

THE UNION VOLUNTEER



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

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7th MI men with others marching in Veteran's Day Parade, Mason, MI – Sunday, November 11, 2018. Photo by Loren Shattuck





DUES ARE DUE!

2019 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
Daniel Malick (military)
dmalick12@gmail.com

Julie Everett (civilian)
djkeverett@comcast.net

President: Dave Downing
Vice President: Steve Church
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer: Don Everett
Military: Doug McComas, Captain
Civilian Coordinator: Sue Colegrove
Board Members-at-Large:
Chris Sodman, Anson Roland, Joy Henderson
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Club Historian: Doug McComas
Webmaster: David Finch

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues for 2019 are due. Family: \$19.20, individual: \$16. To make the roster cut off for Greenfield Village ***Dues need to be received by Feb 20, 2019 for you to be included in the roster for admition to the Village.*** The following people **HAVE NOT** paid their dues as of our Nov meeting. If you have paid your dues and are on the list contact me to correct any errors.

Don Everett, Treasurer

People that owe 2019 dues:

Eric/Michelle Behnke
Donald/Nancy Buck
Rev. Robert/Sandra Chapman
Daniel/Lana Clore
Dan Conklin
George Conklin
Chris Cook
Kevin/Gina Courter
Coletta Crews
Drayson/Dorothy Doyle
Gordon/Candace Duda
Oren Duda

Thomas Edwards
Roger/Debra Emelander
David Finch
Diane Geck
Mark Heath
Joy Henderson
Lynn/Jackie Holton
Kim Paul/Connie Horning
Marilyn/Ned hughes
Jim MacKinnon
Lyle Malaski
Walter Malski
Andrew McComas
Dean Mielke

Mark Parks
Jay Pearson
Jeff/Lin Sanborn
Craig Searles
ElliotSearles
Ian Searles
Marie/Audrey Searles
Wyatt Strauss
Richard/Carol
VanDyke
Kennedy Wilson

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Powder is \$19 per pound, caps are \$7 per hundred. We will have powder, caps and paper at the upcoming meetings and at events that I will attend this summer. Let me know if you hear of anyone wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.



EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nicole Mai has requested that we provide a school program for her home school group. She is checking available dates. I have contacted Ovid Middle School and Birney Middle School but haven't heard from either yet.

ANNUAL Charley Colegrove MEMORIAL SHOOT

Our annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot will be Sat. April 27th at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club, 4100 Freeman Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. The day begins with a breakfast at 9 am for a donation of \$2. The shoot will commence at 10; bring any firearm that you would like to shoot. There will be a \$5 fee for shooting to help defray the cost of the range rental. **Hearing protection is required** and eye protection is recommended. Lunch will be a potluck at 12:30. Following lunch the April meeting will convene at 1:30. For more information contact me at 517-393-3475 or djkeverett@comcast.net

Don Everett, Treasurer/Quartermaster/Education Director



AFTER-ACTION REPORT: NOVEMBER 11, 2018 – INGHAM COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE – MASON, MICHIGAN



Jim MacKinnon marches in his WWI uniform.

On the 100th anniversary of the signing of the WWI armistice agreement we marched through the hometown streets of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B to honor our citizen warriors, past and present. Joan Emerick and Rebecca Strauss joined the local citizenry in observing the parade. Accompanying the local veterans' groups, we marched in ranks joined by members of two SUVCW camps; Curtenious Guard Camp #17 and Austin Blair Camp #7. Representing the 7th Michigan, Company B were flag bearers Jim Kirschensteiner and Tom Emerick escorted by riflemen Wyatt Strauss and Steve Church. Jim MacKinnon honored our World War I doughboys by wearing the full military uniform and campaign kit of the WWI era.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom

Civilian Report

Hope you all had a
Happy Thanksgiving ☐ ☐

The ladies met at Ellyn's house for our November 17th sewing circle. The Christmas project is done.



I look forward to seeing you all at the club Christmas Party on Dec. 1.

Sunday, December 9, is the Christmas celebration in Meridian Village, from 2 - 4 PM. We will be walking around the Village, rather than using the cabin this year, as the cabin is too cold. Those participating can stop in any building and help if you like. Please come out and help us celebrate at the Village.

Civilian Ladies' Sewing Parties for 2018-2019:

Nov. 17 - Ellyn Painter

DEC. 1 - CHRISTMAS PARTY

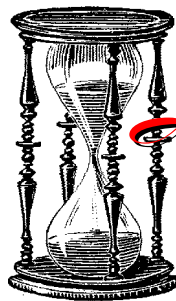
Jan. 19, 2019 - Lorrie Roland

Feb. 16 - Sue Colegrove

March 16 - Marie Searles

APRIL 27 - CHARLIE COLEGROVE LIVE SHOOT

---Sue Colegrove, Civilian Coordinator



A Look Back at Christmas Past...



1998?

7th MI Christmas Party at Woldemar Nature Center, Lansing. Al & Bev (Nichols) Baerren; Lee & Melinda Dickinson. Photo by Ellyn Painter

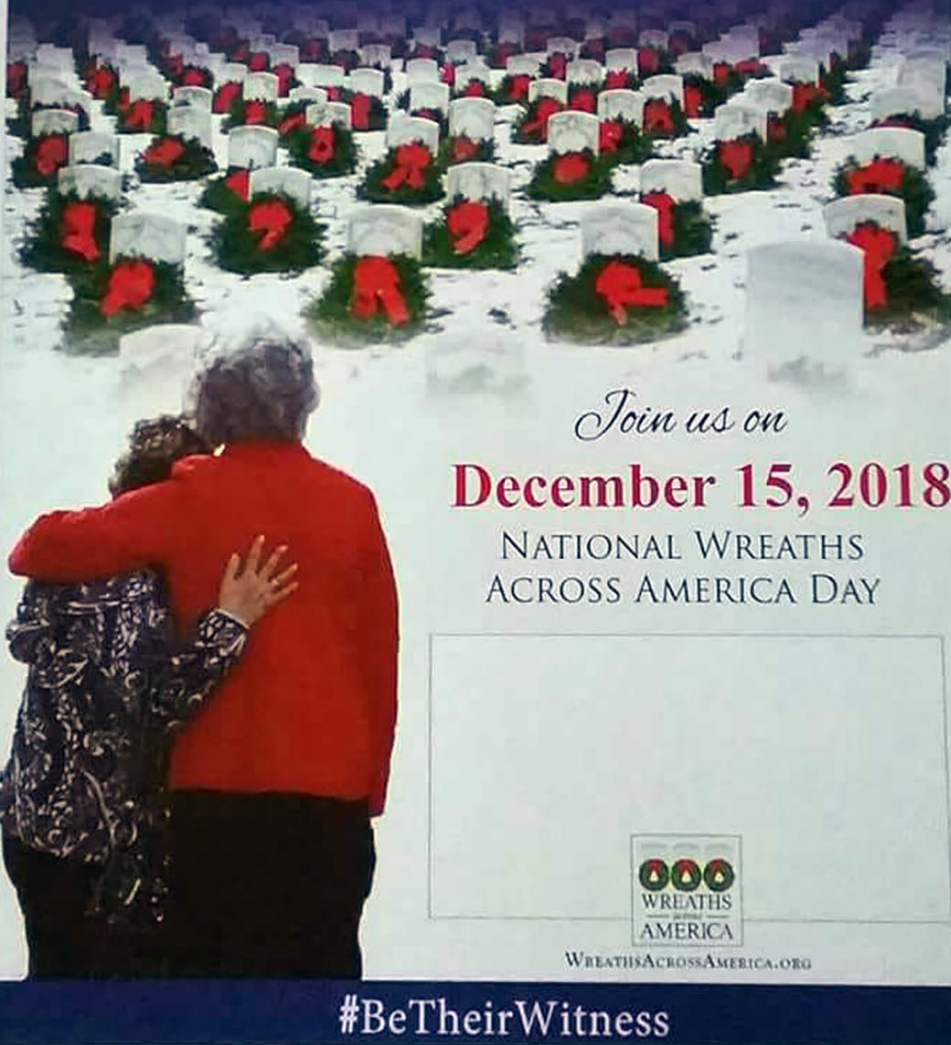


The Civil War Bookshelf

Read a good CW novel or non-fiction title lately?
Send me a short synopsis and your comments.
Our members would be interested!
The Editor



Join Us in Our Mission to
REMEMBER ♦ HONOR ♦ TEACH



#BeTheirWitness

National Wreaths Across America Day

*In honor of all
those who gave
their lives
defending our
country in every
American war
from the Civil
War through the
present.*

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Concord, MI Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 12 PM

Maple Grove Cemetery, an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location, will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 1,500 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day. This event is coordinated and led by the Concord-Pulaski Memorial American Legion Auxiliary 81. They have collected monies from sponsors to place 589 wreaths on the headstones of our fallen service members at all of the Concord and Pulaski area cemeteries. This annual event seeks to further the W.A.A. mission of Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

The wreath-laying ceremony will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 at noon at Concord Maple Grove Cemetery on S. Main Street across from the Concord Elementary School. Military dignitaries/officers, local dignitaries, village councilors, Veterans, active service members, Scouts, ROTC, families and the general public are welcome to attend and participate in the wreath-laying.

Directions: From Lansing and points north or west of Jackson: 127 to I-94 West. Exit 136 (M-60) to Concord (about 17 miles southwest of the exit). Address: 444-462 S Main St, Concord, MI 49237 This cemetery is located on the west side of S. Main St., across the street from Concord Elementary School, south of Third St., and North of Harmon Ave.

For more information contact Chaplain Brenda Walters at brendawalters211@gmail.com or call 517-937-3334.





2019 Harvest Ball Date: Oct. 12, 2019

Caller will be Jim McKinney, as
Glen Morningstar is retiring.

Cyndi would like a lady to volunteer to oversee the ladies' dressing room, in order to assist young ladies new to the ball in their dressing. Please contact her if you can be of assistance.

Cyndi Carlson

Email: cyndiin hisservice@yahoo.com Phone: 517-782-8199



FOR SALE

Dress, purple/green
stripe: approx. size
12 - \$100.
Dk purple belt w.
decorative metal
clasp - \$10
Bonnet: - \$75





All items are only
slightly worn. The
dress was originally
mine, but I'm now


selling it for the lady who purchased it from me.
Contact: Ellyn Painter 517-782-4387
Email: cwseamstress@sbcglobal.net




News Items of Interest

 **Kevin Courter** donated two large frying pans to the club. Thank you, Kevin!

 **Dennis Zank's** family donated all his equipment, except his uniform and rifle. Thanks.

 **From Rob Stone** on Facebook Nov. 14: "A number of the Seventh's members know Fred and Bonnie Priebe, a.k.a. Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln 'presenters.' Through the years the Priebe's have attended any number of re-enactments in which we participated.

I have learned that Bonnie's health is declining, and am certain that she and Fred would appreciate our prayers in the difficult days to come. Thank you."

 **Joy Henderson** has moved to Jackson. Her new address and phone number are: 2532 Norwood, Jackson, MI 49203 Phone: 517 484-7114. Her email address remains the same as in the club roster.

Help Support Michigan's Only G.A.R. Museum in 2019

Need a last minute 2018 year-end tax deduction? Consider becoming a 2019 Sponsor of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum.

Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum is the only such museum in the state that is solely dedicated to ensuring that the memory and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic (Union Soldier Veterans) in Michigan are not forgotten.

Eight different levels of sponsorship are available from which to select. Also, since Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum is a federally recognized 501(c)(3) tax exempt, Michigan non-profit corporation; all levels of sponsorship are fully tax deductible. In addition, your donation would go a long way in helping us maintain and operate this free public museum. A Sponsorship Application is enclosed for your use. (see attached PDF)

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Thank you in advance for your interest and support in helping to ensure that the contributions of the Grand Army of the Republic to our country are kept in the public eye and not forgotten.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Keith G. Harrison, Board President
Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum
224 South Main
Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Website: <http://garmuseum.weebly.com>
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GAR Memorial Hall Newsletter

Attached (PDF) is Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum November Newsletter.

Included in this issue is information on all the changes that have taken place in the museum plus a synopsis of several of the programs that have taken place.

Also included is information on the Museum's upcoming events such as the November 20th 7 PM presentation on Michigan in the Mexican War and the December 1st Eaton Rapids Home Town Christmas.

Finally, an additional attachment is the 2019 Annual Sponsorship application. We hope that you will again consider become a sponsor in 2019. It is only through your donations that Michigan's only Museum on the Grand Army of the Republic can continue to operate and grow. All donations are tax deductible.

Keith G. Harrison

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

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

 btjarrett@aol.com

“Civil War Veterans Left Us Clues To Trauma”



A November 25, 2018 article (title above) in the Jackson Citizen Patriot states that a recent study found that a “legacy of privation and misery can alter genes and be passed down to future generations.” Melissa Healy, a health and science writer with the Los Angeles Times, reported that the new evidence comes from research on the offspring of American Civil War veterans.

UCLA economic historian Dora Costa, who inherited a wealth of Civil War documents in 2013 from her deceased mentor, Nobel laureate Robert William Fogel, discovered among the papers evidence to suggest that the hardships faced by surviving Civil War prisoners of war altered their genes in ways that were passed on to the children they conceived after returning home. Tracing the births and deaths of 10,000 offspring of Civil War Union veterans, Costa's researchers found that the sons of POWs who were born after the war died much younger than their male siblings born before the war. Roughly 2,000 of the soldiers were POWs, while over 7,800 survived having not experienced the horrors of a Confederate prisoner of war camp. This phenomenon seemed to affect only sons, not daughters.

While researchers noted that their sampling was somewhat small, and therefore results should be “interpreted with caution,” the article later went on to say that similar negative changes have been documented in the genetic function of people who had suffered trauma during World War II. For example, pregnant female Dutch civilians who were subjected to starvation tactics by the Nazis in 1945 went on to have daughters with higher rates of poor health, and schizophrenia. They also died younger than those born before or after the famine. During the same war, Finnish children who were traumatized by being abruptly evacuated from their homes, also grew up to have daughters who were more than twice as likely to suffer mood disorders than daughters of women who were not evacuated. These results seemed to be sex-specific also, but opposite to the Civil War results. (Sons vs. Daughters).

It perhaps seems logical that pregnant mothers subjected to trauma or poor nutrition might give birth to weaker children, but the effects on the male children of Civil War vets whose health had been compromised by incarceration is intriguing. It appears that neither the family's economic status, nor psychological factors (ie, family violence, emotional coldness, etc resulting from the father's wartime trauma) were significant; otherwise the lifespan of daughters would also have been undermined, but weren't.

The Editor

