

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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\$16.00 – single

\$19.20 – family

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

Website:

www.7thmichigan.us

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 (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.

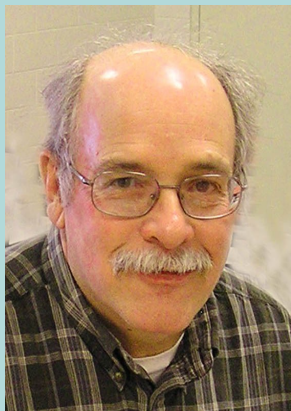
Ellyn Painter, Editor

*Meridian Historical Village, Okemos, MI., December 14, 2014.
Photo by Sue Colegrove*

From the President....

To My friends of the 7th,

I am hoping that you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed your family and friends. We had a house full of family, including our daughter Heather and her family who came up from Georgia. It was fun to watch our kids and 15 grandkids open their gifts and put on the pajamas Lorrie made them and then go outside to



play with the marshmallow guns they got from Jay and Amy. Our yard was white but not with snow. The grandchildren are getting older so they prefer to play games like Euchre after presents. It's just more of a challenge for us to win!

We have a big wedding to attend on New Year's Eve, then it's on to the New Year. I am looking forward to another great year of reenacting. In January, we will be looking at what events are out there to attend and planning the max effort events. We are still working on the Jackson Cascade Inc. Issue. Sorry to say that things are still unresolved. We know the 7th has put on a great event at Jackson for the last 30 years and no one can take that away from us. So, we shall carry on as we have over the years and have a great time teaching others about the Civil War. With that said, I will hopefully see you at the January meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

Your Friend,

Anson Roland
President

Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, January 18, 2015
1:30 PM
Robbins United Methodist Church
6419 Bunker Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI

Thanks to all those who turned out for "Christmas in the Village," at Meridian Historical Village in Okemos, on Sunday afternoon, December 14.

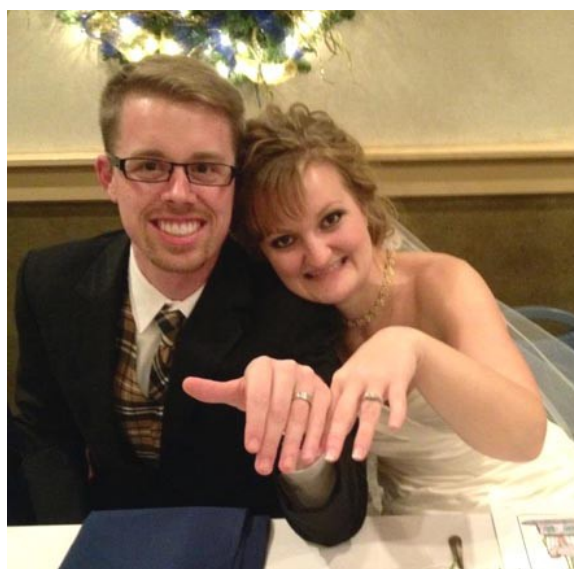
Sue Colegrove reported: We spent the afternoon touring the Village, stepping back into time. Joy and Vonda talked with visiting children, teaching them about the dress of the Civil War period. As a group, we looked at the site as a possibility for a reenactment. That topic will be brought to the next club meeting.



Photo by Sue Colegrove

Congratulations

and Best Wishes to Janessa Slayton and Chris Savage who were married on January 3rd. Photo courtesy of Dave Slayton



Military Minutes--December 2014



I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and happy New Year celebration.

Below is a partial list of events (thanks, Tom Emerick, for providing the National events) which we will be discussing at the January meeting. We need to decide which ones the 7th Michigan will support as "maximum effort" events, and the ones individuals want to go to other times. Please attend January 18th meeting if you can to discuss the events (Robbins United Methodist Church, 6419 Bunker Road, Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827).

In addition, we want to focus on Skirmish Drill this year, to be ready to volunteer or if asked to do so by the commander. It's a great way to make battle scenarios more interesting for the public and for us. If you would, everyone please look up Skirmish Drill in Casey's Manual. If everyone in the company knows it, we can help each other and be one of the best in Michigan at doing that. God bless and hope to see you soon.

In your service, Captain Dave Slayton.

NATIONAL EVENTS

March 21-22, 2015 – Battle of Bentonville, Bentonville, North Carolina:

Peter Berezuk (Fredericksburg Adjunct Battalion Cmdr., he built the pontoon boats we used and commanded our battalion at the 150th Fredericksburg) has invited us to fall in with his company or form another company and attend.

Bob Minton (Army of the Ohio commander, First Federal Division commander, and one of the event organizers) has extended an invitation to the 7th Michigan to participate.

Earl Zeckman and the Military Division of Mississippi is attending.

21st Michigan (J.R. Schroeder and gang) is attending so as to follow in the footsteps of the original 21st Michigan at Bentonville.

3rd Michigan, Co. F is leaning towards attending and someone has registered already.

Website is at www.ffobb.org

March 28-29, 2015 – Battle of Sailor's (or Saylor's) Creek, Rice, Virginia:

Website at <http://www.150thsailorscreek.com/> is not yet populated with any information

April 11-12, 2015 - Battle of Appomattox, Appomattox, Virginia:

Website at

<http://www.appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org/150th.htm>

2015 MICHIGAN EVENTS

These came from the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners website:

<http://www.micw150.us/2015events.htm>

It is not a complete list so please check online for all events known to date!

March 21 - 22. Black Powder Gun Show: 40th 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.

April 11 - 12. 58th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (Oakridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois). Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Parade to and Wreath laying at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln. Contact rpetro7776@aol.com or by Telephone at 636-274-4567.

April 25 - 26. POSSIBLE Battalion Drill: (Historical Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Check back occasionally for more information. Website: <http://www.fortwaynebattaliondrill.com>.
Contact: Will Eichler at will@williameichler.com.

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May 2. Grand Victorian Ball (Grand Ledge Opera House, Grand Ledge, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of elegance and gaiety in the Grand Victorian Style. Ticket are limited. Reserve yours now. Early price admission is \$25.00; after March 29, tickets are \$30.00. For more information visit <http://www.victoriandays.org/ball> or call 517-316-6694.

May 2 - 4. Civil War Muster at Grand Ledge Island Park (Grand Ledge Island Park, Grand Ledge, Michigan). Activities include skirmishes, living history, firing demonstration/contest, and vintage baseball game. This is being held in conjunction with Grand Ledge's Victorian Days. Water, bathrooms, firewood, and straw provided. Hosted by the 22nd Michigan and 8th Arkansas. Contact sylvania@victoriandays.org.

May 23 - 25. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance (20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan). Hosted by Greenfield Village. Hundreds of Union and Confederate reenactors, civilians, musicians and historic presenters — all in period clothing — converge, eager to share their knowledge with you. There are dozens of opportunities to learn more about this pivotal time in American history: exhibits, presentations, battle tactics demonstration, hands-on activities and insights from historians. Join us in honoring the sacrifices and achievements of all those who bravely fought and continue to fight in defense of our great nation. The Henry Ford will participate in a national moment of silence at 3 pm Monday as signaled by the Armington & Sims shop whistle. Amenities include firewood, straw, modern camping, military ball, sutlers. This event is by invitation only for reenactors. Website: www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx.

June 7. Annual Jackson Rose Parade (Jackson, Michigan). The parade steps off at 1:00 P.M. sharp. The parade route is from the corner of S. Jackson/Greenwood to Fourth Street ending at the Middle School at Parkside. Staging is on W. Wesley/W. Franklin/Mason (starting at 11:00 a.m.). Website: <http://www.jacksonrosefestival.org/parade.html>.

June 20 - 21. Turkeyville Civil War Reenactment (Turkeyville U.S.A, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan). Free to the public, but donations appreciated. Battles, Grand Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing, ladies tea and fashion show, and pie eating contest. Special Impression Area to include Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, General Ulysses S. Grant, Post office, Barber, Storyteller, Blacksmith, Quartermaster, and Surgeon. 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. Artillery Bounties (\$100/first six guns each side), Cavalry Bounties (\$20/horse first registered) Registration can be by via the web or by email. Website: <http://www.turkeyville.com>. Reenactor Contact: Email elyse@turkeyville.com or by Telephone at 517-626-4336.

July 18 - 19. 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 \$5.00, Kids \$3.00 ages 5 - 12 years, 4 and under are free. All Reenactors are requested to Preregister at no charge. The on-site registration fee is \$10.00 per reenactor. Preregistration required/fee for walk-ons. Website and registration form/information at http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/special_events.html. Contact: info@charltonpark.org.

August 8 - 9. Chesterfield Civil War Days (Chesterfield Historical Village Park, 47275 Sugarbush Rd - Between 21 Mile and Cotton Rds, Chesterfield Township, Michigan). Hosts: 15th Michigan, Company B and 8th Arkansas. Living history encampments, drills, battle skirmishes, cannon firing demonstrations, and special appearances by the 102nd US CT. Straw and firewood, but no bounties for artillery. Sponsored by the Chesterfield Historical Society, 15th Michigan and 8th Arkansas. Suggested donations: \$1.00 per adult, \$2.00 Families. Website: <http://chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org>. Contact: Tommy Spanski at 313-779-3357.

August 22 - 23. 31st 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 and Sunday, Military Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing. Special Impression Area. Website: <http://civilwarmuster.org/>. Contact: Kim Conant at kimc62@gmail.com or by Telephone at 517-262-6391.

September 11 - 13. Civil War Days (Historic Fort Wayne 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Tactical demonstrations both days, Battle Reenactment, Vintage Baseball Game, Civilian Camps, Ice cream social, Civilian activities, Special Impressions, firewood, and showers. Artillery Bounty for the first 4 full scale cannon registered. The Chief Executive Officer of the Harrisburg Civil War Museum and the leading interpretive guide at Gettysburg will be present and bringing for viewing Quantrill's pistol used at Lawrence Kansas. Website: <http://historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html>. Contacts: Doris Julian at juliandoris2@aol.com or Tom Berlucchi at Tberlucchi@yahoo.com or by Telephone at 248-840-5234.

September 19 - 20. Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster (Historic Van Raalte Farm Park, 1076 E. 16th Street, Holland, Michigan). Free Dinner Saturday Night. Battle both days, and possibly tacticals. Bounties are offered for cavalry and artillery. Portraying the final months of the war: the battles of Five Forks and Appomattox Courthouse. Registration website: <http://www.hollandmuseum.org/Muster>, Contract: Wendy VanWoerkom: jberg@hollandmuseum.org or by Telephone at 616-796-3325. —————

Civilian Report

Hello everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and you are ready to start the New Year! I would like to thank the ladies who helped to make the table favors for the Christmas party. I would also like to thank the Christmas planning committee for organizing everything and Vonda for decorating. If you were not able to attend you missed a great time.

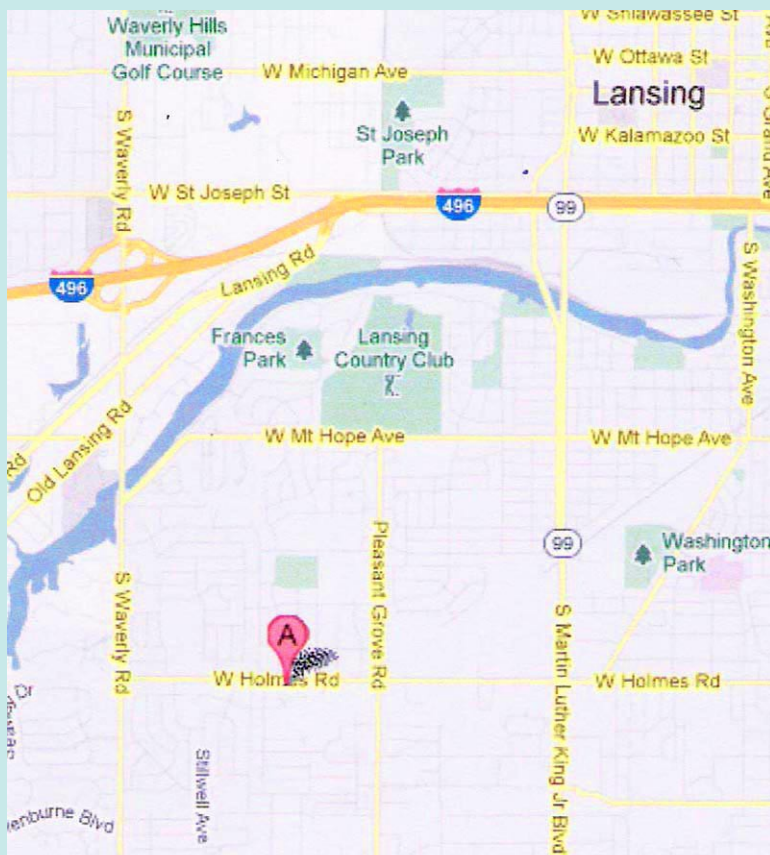
Our sewing party this month will be at Lorrie Roland's home. If you would like to meet us for breakfast, we will be meeting at Flap Jack on Waverly Rd at 9am. If you do not wish to join us for breakfast you can meet us at Lorrie's at 10am. As always please bring a dish to pass for lunch and anything you would like to work on (or just come and visit). If there is anything you would like to discuss or do at our breakout sessions at the meetings please let me know. I hope to see you at the sewing party or meeting!

Katie Everett
Civilian Chair
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Sewing Party date: Saturday, January 17

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Flap Jack:
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