

## NOTES:

### Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012  
1:00pm Robbins U.M.C.,  
Eaton Rapids, MI  
(see attached map)

### New Member Co-chairs:

Jeff Verstraete  
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Vickie Verstraete

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### Annual membership dues are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

\$16.00 – single  
\$19.20 – family

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

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**Lansing, MI 48901-6206.**

(see following page for  
an important report from  
our Treasurer).

Website: [www.7thmichigan.us](http://www.7thmichigan.us)

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for the newsletter. Please note that the deadline date for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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

**I would very much welcome receiving personal news items, as well – announcements of awards, or other accomplishments, family events, etc. Feel free to report on your friends in the unit, too, if they are too modest to report on themselves!**

Email all submissions to me at:  
[7thminewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)  
Or mail to:  
736 Gettysburg Avenue  
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank you.

*Ellyn Painter, Editor*

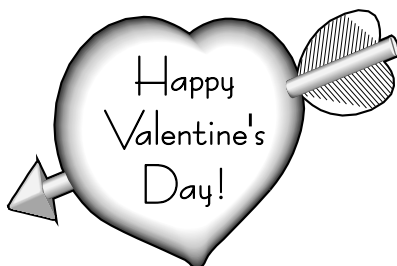
Since it is near the start of a new year, I thought it might be helpful to everyone to have ready to hand a complete list of our newly elected club officers and committee chairs for the year 2012. In the event a member needs to contact someone about a specific issue, knowing who is in charge of what areas can make the task easier (especially for any of you, who like me, are getting older and more forgetful by the year!) For phone numbers and email addresses, you'll need to consult your club roster. Here's the list:

President : Doug McComas  
Vice President: Steve Hainstock  
Treasurer: Dick Williams  
Secretary: Jeff Verstraete  
Members at Large: Pat Downing;  
Bill Jarrod; Don Everett  
New Member Co-Chairs: Vickie  
Verstraete; Jeff Verstraete  
Webmaster: Dennis Zank  
Events Coordinator: Dave Downing  
Jackson Host Comm/Cascades,  
Inc. Liaison: Jeff Verstraete  
Living History Coordinators:  
Steve Hainstock; Don Everett  
Military Comm. Chairs: Captains  
Dave Slayton and Tom Emerick  
Club Historian: Steve Hainstock

Civilian Co-Chairs: Joy Henderson,  
Vonda Warren  
Sesquicentennial Comm.: Keith  
Harrison; Tom Berlucchi  
Education Director: Don Everett  
Quartermaster: Don Everett  
Harvest Ball: Linda Williams;  
Don Everett  
Annual Christmas Party:  
Pat Downing

If I've inadvertently left out any committee, or person, please let me know!

Thanks.  
The Editor



## Upcoming Events Listing

The following is a listing of the potential events that could be considered "max effort" events using the criteria from previous years (battle, activities for both military and civilian, sutlers and modern camping available) We are co-sponsors of the event at Hastings (Charlton Park), and of course there is the Jackson event which we sponsor. Jackson is a 'must attend' for us.

These are by no means all of the events that are being put on this coming year. For a more complete listing please go to this site:

<http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/MiCWSesquiHP.htm>

At the next meeting we will be discussing the following events to be considered as 'max effort' :

**May 12 - 13. Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Muster** (13220 M-50 at US -12) Step back in time. Hear the roar of cannons. Smell the smoke. Over 200 reenactors will recreate the sights and sounds of the Civil War May 12 and 13 at Walker Tavern Historic Site. See the Confederate and Union forces exchange musket fire and clash in battles both Saturday and Sunday. Visit the civilian and military camps and stroll through the village to experience what life was like in the 1860s. Shop the Sutler's row to purchase items that would have been found in 19th century shops. Play period games. History will come alive for you and your family. Sponsored by the 5th Texas Company E, the USS Michigan Marine Guard, and Walker Tavern Historic Site which is a part of the Michigan Historical Museum System and the Department of Natural Resources. Cost: Daily admission charge is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/walkertavern> . Contacts: Union Coordinator: Paul Davis at [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com) , Civilian Coordinator: Belinda Grier at [marieptam@gmail.com](mailto:marieptam@gmail.com) Registration forms at <http://www.5thtexascoe.com> .

**May 25 - 27. Coldwater Civil War Days** (Heritage Park, Coldwater, Michigan) **Friday School Day** 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Friday train ride with President Lincoln. Saturday: 9-5 Civil War artifacts & displays, 9-5 Horse drawn wagon rides (Union & Confederate Camp Life) 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Schoolhouse (Hourly lessons & outdoor civil war games), 10:00 AM Civil War music by local elementary students , 11:00 AM Vintage Baseball Game at Battlefield, 12:30 Ladies Tea & Fashion Show, 2:00 PM Battle , 3:00 PM Games, 5:00 PM Meal for Reenactors Only, 7:00 PM Military & Civilian Ball with Glen Morning Star Jr. & Ruffwater Band, 9:30 PM Night Firing of Canons (weather permitting). Sunday: 9:30 AM Non-denominational Church Service , 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Civil War artifacts & displays, 9:00 AM -3:00 PM Horse drawn wagon rides ( Union & Confederate Camp Life), 10:00 AM Schoolhouse (Hourly lessons & outdoor civil war games), 11:00 AM Musical entertainment, 11:00 AM Vintage Baseball Games, 2:00 PM Battle . Bathrooms and wood, straw, hay, water available for reenactors. Website: <http://www.civilwardays.webs.com> or by Telephone at 517-278-8032.

**May 25 - 28. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance** (Dearborn, Michigan). TBA

**June 9 - 10. 4th Annual Civil War Encampment and Reenactment** (Lexington, Michigan). Hosts 15th Michigan, Company B and 8th Arkansas. Event is in the Village of Lexington. Fashion Show, Street Skirmishes, Living History, Firearm Demonstrations. Sponsored by the Village of Lexington Parks and Recreation Committee and the Lexington

## Treasurer's Report

**DUES ARE DUE.** If you haven't paid your dues before March 1, you will not be able to participate at Greenfield Village on Memorial Day weekend.

Those not paying dues by March 1 will not receive the newsletters starting in March.

These people have not paid their dues for 2012:

Hanna Adams  
Margaret/Robert Allen  
Paul Bargardi  
John Bednark  
Armin Berg  
Tom/Judy Berlucchi  
Tom/Holly Berriman (2 yrs)  
Aaron Bolder  
David/Susan Carlson  
Mark Chamberlain  
Ted/Pam Christoff  
Craig/Gretchen Crispin  
Tom/Sarah Cummings  
Loraine/Sheryl Diamond  
Melinda Dickinson  
Tom Edwards  
Brandon Emond  
Tom/Maryann Foster  
Clare/Eric Freeman  
Adam Gaines  
Sarah Grimski  
Steve/Lisa Hainstock  
Ian Halbeisen  
Kimberly/Mark Strong  
Bill Hensler  
Celest Hude  
Marilyn/Ned Hughes  
Dale/Mary Jo Johnston  
Rebecca/Robert Kiessling  
Jim/Gloria Kirschensteiner  
Dianne/John Klimas  
Claude/Joanne Lawrence  
Michael/Therese LeSarge  
Ron Lobbezoo  
Dale/Sudan Marvin  
Robert McVay  
Steve/Angela Morgan  
Douglas/Jerri Munn  
Daniel O'connell  
Fred/Bonita Priebe  
Todd/Tami Rakestraw  
Scott Shattuck  
Scott Timoszyk  
Carla Tuma  
Vickie Verstraete  
Paul Waldorf  
Ryan/Melanie Woll  
Dave Yonnick

Dues are \$16.00 for one person and \$19.20 for a family.

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## Events, continued....

Business Association. Website: <http://lexingtonmichigan.org/civilwar.htm> . Contact: John Bednarz [Jeb324@comcast.net](mailto:Jeb324@comcast.net) .

**June 16 - 17. Battle for Turkeyville** (Turkeyville U.S.A, Marshall, Michigan). Host: 18th South Carolina Artillery. Free to the public, but donations appreciated. Battles Saturday (Glendale) and Sunday (Malvern Hill), ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing, ladies tea and fashion show. Special Impression Area to include Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, LtGen James Longstreet and a period school teacher. Thursday and Friday set-up, Modern day RV campsite on location with hook-ups (offered at discounted rate for reenactors), wood & hay provided, free reenactor meal Saturday at Turkeyville Restaurant, coffee and donut breakfast free to reenactors. Website: <http://www.turkeyville.com> . Reenactor Contact: Email [psabo72@yahoo.com](mailto:psabo72@yahoo.com) or by Telephone at 517-626-4336.

**July 21 - 22. Charlton Park Civil War Muster** (2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Michigan). Hosted by Battery D, 2nd Michigan Light Artillery, 3rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company F., and Barry County Parks. Confederate and Union Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery units. Shop on Sutler Row, play parlor games, Two battles on Saturday, one battle on Sunday. Admission is Adults \$6.00, Kids \$3.00 ages 5 - 12 years, 4 and under are free. All Reenactors are requested to Pre-Register at no charge, postmarked no later than June 17, 2011. The on-site registration fee is \$10.00 per reenactor. Reenactors can reserve buildings for use throughout the weekend. Website and registration form/information at [http://www.charltonpark.org/news\\_events/special\\_events.html](http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/special_events.html) .

**July 28. Concord Civil War Days** (Paddock-Hubbard House, 317 Hanover St., Concord, Michigan) 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. A living history encampment is being hosted by the City of Concord. Amenities include firewood, water, modern restrooms, an area for authentic camping, and the possibility of a meal. The event is being held on 3 acres of property in town. Set-up begins Friday after 5:00 P.M. Saturday activities are from 10:00-5:00. The patriotic program starts at 1:00. There will be drill, demonstrations, and a small skirmish. Along with your Union uniform, please bring a Confederate uniform if you have one. The event is rumored to be a laid back event with promises of having some fun and educating the public. You can camp until Sunday morning if you wish although the program is held only on Saturday. No registration is required. Contact Mark Heath at [mdheath525@yahoo.com](mailto:mdheath525@yahoo.com) or by Telephone at 517-764-1885.

Aug 18 = work party

**Aug 24, 25, & 26. - 28th Annual Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster** (Cascades Falls Park, 1401 S Brown St, Jackson, Michigan). Free to the public, but donations appreciated. Battles Saturday (2nd Manassas )and Sunday (Stones River) Military Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing. Special Impression Area. Reenactor Registration Website: [http://www.7thmichigan.us/Jackson\\_Civil\\_War\\_Muster.htm](http://www.7thmichigan.us/Jackson_Civil_War_Muster.htm) , Cascades Website: <http://civilwarmuster.org/> . Cascades Contact: 517-788-4320.

**Sept 8 - 9. 150th Battle Reenactments of Battles of South Mountain and Antietam** (Monroe Road, Boonsboro, Maryland). On September 8 - 9, 2012, Rear Rank Productions, Inc. in conjunction with the Hagerstown-Washington County Visitors Bureau will be hosting *Maryland, My Maryland*, a reenactment of the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam, commemorating the 150th Anniversary. *Maryland, My Maryland* will take place on the same open property that September Storm reenactment was held on. This event, however, will include an additional 160 acres adjacent to the original. The event will be held on the Boonsboro Town Farm and is generously sponsored by the Hagerstown-Washington County Visitors Bureau. This all volunteer group of more than 3,000 reenactors, whom brought you September Storm in 2007, Fire on the Mountain, and Return to Manassas will bring you an event with correct force ratios and the dedication to portraying the battles of September 1862 with the utmost historical authenticity, honor and respect. Due to our dedication to proper force ratios and historically correct scenarios we are limiting the total number of participants to 4,000 and Confederate participation to 1,800. Therefore, all Confederate participants and Artillery / Cavalry for both sides are by invitation only. Reenactor Registration Website: <https://www.brittanyshope.org/mmm/registration/> .

**Sept 14 - 16. 8th Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster (Deerfield Nature Park, Mt Pleasant, Michigan)**. Sponsored by the 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and Isabella County Parks. Website: <http://www.tenthmichiganinfantry.com> , Contact: [tenthmich@yahoo.com](mailto:tenthmich@yahoo.com) .

**Sept 15 - 17. 2012 Antietam National Battle Anniversary Weekend (5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, Maryland)**. Sponsored by the National Park Service. Information regarding the anniversary living history program is still being finalized. Website: <http://www.nps.gov/ancm/index.htm> and search Antietam National Battle Anniversary Weekend (The 2012 information is currently not posted, but will be later). Reenactor Contact: Steve Dodge, 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry at [sdodge84@gmail.com](mailto:sdodge84@gmail.com) .

**\*\*Falmouth, VA... Sept 22-23**

**Sept 22 - 23. Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster** (Holland Museum, Holland, Michigan). Free Dinner Saturday Night. Battle both days, and possibly tacticals. Bounties are offered for cavalry and artillery. Website: <http://www.hollandmuseum.org> , Email: Katie VanDoeselaar: [kvandoeselaar@hollandmuseum.org](mailto:kvandoeselaar@hollandmuseum.org) or by Telephone at 616-796-3324.

**Sept 21 - 23. 7th Annual Angola Civil War Days** (Commons Park, Angola, Indiana). The Battle of Antietam Saturday 2:00 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM. Period Dance and Night Artillery Fire. Normal Amenities. Sponsor is the Interactive Heritage History Group. Website: [http:// www.angolacivilwardays.com](http://www.angolacivilwardays.com). Contact: Telephone 260-668-3943.

**Sept 28 - 30. River of Time Living History Encampment** (South end of Veterans Park, 800 John Kennedy Drive, Bay City, Michigan). School Program also on 9-28. Civil War with Union and Confederate Military and Civilian Camps. Camps open Saturday 9:00 AM. Sponsored by the Bay County Historical Society and the River of Time Committee. Website: <http://www.riveroftime.org>. Contact: Paul Davis at [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com).

**Oct 5 - 7. 150th Anniversary Reenactment of Battle of Perryville, Kentucky** (1825 Mackville Road, Perryville, Kentucky). Hosted by: The Kentucky Department of Parks and the Friends of Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. Website: [http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/html/commemoration\\_2012.html](http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/html/commemoration_2012.html).  
Registration Website:[http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/html/registration\\_2012.html](http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/html/registration_2012.html).

**Oct 12 - 14. 20th Annual Wolcott Mill Civil War Days** (63841 Wolcott Road, Ray, Michigan). The 150th anniversary reenactment of the battle of Shepherdstown will be portrayed. The 4th Michigan and the US Sharp Shooters will be the federal regiments portrayed while the Confederates will portray AP Hill's Light Division. There also will be a tactical on Saturday. Website: <http://www.4thtexas.org>, Contact: Steve Domke at [demrebel@netzero.com](mailto:demrebel@netzero.com).

**Oct 20 - 21. Hartford City Civil War Days** (Hartford City, Indiana). Plenty of military and civilian camp sites available. Straw is provided, one half bale per person. Hay will be provided for mounted cavalry. Fire wood also provided and located near all camps. Free Saturday evening meal served to all reenactors. Other activities: Ladies tea, fashion show (competition), baking contest, battle, skirmishing, and on-going entertainment. Saturday night will feature night time artillery firing, mini-concert, Lincoln address and Military Ball. Sunday: church service, tactical, skirmishing, pay call, and battle. Hosts: 19th Virginia Infantry, Company C, 50th Virginia Infantry, Company D, and 49th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company F. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/in3/34IN/reenactorguide.html>.

**Oct 27 - 28. Historic Bowens Mills Civil War Commemorative Weekend** (55 Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan). The Sights and Sounds of the War Between the States will come alive at Historic Bowens Mills October 27 & 28, 2012 as *The It's Cider Time Festivals* continues. There will be a Battle both Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 PM. Civil War Living History Encampment is the feature this weekend, along with tours of the old mill, cider making, live music and horse drawn rides. The fun begins at 12 noon and lasts until 5 pm. The Civil War event is sponsored by Owen & Carleen Sabin and many loyal reenactors from Michigan and neighboring states. Artillery demonstrations along with numerous military and civilian demonstrations though out the day. Website:

<http://www.bowensmills.com/Festivals%20&%20Events/Its%20Cider%20Time/Civil%20War%20&%20Cider%20Days/Civil%20War%20Days%20Weekend.htm>

Contact: Telephone 269-795-7530.

**\*\*\*\*\*Some Upcoming 2012-2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial National Events \*\*\*\*\***  
**Tentative Dates**

Shiloh - March 30 - April 1, 2012	Vicksburg/Raymond - 2014
Second Manassas - August 2012	Red River Campaign -
Perryville - October 5 - 7, 2012	November 2014
Gettysburg - July 4 - 7, 2013	Brice's Cross Roads - 2014
Chickamauga - September 21 - 22, 2013	Franklin - 2014
Resaca - May 14 - 16, 2014	Bentonville - 2015

Submitted by Dave Downing

## EDUCATION DIRECTORS REPORT

We have 5 potential school programs scheduled for next year with the addition of White pine Academy in Leslie. The White pine program will be in April or May with the exact date to follow. Information will follow as to what equipment to bring and directions and times. The dates are as follows; March 27<sup>th</sup> Emmanuel Lutheran school Lansing, April 12<sup>th</sup> Birney School Southfield, April 27<sup>th</sup> Ovid Middle school Ovid, May 18<sup>th</sup> 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. We have been invited to provide a school program for Scott Shatuck at Mason Middle School. The date will be sometime in the spring. Actual date to be determined after the first of the year.

Submitted by Don Everett



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I just got my new trousers in the mail today. Hard to believe this will be my 10<sup>th</sup> season with the 7<sup>th</sup>. (I know to some of you I'm just starting). I really was forced to think about why I reenact over the last couple of months. For me the answer is simple. I have had some of the best times of our lives with my son sitting at camp in the evening. I have met some of my very best friends, and I have done those things in a way that shares and respects the history of our nation and the men and women that built and protected this great country.

I have learned much and seen both the best and worst of people recently. On the whole the good still outweighs the bad, I still smell wood smoke and think about wool, I still can't wait for that first event of the year and get a little sad in the fall. But most of all I look forward to seeing my friends and enjoying this great hobby. Let's not forget that's what it's really about. Oh and my new trousers. My old ones "shrunk" a couple sizes over the past 10 years!

This month we will decide on the max events vote for those you can and wish to attend. I hope to see both old and new friends and faces at many a campfire this season.

Your most obedient servant

Doug



## Civilian Report

### Sewing Meeting 1-14-2012

A good time was had by all at the first sewing meeting of the new year. The meeting was held at Vonda Warren's house in Charlotte. We had several guys attend the lunch. The food was good as always. We worked on several different projects.

### Meeting 1-15-2012

We are looking for places to hold the sewing meeting for the next couple of months. We have openings the month of March 17-12 and the date of April 14-12.

The next sewing meeting will be held on:

**February 18, 2012 at 10:00 AM**

At the home of **Lorrie Roland**

2921 W. Holmes St.

Lansing, MI

We are meeting at **John's Country**

**Burger for breakfast at 9:00 AM**

3109 S. Cedar St.

Lansing, MI

The food is good and the prices are under \$10.00.

(see maps at end of newsletter)

Please bring a dish to pass for lunch and project to work on. Does not have to be a civil war project.

If you just want to come and talk with us that's okay also. We look forward to seeing you on 2-18-12 for a good time.

We have several dresses for sale in the ladies' closet, please call Julie Everett for sizes 517 393-3475.

Submitted by Vonda Warren and Joy Henderson

## QUARTERMASTER REPORT

The cartridge rolling/ casting party were held on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> with a Tassel Top Mess breakfast before. The breakfast was well attended with 12 attending. Included were 3 former members, Barry Stuler, Mark Lynch, and Jerry Zimmerman. Al Baerren was snowed in and was not able to make it. Jerry again regaled us with the tale of capturing his mother's cat. Complete with sound affects. We returned to the Everett's home and proceeded to roll 35 arsenal packs of cartridges to use for the school programs as well as a supply of bullets for the live shoot and to give out at programs. A good time was had by all.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

# THE 7TH MICHIGAN SUTLER

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan members only

## CLOTHING, MEN'S

Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35  
Trousers, US, corp, 34/36...\$35  
Trousers, US, sgt, 34/36...\$35  
Trousers, US, Officer, sky blue, 34/36...\$35  
Trousers, US, Officer, dark blue, 34/36...\$35  
Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35  
Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40  
Shell jacket, CS, 40/42...\$40  
Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20  
Frock coat, size 44/46...\$75  
Military vest, size large...\$20  
Long drawers, 40/42...\$10  
Shirt, Blue plaid, Lg...\$10  
Shirt, Red calico, Lg...\$10  
Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20  
Shirt, collarless, white muslin...\$15  
Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20  
Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20  
Wool sock, white...\$5  
NCO sash...\$20  
White gloves...\$1 per pair  
White gloves, wool...\$1

## HATS

Forage cap M 1861, 7 1/2...\$15  
Amish straw hat...\$10  
Slouch hat, black /w cord & bugle...\$25  
Kepi, CS/w bugle...\$30  
Kepi, CS...\$25

## SHOES

Jefferson bootees, size 8...\$30

## 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

## ACCOUTERMENTS

Cartridge box/w plate & 40 rounds...\$30  
Cartridge box/wo plate & 40 rounds...\$28  
Pistol cartridge box, (2)...\$15ea  
Cap pouch...\$15  
Cap pouch, shield front...\$15  
Holster, rt hand, (3)...\$5ea  
Waist belt, CS, Georgia frame buckle...\$15  
Waist belt, CS, canvas...\$10  
Officer's sword belt, US... \$30  
Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$30  
Tompion, brass...\$1

Cartridge box tins...\$2  
Enfield sling...\$3  
Canteen, SS bulls eye, sky blue...\$20  
Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$20  
Canteen, SS smooth side, sky blue...\$15  
CS buckle...\$3  
US buckle...\$3  
US breast plate...\$3

## COOKING UTENSILS

Porcelain basin...\$0.50  
Tin cup, large...\$3  
Tablespoon, fiddle back...\$0.50  
Fork...\$0.50  
Knife...\$0.50

## HAVERSACK STUFFERS

Handkerchief...\$0.50 ea  
Poke sacks, various sizes each...\$0.50  
Poke sack, muslin...\$0.50  
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  
Mirror...\$1

## MISCELLANEOUS

Mattress tick...\$3  
Poncho...\$20  
Gum blanket...\$20  
Wool blanket...\$15  
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  
Musket nipple wrench...\$3  
Musket nipple wrench...\$3

# SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT

Keith Harrison indicated that Michigan's 2012 Civil War Sesquicentennial Events Listing is currently at 98 *Events and is growing (By the end of last year, a total of 169 events eventually ended up being listed)*. The event listing includes Reenactments, living histories, school programs, commemorations, presentations, and meetings. It is located at: <http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/2012events.htm>

During the meeting Keith referenced the January 21st program at the state museum and encouraged people to attend as it was going to be one of the last Civil War programs associated with the state's *Plowshares to Swords* exhibit.

**January 21. Program: *The Civil War in Person*** (Michigan Historical Museum, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, Michigan). 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In conjunction with the Civil War Sesquicentennial exhibit, *Plowshares into Swords* that runs through February 5, 2012, the Civil War exhibits will be brought to life through living history and interaction with the public. Special *hands-on* displays will demonstrate a detailed look at women's clothing, children's toys and games and the soldier's uniform, personal items and food. From 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, youngsters will be able to enlist in the Union Army, participate in a drill called *The School of the Soldier*, and then received a military discharge following their service. As a special treat, President Lincoln also will be present to greet and talk with people.

Keith referenced the May 27, 2012 dedication program that would take place at Monroe, Michigan and encouraged people to attend if possible. He reminded everyone that the 7th Michigan provided a donation to this monument.

**May 27. Dedication *Monroe County Civil War Monument to Civil War Fallen*** (Soldiers and Sailors Park, East Front and Navarre Streets, Monroe, Michigan) 2:00 PM. There also will be a Civil War living history encampment from Noon to 4:00 PM on May 27th. All reenactors are encouraged to attend. Over 400 Monroe County soldiers who died in the Civil War will be acknowledged. Confirmed participants include 7th Michigan Infantry, 15th Michigan Infantry, artillery battery representing "DeGoyler's Battery H", the 5th Michigan Infantry Band, Fred Priebe as President Abraham Lincoln, Steve Alexander as General George Custer, members of various Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, members of the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, numerous historical organizations, and authors. Contact David Ingall at [dcicw@yahoo.com](mailto:dcicw@yahoo.com) or by Telephone at 734-847-9527

Keith referenced two programs that will be taking place as part of the state's Sesquicentennial Commemoration. Both would take place at or near the state capital.

**June 1. Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert: *Emancipation: the March to Freedom 1862*** (Michigan State Capital Lawn, Lansing, Michigan). The 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. FREE Concert will be held on the Michigan Capital Lawn. The concert performers will be Earl Nelson Singers. This will be the second in a series of five concerts, one per year of the Sesquicentennial with each one tied to Civil War events that took place 150 years earlier. Should the weather not cooperate on the 1st, the Concert will take place instead on Sunday, June 3rd 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. Contact: Keith Harrison at [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net) or Tom Truscott at [tom.0506@hotmail.com](mailto:tom.0506@hotmail.com).

**June 1 - 2. Michigan Historical Center Civil War Sesquicentennial Living History and Information 2012 Event** (702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan). Reenactors, Living Historians, Genealogy groups, Civil War Roundtables, and library and museum staff throughout the state are invited to participate in the Civil War Sesquicentennial Living History and Informational program commemorating Michigan's role in the Civil War. Set-up will begin on Friday (June 2, 2012). Amenities for the Living History portion of the program include porta-johns, porta-water, bottled water (for drinking/cooking purposes), and firewood. The Museum indoor facilities will be available for use on Friday before 5:00 PM and during spectator hours on Saturday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners is co-hosting the event along with the Michigan Historical

Center and the Michigan Historical Foundation. The Living History portion of the program will be held on a 1-1/2 city block size green space just west of the state of Michigan Library/Museum. The informational portion of the program will be held at the Michigan Historical Center. Reenactor Contact: Thomas Berlucchi at [tberlucchi@yahoo.com](mailto:tberlucchi@yahoo.com). Information Table Contact: Bruce Butgereit at [civil-war@comcast.net](mailto:civil-war@comcast.net).

Finally Keith mentioned that the *Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' Annual Report for 2011* is available on the History Partners' website for anyone wishing to see what took place during 2011 (<http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/MiCWSesquiHP.htm>). Also iMichigan Productions' *The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years* will be presented around the state on several different PBS stations. Dates are noted on the History Partners' Events website: (<http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/2012events.htm>).

**Keith G. Harrison**

Chair & Webmaster

**Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners for the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission/Committee**

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## HARVEST BALL

The Harvest Ball will be Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Central United Methodist Church. Due to my missing the January meeting, I was late in scheduling the church and Glen Morningstar's Ruffwater Stringband, and by not scheduling earlier, it almost didn't work. The only way we are able to do this is another group using the church is willing to change their date so we can have the ballroom on a Saturday that works for Glen.

At the January meeting, the club agreed to pull together to do the work for the Harvest Ball and to not consider a co-host at this time. I want to personally thank the members who have already signed up to fill a work shift for the ball, however there are many other duties to be fulfilled:

3 men needed to set up tables, chairs, decorations, arrive 3:00 p.m.

2 assistants for refreshment/decoration coordinators, arrive 3:00.

2 workers to set out food before intermission (45 minutes).

2 workers to set out food after intermission (45 minutes).

3 workers to pack up food: 9:30

(We pack food a half hour before the ball ends to encourage guests to leave. We have only until 11:00 to be completely moved out, have chairs and tables put away, etc. Guests will stay as long as there is something to eat!)

Door sentries - 2 men, 6:30 - 7:00

Workers to take down tables and put chairs away (all men who are able)

Please call or email me to let me know you are willing to fill one of these work slots. I will have the full roster in the September newsletter to remind you what you have volunteered to do.

Love,

Linda

[\(517\) 484-2496](tel:5174842496)

[lansinglinda@comcast.net](mailto:lansinglinda@comcast.net)

### JACKSON REPORT

Jackson is moving along well. We should have a signed contract with Cascades, Inc. by January 31-- Woo Hoo!--with many changes this year. Thanks to Don E. and Steve H. for taking on the roles of Harrisonville Landing organizers. We have a period wedding taking place on Saturday at 11 am at the Town Hall/Courthouse, and many more big events. Stay tuned.

---submitted by Jeff Verstraete



# 7th MICHIGAN MILITARY MINUTES

January 23, 2012

## **JANUARY MEETING (01-15-2012)**

Tom Emerick discussed the upcoming drill sessions at Leslie, the 150<sup>th</sup> Battle of Shiloh national event and the fall event at Antietam National Park Battlefield. Detailed information from Tom is provided below. Following that, newly minted Captain Dave Slayton and Co-captain Tom, with the assistance of our sergeants, put the troops through a refresher on the manual of arms, opening and closing ranks and grounding arms. We followed that with practice on right & left face, and getting into a line of battle when we are marching by the flanks in our column of fours (front, by company into line, on the right/left by file into line. Mark Heath gave us a couple of bugles calls, but Captain Dave needs to remember to have him do much more. It's a valuable asset to have an accomplished bugler, and it will be great to be able to move around using the bugle. We encourage all military personnel to study the common commands, which will make our evolutions in field easier to perform. If you are able to attend, we will be doing more drill at the February 19<sup>th</sup> club meeting. The two Schools of Instruction at Leslie have also been excellent for shaking off the rust, practicing various drill and instructing NCO's and officers, and everyone is encourage to attend.

## **2012 MILITARY ACTIVITIES**

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

We need to shake off the rust and prepare for the 150<sup>th</sup> Shiloh and/or the upcoming season. The 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B will be hosting a seven-hour infantry drill session from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** at the White Pine Academy. The school will be open an hour in advance so drills can begin promptly at 9:00. Lessons will cover basic maneuvers and formations taken from Casey's School of the Soldier, School of the Company, School of the Battalion, up to and including some Brigade-level evolutions. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan, Co. F has also requested we review some squad level maneuvers for the benefit of units with oversized companies. Instruction will concentrate on positioning and movements of Corporals, Sergeants, up through Field Officers within the various evolutions. In addition to basic maneuvers, we will cover Inspection Arms, Dress Parade, "basic" guard mount, Color Company and Color Guard, "basics" of skirmishing, etc. There will be a demonstration of School of the Sword, if Officers are interested, to rehearse the positions utilized during Dress Parade. Mark Heath will be incorporating bugle signals into our movements throughout the day. Brother units or individuals from throughout the state (or out-of-state) are invited to attend. All ranks are invited to participate from privates up through Officers. If you plan to bring younger recruits (too young to serve in the ranks) I will be more than happy to employ them as markers.

All attendees should wear the uniform with their current rank, bring their rifle or sword, accoutrements, and **soft-soled shoes**. Modern athletic shoes are permitted and encouraged as we will be drilling inside a gymnasium on tile floors. Please no heel plates. Leave all ammunition at home.

I am reserving a room for at the local Crossroads Restaurant for our noontime meal. This is to take advantage of the restaurant's large room to share camaraderie and partake of our afternoon meal en masse. There also is a MacDonald's within a mile of the school. For brown-baggers there are cafeteria tables and a small kitchenette at the school. There will be coffee and light baked goods at the school in the morning before drill commences.

I plan to prepare a spreadsheet listing the movements to be reviewed and the sections of Casey's from which they are taken. I will distribute this document in electronic format in advance of the drill date for those who want to familiarize themselves with the particulars. Notify me if you want a copy sent to you.

The White Pine Academy address is 510 Russell Street, Leslie, MI 49251. It is located 4/10 of a mile south of downtown Leslie. Take US-127 to exit 56, go east to the first stoplight, go through stoplight 5/10 of mile and turn right (south) onto Russell St. The Mill St. stop sign is 3/10 of a mile south on Russell. The school is 1/10 of a mile past Mill St. on west side of the road.

I do need to know the number of attendees so please notify me if you plan to attend AND if you want to be included in the restaurant reservations. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or [tomjoemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com).

### **March 10 – Company and Battalion Drill School of Instruction – Leslie, MI**

Another opportunity to drill with your pards and prepare for the upcoming season. This will mostly be a repeat of the prior February drill session but utilizing what we have already covered. See event description above. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or [tomjoemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com).

### **March 30 - April 1 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Shiloh/Armies of Tennessee - Counce, TN**

Tom reported the first registration cut-off date for the 150<sup>th</sup> Shiloh event is fast approaching. Registration received prior to 2/01/2012 is \$10/person. All checks must be made out to the **Armies of Tennessee**. If you want Tom to mail in your registration fee please send him a check made out to the **Armies of Tennessee** with the appropriate amount. The event is located at 145 Possum Trot Rd, Counce, Tennessee 38326 and website is <http://shiloh150th.com/information.html>. Our **Unit Designation** on the registration form will be **7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B**. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or [tomjoemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com). Please do notify Tom if you do self-register so he can keep track of attendees.

Things have changed since the January Military meeting. They are now accepting mail-in registration after 2/01/2012 at \$15/person. Walk-ons are permitted but at the \$15/person rate. You can mail in your registration up to a few days prior to the event. The hosts prefer mail-in registrations so they have a more accurate count of attendees to plan for amenities.

#### **Amenities:**

The normal water, porta-johns, and firewood will be provided. Hay will be provided for bedding as there is no local straw available for purchase.

#### **Battles:**

Friday	5:00 Tactical
Saturday	Dawn Tactical
	2:00 Battle
Sunday	2:00 Battle

#### **Brigading:**

I have not heard recently from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan, Co. F but our comrades-in-arms were also planning to make the trip. Rumor has it a few stout fellows from the Black Hat Battalion will also be fighting along side us in the Union ranks. Headquarters will use our registered numbers to determine whether we fight as a single company or are combined to serve under another unit commander. Be sure to get your registration in as soon as you know you will be going.

#### **Registration:**

Opens on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. It sounds like registration will be closed during the night Thursday and Friday nights. You can set-up no matter what time you arrive. You are permitted to drive up to your encampment to unload.

#### **Supplies:**

The event hosts assure me we will be in the thick of the fighting all weekend long. They recommended bringing upwards of 300 rounds but a more realistic amount would be 200 rounds. Our company cooks are not making the trip down so everybody will need to bring their own rations.

#### **Tentage:**

We are portraying an early war impression (1862). They are encouraging us to bring most any type of tentage (wedge, shelter half, sibley, etc.) for the company streets but want to restrict the use wall tents to Company officers and above.

#### **Uniforms:**

We are portraying an early war impression (1862). We should be ok with anything we wear. A safe bet is to bring your fatigue blouse if you have one.

#### **Carpooling:**

Tom has sent out email notices requesting information on who wants to carpool/departure/return dates/etc.

As of this newsletter, the following men indicated they were interested in attending. Those who have forwarded their registration fee to Tom are listed as (paid). Those who will/have registered themselves are listed as (self registered). Tom has sent in the registration fees received to date but will continue to register anyone who sends him a check made out to the **Armies of Tennessee** with the appropriate amount.

Sam Batdorff	Tom Emerick (paid)	Andrew McComas
Dan Conklin (paid)	Charlie Hainstock	Doug McComas
Ed Conklin (paid)	Steve Hainstock & Jessica	Dean Mielke (paid)
Craig Crispin (self registered)	Keith Harrison (self registered)	Scott Shattuck
Dave Downing (paid)	Mark Heath (paid)	Rob Stone (paid)
Kevin Doyle (self registered)	Nathan Kalmoe	Scott Timoszyk
	Jim MacKinnon (paid)	

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

Rob Stone inquired about medallions being sold at the May event. 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](mailto:dcicw@yahoo.com) if interested in purchasing one of the keepsakes.

**September 15-17 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Antietam NPS Living History Program – Sharpsburg, MD**

**The Swede's are coming!!!** Well, maybe. Patrik Gustafsson sent a note to Tom requesting information and hinting a contingent of our northern comrades may travel to the U.S. to fall in with us. The 7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan, Co. F are also planning to go again. The most important uniform requirement is for participants 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](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com).

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

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

Respectfully submitted and in your service,  
Captain Dave Slayton  
Co-Captain Tom Emerick



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## The Swedish Are Coming!

As mentioned in the minutes above – maybe. But we have received a lot of correspondence lately from Patrik Gustafsson, reporting on the activities and plans of our 7<sup>th</sup> MI, Co. F friends “on the northern front” as Private Gustafsson terms them. Be sure to read next month's newsletter for the story of this intriguing photo below, as well as the correspondence and more photos from Sweden.



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## UPCOMING WINTER BALLS

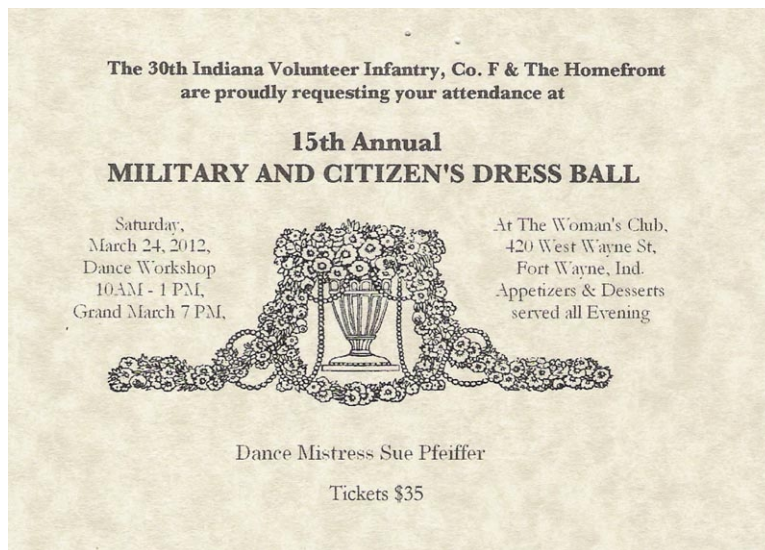
For those of you who enjoy winter dances or are in need of a social outlet to tide you over until the start of the spring reenacting season, here are two excellent events to consider:

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Mid-Winter Ball and Swap Meet

Hosted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Arkansas/22<sup>nd</sup> MI  
Central United Methodist Church  
215 N. Capital Ave.  
Lansing, MI

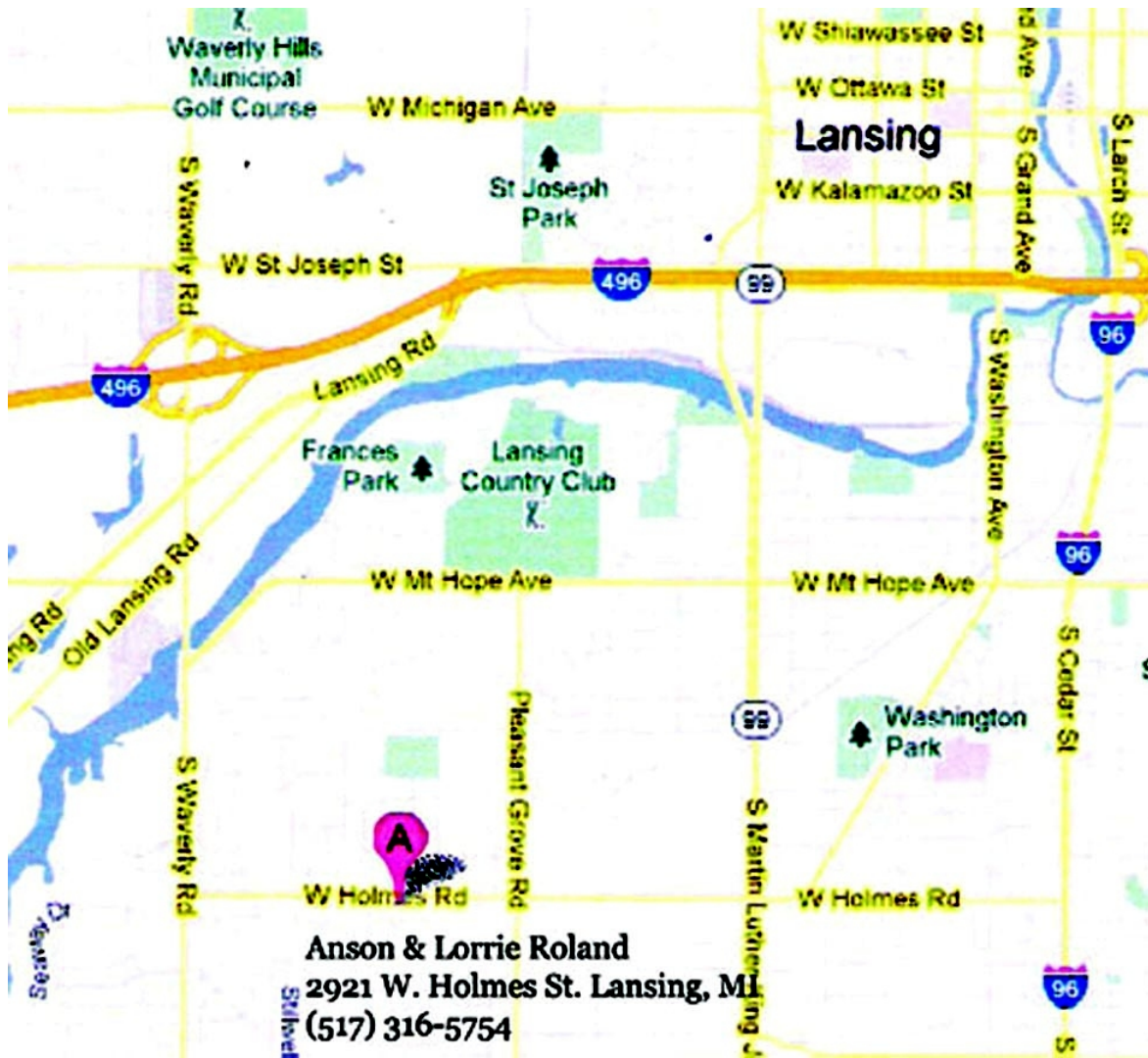
(notice that this is the same church where we hold our Harvest Ball; formerly this dance took place in Port Huron)

Swap meet is from 10am – 3pm  
Dance begins at 6pm; Music by the Golden Griffons  
\$15 per person – tickets available in advance, or at the door.  
Contact: Diana Means (810) 599-5935  
Dmeans13@hotmail.com

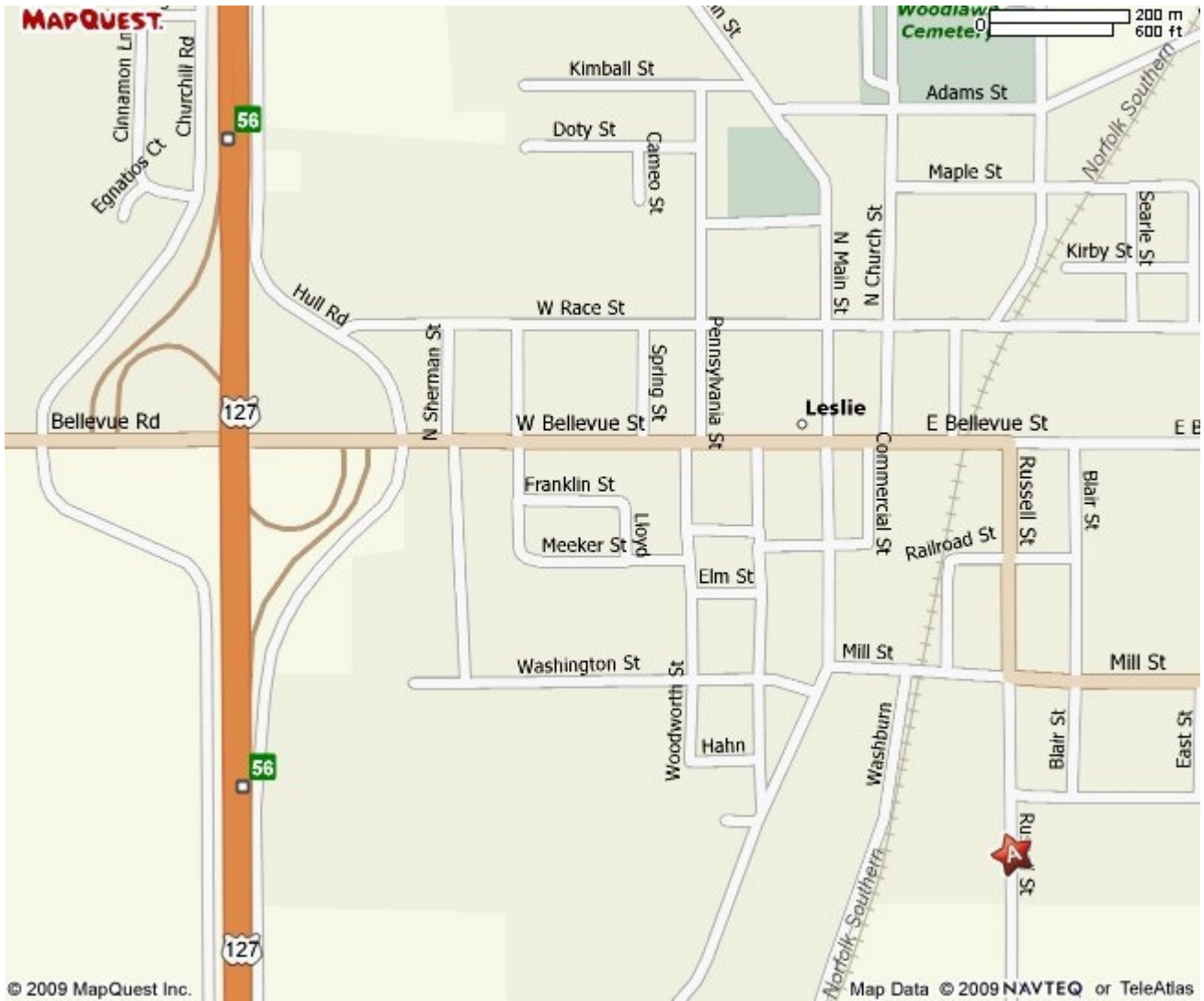


This dance is in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but is well worth the trip. The Women's Club, where this very formal ball is held, is an elegant setting. Note that there is a dance workshop in the morning, with the Grand March beginning at 7:00pm. Appetizers and desserts served all evening. Attendees MUST pre-register. Space is limited, So order early to secure your place!  
Saturday, March 24, 2012  
Tickets: \$35 per person  
Contact: Sue Pfeiffer, Dance Mistress  
1812 N. Anthony Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805-5108  
spfeiffer@acpl.lib.in.us

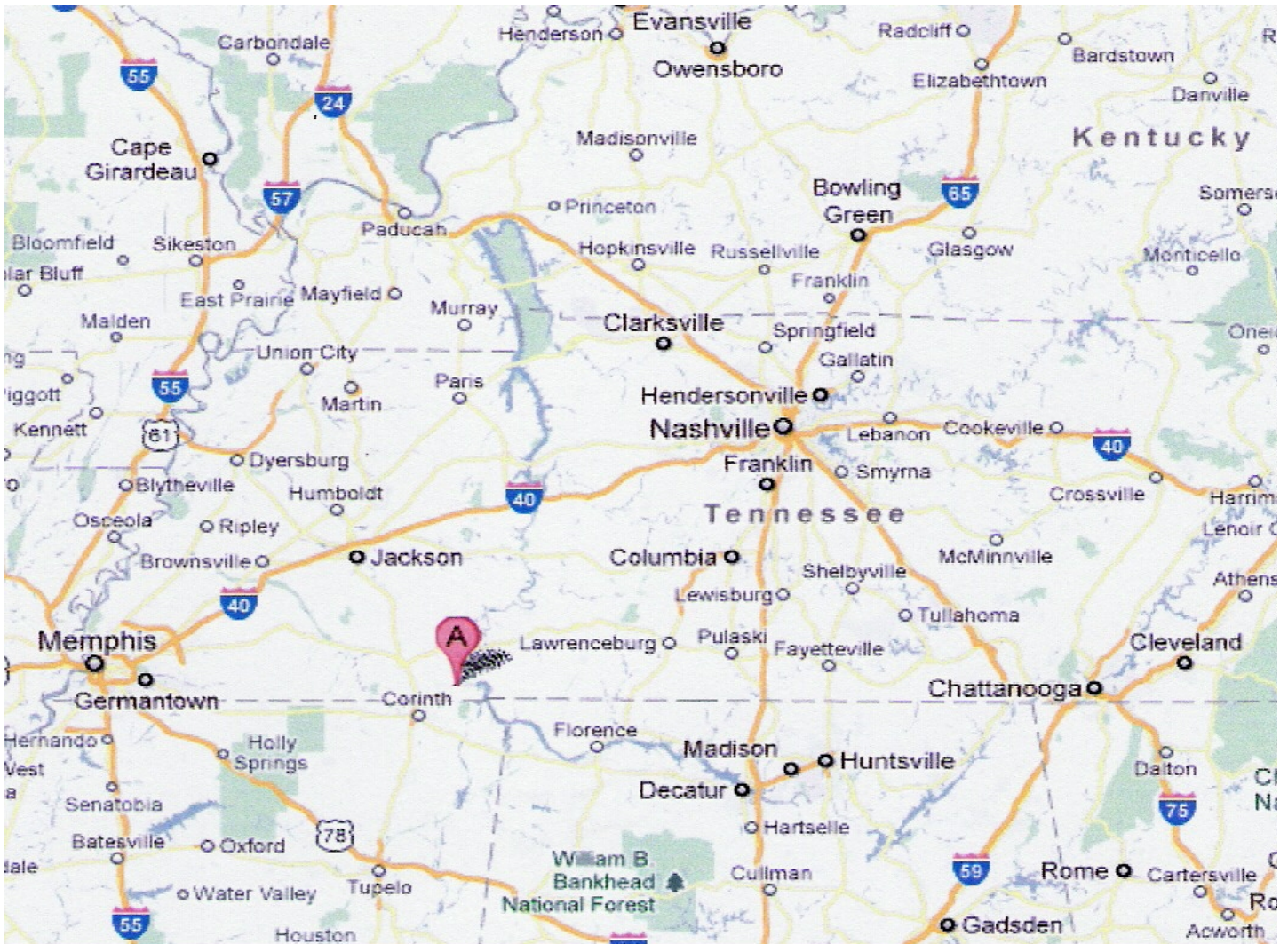








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