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"Group Before the Charge" - 7th MI members at 150th Gettysburg, July 4-7, 2013. Photo by Phil Azzolino; submitted by Tom Emerick.

Phil is President of Group Tours & Travel, LLC. He was passing by as our 7th MI group gathered for a photo, and kindly sent us the fine image he captured.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



What a year of transitions, for me personally and for the hobby. My "baby" heads off to college in about a week, my oldest girl is to be married in a month and my son is hopefully teaching this fall. We've seen retirements, and reunions, discord and fellowship. Change marches on in people, in families, and in hobbies. It's a good thing, let's embrace it.

I was honored to accept as your representative of the 7th the gifts of an adze and a beautiful painting of the group in front of the Fredericksburg monument from our Swedish friends. Both will be brought to our club meeting. Jackson is almost upon us and we need everybody to take a shift or more, help out with the logistics and "make it happen". If you don't you may be branded a "Norwegian lover" (Just ask any of the guys who were at Gettysburg, they can explain). Club meeting is at the park on August 17 after work party. We will have a lunch provided. I hope to see as many of my friends there as we (gulp) almost wind up another season.

Your most obedient servant

Doug



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

A copy of the Jackson Muster Work Schedule is again included as an attachment to this issue. Please look it over and contact Don if you have not yet signed up!

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Jackson Work Party

Sat. Aug. 17 9:00am*

Meet at Cascades Park near the bandshell and pond area. Lunch & club meeting at Noon. Sandwich fixings & pop provided, but feel free to bring a passing dish or dessert, if desired.

* I have not been able to confirm absolutely the 9:00 time, so watch for possible update in your inbox. 9 am was the time we met last year. --The Editor

**Be sure to read the Military Minutes for
Upcoming Events**



Photo by
Annah
Jarrett

2013 Leadership

New Member co-Chairs:

Jeff Verstraete (military)
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President: Doug McComas
Vice President: Steve Hainstock
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Dave Slayton, Co-Captains
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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
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to ascertain that any items coming
from another source are properly
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are welcomed and encouraged, or
photos of special events. Original
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pertaining to Civil War or reenacting
are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:
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Thank-you.


Ellyn Painter, Editor

From: Björn Ångman
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2013 1:08 PM
To: Tom & Joan Emerick
Subject: Our most heartfelt thanks to
each and every one!



Dear Captain Emerick,

On behalf of myself, Little Bjorn, Bengt Osterman and Rolf Lundberg, I want to extend our most heartfelt thanks for the way you and the rest of the company took us in and guided us through the gruesome battles in the scorching heat of Gettysburg. We really felt ourselves welcome as members of the "gang" and to cap it up - we had a great time despite the scorching heat which took the steel out of me twice.

I am happy to say that I didn't have to go to hospital after my last "sunstroke" but mended quite quickly with the aid of the paramedics. By the time we reached Washington, I felt myself ready to have another go at the Rebs again. Even so, I learned a lesson - don't skip on the water, ha ha.

Will you please tell your esteemed company of our gratitude and we hope to join you some other time. Need I say that you are most welcome to Sweden. I am also most thankful for the "field-promotion" I received.

Your most obedient servant,

Björn Ångman / acting third sgt



7th MICHIGAN MILITARY MINUTES – JULY 28, 2013



Captain Tom Emerick



Captain Dave Slayton

2013 Military Structure

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

2013 Military Activities

May 24-26 - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI

Report by Tom Emerick.

Trust me. It will be in the next newsletter.

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

Report by Tom Emerick.

Well, I was hoping to give you a first-hand account of the gallant 7th Michigan, Company B's endeavors during the 150th Gettysburg re-enactment. Fate intervened and instead I can only provide a mile high view of the proceedings from the Battalion level. I will leave it to Dave Slayton to provide the details on the goings on within the Company street.

I want to personally thank Col. Craig DeCrane (24th Michigan) and Col. Peter Seielstad (2nd Wisconsin) for being good friends and mentors. Craig graciously permitted the 7th Michigan to serve under him in what turned out to be the largest brigade (2nd) and largest battalion (1st – Black Hats) in the 3rd Division. Peter did an excellent job leading the Black Hat Battalion. Pete tendered the Lt. Colonel position to me just four days prior to this once in a lifetime event. I had a great time to include serving with an excellent battalion staff composed of Major Doug Rasmussen (a fellow Michigander, no less), Adjutant-Captain Rich Hunt ("it's not rocket science!"), and Aide-de-Camp Lt. Kevin Hampton. Lastly, I want to thank Dave Slayton for standing in for me as Captain of the 7th Michigan for the weekend. Dave, if not for you I would not have had the time of my life.

The 150th Gettysburg week officially began at 5:15 Tuesday (July 2nd) morning. Steve Church arrived at my home, we packed his equipment into my truck, and departed DeWitt for the long journey out East. We swung by Mason to pick up Jim MacKinnon and then rendezvoused with the Jarrett clan (to include a young gentleman named Zack from the 3rd Michigan) in Jackson.

The trip out to Pennsylvania was uneventful except for two brief, torrential downpours on the PA Turnpike. We arrived at event registration at 5:00 in the afternoon where we met up with Anson and Lorrie Roland, Sandy McCarthy, and Marie, Audrie, and Elliott Searles. We wandered about the event site (very little directional signage was provided) until we came upon Ned and Marilyn Hughes. They had volunteered to coordinated the 3rd Division Civilian Camp. After exchanging greetings with everyone we all went our separate ways to set up tentage. Jim, Steve, and Elliot afterwards assisted me in laying out the Black Hat Battalion company streets and 2nd Brigade Headquarters' bivouac area.

On Wednesday the bulk of the day was spent directing people to their company streets and giving directions to other units (Blue and Gray) on where their bivouacs "might" be located (see note above regarding lack of directional signage). A good onsite map listing unit locations was not available so many (many) people would wander around asking for assistance. By the end of day, 2nd Brigade had filled up, especially with the late afternoon arrival of two busloads of 2nd Wisconsin men to include all of the 2nd Battalion Field Staff. The evening was pretty boisterous as friends throughout the camps were getting reacquainted and everyone was still "fresh" from traveling to the event. The battle of the bands started later that night when our own 2nd Brigade band (brass) was competing for air time with a large fife & drum corps playing at the other end of camp. It was an evening filled with music and camaraderie that won't be seen for a very long time.

Bugles, bugles everywhere. I have told Mark Heath many times (sometimes in jest) you can never have too many buglers. 150th Gettysburg proved me wrong. We had some excellent buglers at Division (total 1), both Brigades (total 2), and for each Battalion (total 5). It was impressive how signals and commands were transmitted through camp and to initially position us on the battlefield. In the field, however, we experienced the very same communications breakdowns and delays our ancestors fought through during a real battle. For example, 3rd Division would decide to move the Black Hat Battalion into a gap in the battle line. Division bugler (RJ Samp) would blow the 3rd Division prelude, followed by the 2nd Brigade prelude, followed by the maneuver signal (forward march) to be executed. 2nd Brigade bugler (Mark Heath) would then blow the 2nd Brigade prelude, followed by the 1st Battalion (Black Hats) prelude, followed by the maneuver signal (forward march) to be executed. 1st Battalion bugler (Nels Ebbens) would then blow the 1st Battalion (Black Hats) prelude, cease fire (if we were firing), followed by the maneuver signal (forward march) to be executed. We experienced problems with the sound of battle muffling the signals, forcing repeats of the calls. Usually, by the time we reacted to the ninth call (whew) the Battalion would barely move because the opportunity to perform the maneuver had already passed. 3rd Division Headquarters realized the shortcomings of the extenuated bugle signals and eventually resorted to the tried and true method of employing couriers to maneuver troops over most of the weekend. In spite of this, my compliments go to RJ, Mark, and Nels for their musical contributions throughout the weekend.

Thursday's first engagement was extremely disappointing especially for our Black Hat Battalion. Something went terribly wrong with the execution of the Willoughby Run battle scenario. The Black Hats were supposed to be one of the first units thrown into the maelstrom. Our deployment into the battle was delayed so long we were only able to fire off a few rounds against about twenty Rebel skirmishers. The Union Army Commander (General Baldwin) observed our predicament and the accompanying impact on morale within the Battalion. During the next late afternoon battle scenario he personally led the Black Hats into the thickest of the fighting to make up for our exclusion from the first fight. The remaining battles were what you have come to expect at national-level events with thousands of infantry slugging it out. I was unable to observe the cavalry engagements but the number of troopers on horseback was the most I have ever witnessed. There were so many artillery pieces it was amazing they all could fit on the same field.

Other tidbits... The GAC host organization did a terrific job supplying amenities throughout the week. Battalion staff partook of some delicious root beer floats (courtesy of Col. Seielstad) and found time to wander about the HUGE Sutlers Row. I was treated to some fine hot meals cooked in concert by Janessa Slayton, Rolands, Searles, and Jarrett families. I had the privilege of observing first hand the inner workings of a thoroughly professional and period accurate Black Hat Battalion staff. Our morning Battalion Dress Parade was first rate especially with our Brigade brass band trooping the line. I have to laugh now when thinking back about the four Swedish Confederates who arrived at my tent in the middle of the night looking for the five Swedish Yankees in the 7th Michigan company street. How they ever found us in this huge camp in the dark is beyond me. Thanks to Earl Zeckman's guys who let me get my "fix" by jamming with their field music for a brief time. It was a proud moment for me to see the Battalion fighting under the 7th Michigan Regimental colors during Pickett's Charge. It was a sad moment when saying goodbye to all of the new friends I had made at the end of the event.

The long journey home began with a torrential downpour immediately following the end of Pickett's Charge. It was raining so hard it was difficult to see let alone march back to camp. Re-enactors who tried to leave immediately were stuck in a 3-hour long traffic jam that cleared up about 7:00. My passengers and most of the civilians were planning to sleep over Sunday night and depart Monday morning. But with wet canvas and a chilly, wet night approaching we packed up camp and departed for home by 9:00 that evening. The 150th Gettysburg week officially ended at 10:30 Monday (July 8th) morning for me when I arrived back at my home. All in all I would say the event was a great success and enjoyed by all. It was a week I will remember forever.

July 20-21 – Charlton Park Civil War Muster – Hastings, Michigan

Report by Tom Emerick.

Well, it was soon (two weeks after) the big 150th Gettysburg event but we still had a decent turnout of Club members. The Jarrett clan (Adam, Bill, Ethan), Elliott Searles, Dave Slayton, Dennis Zank, and "Private" Emerick fell in as corporals or privates within the ranks of the 4th Michigan. The Searles, Rolands, and Jarrett families, along with Mark Heath and Dan Conklin, comprised our Civilian contingent in authentic camping. Our 2nd Battalion served under the able leadership of 4th Michigan Captain Steve (I won't mention Steve's nickname) and Colonel Russ Paul throughout the drills, the battles, and the Sunday morning tactical. We had a fun time serving with the 4th Michigan boys. I even got my "fix" for the weekend playing tunes on my drum to the accompaniment of Robbie Giorlando of the 21st Michigan on the fife. The weekend was dry except for some sprinkles on Friday evening. The mosquitoes were out in force attacking me all weekend long. Nobody else seemed to be bothered by them though. And, contrary to Rob Vans statement, Charlton Park is NOT the poison ivy capital of the world (at least not this year for me). Both morning breakfasts put on by the Village staff and the Saturday evening meal prepared by the 3rd Michigan were excellent. The Union Army, led by Col. Rob Van, won the Sunday tactical for the first time in many years. Those 7th Michigan boys who didn't attend the Saturday evening dance "volunteered" to portray dead and wounded soldiers as part of the 3rd Michigan's hospital scenario during the candlelight tours. We had a great time educating the public and even more fun between each tour group. The 3rd Michigan should be complimented for putting on a great program for the public.

Cumberland Guard - Change of Command Ceremony

A special part of the weekend was the formal dress parade and a period Change of Command ceremony to install our good friend Rob Van of the 49th Indiana as the new head of the Cumberland Guard. The event was a combined Union and Confederate forces effort held on the village green. I spoke with Rob during the weekend and congratulated him on his new command. The 7th Michigan is looking forward to working with Rob in the future. With the change in the Guard leadership, we will be discussing the possibility of the 7th Michigan rejoining the ranks of the Cumberland Guard which we co-founded many years ago.

August 23-25 – 29th Annual Cascades Civil War Muster – Jackson, MI

Report by Tom Emerick.

This is our big event so we need a good showing of troops. Dave Slayton will have command of the company as Tom is serving as overall commander. Again for this year we will be serving as one battalion with each company fielding 40+ rifles per unit. The scenarios for each day will be split into two ½ hour battles with an “intermission” as we did last year. The scripted scenarios for Saturday are from Chancellorsville with the first half being the rout of the 11th Corps followed by Salem Church. Sunday’s scenario will be from Gettysburg with the first half composed of Buford’s fight/McPherson’s Ridge and the second half the Battle of the Wheatfield. A special highlight during the Wheatfield battle is the 4th Michigan will be recreating the death of Colonel Jeffords and the loss of their Regimental flag to the Rebel troops. Please notify Tom Emerick if you are planning to attend so we can keep track of our Military participants.

Company Mess - 7th Michigan

Anson Roland will be providing breakfast for the Company both Saturday and Sunday. The cost will be \$3.00 per meal. You must notify Tom Emerick by August 16th if you intend on taking advantage of the meal on either or both days. Anson requires the prior notice in order to obtain the necessary supplies. We will also need to provide at least one “volunteer” each day to assist Anson with fetching wood, water, and getting the cook fires going.

September 7-8 – 5th Annual Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster – Holland, MI

This is our final Club maximum-effort event of the year and a great opportunity to lend support to our good friends in the 3rd Michigan. The event hosts will again be providing a free Saturday evening meal (for registered participants only), period dance and other amenities. The Battle of Chickamauga will be recreated this year. The event website is at <http://www.hollandmuseum.org/muster/index.html> and registration is on an individual basis at <http://www.hollandmuseum.org/muster/registrationform.html>. Please notify Tom Emerick when you register so we can keep track of our Military participants.

September 19-22 - 150th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga - Walker County, GA

Tom Emerick reported other Michigan units have expressed a strong interest for participating in the 150th Chickamauga national event this September. It appears there are potentially a few men from each organization wishing to travel south but not enough for an individual unit to field their own company. Tom “volunteered” to organize/coordinate a company (or two) of Wolverines planning to attend the event. The Company commander(s) and NCOs will be determined from amongst the participating units. Online registration is currently \$20/person and children under 14 years of age are free. The event is being held at Mountain Cove Farms located at 994 Dougherty Gap Rd, Chickamauga, GA 30707. Website is at www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com. Registration link is at www.cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=10. If any 7th Michigan members are interested in making the trip down South please contact Tom.

Wolverine Battalion

Report by Tom Emerick.

The Army of the Wabash umbrella organization was recently formed to include Indiana based re-enacting units. Many of these units were (are) members of the Cumberland Guard. Michigan re-enacting unit representatives met at the 150th Gettysburg (GAC) event to discuss the formation of an umbrella organization to encompass Michigan based re-enacting units. From my discussions with units at Gettysburg (and later at Hastings) there is a desire to form a Michigan umbrella organization using the Black Hat Battalion organization as a guide. This would be a loosely based group of units who advertise and encourage support of each others events. There would be no formal bylaws or elections but a gentlemen’s agreement amongst friends to coordinate participation at events. Individual units would continue to determine their command structure at events they host. For larger regional or national events, participating Michigan units would attempt to coordinate participation so as to assemble a larger unit (e.g. battalion) with a proper command structure and staff. Thank you to Russ Paul for the name suggestion (Go Blue!). Stay tuned for further information.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

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150th Gettysburg – July 4-7, 2013 -Gettysburg, PA Photo courtesy of Dave Slayton

Gettysburg 150th Anniversary Event

Report by Captain Dave Slayton

Being at this reenactment of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg was everything I expected and more. Thousands of infantry, about 150 cannon and around 400 horses (cavalry, infantry officers and artillery). There was a large civilian presence, lots of sutlers and activities for the visitors. It is estimated around 60,000 came to see the spectacle, and including both civilian and military impressions there were around 11,000 reenactors. Thousands of tents, lots of campfires, companies and battalions and brigades drilling, bugle calls and drum rolls, marching, bands playing, recreating battles, drinking water all the time (mostly) and trying to find shade. During battles there is smoke, musket fire, cannons going off, orders being yelled in order to be heard with bugles and drums adding to the din. Seeing and participating in battles where thousands of troops were maneuvering to get in line or move to another place was impressive, giving a slight hint of what it takes to handle that many soldiers in a fight. It is hard to describe in words, given so many lasting impressions and memories crowded into four days.

Captain Tom Emerick was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel (2nd in command) of our Battalion a couple of days before the event as another gentleman could not attend. I then had the privilege of being Captain at the grandest event I may ever attend. My heartfelt thanks to those who helped me; you made our company one of the larger ones, and one of the best, in my mind. So to all the men who made the effort to be there and participate as privates, musicians, corporals and sergeants, I am grateful for all you did and put up with. In total, there were about 30 in our company, with 3 others detached to Battalion or Brigade staff.

And that included our five Swedish friends who came from overseas to experience Gettysburg. What an effort and expense, and we thank our Swedish friends very much. Once again they came bearing gifts, a small axe that I think was designed for trimming logs. A fine quality it is, and appreciated by the 7th Michigan members on this side of the Atlantic.

We also had a civilian contingent, camping both modern and in period tents. It is always nice to have civilian friends and family there to share the experience and for the time we can spend together. Some of us military also had some "home" cooking provided by my daughter, and we sure liked that. Having good breakfasts, lunches and suppers provided makes it easy for us and we eat a lot better than would otherwise occur. We even get cookies! So my thanks also to our civilians, a significant and important part of the 7th Michigan organization.

It was hot for all four days, but we had minimal problems with the heat. Everyone kept hydrated pretty well. Some of the days there were two battles, which made it interesting but tiring. There were a couple that had to miss a battle or two, or fall out on the march, but they were well taken care of by other 7th Michigan guys and being cautious themselves. The event had a very good medical tent set up and an emergency room trailer about the size of a semi. We had no rain until the end of the last battle (Pickett's Charge) on Sunday. And the rain turned into a downpour for a while with a considerable wind causing the rain to come at us sideways. Thankfully there was very little lightning, which is good since we were out in the open holding little lightning rods. So we got to pack up the tents and the clothes we were wearing in a very wet condition. I do have to say though, after getting soaked to the skin, I felt a lot cleaner and probably smelled better. Just having the means and time to be there made me thankful, and being with friends and family at this event is something I won't forget. God bless!

Captain Dave Slayton.

Third Division Staff at the 150th Gettysburg Reenactment

(The 7th MI served In this division during the reenactment)



Most reenactors don't appreciate what is involved in terms of the logistics to keep everything working for an 850-man Division. Everyone did yeoman service during the event. We also had with us two Observers from Australia.

Back row: Division Drummer- Ed Fredriks, Officer of the Day - Steve Fratt, Division Surgeon - Traie Shellhart, Australian Observer - Peter Stanley, Clerk/Flag Bearer - Ben Case, Aide-de-Camp - Jeff Mattix

Front Row: Australian Observer - Brad Manera, Assistant Inspector General – Robert Rock, Chief of Staff - Keith Harrison, Division Commander - David Shackelford, Assistant Adjutant General - Stan Hurt, Division Provost - David Rowley.

Not shown: Division Nurse - Jennifer Becker, Principal Musician - RJ Samp, Courier - William Maddox Cavalry Escort - Kevin Yeager, 1st Michigan Engineers Captain - Mark Dembski, and Civilian Coordinators - Marilyn & Ned Hughes and Lorna Paul

Photos courtesy of Jarrett family



Gettysburg National Cemetery – photo by Heather Jarrett





Photos above submitted by Captain Dave Slayton

More from Gettysburg...



"Little Donny" & Craig Searles – subm.
By Tom Emerick

My hat and
beer mug
say:
"Emrich Bier"

Photo by Phil Azzolino – submitted by Captain Tom Emerick



Photo by John Chamberlain;
submitted by Tom Emerick





On the previous page, there is a photo of Little Donny, the campaign companion of our bugler, Mark Heath, who has become something of a Club mascot (the green pig, not Mark!). Tom Emerick reports that on his and Joan's trip to Germany and France this summer, while eating at the Pifefertal Hotel, they were pleased to meet, and later travel with, Donny's German cousin, Kleine (little) Brunhilde. She accompanied them to Fort Douamont at Verdun, and to Paris, visiting the various sites to include the Arch De Triumphe, Eiffel Tower, Hotel Ascot Opera, and the Paris cemetery where the world famous poet and songwriter James Morrison is interred. Little Donny and Kleine Brunhilde were finally happily reunited at the 150th Gettysburg re-enactment. Photos courtesy of Tom Emerick.



Civilian Report

Hello all! With Jackson just around the corner I wanted to remind everyone of what we will be doing for the event. We will be putting on a mourning impression in the special impressions area. It will involve a home that is in mourning to educate to public on the mourning practices of the Civil War. We will also be having a funeral each day. Everyone is welcome to participate and if you wish to you do not have to be dressed in full mourning as some of us will be. If you would like to participate or need a packet of information on mourning please let me know. I will be contacting people individually if I have asked you to bring or provide anything for the impression. I hope to make this another great Jackson! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Katie Everett

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This year, 2013, is the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of our club, the 7th Michigan Vol. Inf., Co. B HUZZAH!!



Your Editor

"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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Photos above submitted by Jarrett family

Charlton Park, Hastings, MI – July 19-21, 2013

Turkeyville - June 14-16, 2013



The entire Union Army!

Photos submitted by Jarrett family



August 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 155 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), there are 9 events listed for August. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to www.micw150.us/2012events.htm and clicking on the month in question. Events for 2013 can be added anytime by contacting pcinc@prodigy.net.

2 - 4. Village of Port Sanilac Civil War Days 2013 (Sanilac County Museum, Port Sanilac, Michigan). Website and Registration: <http://portsanilaccivilwardays.vpweb.com>. Contact: Susan Gill at smdebus@comcast.net or by Telephone at 248-889-9189.

9 - 10 . Port Oneida Rural and Cultural Art Fair (Port Oneida Historic Farm District - located within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore - four miles north of Glen Arbor, Michigan on M-22) 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM each day. Website: <http://www.thehomesteadresort.com/events/port-oneida-rural-and-cultural-art-fair/>. Contact: Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore at contact Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore at 231-326=5134.

9 - 11. Chesterfield Civil War Days (Chesterfield Historical Village Park, 47275 Sugarbush Rd - Between 21 Mile and Cotton Rds, Chesterfield, Michigan). Hosts: 15th Michigan, Company B and 8th Arkansas. Website: <http://chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org>. Contact: Tommy Spanski at 313-779-3357.

9 - 11. Hale Farm & Village Civil War Reenactment (Hale Farm & Village, 2686 Oak Hill Road, Bath, Ohio). More than 500 reenactors are expected to participate, making this one of the largest annual Civil War events in Ohio. Website and Registration: http://www.wrhs.org/Properties/Civil_War_Reenactment_Encampment. Contact halereservations@wrhs.org or by telephone at 330-666-3711.

10 - 11. Milford Memories (Central Park, Milford, Michigan). Hosted by the 9th Kentucky (CS). Website: www.milfordmemories.com. Contact is Joan Spiroff nspiroff@comcast.net or by Telephone at 248-685-1772

17. A Saturday Social, August 17, 1863 (John C. Blanchard House, 251 East Main Street, Ionia, Michigan) 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Website: <http://www.facebook.com/ioniahistory>. Contact: David McCord at info@ioniahistory.org.

17. Annual Sunfield Farmers' Picnic and Parade (M-43, Sunfield, Michigan). All Day. In addition various local activities, the Sunfield Grand Army of the Republic Hall will be opened for tours. Website: <http://suvcw.org/mi/017/announcements.htm>. Contact: Paul David Arnold at arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net.

24 - 25. 29th Annual Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster (Cascades Falls Park, 1401 S Brown St, Jackson, Michigan). Reenactor Registration Website: http://www.7thmichigan.us/Jackson_Civil_War_Muster.htm, Cascades Website: <http://civilwarmuster.org/>. Cascades Contact: 517-788-4320.

31 - September 1. Fenian Raid-Port Huron Celebration (Desmond Landing, 520 Water Street, Port Huron Michigan)... Contact: Joe Ann Burgett at thefenianraid@gmail.com or by Telephone at 810-689-0109.

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.



150th Gettysburg – July 4-7, 2013 – photo by Heather Jarrett