

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE 7TH MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.

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2016 Club Leadership

New Member Chairman:

Jeff Verstraete (military & civilian)
jbvisme@gmail.com

President: Rob Stone

Vice President: Katie Everett

Secretary: Bill Jarrett

Treasurer: Don Everett

Military: Doug McComas, Captain

Civilian Coordinator: Julie Everett

Board Members-at-Large:

Doug McComas, Joy Henderson,
Dave Downing

Quartermaster: Don Everett

Club Historian: Doug McComas

Webmaster: Dennis Zank

Website: www.7thmichigan.us

Annual Membership Dues:

\$16.00 – single

\$19.20 – family

\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
non-participating/non-voting member

Mail payments or inquiries to:

7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, Inc.
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 **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 them (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

Or mail to:

736 Gettysburg Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.


Ellyn Painter, Editor

Above are some of the 30 cute snowmen the ladies made as Christmas party table decorations at the sewing party at Ellyn Painter's house on November 14. Photo by Ellyn Painter.



Don't Forget!
Dec. 5 (that's tomorrow!):
7th Michigan Christmas Party
(details on page 3)

And for those of you who haven't yet
paid your **annual dues**, the party would
be a good opportunity to do so!

See Don Everett

A Word From the President




I left November's meeting with a really good feeling, as it was evident the Seventh Michigan is opening the next chapter of its history. I urge you to read this newsletter with care: it contains important information pertaining to topics concerning the club's future.


The Strategy Committee, ably led by Bob Smith, has received many useful and interesting suggestions from *you*, the Seventh's members. I want to thank everyone that contributed to the initial stages of this vitally important endeavor, and assure you that all ideas will be taken seriously. I hope many of you will take an active part in furthering the process.


May all of you and your families experience a peaceful and joyous holidays. I'm looking forward to the 2016 Campaign Season!


Rob Stone


Highlights from Nov. 15 Club Meeting:


 Doug McComas is in charge of the AED. The AED will go to all Maximum Events and be housed in the Captains tent in a bag with a RED CROSS.

 **Harvest Ball:** Past profit/losses were reviewed, and discussion as to future location, costs, and help required. Gilbert and Cindi Carlson are considering taking over ball coordination. A motion passed to allow the Carlsons to explore options related to rejuvenating the ball.

 **Antietam Battlefield Marker:** A motion passed to donate \$500 to the monument effort. Doug McComas has begun scanning the Brown Books for the Michigan portion.

 **Meridian Village:** We will be participating in a small Christmas event there on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2-4pm. More info coming from Sue Colgrove.

 New member Julie Sarge has asked if a Functional impression would be helpful to reenactors. She handed out a questionnaire and asked for a response from the Club. There will be more discussion on this later.


 2016 club meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from October thru April and then will be announced.

Club Meeting Dates for 2016:

Jan. 17
Feb. 21
Mar. 20
Apr. 17
May 22
June 19
Sept. 18
Oct. 16
Nov. 20
Dec. 4 (Christmas Party).

"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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Quartermaster Report



Possible Maximum Effect ("MAX") Events 2016

Feb: None.

Mar 12: Officers & NCO Drill at Tom Emerick's

Apr: Charlie Colgrove Memorial Shoot with
Breakfast, lunch, and club meeting to
follow lunch.

May: Greenfield Village

June: Turkeyville

July: Charlton Park

Aug: Mason

Sept: None

Oct: 7th MI Harvest Ball

Nov: None

Dec: Christmas Party

We have a fresh supply of powder and caps. Goex ffg is \$15 per pound; \$7 for a tin of 100 RWS musket caps. We also have a limited supply of No. 3 Goex Skirmish powder at \$13 per pound. We have some new merchandise in the 7th Sutlery. We recently purchased gear from Barry Stuler and it is for sale. Contact me to see what we have or attend a meeting as it will be there. We have 3 rifles to sell; all come with bayonet and scabbard – a '64 Springfield at \$500, and two Enfields for \$600, choice.

Don Everett, Quartermaster

Education Report

We have one school program scheduled for 2016. It is Ovid Middle School on April 15th at 1:00pm. You will need to arrive by noon. Also, we will be going to Birney Middle School again in 2016; date to be determined.

I have been contacting other schools that we have done programs for in the past to see if they might book a program.

Don Everett, Education Director

Dues are Due!

Family: \$19.20; Individual: \$16
Make checks payable to: 7th Michigan Volunteer Inf., Co B
P.O. Box 16206, Lansing, MI 48901-6206



7th Michigan Christmas Party **Saturday December 5, 2015**

12:30-1pm Social Hour
1pm Lunch

Robbins United Methodist Church

6419 Bunker Road
Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827

Lunch – Main Dish - beverage and dinner service all 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.

Any questions – contact Pat.



FINAL Sesquicentennial Events Report

Of the 150 Sesquicentennial events listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2015 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), 3 were reported for December. During the five years of Civil War Sesquicentennial, 812 Michigan events and events of interest to Michigan were posted.

Since 2015 ended the Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration and, technically, the existence of the 7th's Sesquicentennial Committee, this month's listing will be the last one for the Civil War Sesquicentennial. It has been a pleasure serving on 7th's Sesquicentennial Committee and helping to keep the membership informed of the various Civil War Sesquicentennial events for the last five years.

Although the Sesquicentennial Event listings have ended, the Reenactors' Civil War Calendar itself will continue, albeit no longer as a calendar of *Sesquicentennial* events. The new Reenactors' Civil War Calendar of Events for 2016 already has been posted. Thus far, 73 events have been posted. These events may be accessed by going to www.micw150.us/2016events.htm and clicking on the month in question.

Should anyone desire to have an event posted in the Reenactors' Civil War Calendar of Events for 2016, please let me know at pcinc@prodigy.net.

--December 2015--

2 & 9. 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 Museum was opened in September 2013. 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. Different levels of sponsorships (\$25 - \$200) are available for those individuals who wish to help support the GAR Museum. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>. Contact: Gary Gibson, Board Secretary, at GARmichigan@gmail.com.

5. A Civil War Christmas at the Fort (Historic Fort Wayne 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). The event commemorates American's Civil War Sesquicentennial by learning Christmas traditions from that era. Meet interpreters portraying men who served at Fort Wayne, their Confederate counterparts and the civilians they left behind. Planning is already underway for the 2013 version of *A Civil War Christmas*. Admission Prices for the public: \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child 15 and under, \$5.00 per car secured parking. Group rates are available. Website: <http://historicfortwaynecoalition.com/christmas.html>. Contact: Thomas Berlucchi at tberlucchi@yahoo.com or by Telephone at 248-840-5234.

5. Eaton Rapids Christmas Program & Parade Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). Noon - 8:00 PM. Come to Eaton Rapids to see the annual Christmas Parade. Many stores will be opened with various deals for you to peruse. The parade starts at 6 PM. The GAR Memorial Hall and Museum will be open with hot chocolate and coffee to help you stay warm. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>. Contact: Gary Gibson, Board Secretary, at GARmichigan@gmail.com.

Keith G. Harrison, Chair

7th Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

The Michigan Civil War 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.



May you all have a very
Blessed Christmas

