

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.

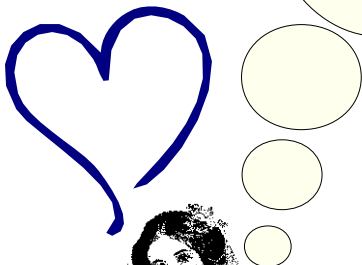
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Baby, it's cold outside...

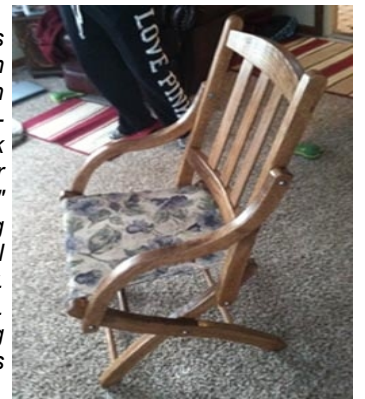
February, we're told, in spite of being a time associated with hearts and love, is also, statistically, the month when the most suicides occur! At this point, we are all, I'm sure, sick & tired of winter!! But cheer up, folks, we'll all soon be able to air our...uh....clean...laundry again in the fresh air of spring with green grass sprouting beneath our feet upon which to spread our tents for a new reenacting season! Have faith, people. SPRING IS COMING!

-----The Editor



**Next Club Meeting:**  
Sunday, Feb. 17  
1:00pm Robbins UMC

*Reproduction field officer's chair hand crafted from period plans accurate down to the fasteners. Hand-crafted from a vintage oak church pew by my father -in-law Richard "Skip" Russeau. An amazing piece and great gift I will take into the field this year.*  
Thanks, dad.  
Submitted by Doug McComas



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I sat this morning thinking about "the 150's". What a mixed feeling. There is excitement and anticipation for the participation in the anniversary battles still to come and the growing realization that in a fairly short time I'll be looking down the line and missing some familiar faces that I have seen in the ranks my whole time in the hobby. Many reenactors are making the 150's their final push. For some that journey ends in July of this year, for other's they, like those we portray, will follow the path all the way to Appomattox. Then like MacArthur some of our old soldiers will "just fade away".

Make sure you take time to honor and treasure your "friends in the hobby". They have given us much more than drill and advice, they have given us friendship, acceptance, and the chance to be part of this wonderful adventure. Don't forget that we really "kick off" 2013 this month with our Leslie drill session. Invite friends, shake off the rust and dust and prepare for what looks to be a busy and eventful reenacting season.

I remain,  
Your most obedient servant,

Doug

# January Club Meeting Highlights

- We were treated to a very entertaining and well-filmed video put together by our Swedish brethren in arms of their experiences at the 2008 Gettysburg event. If you would like a DVD copy, please contact Steve Hainstock. [stevehainstock@att.net](mailto:stevehainstock@att.net)
- Treasurer's Report: Dues are Due! See the following page for a list of those who have not yet paid their 2013 club dues, and important information pertaining to that fact.
- A new member, Dan Malick, from the Ann Arbor area, was introduced to the attending club members. Welcome, Dan!
- See page 3 for a list of possible "Max Effort" events for the coming season. Dave Downing will discuss the events at the February meeting and members will make a decision on which events to finalize as "MaxEffort" events.
- There are still a few things to complete regarding the proposed policy and bylaws revisions. Doug will prepare handouts to distribute at the February meeting. If you have comments on the attachment sent out with the December newsletter, please direct them to Doug McComas no later than Feb. 15. [mccomas@frontiernet.net](mailto:mccomas@frontiernet.net) 517-592-4063 PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE FEBRUARY MEETING.
- Work on an updated club roster is underway, hopefully to be mailed out in the early spring.
- The civilians are in need of fabric scraps with which to make repairs on uniforms for our 7<sup>th</sup> MI men. If you have any cast-off uniform garments –items too ragged to repair that you are planning on throwing away—please donate them to the unit, so that we may use them as repair pieces (this would include sky blue kersey pants or greatcoat fabric, light weight navy wool sack coats, heavy navy wool from frocks, or grey and butternut wool or jean cloth). If you are in need of someone to repair your uniform clothing, contact the civilian chair person, Katie Everett, [cinderellie\\_2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cinderellie_2003@yahoo.com) who will recommend a seamstress from the club.
- Dick Williams read a note received from attendees at the October Harvest Ball, which says as follows:

Dear Linda and members of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B -

A warm, heartfelt and joyous thank you to all of you for a wonderful and lovely ball! We had an especially delightful time, and appreciate your careful attention to detail and etiquette. The Lansing civil war ball has become the highlight of the year for us, surpassed by none. We look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Sandra Schulte and Michael Sullivan

## News Items

Sam Batdorff will be leaving on February 5th for Fort Jackson, S. Carolina. He is joining the Army Reserves and will be gone for about 5 or 6 months for Basic Training and job training. When he gets back here in June or July he will be able to get involved in events again.

-----submitted by Rose Batdorff

Lost & Found: A vintage book entitled: "State Teacher's Institutes series of 1902 ... Outline" was left on a table at the January meeting at Robbins UMC. If you are the owner of this book or know to whom it should be returned, please contact Dick or Linda Williams 517-484-2496 [dwlansingmi@comcast.net](mailto:dwlansingmi@comcast.net) [lansinglinda@comcast.net](mailto:lansinglinda@comcast.net)



**New Member co-Chairs:**  
Jeff Verstraete (military)  
[jbvisme@gmail.com](mailto:jbvisme@gmail.com)  
Heather Jarrett (civilian)  
[btjarrett@aol.com](mailto:btjarrett@aol.com)

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Vice President: Steve Hainstock  
Secretary: Bill Jarrett  
Treasurer: Dick Williams  
Military: Tom Emerick, &  
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains  
Civilian Coordinator: Katie Everett  
Board Members-at-Large:  
Don Everett, Pat Downing,  
Jeff Verstraete


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

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

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted info for this month's issue. Deadline date for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 (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 Civil War or reenacting are also desired.

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

Thank-you.  
  
Ellyn Painter, Editor

# 2013 Possible "Max Effort" Events

Each year we go through events and pick some that the club can support as what we call "max effort" events. These include events that have military and civilian activities, amenities and provisions for modern camping. At the last club meeting a list of the events to consider were presented. It was also mentioned that if anyone knew of other events that fit the criteria that they could have those events added to this consideration list. That can still be done as we will vote on 'max effort' events at the next club meeting.

There is one change to the list that was presented at the last club meeting - the date for the event in Holland was listed as the weekend after the date it is actually scheduled for. The date has been changed on the web site, and on this listing.

For any questions please contact Dave Downing. 517-676-5998 Downing\_Dave@hotmail.com

- May 3-5 **Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Reenactment** – Brooklyn, MI
- May 24-26 **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Branch County Civil War Days** – Coldwater, MI
- May 25-27 **Civil War Remembrance Weekend** – Dearborn, MI
- June 15-16 **Battle of Turkeyville** – Marshall, MI
- July 4-7 **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg** – Gettysburg, PA
- July 20-21 **Charlton Park Civil War Muster** – Hastings, MI
- August 24-25 **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Cascades Civil War Muster** – Jackson, MI
- September 7-8 **Historic Fort Wayne Civil War Days** – Detroit, MI (tentative)
- September 7-8 **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster** – Holland, MI (tentative)
- September 19-22 **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga** – Walker Co., GA
- September 20-22 **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster** – Mt.Pleasant, MI
- September 27-29 **Angola Civil War Days** – Angola, IN
- October 11-13 **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carpenter Farm Civil War Muster** – Lainsburg, MI

## 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:

Jared Babcock	Mark Chamberlain	Marilyn/Ned Hughes	Douglas/Jerri Munn
Carol Bachand	Robert/Sandra Chapman	Dale/Mary Jo Johnston	Fred/Winona Neville
Paul Bargardi	Dan Conklin "Pete"	Dianne/John Klimas	Todd/Tami Rakestraw
Armin Berg	George Conklin "Ed"	Ezekiel Koster	Jeff/Lin Sanborn
Aaron Bolder	Dave/Pat Downing	Claude/Joanne Lawrence	Scott Shattuck
Bernadette Butgereit	Kevin Doyle	Ron Lobbezoo	Robert/Dawn Smit
Bruce/Marcia Butgereit	Thomas Edwards	Lyle Malaski	Rob Stone
David/Susan Carlson	Adam Gaines	Dale/Sudan Marvin	Vonda Warren
Roger Carpenter	Ian Halbeisen	Robert McVay	Ryan/Melanie Woll
John Chamberlain	Celeste Hude	Dean/Victoria Mielke	Dave Yonnick

Dues are \$16.00 for one person and \$19.20 for a family. From the bylaws, "Members, between the ages of 18 and 24, whose permanent address is their (7<sup>th</sup> Michigan member) parent's or legal guardian's home shall not be assessed additional annual dues, but shall be considered covered under their parent's or legal guardian's (family) paid dues."

Checks are to be made out to the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Vol. Inf., Co. B  
And sent to:

PO BOX 16206  
Lansing, MI 48901-6206





Captain Emerick

## 7<sup>TH</sup> Michigan Military Minutes - January, 2013

### 2013 Military Structure

Captain: Tom Emerick  
Dave Slayton  
Lieutenant: Jim MacKinnon  
1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant: Doug McComas  
Sergeant: Dan Conklin  
Jeff Verstraete  
Corporal: Tom Edwards  
Andrew McComas  
Rob Stone  
Dennis Zank  
Chief Bugler: Mark Heath



Captain Slayton

The military contingent of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan spent the first half hour reviewing upcoming events and possible reenactments to attend this year. Then we spent some time drilling on things like wheels vs. turns, "on the right by file into line", marching by the flank vs. change in direction. At the regular meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be voting and deciding what our maximum effort events will be. So please join us at 1:00 pm for a social time, and at 1:30 for the military meeting, followed at 2:30 with the full club meeting to vote on max effort events. See below for details on scheduled events and those under consideration.

We have three Education events at schools, and we can always use help! The events are April 19<sup>th</sup> at Birney Middle School, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ovid and May 17 at Dexter. Contact is Don Everett for details at 517-393-3475 or [djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net).

### 2013 Military Activities

#### **February 16 - Winter Drill Sessions – Leslie, MI** \* See complete info next page \*

The drill will go from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Most of each day's drill will concentrate on Casey's School of the Company and School of the Battalion. Tom Emerick is planning to dedicate time at the beginning of each day to review School of the Soldier basics especially for the benefit of "fresh fish" in the ranks. We will also be practicing "Skirmish Drill" by the bugle". Contact is Tom Emerick at 517-669-5607 or [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com)

#### **February 17 – 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan regular meeting – Robbins Church, Eaton Rapids**

#### **March 9 - Winter Drill Sessions – Leslie, MI**

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#### **March 16 – Kalamazoo Gun Show**

Attending this will be at the choice of individuals, the Military is not planning to set up a table.

#### **March 17 – 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan regular meeting – Robbins Church, Eaton Rapids**

#### **March 23 – Drill with 12<sup>th</sup> South Carolina - Charlton Park**

We have been contacted by Ben Cwayna to do company drill in the morning, and then practice skirmish drill against the two companies for training and practice. We decided to participate, and details will be provided as soon as we get them.

#### **April 20<sup>th</sup> – Live Shoot – Eaton Rapids**

Breakfast 9:00 am at Robin's Nest Restaurant, south of Eaton Rapids on M99/M50, across road from a church. About 10:00-10:30 live shoot at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club, at the corner of 5 Point Highway and Freeman Rd.

#### **May 4-5 – Gettysburg National Park Battlefield**

Invited by the Black Hats to camp with them on the battlefield and do living history for the National Park Service. Individuals can attend if desired, but our "max event" will be Walker Tavern the same weekend. Contact is Tom Emerick at 517-669-5607 or [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com)

**May 4-5 – Walker Tavern – Brooklyn**

We have decided to attend this event to support our friends in the USS Marines. More information will be coming when available.

**May 25-27 – Greenfield Village – Dearborn**

This is a three day event over the Memorial Holiday Weekend

**June 2 – Rose Parade – Jackson**

**June 15-16 - Turkeyville**

**July 4-7, 2013 – 150<sup>th</sup> Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

The Club will be participating in the re-enactment hosted by the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee (GAC) at the same location as the 145<sup>th</sup> Battle of Gettysburg. We will be falling in with the Black Hat Battalion under the command of our good friend Col. Craig DeCrane. Battalion Headquarters is requesting we each bring both a properly accoutered Hardee hat and a forage cap for the planned scenarios. Registration is now \$35 per adult and \$0 for children under 12 through February 28, 2013. When you register individually, be sure to complete the **\*Organization Affiliation** by specifying **3rd Division/Black Hat Battalion**.

As of the meeting the event online registration confirmed there are twenty 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Military members registered to attend. If we include our “Swedish” contingent the number increases to twenty-five. More news to follow.

The event website is at <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com>

The registration form in PDF is at <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com/ReenactorRegForm.pdf>

The online registration form is at <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com/index.htm>

In your humble service,  
Captain Tom Emerick  
Captain Dave Slayton



**February 16, 2013 – Military School of Instruction/Civilian Sewing Bee – Leslie, Michigan**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B will be hosting its fifth annual winter infantry drill session from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the White Pine Academy. A second drill date is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. The school will open at 8:00 for early arrivals with coffee and pastries (free) available before drill commences. Brother units or individuals (both Union or Confederate) from throughout the state or out-of-state are invited to attend.

Lessons will cover the basics of soldiering and maneuvers taken from Casey’s Infantry Tactics School of the Soldier, School of the Company, and School of the Battalion along with instructions from the 1861 U.S. Infantry Regulations. We will dedicate from 1/2 to 1-1/2 hours to each of the following topics:

- 1 School of the Soldier
- 2 School of the Company
- 3 School of the Battalion
- 4 Bugle Calls (and possibly Drum Calls)
- 5 Firing positions, Manual of Arms, Inspection Arms
- 6 Skirmish Drill
- 7 Artillery Safety (a very brief review)
- 8 Color Guard and Color Company
- 9 Battalion Dress Parade and basics of sword play

The first hour will concentrate on School of the Soldier instruction in order to indoctrinate any newer recruits mustered in over the winter. Individual re-enacting units are free to drill separately during the School of the Soldier time period or are welcome to fall in with the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan company. **A major portion of the lessons are dedicated to reviewing officer and NCO positioning, commands, and duties** within the various evolutions. Mark Heath will be teaching the Bugle Call class as well as incorporating bugle signals into our movements throughout the day. Jim MacKinnon will be guiding us through the Skirmish Drill session.

All ranks are invited to participate from privates up through officers. Attendees should wear the uniform with their current rank, bring their rifle or sword, accoutrements, and **soft-soled shoes**. You also are welcome to drop down in rank if you so choose to do so. Modern athletic shoes are recommended and encouraged as we are drilling inside a gymnasium on a tile floor. Please no heel plates. Leave all ammunition at home.

### **Civilian Social/Sewing Bee**

Concurrent with the military drill, the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Civilians will be onsite working on sewing (modern and period) projects throughout the day. Any and all civilians from other units are invited to spend the day working on projects or just socializing. Modern clothing is appropriate to wear.

### **Potluck Dinner**

This year the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Civilians have graciously volunteered to prepare a potluck dinner (free) for those wishing to eat at the school at lunchtime. As of now the lunch menu consists of soups, salads, and breads. Anyone wishing to bring a dish to pass is welcome to do so. For brown-baggers there are refrigerators, a microwave, and a small kitchenette available for use. There are three restaurants and a McDonalds within a mile of the school for those who wish to dine out.

### **RSVP**

All who are planning to attend please notify me in advance so we can plan accordingly. Attendees wishing to take advantage of the **potluck dinner** need to RSVP by **February 8<sup>th</sup>** to permit the Ladies time enough to obtain the victuals. Anyone wishing to contribute to the **potluck dinner** please also notify us by **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Any civilians with questions feel free to contact the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Civilian Chairperson, Katie Everett, at 517-393-3475 or [cinderellie\\_2003@yahoo.com](mailto:cinderellie_2003@yahoo.com).

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 the 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.

Please notify me if you or individuals from your units plan to attend and **feel free to contact me should you have any questions.** **If you lose your way** traveling to the drill site **you can reach me on my cellular telephone at (517) 230-8242.**

Most Respectfully,  
Your Obedient Servant  
Tom Emerick, Captain  
7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B  
(517) 669-5607  
[tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com)

## Civilian Report

Hello, I hope you are all surviving in this crazy weather we've been having! We had a great turnout at our January sewing party, thank you Lorrie for opening your house to us!

Our next sewing party will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> at White Pine Academy in Leslie. We will be having at the same place that the military will be hosting their winter drill. The doors to the school will be open at 8 am for early arrivals and the men's drill session starts at 9am. There will be pastries and coffee for breakfast for anyone attending. There was some interest in going to breakfast at The Leslie Depot Diner at 9am if anyone is interested. There are restaurants in the area for lunch but the military has asked the ladies if we would be willing to host a potluck for all attending. If you would like to help and bring a dish to pass please let me know so we can get a count of what we will have for food.

We are trying to organize another ladies weekend at the Girl Scout camp for the second weekend in March to help everyone get ready for the upcoming season. More information will be coming shortly.

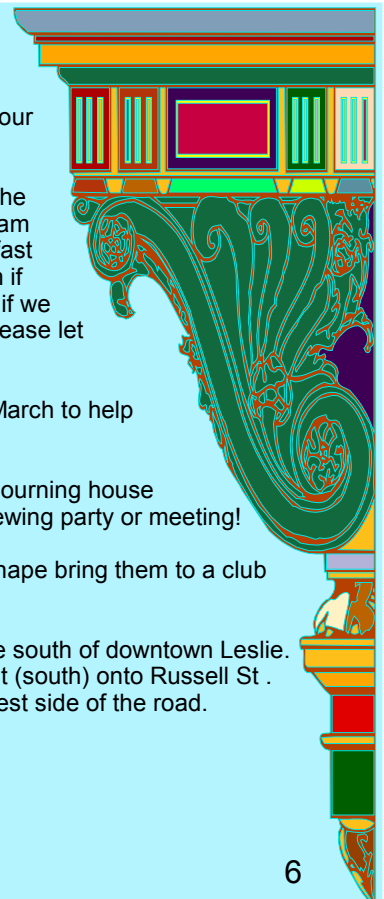
At our breakout session at the February meeting I would like to discuss what all we will need for our Mourning house impression at Jackson. Please bring your ideas/suggestions. Looking forward to seeing you at the sewing party or meeting!

Also if you have any scraps of wool or uniform pieces you are getting rid of because they are in bad shape bring them to a club meeting. We have some pieces in our clothing closet that are in need of patching and repair.

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The address for The Leslie Depot Diner is 107 Covert St, Leslie, MI 49251

Thanks!  
Katie Everett  
Civilian Chair



# February 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 78 Sesquicentennial events listed thus far on the state-wide reenactors' calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website ([www.micw150.us](http://www.micw150.us)), there are 6 events listed for February and 5 for March. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to [www.micw150.us/2012events.htm](http://www.micw150.us/2012events.htm) and clicking on the month in question. Events for 2013 can be added anytime by contacting [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net).

## February 2013 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

- 7. Presentation: *Michigan in the Civil War*** (Flint Cultural Center Campus, 1221 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Contact and Reservations: 810-237-3409.
- 10. Presentation: *Michigan and the Civil War - A great and Bloody Sacrifice***. (Flint Cultural Center Campus, 1221 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Contact and Reservations: 810-237-3409.
- 12. Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Commemoration** (Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC). Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Wreath laying. Website: <http://suvchw.org/mollus.htm>.
- 20. Presentation: *From Riding with Morgan's Raiders to General Counsel of the L&N Railroad -- The Adventures of a Southern Rebel from the Hoosier State*** (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM). Contact Paul Watson at [pwatson001@indy.rr.com](mailto:pwatson001@indy.rr.com).
- 23. 17th Annual Mid-Winter Civil War Grand Ball and Swap Meet** (Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capital, Lansing, Michigan) Swap Meet 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Ball: 6:00 PM. Music by the Golden Griffon. Sponsored by the 8th Arkansas/22nd Michigan. Tickets \$15.00 per person. Contact: Diana Means at [Dmeans13@hotmail.com](mailto:Dmeans13@hotmail.com)
- 26. FREE Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar: *Little Known Facts about the Lincolns and the Civil War*** (Sunfield United Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43) in Sunfield, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Website: <http://suvchw.org/mi/017/announcements.htm> Contact: Paul David Arnold at [arnoldsuvchwmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arnoldsuvchwmi@sbcglobal.net).

## March 2013 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

- 12. Commemoration: *150th Anniversary of the Creation of the U.S. District Court for Western Michigan***. (Amway Grand Ballroom, 187 Monroe Northwest, Grand Rapids, Michigan) 7:00 PM. President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 creation of the U.S. District Court for Western Michigan. Contact: Bruce Butgereit at [civil-war@comcast.net](mailto:civil-war@comcast.net).
- 14. Presentation: *General Custer at Gettysburg*** (Howell Carnegie District Library, 314 W. Grand River, Howell, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Website: <http://www.howelllibrary.org> Contact: Margaret Bigham at 517-546-0720.
- 14. Presentation: *Austin Blair - War Governor*** (Flint Cultural Center Campus, 1221 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Lecturer - Website: <http://www.sloanlongway.org/SloanMuseum/ExhibitsAndGalleries/CivilWar.aspx>. Contact and Reservations: 810-237-3409.
- 16 - 17. 38th Annual Kalamazoo Living History (Black powder) Gun Show** (Kalamazoo Fair Grounds, 2900 Lake Street [off I-94, Exit 80 North], Kalamazoo, Michigan). 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Saturday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Sunday. Single Day - \$7.00, Weekend pass - \$10.00. Website: <http://www.kalamazooshow.com/index.html>.
- 20. Presentation: *Tullahoma Campaign*** (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM. Website: <http://civilwar.connerprairie.org/share/calendar>. Contact Paul Watson at [pwatson001@indy.rr.com](mailto:pwatson001@indy.rr.com).

Keith G. Harrison, Chair  
7th Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners is composed of individuals, organizations, and communities throughout the state interested in commemorating and promoting the Civil War Sesquicentennial and Michigan's role in that war. Comprising the Civil War History Partners are 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. In 2010, the Michigan Historical Commission unanimously approved the partnership between its Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and the Civil War History Partners for the purposes of carrying out Michigan's commemoration in the Civil War. This action formally recognized Civil War History Partners in assisting the state in the planning, promotion, and implementation of the Civil War Sesquicentennial activities in the state. One of the primary functions of the Civil War History Partners is to help facilitate communications, coordination, and promotion of the state's special Civil War events, programs, commemorations, etc. Each year the History Partners hosts the annual Reenactors' Conference and creates a Statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar to commemorate the Michigan's role in Civil War.





# QUARTERMASTER REPORT

As you can see, we still have a large selection of merchandise. We now have a supply of parts for reproduction muskets. Unfortunately we couldn't afford everything, only the parts that usually break. Later this off season I will again be showing how to disassemble a lock and perform basic maintenance on your musket.

If any one hears of another re-enactor who has surplus equipment or is leaving the hobby and wants to dispose of their gear please contact me or have them contact me. We are willing to look at and make an offer on whatever they have.

We are planning a live shoot next April at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Robin's Nest restraint south of Eaton Rapid Sat 9am for breakfast. The shoot will start at about 10 to 10:30. For those of you that have not live fired a musket this is your chance to do so. You may bring any rifles and hand guns you wish to shoot. There will be minie balls to use with your muskets as well as .31, .36 and .44 cal pistol balls. Our members are willing to share their modern guns as well. Last year we had weapons from 17 American wars. Remember all members and prospective members are welcome. **THAT INCLUDES ANY OF THE WOMEN THAT WANT TO COME AS WELL!**

I would like to know if there is any interest in Tee shirts, Sweatshirts, or Tote Bags. Think about it and we will start the process of getting a new supply. We can make the decision at the next meeting. We have the following 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan clothing for sale: Tee shirts blue, 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 next meeting.

There is 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 has increased to \$14.

-----submitted by Don Everett, Quartermaster

## EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

We already have 2 confirmed dates for next years school programs. Birney Middle School in Southfield April 19th and Ovid Middle School May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dexter Middle School May 17th. We may also have programs at Midland Academy and Mason Middle School.

We always welcome all presenters, men, women and children. We try to present a more complete picture of the Civil War by showing both military and civilian life styles whenever possible. This is one way the Club creates income to provide for materials and programs that we provide throughout the year.

----submitted by Don Everett





# The 7<sup>th</sup> 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. **New items are in red.**

## CLOTHING, MEN'S

Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35  
Trousers, US, need repair, 34/34...\$20  
**Trousers, US, 32/34, need repair...\$15**  
Trousers, US, 36/29 /w braces...\$40  
Trousers, US, 36/29, NEW ...\$45  
Trousers, US, Officer, sky blue, 34/36...\$20  
Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35  
Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40  
Shell Jacket, CS, 38/40...\$35  
Sack coat, US, 40R...\$35  
Sack coat, US, 46/48...\$35  
Sack coat, US, 42/44...\$30  
Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20  
**Frock coat, size 40...\$55**  
**Great coat, size 42 dark blue...\$75**  
Great coat, size 44 sky blue...\$100  
Civilian frock coat, double breasted, gray pinstripe, size 42...\$45  
Civilian trousers, B/W check, 34/29...\$20  
Civilian dickey vest. Light gray...\$5  
Shirt, off white, XI...\$2  
Long drawers, 40/42...\$10  
Short drawers...\$1  
Shirt, red bib front, XI ...\$15  
Shirt, blue check, XI ...\$10  
Shirt, blue dot...\$15  
Shirt, Blue check, Lg...\$10  
Shirt, Red calico, Lg...\$10  
Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20  
Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20  
Suspenders...\$3  
Suspenders, elastic, (2)...\$1ea  
Wool sock, white...\$5  
Wool sock, rag...\$5  
White gloves, wool...\$1  
Socks, cotton (4)...\$2pr

## HATS

Amish straw hat...\$10  
Slouch hat, black...\$15  
Slouch hat/w cord, black, lg...\$15  
Hat civilian, tan, lg...\$15  
Kepi, US, med...\$15  
Kepi, US, lg...\$15  
Forage cap, US, McDowell size 7 1/8...\$15  
Forage cap, US, 1858/ w bugle & letter...\$15  
Kepi, CS/w bugle...\$30  
Kepi, CS...\$25  
Kepi, CS...\$15

## SHOES

Jefferson bootees, size 8...\$30  
Jefferson bootees, size 10...\$55

## WEAPONS

Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625  
Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompion, bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625  
Springfield 1863 rifle, Navy Arms...\$450

## ACCOUTERMENTS

Cartridge box/w/ plate & tins...\$25  
Cartridge box/w plates & tins...\$30  
Waist belt, US...\$10  
Cap box ...\$20  
Waist belt, US, (2)...\$10ea  
Waist belt, CS...\$10  
Waist belt, CS, canvas...\$10  
Holster, rt hand, (2)...\$5ea  
Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$15  
Tompion, brass...\$1  
Cartridge box tins...\$2  
Haversack, white muslin, (4)...\$5ea  
Haversack, tarred...\$15  
Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$20  
Canteen, tin, smooth side, dark blue...\$20  
Canteen, SS smooth side, sky blue...\$15  
CS buckle...\$3  
US buckle...\$3  
NCO sword...\$75

## COOKING UTENSILS

Porcelain basin...\$0.50  
Tin cup, large...\$3  
Tin cup, small...\$1  
Tin cup, small...\$1  
Tin cup, large...\$2  
Tin plate ...\$7  
Copper cup, large...\$5  
Tablespoon, fiddle back (2)...\$0.50  
Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50  
Fork...\$0.50  
Knife...\$0.50  
Knife, bone handle, (2)...\$2ea  
Fork, bone handle, 3 tines, (4)...\$2ea

## HAVERSACK STUFFERS

Handkerchief...\$0.50 ea  
Poke sacks, various sizes each...\$0.50  
Poke sacks, white muslin, (5)...\$1ea  
Poke sack, pie carrier...\$2  
Poke sack, muslin...\$.050  
Poke sack, pillow ticking, small...\$1  
Soap, period w/ poke sack...\$1

## Haversack stuffers, cont.

Pill case, tin...\$1  
Pill case, wood...\$1  
Scissors in muslin bag...\$1  
Housewife...\$3  
Housewife, pillow ticking...\$3  
Sewing kit, in cap tin...\$3  
Mirror...\$1

## MISCELLANEOUS

Canteen sling, muslin...\$1  
Folding table \$20  
Iron lamp pole...\$15  
Coleman cot/w air mattress...\$50  
Cleaning rods, wood w/ jag & shotgun brush adapter...\$7  
Oil bottles, tin...\$2  
Bottles (5)...\$1 ea  
Trigger lock...\$2  
Box of Paper Ladies...\$5  
Musket nipple wrench...\$3  
Musket nipple wrench...\$3  
Tompion...\$1  
Shelter half (1)...\$17  
Lantern, wood...\$15  
Lantern, wood, need repair ...\$5  
Federal knapsack, double bag...\$60  
Camp shovel, folding...\$5  
7<sup>th</sup> MI ball caps, original logo, (6)...\$10ea  
EZ Clean, black powder cleaner...\$1  
Tent stakes (6)...\$2ea  
Gaiters...\$20  
Cartridges (150)...10 for \$2  
Cleaning kit, collapsible cleaning rod, jag, brush, adapter, Moose Milk, oil in tackle box...\$10

