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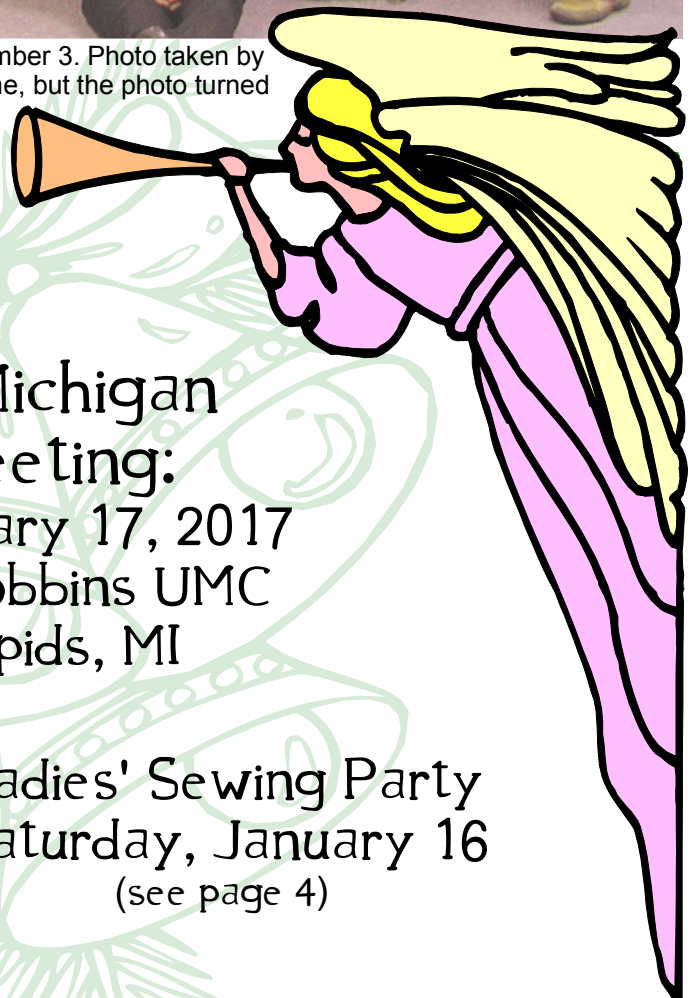
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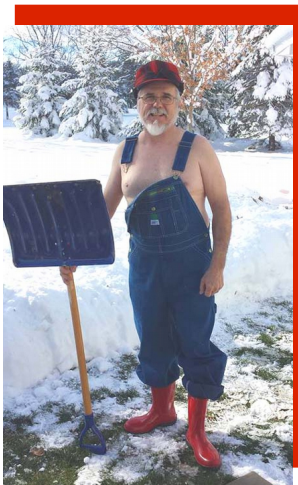
7th Michigan members at the Annual Club Christmas Party on December 3. Photo taken by Sue Colegrove's special friend, Ethan (sorry, I didn't get his last name, but the photo turned out well! Thanks, Ethan!)

Christmas Party a Success!



Next 7th Michigan
Club Meeting:
Sunday, January 17, 2017
1:00PM at Robbins UMC
Eaton Rapids, MI

Ladies' Sewing Party
Saturday, January 16
(see page 4)



The latest winter
fashion sensation?
(modeled by Mark Heath-
from his Facebook page)



This picture of the Ingham County Veteran's Day Parade in Mason, MI on Nov. 11, was originally going to be my cover photo, but the last-minute Christmas group photo won out. VFW Post 7309 is the original credit for this photo shared by Gloria Kirschensteiner.

Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:

Daniel Mallick (military)

dmalick12@gmail.com

Julie Everett (civilian)

djkeverett@comcast.net

President: Dave Downing

Vice President: Steve Church

Secretary: Doug McComas

Treasurer: Don Everett

Military: Doug McComas, Captain

Civilian Coordinator: Sue Colegrove

Board Members-at-Large:

Dan Conklin, Joy Henderson,

Bill Jarrett

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.

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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

Ellyn Painter



Club News News

From Cyndi Carlson to all members of the 7th: Please note that there has been a change of date for the 2017 Harvest Ball. We were unable to get the Methodist church fellowship hall for the 21st. The date for the 2017 Annual Harvest Ball is set for: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**. Please mark your calendars!

Please keep Marie Searles in your thoughts and prayers. She broke her ankle on Nov. 16. On Monday (Dec. 5) she is having surgery to put in pins to reattach the ligaments.

Still looking for
Christmas gift ideas for your
favorite Civil War buff?

Books are always good....

<http://allmichigancivilwar.com/books.html>

Has many choices on Michigan in the
Civil War—check it out!





From the President

As we get into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons it's a good time to reflect on where we have been over the years. The one thing that stands out when I do that is being thankful for all the friends made through reenacting. So many in the 7th I consider like family, and closer than family in many respects. That became most apparent recently with the passing of my father. The thoughts, prayers and kind words from you all meant an awful lot.

To those that weren't at the last meeting I'd like to mention briefly that the flags that were donated to the Save the Flags program of the state have already seen quite a bit of service. They have been shown to several groups of school kids who participate in the museum's "big history" lesson, of which seeing the original battle flags are a part. You can see the reaction on their faces as they look at and touch these retired flags, which adds a dimension to viewing the original battle flags in the same room. This is something that we should be proud of, and will be a part of our group's legacy that will live well into the future.

As we look forward to the next year's season there is that familiar feeling of excitement in thinking of which events will be coming up. It seems like the number of events is dwindling some, but we've gone through periods like that in the past. If we keep on with developing opportunities as they crop up, we can create some meaningful new experiences both for the public and for ourselves in interpreting/understanding the time period we portray.

Thank you for everything you do to make this hobby worthwhile.

Dave



Military Report

To all my Pard and their families a happy and joyous Christmas.

I look forward with great anticipation to the upcoming season. We will participate in the National at Shiloh and I have some exciting news coming for Meridian Village this year.

I rarely take the time to tell you all how important you are to me and to each other. There is something that defies description that we share in our group and it enriches my life daily. Let us be strong enough to remain, trusting enough to allow others into the group in real and positive ways and loving enough to continue to support and nurture each other both in and out of the hobby.

Don't forget we will be rolling cartridges at the January meeting. Bring your rolling sticks and powder measures!

I remain as always,
Your most obedient servant,
Captain McComas





To learn more or register
online, check out:

citizensforumofthe1860s.com

Friday, March 24 – Sunday, March 26, 2017 in
Monroe, MI: a brand new event:

The Citizen's Forum of the 1860s

is a conference held to provide educational speakers and workshops for men, women, and teen Civil War reenactors, along with vendors who offer quality reenacting goods. We will create a welcoming environment for sharing knowledge and personal growth as living historians.

Your registration for The Citizen's Forum of the 1860s includes the following:

- Friday workshop to the Clements Library, space is limited
- Access to ten different seminars in a range of topics
- A conference booklet including the research from each session
- Lunch and dinner on Saturday
- An evening of period amusements at the historic Sawyer House
- Access to a juried vendor area
- Door prizes
- Admittance to an interactive selection of original clothing/items
- One on one time with speakers during a Show, Ask, Tell! time
- Scholarships are available
- An offer of a discount for young (12-17) reenactors

Editor's NOTE: The website also points out that the annual Civilian Symposium some of our members attend in Gettysburg (hosted by Genteel Arts Academy) will not take place in 2017—they are taking a break due to moving to a new location, but will resume in 2018—thus, the Monroe conference may prove a good alternative. The price also seems more moderate than some of the conferences we've been to in the past, (\$110 adult, \$45 teen) and has a partial focus on recruiting young reenactors (which the hobby desperately needs if it is to survive!)

Civilian Report

We all had a great day at Ellyn Painter's home on Nov. 19. Thanks, Ellyn, for hosting.

I am looking for 3-4 people that would like to come to Meridian Historical Village to represent the 7th Michigan on Sunday, Dec. 11. We will be stringing popcorn and helping to decorate the community tree. The hours are 2-4 PM. See pg. 7 for more info.

---Sue Colegrove,
Civilian Coordinator



As always, please
bring a dish to pass for
the lunch potluck, and
whatever projects you
wish to work on.

Our January 16th sewing circle will be at the home of: Sue Colegrove

3415 S. Catherine Lansing MI

517-626-0144 scolegrove@rocketmail.com

We will have breakfast at 9:00 am at Flap Jack Restaurant at 1601 S Waverly Rd, Lansing, MI 48917. Phone: 517-334-9999

I am looking for ideas and suggestions if things that you would like to do or talk about this year.

All ideas are welcomed.

Sue



In Conclusion

by Julie Sarge

Fill in the blank.

There was no point in telling someone not to cry, ----- had always thought; indeed there were times when you should do exactly the opposite, when you should urge people to cry, to start the healing that sometimes only tears can bring.

A. Solomon Northrup

B. Abraham Lincoln

C. Louisa May Alcott

D. Precious Ramotswe

The answer appears at the end of this piece.

In conclusion, just as war cannot exist without a context, neither can PTSS. Today we have a variety of treatments available, depending upon the needs of the person seeking help. And healing begins with the desire to change---it always has; it always will.

The answer is : D. Precious Ramotswe thought thus in THE GOOD HUSBAND OF ZEBRA DRIVE.

What was the original meaning of the term "good-bye?"

A. "I'll see you bye and bye"

B. "We'll meet in the sweet bye and bye"

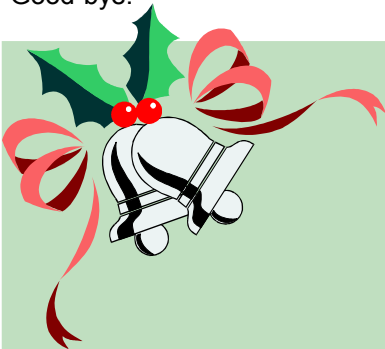
C. "God be with you"

D. "Goodness is found bye and bye"

The answer appears at the end of the following piece.

As 2016 ends, 2017 approaches, bringing changes to us all. With project shifts, a new job, and schedule changes, comes the realization that I'll no longer be available for max efforts, volunteering, and monthly meetings. Thus, my membership in the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co. B, Inc. ends, effective November 30, 2016. Thank you to all those who took the time and made the effort to welcome me and encourage my participation over the last year. I appreciate it more than mere words can express.

The answer is C. "God be with you" was a common farewell in the early 1600's. Over time, it was shortened to the common phrase we still use today: Good-bye.



Quartermaster Report

We have a remaining supply of powder at \$15 per pound and a supply of caps at \$7 per 100. I will have them at the January meeting, after then the powder will go to \$18 per pound. At the January meeting we will be rolling cartridges during the Military meeting portion of the meeting.

Education Director's Report

Please note the date for the Birney Middle School program has changed. The new date is May 19th. A date for the Ovid Middle School program has been set for May 5th. Arrival times will posted in future newsletters.

Live Shoot/ April meeting:

A tentative date of Sat. April 29th was set at the Nov. meeting. The date will be confirmed by the Jan. meeting. As before we will provide breakfast for a nominal fee before the shoot. We will have a pot luck lunch before the meeting; plan on bringing a dish to pass. There will be a fee for shooting to help defray the cost of the rental of the clubhouse/range.

For 2017 we are going to resurrect the Guys' breakfasts. The dates and locations are:

Jan. 14th 9am at Sophia's House of Pancakes, 1010 Charlevoix Dr. (just off M43), Grand Ledge MI 48837. After breakfast any one that wishes can attend the Charlton Park event meeting at the park.

Feb. 4th 9am at the Mason Depot Diner, 111 Mason St. (just off Ash St.), Mason MI 48854. Afterwards anyone that wishes can attend the Gun Show at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. I will have a supply of \$1 off coupons for the Gun Show.


March 18th 9am at Denny's, 3817 Cork St. (just off Sprinkle Rd.), Kalamazoo MI 49001. After breakfast anyone that wishes can attend the Kalamazoo Living History Show.

Don Everett,

Quartermaster / Education Director

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

Doug McComas, Club Secretary

 dougmccomas@comcast.net



What our friends have been doing....



Tom and Joan Emerick participated in the Lansing Turkey Trot 5K run on Thanksgiving Day—along with about 5,400 other energetic people!

Here is what Cyndi Carlson posted on Facebook on Nov. 4 -with photos:

"Mr. Carlson and I had planned on meeting today for lunch. As I was drinking my morning tea and contemplating what to wear on my lunch date, I was leafing through one of those "follow your dreams" type magazines. Its motto is, "An ordinary life can be extraordinary."

One of the questions posed to the reader is, "What is your greatest extravagance?" My answer, of course, is my 1860's wardrobe! I got it!! I'll turn an ordinary 2016 day into a step back in time day to the 1860's! Mr. Carlson was pleasantly surprised when I entered the restaurant fully attired in period clothing. His one disappointment was that my last minute idea did not afford him the opportunity to be similarly attired.

After our delicious lunch we strolled downtown to indulge in our passion for chocolate at the newly opened Gilberts Chocolates. Gilberts Chocolates first opened in 1900 on Main Street in Jackson, Michigan. The operation had moved out of the downtown some years back. Downtown Jackson is in the process of revitalization and the owners of Gilberts once again brought the business back to the hub of the city. My clothing was a bit outdated for 1900 but I found myself warmly welcomed into their new location none-the less!"



Meridian Historical Village "Christmas in the Village"

Sunday, December 11, 2016



Join Santa and the Friends for an old-fashioned Christmas in the Village! Historic buildings will be open and decorated for the holidays. Volunteers in period dress will share their Christmas traditions from days past. Gift shop will be open.

Village Buildings Open to Public (Open to Public no admission) 2 - 4 pm

Community Christmas Tree Lighting 4 pm

Meridian Historical Village, Central Park, 5151 Marsh Rd., Okemos

For more information: www.meridianhistoricalvillage.org or call 517-347-7300

