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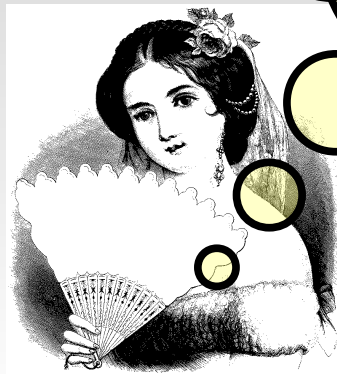
Remember those marvelous mass transit buses at Gettysburg?
(The three images on this page were taken at the 135th anniversary in 1998).



We were given fair warning of things to come even before arriving at the event site!

This monument to our 7th Michigan troops stands near the bloody angle where they fought during Picket's Charge.

Photos by Ellyn Painter



As you can all see, our July issue is very short and LATE in getting out to you all. Please accept my sincere apologies. My computer died this past week (play violins now...) and I've been struggling with getting a new machine up and running!! I'm sure by next month I will have mastered Windows 8 (grrrr...!) and restored all my necessary files. Thank-you all for your patience at this trying time.

The Editoress

See more info on upcoming 150th Gettysburg event and other 7th MI Maximum Effort events on the next page....



2013 Leadership

New Member co-Chairs:

Jeff Verstraete (military)
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President: Doug McComas
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Military: Tom Emerick, &
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains
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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

**Newsletter Submission
Guidelines:**

Thanks to all who submitted info
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 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

Message from Capt. Dave Slayton

Re: the upcoming 150th Gettysburg:

We made the Free Press on 6/22/2013, and Mark Heath got on the front page. Here's a link to the article online, but I can't find the front page anymore.

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013306220019>

The picture you see of Mark is the one that was on the front page and it was 4.5 inches high and 6.5 inches wide. Dan Conklin and Doug McComas also made the front page, but a smaller picture that you also see in the article.

This was at Greenfield Village, and a photographer came along from the Free Press saying they wanted to do an article about reenactors going to Gettysburg. They want to do the pre-trip story, and plan to do one after we get back. I can't remember if they plan to go to Gettysburg for the event itself. Anyway, enjoy the article!

In your service,

Dave Slayton

Remaining 2013 "Max Effort" Events

**July 4-7 150th Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg –
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**

**July 20-21 Charlton Park Civil War Muster – Hastings,
Michigan**

Hosted by 1st MI Light Artillery, Battery D, 3rd MI Volunteer Infantry, Co. F, 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, 8th Michigan Medical, 5th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, Co. C. Sutler row, battles, tactical, fashion show, barn dance, lantern tour, church service, modern food vendors. \$10 for Re-enactor breakfast both days and Saturday dinner. Located at 2545 S. Charlton Park Rd. Hastings, MI, 49058. Website at www.charltonpark.org or (269) 945-3775.

Our unit members have been pre-registered.

**August 24-25 29th Annual Cascades Civil War Muster –
Jackson, Michigan**

Please be sure to see the work schedule sign-up sheet for Jackson to choose your job (separate attachment with this issue). To sign up you must contact Don Everett at djkeverett@comcast.net or 517-393-3475 and have your slot confirmed by him. Any questions, please contact Don personally(not through the newsletter editor!) We urge all active members who plan to attend to sign up for a job. Your help is needed!

**September 7-8 5th Annual Van Raalte Farm Civil War
Muster – Holland, Michigan**

July 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 147 Civil War Sesquicentennial events already listed on the statewide Reenactors' Calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), there are 11 events listed for July. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to www.micw150.us/2012events.htm and clicking on the month in question. Events for 2013 can be added anytime by contacting pcinc@prodigy.net.

4 - 7. 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg (1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania). There will be spectacular Battle Reenactments, Field Demonstrations, a large Living History Village, Living History Activities Tents, Guest Speakers and an extensive Sutler Area. Thousands of reenactors from across the nation and around the world will be staging the battle reenactments for this very special reenactment. Visit the camps, learn about Civil War Medicine, Music, Weapons and Daily Life during the conflict that defined our nation and saved the Union! Once in a lifetime event.

5. Dedication of Michigan History Marker: Battle of Monterey Pass & the Retreat from Gettysburg (Washington Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania). 7:00 PM. The July 5th dedication is part of a 4-day program beginning on July 4th and ending on July 7th commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Monterey Pass & the Retreat from Gettysburg. Website at: <http://www.montereypassbattlefield.org>. Contact: Montereypass Battlefield at info@montereypassbattlefield.org

8. Presentation: Irish Brigade (American Legion Post 29, 3200 Lansing Ave, Jackson, Michigan) 7:00 PM. The presenter will be Jim Jackson. Contact: Robert Greggs at misucw7@gmail.com

9. Presentation: Famous Civil War Families (Marshall District Library, 124 W Green St, Marshall, Michigan). 6:30 PM -8:00 PM. The speaker will be Shirley Gage Hodges. Contact Marshall District Library at mdlinfo@marshalldistrictlibrary.org.

11. Presentation: Oh Hast Thou Forgotten (Lower Level, Program Room A, Loutit District Library, 407 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, Michigan). 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Talk will be on 1st Sgt. George T. Patten and his service in the 6th Michigan Cavalry Regiment during the Gettysburg Campaign. Contact: Larry Halverson, Community Relations Coordinator at lhalverson@loutitlibrary.org.

13. Presentation: Cass County in the Civil War (Bonine House, M-60, Vandalia, Michigan). Saturday: Afternoon (time to be determined). Cass County-native, Mr. Keith G. Harrison, will present a discussion on the soldiers that served in the Civil War from Cass County, Michigan. Contact: Cathy LaPointe at info@urscc.org or by telephone at 269-445-7358.

13 - 14. 4th Annual Underground Railroad Days & Civil War Living History (Vandalia, Michigan). Saturday: 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Sunday: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Contact: Cathy LaPointe at info@urscc.org or by telephone at 269-445-7358.

19 - 21. Charlton Park Civil War Muster (2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Michigan). Contact: info@charltonpark.org.

20. New Monument Dedication: Walter Orr Post #312, Grand Army of the Republic (Michigan Community Center. 8450 S. 36th Street, Scotts, Michigan). 1:00 PM. The newly erected monument to the former Scotts, Michigan Walter Orr Post #312, Grand Army of the Republic will be formally dedicated. The monument was erected by The Friends of Union Veterans of Scotts, Michigan and The Thirteenth Michigan Memorial Association. Contact Mike Culp at mculp@kvcc.edu.

27. Concord Civil War Days (Paddock-Hubbard House, 317 Hanover St., Concord, Michigan) 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. 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 AM - 5:00 PM. The patriotic program starts at 1:00 PM. There will be drill, demonstrations, and a small skirmish. Along with your Union uniform, please bring a Confederate uniform if you have one. Contact Mark Heath at mdheath525@yahoo.com.

27. Reenactment Battle of Chickamauga (Snodgrass Hill) (Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society - aka Moses Wisner Homestead, 405 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Pontiac, Michigan). The 22nd Michigan/8th Arkansas and 102nd USCT plan to conduct a reenactment of one or two portions from the Battle of Chickamauga, which decimated Colonel Moses Wisner's 22nd Michigan regiment. In addition to the reenactment, there will be an ice cream social, Civil War living history encampments, band concert, and infantry and artillery demonstrations. Website: <http://www.ocphs.org>.

Keith G. Harrison, Chair

7th Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners is composed of 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. 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.



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

William Jarrett, Club Secretary
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