having our club meeting. We are asking that you bring a dish to pass for lunch. So far we will have mac and cheese, sloppy joes, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, 7 layer salads, white chicken chili, pulled pork, and various desserts. If you were not at the meeting please let me know if you are planning on coming for breakfast by the 11th so we can have an accurate count for our cooks.

At our meeting we will need to discuss our plans for some upcoming events that we have an overlap on. IF you have any ideas for what you would like to do at some of our upcoming events please let me know and bring them to the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

Katie Everett  
Civilian Chair  
(517)420-6837

*See map on page 2*

Eaton Rapids Conservation Club  
4388 Freeman Rd., Eaton Rapids 48827



Mason Historical  
Museum  
200 E. Oak St.  
Mason, MI



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

William Jarrett, Club Secretary  
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## WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME

### A Celebration of Luther & Lafayette Baker, the Capture of John Wilkes Booth, and the End of the Civil War

The final days of April, 1865, were a dark time for our country, as Americans waited to hear if John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, would be found and brought to justice. The manhunt for Booth was led by none other than Lansing's Luther Baker, cousin of Lafayette Baker, then head of the Secret Service. These two Lansing men would capture the spotlight in the waning days of April. This April, the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will host a series of events marking the end of the Civil War and honoring the Baker family. For more detailed information regarding the events, visit our website: [www.lansinghistory.org](http://www.lansinghistory.org).



Historical Society of Greater Lansing

#### April 3 - Friday

##### **A Look at Boston Corbett, the Man Who Killed Booth (Lecture)**

7:00pm - Schuler Books  
Meridian Mall, Okemos

#### April 9 - Thursday

##### **The Mystery of Dr. Mudd & John Wilkes Booth (Lecture)**

7:00pm - East Lansing Public Library  
950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing

#### April 11 - Saturday

##### **Reading of Michigan Civil War Love Letters**

2:00pm - Library of Michigan  
702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing

#### April 14 to April 16

##### **Lincoln Collection Pop-Up Exhibit**

9:00am to 9:00pm - Downtown Library  
401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing

#### April 16 - Thursday

##### **Michigan's Connection to the Aftermath of the Lincoln Assassination (Lecture)**

7:00pm - Downtown Library  
401 S. Capitol Ave., Lansing

#### April 24 - Friday

##### **Lansing Goes to War Exhibit Viewing**

5:00pm - Lansing City Hall  
124 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing

#### **Capitol Grounds Civil War Monument Tour**

6:30pm - Michigan State Capitol

#### April 25 - Saturday

##### **Mount Hope Cemetery Civil War Tour**

1:00pm - Mount Hope Cemetery  
1800 E. Mt. Hope Ave., Lansing

##### **Luther Baker and the Capture of John Wilkes Booth (Lecture)**

4:00pm - LCC's Dart Auditorium  
500 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

#### April 26 - Sunday

##### **Civil War Foods of the North and South (Lecture)**

1:15 pm - Michigan Historical Museum  
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

##### **Michigan's Civil War Battle Flags Viewing**

2:30 pm - Michigan Historical Museum  
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

# April 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 112 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2015 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website ([www.micw150.us](http://www.micw150.us)), 11 have been reported for April. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to [www.micw150.us/2015events.htm](http://www.micw150.us/2015events.htm) and clicking on the month in question.

## - April -

**1 & 8. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum** (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and The Museum is opened the first two Wednesdays each month, most patriotic days, special events, and by appointment. Admission to the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum is free. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at [GARmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:GARmichigan@gmail.com).

**10 - 12. 150th Anniversary Appomattox** (Appomattox Center for Business & Commerce Industrial Park Lane, Appomattox, Virginia [About one mile northwest of Route 460 and the town of Appomattox]). Website: <http://appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org/150th.htm>.

**11 - 12. 58th 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. Contact [rpetro7776@aol.com](mailto:rpetro7776@aol.com) or by Telephone at 636-274-4567.

**14. Presentation: Abraham Lincoln** (Meijer Branch of Jackson District Library, 2699 Airport Rd. Jackson, Michigan). 6:30 PM. The presenter will be Fred Priebe. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/710679885680603/>. Contact: Jim Grose at [jegroser@comcast.net](mailto:jegroser@comcast.net).

**15. Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Civil War Concert** (Soldiers and Sailors Monument, 298 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio). Noon. Ceremony to honor Abraham Lincoln and to remember the day of his death. Contact: [ohiomollus@aol.com](mailto:ohiomollus@aol.com) or by telephone at 330-855-4251.

**17. Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Presentation - United States Colored Troops Reaction to the Death of Lincoln** (Soldiers and Sailors Monument, 298 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio). 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Presentation by Dr. Leonne Hudson, Associate Professor at Kent State University. Contact: [ohiomollus@aol.com](mailto:ohiomollus@aol.com) or by telephone at 330-855-4251.

**25. Coldwater Civil War Spring Ball** (Historic Masonic Temple, 45 East Chicago St, Coldwater, Michigan). 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Tickets: \$20 per person or two for \$35 before April 25th or \$20 dollars each at the door. Website: <http://www.cwcwmi.com/> or Facebook at *Coldwater Civil War Spring Ball*. Contact: Dave McKee at [dm307mckee@charter.net](mailto:dm307mckee@charter.net) or Telephone at 517-924-0438.

**25 - 26. POSSIBLE Battalion Drill:** (Historical Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Check back occasionally for more information. Contact: Will Eichler at [will@williameichler.com](mailto:will@williameichler.com).

**26. Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Lincoln Memorial Processional** (Cleveland City Hall Mall C, 601 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio). 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Solemn Processional to recreate and memorialize the original funeral procession for President Lincoln in 1865 in Cleveland. Line up begins at 11:00 AM with step off at 1:00 PM. Period attire requested. Contact [ohiomollus@aol.com](mailto:ohiomollus@aol.com) or by telephone at 330-855-4251.

**28. Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Historic Marker Dedication and Unveiling** (Soldiers and Sailors Monument, 298 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio). Noon. Marker to commemorate Lincoln's second visit to the city of Cleveland, Ohio and to recognize the tribute that Cleveland made. Contact [ohiomollus@aol.com](mailto:ohiomollus@aol.com) or by telephone at 330-855-4251.

**28. FREE Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar -The Wreck of the Sultana** (Sunfield United Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43) in Sunfield, Michigan). 7:00 PM. The presenter will be Gary Holmes. Website: <http://suvcw.org/mi/017/announcements.htm> Contact: Paul David Arnold at [arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 in November and creates the statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar.