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Notice of Annual Membership Meeting:

Sunday, October 21, 2012 Military and Civilian

elections: 1:30pm Annual meeting and Board elections: 2:30 pm

Next club meeting:

August 18, 2012

Work party for

Cascades Civil War Muster 9:00 am

Cascades Park, Jackson

Lunch & meeting to follow at bandshell - 12:00

Subs, chips, & drink will be provided by the club, but feel free to bring other food to pass if desired



Please sign up for Jackson!

It's that time of year again. Included in this newsletter is the Jackson Work Schedule. Please look it over and sign up for a slot to work. *Those that do not sign up will be getting a call from me*. To sign up, look at the schedule and see what is available; contact me, Don Everett, at 517-393-3475 or djkeverett@comcast.net to see if the slot has not been filled. If the time slot is open I will confirm that you have the slot. Save me having to call you. Sign up early and often. I will have the schedule at the work Party. Thank You.



All Saints Episcopal Church 151 North Main St in Brooklyn

Will be Celebrating its 150th Anniversary on

Saturday, August 11th from 1:00 pm to 4 pm The Church is seeking civilian reenactors (military welcome also) for this event.

There will be an ice cream social with lemonade and other desserts as well.

A trio of violins accompanied by a hammered dulcimer will provide music, and Representative Mike Shirkey will present a resolution.

Contact person is:

Brian Johnson 592-2789 in Brooklyn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

- an excerpt from the book, All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

Be aware of wonder.

Remember the little seed in the styrofoam cup:
The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die.
So do we.

And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. And it is still true, no matter how old you are - when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

New Member co-Chairs: Bill Jarrett (military)

Heather Jarrett (civilian) btjarrett@aol.com

President: Doug McComas
Vice President: Steve Hainstock
Secretary: Jeff Verstraete
Treasurer: Dick Williams
Military: Tom Emerick, &
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains
Civilian Chairs: Joy Henderson,
& Vonda Warren

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

I pulled this back out recently; It still remains as true as when I first read it.

We have had a wonderful season so far. Hastings was fabulous and Jackson is just around the corner. The group is growing with new members who have added new excitement to the ranks and even the old vets have a new spring in our step. Reenacting is about friendships, taking care of your pards and sharing their lives. When we go out in the reenacting world it's best to hold hands and stick together. There is no finer group of people with which to share this grand hobby. Treasure your friends - I truly do.

Get ready to work your tail off at our premiere event!

your most obedient servant,



To the Ladies of the 7th:

Re: Annual Fall Weekend Retreat at Mill Run Lodge: Sept. 28-30

The Club has paid for the week-end for members. Katie has decided to cook for us the whole week-end. Breakfast Sat & Sun, Lunch and dinner on Saturday - leftovers for Sunday lunch. She hasn't finalized the menu yet but it will be in the September newsletter and we will need to know then if you are attending. There will be a small charge for the meals.

Just for a refresher or information for the new ones, you can arrive any time after 4:00 pm on Friday and we have the camp till 4:00 pm on Sunday. If you can only come out for Saturday - that's fine, too; come and join us; we have a good time.

The lodge has a fridge, stove, microwave, pots and pans, dishes, two bathrooms - no shower. There are tables we set up for eating, sewing etc. The upstairs is for sleeping and now has bunk beds with a mattress on them but you will need to bring sleeping bag/sheets/blankets etc. For some of the new ones you can bring anything to work on, such as sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, or just can and sit, talk and watch movies.

Katie will have a large selection of chick flicks, if there is something you want to see and you don't have it just ask Katie; she may have. If you have something you would like to bring that's fine; we try to keep to PG/PG-13 movies (DVD only) and no sad endings.

There are some trails you can walk and if you forget anything there is an old county store down the road. There are some rules: no smoking, no pets and no alcohol (if you are discreet you can bring beer, wine, wine coolers etc.) this is because we have had to call the ranger to fix the water heater. We will need to pack up about 1 hour or so before leaving to clean we have to sweep, clean the bathrooms, mop if necessary, and remove everything from the Fridge.

You will need to bring whatever you want to drink for the week-end and snacks (to share). You are on your own for Friday night dinner - you can eat before you come or bring your dinner out with you or cook something there.

Any questions or concerns please e-mail or call me at home.

djkeverett@comcast.net phone - 517 393-3475 or my work E-mail - Julie.everett@dot.gov

Hope to see you there.

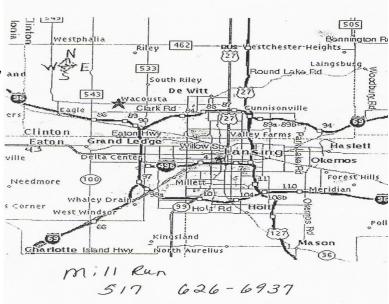
Mill Run Girl Scout Camp, 9155 Looking Glass Brook Rd, Wacousta, MI 517 626-6937



Retreat Dates: Fri-Sun. September 28-30

Map to Wacousta Girl Scout Camp

Take I-96 west toward Flint/Grand Rapids take the Grand River Ave Exit #90 turn left onto Grand River Hwy (Business-I-96) continue to follow Grand River Hwy west Turn right onto Wacousta Rd. Follow Wacousta Rd south until you cross a bridge (the Looking Glass River) turn left at the first street to the left. The entrance to the Girl Scout Camp is the first drive on the left.





Our eldest son. Robert, was promoted to SMSqt effective 1 June 2012. He was a student at the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy this summer. The goals of the school are to broaden institutional competencies by focusing on the following areas: Communication, Joint War Fighter, Operational Manager, Military Professional and Advanced Leadership skills. Attendance is usually restricted to those who have been selected to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant.

In the photo, Robert (center) is receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award. This is given to the top 10 percent of the student body with the highest cumulative scores in the following categories: Leadership & Management Module, Communication Skills, Flight Instructor Leadership Points, Peer Leadership Points, Additionally, award winners must pass all summative objectives and performance evaluations. They must also uphold the highest standards of leadership traits and characteristics, professional behavior, military bearing, respect for authority, dress and appearance and exemplary standards on/off duty.

There were 363 students in his class.

Proud parents of two active duty Air Force airmen, Joan and Tom Emerick

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Tee shirts, we have the following 7th Michigan clothing for sale: blue, 2 medium- \$7, 2 large- \$7, 1 2XL- \$9. Sweatshirts, blue, 1 medium- \$18.50, 1 Large- \$18.50, 2 X large-\$18.50, 1 2XL- \$21.50. Tote Bags, 1 navy- \$6, 2 red- \$6, 2 black- \$6 and Ball caps- \$15. These will be available at the next meeting.

There is powder, paper and caps available as well. The new supply of caps is the CCI copper 4 wing style and the new price will be \$7 per tin of 100. They are in real tins, not plastic. Price of 1 pound cans of FFFg powder has increased to \$14. There is 1 pound of powder left at \$13.

----submitted by Don Everett

7th Michigan Military Minutes – July 30, 2012

2012 Military Structure

Co-Captains: Dave Slayton

Tom Emerick

Jim MacKinnon Lieutenant: 1st Sergeant: Doug McComas Sergeant: **Craig Searles**

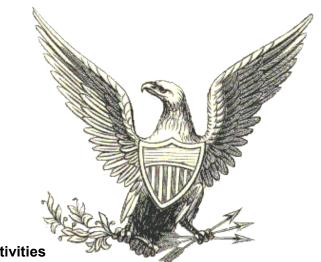
Jeff Verstraete

Dan Conklin Corporal:

> Tom Edwards **Andrew McComas**

Rob Stone

Chief Bugler: Mark Heath



2012 Military Activities

July 21-22 - 150th Historic Charlton Park Civil War Muster - Hastings, MI

Well, what can I say but the temperature at the event was hot just like the rest of Michigan's summer. This year both Union battalions bivouacked outside of the woods by the river which everyone appreciated. During the one hour tactical our company had three Confederate companies to contend with. We made a good show of it but had to hoof it all over the place in order to avoid capture most of the time. Our 2nd Battalion served under the able leadership of Colonel DeCrane and Adjutant Matt Nikkari throughout the weekend. Don Everett portrayed the town barber all weekend long and even went so far as to shoot some Yankee officers passing by during a scenario. Anson and Lorrie Roland and Brittany and Heather Jarrett cooked up and excellent Saturday breakfast and supper, and Sunday dinner. My compliments to the cooks! Many of the 7th Michigan boys "volunteered" to portray dead and wounded soldiers as part of the 3rd Michigan's hospital scenario during the candlelight tours. Marty Walker was the highlight of the tour and looked so natural in the casket.

August 24-26 – Cascades Civil War Muster - Jackson, MI

This is our big event so we need a good showing of troops. Captain Dave Slayton will have command of the company as I am serving as overall commander. This year we will be serving as one battalion with each company fielding 40+ rifles per unit. Colonel Craig DeCrane has graciously agreed to command the Union troops on Saturday whilst I have command on Sunday. The scenarios have been scripted to be a more historically accurate, increase the involvement of the other branches, and reduce the number of safety issues experienced during previous years. I also wish to personally thank Julie and Katie Everett for the special surprise they are cooking up for the Saturday battle. You both rock! I am really looking forward to seeing you all and especially looking forward to a fun weekend in the Union Military camp this year.

September 15-17 – 150th Anniversary Antietam NPS Living History Program – Sharpsburg, MD

Boys, this could turn into an once-in-a-lifetime weekend with Federal and Rebel troops camping on the Antietam battlefield 150 years to the date of the battle. The most important uniform requirement is for participants to wear the Regulation (Hardee) Hat. Gaiters and frock coats are optional but strongly recommended. To date the following men have registered interest with me to participate.

John Chamberlain Charlie Hainstock Dean Mielke Mark Chamberlain Steve Hainstock Dave Slayton Steve Church Mark Heath Jim Slayton Dan Conklin Nathan Kalmoe Rob Stone Dave Downing Andrew McComas Paul Waldorf Tom Emerick Doug McComas Dennis Zank

Website for the Antietam NPS is http://www.nps.gov/ancm/index.htm The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or tomjoemerick@hotmail.com.

September 22-23 – Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster – Holland, MI

If you are looking for a great fall event to attend, this is it. This is a Club maximum-effort event and supports our good friends in the 3rd Michigan. Captain Dave Slayton will have command of the company as I am serving as overall commander. The event hosts look to be providing a free meal, Saturday evening dance and other amenities. The event website is at http://www.hollandmuseum.org/muster/index.html and registration is on an individual basis. Please notify Dave or I when you register so we can keep track of our Military participants.

October 5-7 - 150th Anniversary Battle of Perryville - Perryville, KY

Although this is not a Club supported event some members have recently inquired about attending. Our good friends in the 3rd Michigan are planning to go and are welcoming any of our Club members to fall into their ranks if we decide to go. If interested please contact Dave Baumann at info@baumanntd.com

December 7-9 – 150th Anniversary Battle of Fredericksburg – Fredericksburg, VA

As of today the following men are registered to serve under Captain Andrew Roscoe in Company H of the 89th New York, Third Battalion.

Sam Batdorff John Braden John Chamberlain

Mark Chamberlain Steve Hainstock Steve Church Nathan Kalmoe George Duda Jim MacKinnon Tom Edwards Doug McComas Tom Emerick Dave Slayton Don Everett

Don Everett Rob Stone
Patrik Gustafsson (that's right, Patrik is flying in from Sweden for this one)

The "Fire on the Rappahannock" event will be held on portions of the actual battlefield and will include a recreation of the street battles in downtown Fredericksburg, a crossing of the Rappahannock on a modern pontoon bridge and in reproduction pontoon boats, and an attack on Marye's Heights. The 7th Michigan will be crossing the river in reproduction pontoon boats as the real 7th Michigan did 150 years ago. Registration for Military is officially closed although you can still register to be put on a waiting list of 100+ men. Registration, Military and Civilian, is \$15/person before November 15th and \$25 person after that date. I have gathered information on some local motels for the weekend. The going price is about \$70/night + 11% local/state tax. We will get out additional information as the event comes closer. The website is located at www.fredericksburg150.org/ 7th Michigan Contact: Captain Tom Emerick at tomjoemerick@hotmail.com Telephone: 517-669-5607.

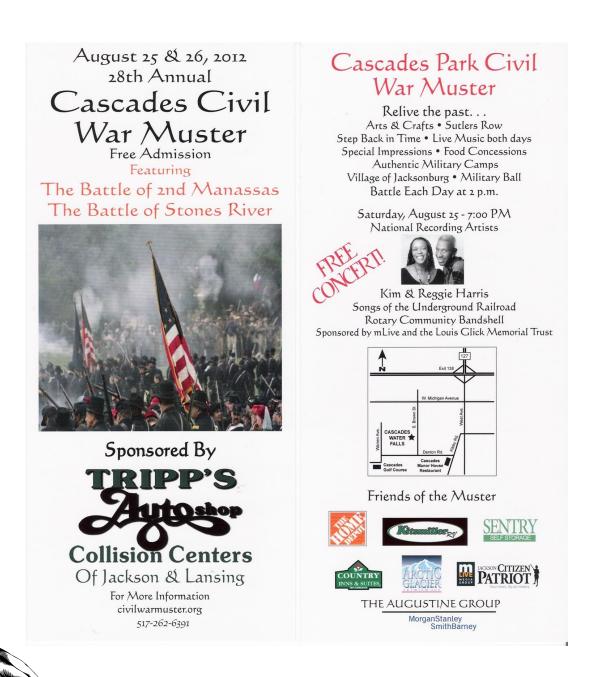
Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

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TomEmerick, Captain tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com (517) 669-5607







IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL:

ROUTE CHANGE TO JACKSON MUSTER

Due to a road construction project this summer on West Avenue in Jackson (a new railroad bridge) an alternate route to the Cascades Park at the south end of town will need to be used by those coming to the Muster from north of town. The section of West Ave. that is closed extends from the North St. intersection to Wildwood Ave. The most direct route from US 127 or I-94 to bypass this section is as follows: At the 127/I-94 interchange (Exit 138), take West Ave. south into town to the North St. light; turn right (west) onto North St. At the next light, turn left (south) onto Wisner. Go south on Wisner to Wildwood. Turn left at the light. Next intersection is West Ave. Turn right to get back onto West Ave. and continue south to the park.

Upcoming Events



10-12 Milford Memories Encampment Downtown Milford MI. Battles, Ball and Modern Camp. 18-19 Cascades work weekend - Jackson, MI 25-26 Cascades Civil War Muster - Jackson, MI

****** September *******

8-9 150th Battle Reenactment of the Battles of South Mountian & Antietam Monroe Rd, Boonsboro, MD 28 8th Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster Deerfield Nature Park, Mt Pleasant, Ml. 15-17 150th Anniversary Antietam NPS Living History Program - Sharpsburg, MD

The 7th Michigan has been officially invited to participate in this year's NPS Living History Program. We will be camping on the battlefield again and portraying one of the Iron Brigade regiments. Our pards in the 3rd Michigan, Co. F are also planning to go again.

21-23 7th Annual Angola Civil War Days Commons Park, Angola Indiana. 22-23 Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster Holland Museum, Holland Ml. 28-30 River of Time Living History Encampment Bay City MI.

******* October ********

12-14 20th Annual Wolcott Mill Civil War Days Ray Ml. 13 Harvest Ball Lansing, MI, Hosted by the 7th Michigan Co B 20-21 Hartford City Civil War Days Hartford, Indiana. 21 7th Michigan Annual Business Meeting -election of new club officers 27-28 Historic Bowens Mills Civil War Commemorative Weekend 55 Briggs Rd, Middleville MI

****** December ********

7-9 150th Anniversary of The Battle of Fredericksburg - Fredericksburg, Virginia Fredricksburg, VA The ""Fire on the Rappahannock" event will be held on portions of the actual battlefield to include a recreation of the street battles in downtown Fredericksburg, a crossing of the Rappahannock on a modern pontoon bridge and in reproduction pontoon boats, and the attack on Marye's Heights. The 7th Michigan will be reliving the conflict where we earned our battle honors as the "Forlorn Hope".

See the club website for complete details and contact info: www.7thmichigan.us

*****Some Upcoming 2012-2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial National Events *****

Tentative Dates

Gettysburg - July 4 - 7, 2013 Chickamauga - September 21 - 22, 2013 Resaca - May 14 - 16, 2014 Vicksburg/Raymond - 2014 Red River Campaign - November 2014 Brice's Cross Roads - 2014 Franklin - 2014 Bentonville - 2015

The 7th Michigan Sutler

The 7th has, over the last year, has obtained a collection of Military gear that is for sale to club members. After obtaining some more gear recently we have taken inventory of what we have for sale. The list follows. Most of the equipment is used and sold as is. The gear and prices are for 7th Michigan members only. New items are in red.

CLOTHING, MEN"S **WEAPONS MISCELLANEOUS** Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35 Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet, scabbard, Canteen sling, muslin...\$1 Trousers, US, sgt, 34/36...\$35 & sling, Armi Sport...\$625 Mattress tick...\$3 Trousers, US, need repair, 34/34...\$20 Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompion, Folding table \$20 Trousers, US, Officer, sky blue, 34/36...\$35 bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625 Iron lamp pole...\$15 Trousers, US, Officer, dark blue, 34/36...\$35 Trousers, US, 36/29 /w braces...\$40 Springfield 1863 rifle, Navy Arms...\$450 GI camp cot...\$20 Enfield 1853, rifle/w case, bayonet, scabbard, Trousers, US, 36/29, NEW ...\$45 & sling, Armi Sport...\$550 Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35 adapter...\$7 Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40 **ACCOUTERMENTS** Oil bottles, tin...\$2 Shell Jacket, CS, 38/40...\$35 Cartridge box/wo plate & tins...\$25 Bottles (5)...\$1 ea Sack coat, US, 40R...\$35 Cartridge box /w plates & tins...\$30 Trigger lock...\$2 Sack coat, US, 46/48...\$35 Cartridge box/w plates & tins...\$30 Box of Paper Ladies...\$5 Sack coat, US, 42/44...\$30 Cap box...\$15 Musket nipple wrench...\$3 Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20 Waist belt, US...\$10 Musket nipple wrench...\$3 Frock coat, size 44/46...\$75 Cap box...\$15 Tompion...\$1 Fly, 10 x 12 /w poles & stakes...\$65 Frock coat, size 42/44...\$75 Waist belt, US, (2)...\$10ea Waist belt, CS...\$10 Great coat, size 44...\$100 Shelter half (1)...\$17 Great coat, size 48...\$100 Waist belt, CS, canvas...\$10 Lantern, wood...\$15 Holster, rt hand, (2)...\$5ea Military vest, size 46/48...\$25 Lantern, wood, need repair ...\$5 Military vest, size large...\$20 Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$15 Tompion, brass...\$1 Sack coat, child's, 34...\$20 Camp shovel, folding...\$5 Trousers, child's, 22/20...\$20 Cartridge box tins...\$2 Shirt, child's, white, 32...\$5 Enfield sling...\$3 EZ Clean, black powder cleaner...\$1 Civilian frock coat, double breasted, gray Haversack, white muslin, (4)...\$5ea Tent stakes (6)...\$2ea pinstripe, size 42...\$45 Haversack, tarred...\$15 Gaiters...\$20 Civilian trousers, B/W check, 34/29...\$20 Haversack, tarred...\$15 Cartridges (150)...10 for \$2 Civilian dickey vest. Light gray...\$5 Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$20 Shirt, off white, XI...\$2 Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$25 Civilian vest, brown wool, size Lg...\$10 Canteen, tin, smooth side, dark blue...\$20 box...\$10 Long drawers, 40/42...\$10 Canteen, SS smooth side, sky blue...\$15 Short drawers...\$1 Canteen, SS smooth side, dark blue...\$20 Shirt, red bib front, XI ...\$15 Canteen, CS, wood...\$5 Shirt, blue check, XI ...\$10 CS buckle...\$3 Shirt, white, collarless ...\$10 US buckle...\$3 Shirt, blue dot, ...\$15 NCO sword...\$75 Shirt, Blue plaid, Lg...\$10 Shirt, Red calico, Lg...\$10 **COOKING UTENSILS** Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20 Porcelain basin...\$0.50 Shirt, collarless, white muslin...\$15 Tin cup, large...\$3 Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20 Tin cup, small...\$1 Suspenders...\$3 Tin cup, small...\$1 Suspenders...\$3 Tin cup, large...\$5 Suspenders, elastic, (2)...\$1ea Tin cup, large...\$2 Wool sock, white...\$5 Tin plate ...\$7 Wool sock, rag...\$5 Copper cup, large...\$5 Wool sock, rag...\$5 White gloves...\$1 per pair Tablespoon, fiddle back (2)...\$0.50 Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50 White gloves, wool...\$1 Fork...\$0.50

Knife...\$0.50

Knife, bone handle, (2)...\$2ea

HAVERSACK STUFFERS

Poke sack, pie carrier...\$2

Poke sack, muslin...\$.050

Pill case, tin...\$1

Housewife...\$3

Mirror...\$1

Pill case, wood...\$1 Scissors in muslin bag...\$1

Handkerchief...\$0.50 ea

Fork, bone handle, 3 tines, (4)...\$2ea

Poke sacks, various sizes each...\$0.50

Poke sacks, white muslin, (5)...\$1ea

Poke sack, pillow ticking, small...\$1

Soap, period w/ poke sack...\$1

Housewife, pillow ticking...\$3

Sewing kit, in cap tin...\$3

Amish straw hat...\$10 Slouch hat, black /w cord & bugle...\$25 Slouch hat, black...\$15 Slouch hat/w cord, black, lg...\$15

Hat civilian, tan, Ig...\$15 Kepi, US, med...\$15

Wool gloves, fingerless...\$7

Socks, cotton (4)...\$2pr

Wool mittens...\$7

Kepi, US, Ig...\$15 Hardee hat, double stitched brim, dressed...\$60 Forage cap, US, McDowell size 7 1/8...\$15 Forage cap, US, 1858/ w bugle & letter...\$15 Kepi, CS/w bugle...\$30

Kepi, CS...\$25

Kepi, CS...\$15 Touk, red wool...\$10

SHOES

Jefferson bootees, size 8...\$30 Jefferson bootees, size 10...\$55 Boots, Civilian or Officer size 10W...\$125 Coleman cot/w air mattress...\$50

Cleaning rods, wood w/ jag & shotgun brush

Federal knapsack, double bag...\$60

7th MI ball caps, original logo, (6)...\$10ea

Cleaning kit, collapsible cleaning rod, jag, brush, adapter, Moose Milk, oil in tackle

> ----submitted by Don Everett, Quartermaster

