

NOTES:

Next club meeting:
Sunday, January 15, 2012
1:00pm at Robbins UMC,
Eaton Rapids, MI
(see attached map)

2012 Club Meetings:
January 15
February 19
March 18
April 15
June 3 (Ella Sharp Park,
Jackson - following Rose Parade)
August 18 (Jackson Work Party)
September 16 (tentative)

New Member Co-Chairs:
Jeff Verstraete
Email: Jbvisme@gmail.com
Vickie Verstraete
verstraetevickie@yahoo.com
Phone: 517-663-4759

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

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for the newsletter. Please note that I am changing the deadline date for submissions to the 25th of each month, so as to allow time for committee chairs to complete their reports following the monthly club meeting.

Please have all reports and articles in print-ready form. I am able to accept documents in Wordpad, Rich Text, Word, Word Perfect, Open Office, Pagemaker, or PDF. Be sure to ascertain that any items coming from another source are properly credited, or have obtained reprint permission.

Email all submissions to me at:
7thminewsletter@gmail.com

Thank you.
Ellyn Painter, Editor

✠ Announcements ✠

Congratulations are due to **Anson Roland**, who was presented with the Reenactor of the Year Award at the Jackson Muster appreciation dinner held this past October at the Cascades Manor House in Jackson.



Announcing: The Tower at Petite Vigne, A Novel of Occupied France

Rob Stone is happy to announce the self-publication of his World War II novel, which deals with the complex relationships that emerge when a German construction crew arrives at a remote French village in May 1943 to build an anti-aircraft battery.

While *The Tower at Petite Vigne* is available online as an e-book, Rob does have some printed copies to sell (\$15 plus shipping and handling). Learn more about this gripping novel by visiting: <http://robstonebooks.com/>. Thank you!

Celeste Hude now has a website for the marketing of the line of vintage clothing and accessories she designs and creates.

See her unique fashions at: www.victoriantailor.com



From Kimberly Lynch:

Hi Everyone,

On the 2nd Saturday of Dec. every year, the city of Leslie hosts a "Lighted Christmas Parade". I organize family & friends dressed in historic clothing to be carolers on Main St. to provide some atmosphere the hour previous to the parade. We then jump into the parade, walk a couple of blocks and then to our house for a small party.

This year it will be on Sat. Dec 10, 2011. It's a fun time and the town loves to have Victorians wandering on Main St. singing Christmas carols. Please let me know if you are coming. You are always welcome to invite friends to join us as long as they are dressed in historic clothing.

Here is a tentative schedule.

5-6pm, a soup supper provided for the carolers at
The Dressmaker's Shop, 130 S. Main St.

6- 6:50pm caroling along Main St.

7-7:45pm walking in the parade

8-? an after party at the Lynches house, 406 S. Main St.

What to bring?

- *yourself in Victorian clothing--DRESS WARM!
- *family & friends who have appropriate and warm clothing
- *candle lanterns
- *snacks and finger foods for the after party at the Lynches

We will provide

- *Soup supper
- *Caroling books of the Victorian period Christmas carols
- *A place to thaw out, The Dressmaker's Shop, 130 S. Main St.
- *A place for the after party, 406 S. Main St.

Please RSVP to let me know if you are coming. We want to be sure to have enough food for the supper.

Thank you ever so much

Kimberly Lynch

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STORE CLOSING

Jim and Kim Lynch have announced that after six years in business, they have made the decision to close The Dressmaker's Shop storefront at 130 S. Main St., Leslie. The business will be moved to their home, where patrons may shop, **by appointment only**. Some evening times may be available. **Call in advance at 517-589-5923**. Patrons can also still shop via the website, which is being updated. They will continue to travel and sutler at events and conferences, and Kim will still hold workshops. A moving sale will be held at the store from Dec. 13-29, and the store will close its doors for the last time at **5:30pm on Friday, December 29, 2011**.

The sale will be IN STORE ONLY. Cash or check only.

The schedule for the sale days is:

Tues-Fri, Dec. 13-16, 10am - 5:30pm

Sat., Dec. 17, 10am - 4pm

Tues.-Fri., Dec. 20-23, and 27-29, 10am-5:30pm

Closed Dec. 18-19, and Dec. 24-26

Kimberly says: "We want to thank all of you who have supported us and encouraged us along the way. We greatly appreciate it and hope that you will continue to shop with us at our website and our sutlery."

See the website at: TheDressmakersShop.com.

Civilian News

There will be no Sewing Party in December. The next Sewing Party will be on January 14, 2012 at the home of Vonda Warren. More info to follow in the January newsletter.

7th Michigan Military Minutes – November 20, 2011

2012 Military Structure

Captain: Dave Slayton
Tom Emerick
Lieutenant: Jim MacKinnon
1st Sergeant: Doug McComas
Sergeant: Craig Searles
Jeff Verstraete
Corporal: Dan Conklin
Tom Edwards
Andrew McComas
Rob Stone
Chief Bugler: Mark Heath

October 29 - Cumberland Guard Annual Meeting – Fishers, IN

Dave Slayton and Tom Emerick represented the 7th Michigan at the annual meeting. We carpoled down with Jeff Mattix (1st Michigan) and Dave Baumann and Marty Walker (3rd Michigan, Co. F). At the meeting discussion surrounding the Shiloh event indicated Guard units were attending both of the 150th Shiloh anniversary events. The Guard units at the meeting were encouraged to strongly support the 150th Shiloh event hosted by the Armies of

Tennessee with our good friend General Earl Zeckman serving as overall Union Commander. The October 150th Perryville event was selected to be the Guard's maximum-effort event in 2012.

December 7 – Civil War Memorial Dedication – Mason, MI

Scott Shattuck is organizing the ceremony to dedicate Ingham County's newest memorial to its Civil War veterans. The ceremony is being held at the Ingham County Courthouse beginning at 6:30 P.M. The 7th Michigan has been invited to lead the military contingents. The 7th Michigan contact is David Slayton (517-663-4161) or slaytondave@juno.com.

2012 Military Activities

January 14 – Thank God for Michigan! Stories from the Civil War – Grand Rapids, MI

Tom Emerick reported the 3rd Michigan, Co. F will be co-hosting an opening ceremony for a sesquicentennial program (much like our April 16, 2011 program) in concert with the Grand Rapids Museum from 10:00 to 3:00. Website is at <http://www.grmuseum.org/civilwar>.

January 14 – 7th Michigan Tassel Top Mess Breakfast/ Bullet Casting/Cartridge Rolling - Lansing, Michigan

Don Everett, once again, volunteered his home and loading equipment for our annual gathering. We will be casting Minie' balls for the live shoot and as souvenirs for spectators at our living history presentations. We need lots of "volunteers" to roll cartridges to replenish the Club's supply for the 2012 school programs. The festivities kick-off with a 9:00 A.M. breakfast at the Fleetwood Diner located at 2211 S. Cedar Street, Lansing. Don Everett's humble abode is located just around the corner at 1815 E. Irvington Ave., Lansing. Contact person is Dave Slayton (slaytondave@juno.com 517-663-4161)

February 11 - Officers and NCO School of Instruction – Leslie, MI

Tom Emerick announced the date and time (09:00-4:00) for the first of our two annual drill sessions. All officers, NCOs, and privates in the Military are encouraged to attend. Tom will be inviting our brethren Midwestern units to participate. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or tomjoemerick@hotmail.com.

March 10 –Company/Battalion Drill – Leslie, MI

Tom Emerick announced the date and time (09:00-4:00) for the second of our two annual drill sessions. All officers, NCOs, and privates in the Military are encouraged to attend. Tom will be inviting our brethren Midwestern units to participate. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or tomjoemerick@hotmail.com.

April 30- May 1 - Battle of Shiloh – Armies of Tennessee

On the return trip from the Indianapolis meeting, the 7th Michigan and 3rd Michigan agreed to attend the 150th Shiloh event sponsored by our good friend Earl Zeckman (Overall Union Commander) and hosted by the Armies of Tennessee <http://shiloh150th.com/information.html> . Registration of \$10/person is due by 02/01/2012 but walk-ons are permitted. Tom Emerick followed up with General Zeckman who extended a warm welcome to all of the troops traveling down from the great Northwest. Tom also volunteered to put out the word to other Midwestern units the 7th Michigan is associated with who might be interested in attending the event. The 7th Michigan contact is yet to be determined.

At the meeting the following men indicated they were interested in attending:

Sam Batdorff Tom Emerick Steve Hainstock Nathan Kalmoe Jim MacKinnon Andrew McComas Doug McComas Rob Stone

May 27 – Monroe Civil War Monument Dedication – Monroe, MI

Tom Emerick reported on the monument dedication to be held next year during the Memorial Day Weekend. The 7th Michigan donated \$1,000 towards the monument and the hosts would deeply appreciate the Club's support at the dedication ceremony. Tom has received permission for those attending the Greenfield Village event to participate in the Sunday-only ceremony from 12:00-4:00 in the afternoon. Dave Ingalls indicated there would be 150 commemorative medallions struck for the event. They can be purchased for \$20 each. Please contact Dave at (734) 847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com if interested in purchasing one of the keepsakes. At the meeting the following men indicated they were interested in participating:

Tom Emerick Don Everett Steve Hainstock Nathan Kalmoe Jim Kirschensteiner Jim MacKinnon Andrew McComas Doug McComas Rob Stone Dennis Zank

June 16-17 – Battle of Turkeyville – Marshall, MI

Tom Emerick reported the event has been moved up from September and the hosts are going all out with more amenities (free meal, dance, powder issue, modern camping facilities, etc.) this year.

August 25-26 – Cascades Civil War Muster – Jackson, MI

We discussed the change in overall Union Commander to our own Tom Emerick. Tom received a rousing round of applause recognizing one of the 7th Michigan's own will be leading the troops. Next we reviewed battle scenarios for next year (see below). Jeff Verstraete, Doug McComas, and Tom Emerick walked the battlefield yesterday and are real excited (especially Tom) about the new format and use of the battlefield.

Rebel Victory – Battle of 2nd Manassas

1st part of battle – Brawner's Farm

Resurrect and redeploy

2nd part of battle – Longstreet's Assault

Union Victory – Battle of Stones River

1st part of battle – Bragg's Assault (1st day)

Resurrect and redeploy

2nd part of battle – Breckinridge's Repulse

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

Tom Emerick reported he contacted Craig DeCrane (24th Michigan) and 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 parads in the 3rd Michigan, Co. F are also planning to go again. Tom reminded everyone the most important uniform requirement is participants are required to wear either the Regulation (Hardee) Hat or proper re-production slouch hat. Gaiters and frock coats are optional but strongly recommended. 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. The following men indicated they were interested in attending:

Steve Hainstock Andrew McComas Doug McComas Dave Slayton Rob Stone Dennis Zank

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

Tom Emerick reported he has accepted an offer by Dave Baumann and the 3rd Michigan, Co. F to serve as Overall Union Commander at the event. The 3rd Michigan is re-enacting the Battle of Antietam and planning to have a cornfield and sunken road for us to fight in.

October 6-7 - Battle of Perryville – Perryville, KY

This is a Cumberland Guard maximum-effort and is our last 7th Michigan road trip of the year. Registration of \$12/adult due by 12/31/2011 or \$20 by 09/15/2012. No walk-ons allowed. Website is at www.perryvillebattlefield.org. The following men indicated they were interested in attending:

Tom Emerick Jim MacKinnon Andrew McComas Doug McComas Rob Stone Dennis Zank

December 2012 - Battle of Fredricksburg, VA

Information has just come in that there will be an event the weekend of December 15, 2012, at Fredricksburg, which is the 150th anniversary of the last day of the battle. Tentative plans are for the Army Corp of Engineers to build a pontoon bridge across the river, to have re-enactors cross it, and march through town. Then the plan is to have Union troops attack a remaining section of the actual stone wall that is still in existence. This is of course the battle where the 7th Michigan won fame for crossing the river in boats to clear an area where a bridge could be built and the rest of the army could cross. More information to follow.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

Dave Slayton, Captain
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Tom Emerick, Captain

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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

CLOTHING, MEN'S

Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35

Trousers, US, 38/40...\$35

Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35

Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40

Shell jacket, CS, 40/42...\$40

Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20

Sack coat, US, 38/40...\$40

Frock coat, size 44/46...\$75

Frock coat, size 40/42...\$80

Military vest, size large...\$20

Great coat, size 44/46...\$125

Long drawers, 40/42...\$10

Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20

Shirt, collarless, white muslin...\$15

Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20

Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20

Civilian frock coat, black, size 44...\$75

Civilian trousers, black, size 32/34, new...\$40

Civilian vest, black, size large...\$25

Wool sock, white...\$5

NCO sash...\$20

White gloves...\$1 per pair

White gloves, wool...\$1

HATS

Amish straw hat...\$10
Slouch hat, black /w cord...\$22
Slouch hat, black /w cord & bugle...\$25
Kepi, CS/w bugle...\$30
Kepi, CS...\$25

SHOES

Jefferson bootees, size 8...\$30
Jefferson bootees, dress, size 8W...\$40

WEAPONS

Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet,
& sling, Armi Sport...\$615
Enfield 1853 rifle w/case & sling
plastic finish, Euro Arms...\$525
Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompion,
bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$630
Enfield 1853 rifle/w case, tompion, scabbard & frog, Armi Sport...\$525

ACCOUTERMENTS

Tompion, brass...\$1
Cartridge box tins...\$2
Enfield sling...\$3
Cartridge box, sling, cap pouch, belt...\$50
Canteen, SS bulls eye, sky blue...\$20
Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$20
Haversack, tarred...\$20
CS buckle...\$3
US buckle...\$3
US breast plate...\$3

COOKING UTENSILS

Porcelain basin...\$0.50
Cast iron skillet, small...\$2
Tin cup, large...\$1
Tin cup, large...\$3
Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50
Tablespoon, fiddle back...\$0.50
Fork, (2)...\$0.50
Knife...\$0.50

HAVERSACK STUFFERS

Hatchet...\$2
Handkerchief...\$0.50 ea
Poke sacks, various sizes each...\$0.50
Poke sack, muslin...\$.050

Poke sack, pillow ticking, small...\$1
Poke sack, pillow ticking, large...\$1
Soap, period w/ poke sack...\$1
Pill case, tin...\$1
Housewife...\$3
Housewife, pillow ticking...\$3
Sewing kit, in cap tin...\$3

MISCELLANEOUS

Cleaning rods, wood w/ jag & shotgun brush
adapter...\$7
Oil bottles, tin...\$2
Trigger lock...\$2
Poke sack /w 33 cartridges...\$5
Bag of Paper Ladies & 16 cartridges...\$5

Box of Paper Ladies...\$5
Tin, 250, RWS musket caps...\$10
Musket nipple wrench...\$3
Musket nipple wrench...\$3

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

We are planning for a cartage rolling and casting party Sat Jan, 14 at my house. Meet at the Fleetwood Diner 2211 S Cedar St/ bus I-96, Lansing for breakfast by 9 am. Rolling/casting party to follow at 10:30 at my house (1815 Irvington Ave, Lansing).

We are planning a live shoot in April. Breakfast before at the Robin's Nest on M99 south of Eaton Rapids at 9 am. Shoot to follow at 10:30 am at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club. Information on date to follow when confirmed.

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 Nov. meeting.

There will be 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 is priced at \$13.

EDUCATION DIRECTORS REPORT

We have 4 school programs scheduled for next year. Information will follow as to what equipment to bring and directions and times. The dates are as follows; March 27th Emmanuel Lutheran school Lansing, April 12th Birney School Southfield, April 27th Ovid Middle school Ovid, May 18th Midland Academy Midland. Civilians are wanted for these presentations. New member are welcome as well. Cartridges and caps are provided by the club for firing demonstrations.



7th Michigan Christmas Party
Saturday December 10, 2011
12:30-1pm Social Hour
1pm Lunch

Robbins United Methodist Church
6419 Bunker Road
Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827
517-663-5226

Lunch – Lasagna provided / rolls / beverage and dinner service also provided
Please bring a dish (or two) to pass (depending on family size)
*No Alcohol

Program / Awards – anyone wishing to give out an award or perform
Please contact Pat Downing 517-676-5998 at least a week in advance



See you on December 10th
Your Christmas Party Committee
Questions to Pat Downing – 517-676-5998

