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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:

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Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor

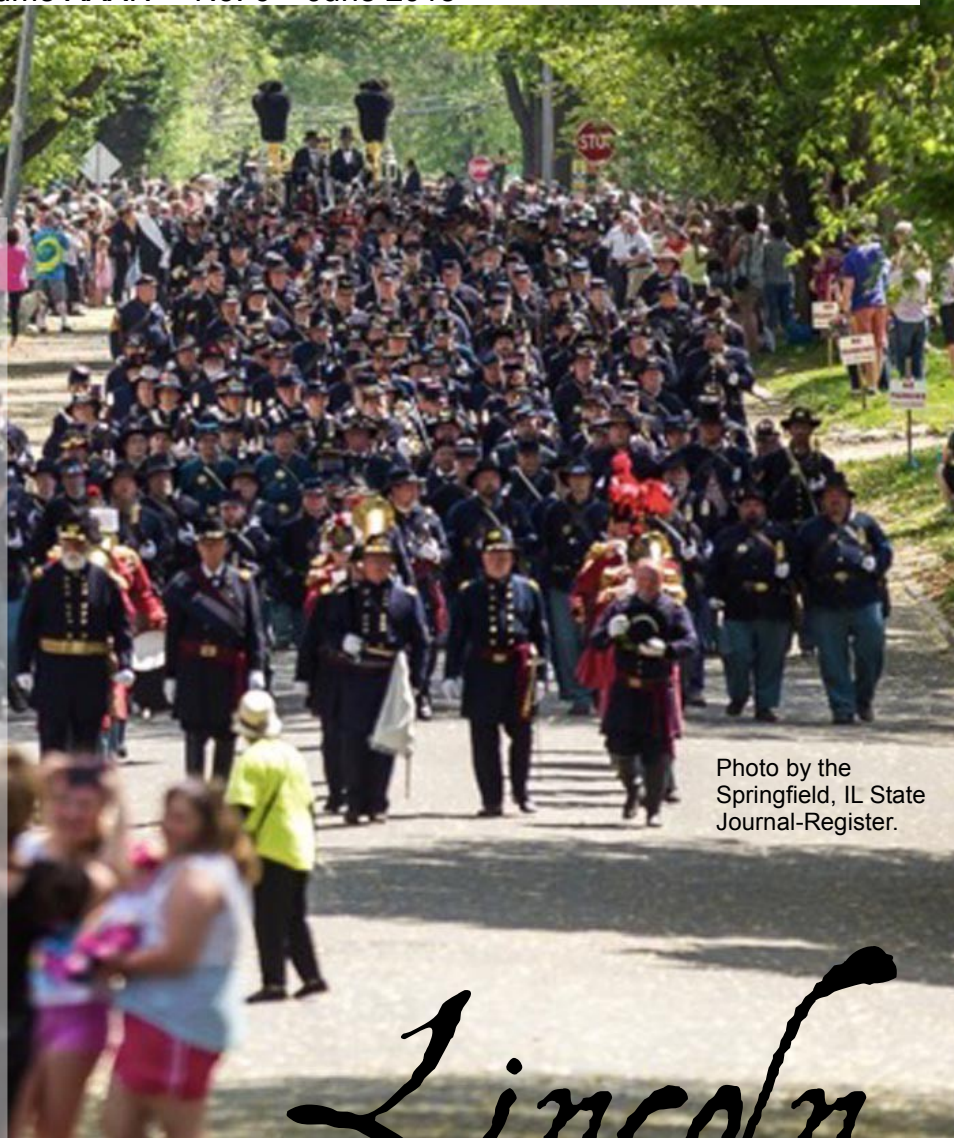


Photo by the
Springfield, IL State
Journal-Register.

Lincoln Funeral Reenactment

May 1 – 3, 2015 Springfield, Illinois

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, funeral train and ultimately his laying to rest in his hometown of Springfield, IL. The events were reenacted a month ago, as the city welcomed thousands of reenactors from across the country. See more photos of this exciting event on the following pages.

Lincoln Funeral...



At left: Our 7th MI men in position at the start of Sunday's 2.5 mile procession from the Old State Capital to Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL. Photo submitted by Jim Kirschensteiner. Above, closeup, submitted by Sandy McCarrick.



At left: President Roland beside President Lincoln's funeral hearse. Above, Lorrie Roland and Sandy McCarrick pose with the First Family at the Lincoln Museum, Springfield. Below, ballgowns of Mrs. Lincoln and her contemporaries. Photos submitted by S. McCarrick.



"The trip was awesome. We went through the Lincoln home and other preserved homes that were open in that area. We also visited all of the buildings while there such as the Lincoln Museum, cemetery, Lincoln's tomb, old courthouse, etc. We made a trip up to New Salem about 30 miles north of Springfield to see Lincoln's childhood home and other reconstructed homes and buildings. He lived there before moving to Springfield."

---Sandra McCarrick

At right, Carol Smith, Vonda Warren, Jim Kirschensteiner, Bob Smith in front of the Lincoln house, Springfield, IL.. Photo submitted by J. Kirschensteiner.



The remainder of the Lincoln Funeral photos shown below, were submitted by Jim Kirschensteiner, and are from the online galleries of the Springfield, IL newspaper, the State Journal-Register. On the paper's website are many more photos and stories of the weekend's event. Search - *Lincoln Funeral Reenactment 2015 State Journal-Register, Springfield, IL.*

For a particularly interesting online article that illuminates why the funeral hearse, an exact replica of the original hearse used to transport President Lincoln's body to its final resting place, almost didn't make it into the funeral procession, Search - *Dave Bakke: Lincoln Hearse Nearly Missed the Ceremony.* <http://www.sj-r.com/article/20150507/NEWS/150509514>

---The Editor



Casket being removed from the train car, in Springfield; then transferred to the waiting hearse for the ride to the gravesite.



The funeral procession followed as closely as possible the original route taken in 1865. Here, the hearse passes by the Lincoln home



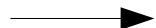
Entering Oak Ridge Cemetery.

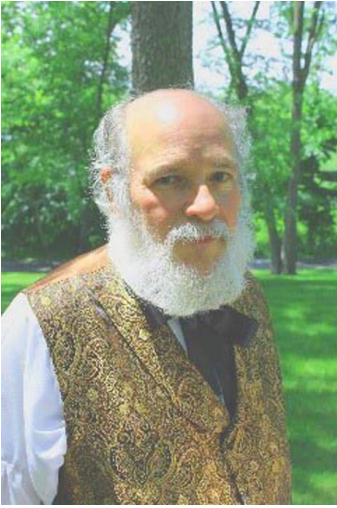


Below: The casket is placed in the burial vault.



The 36-gun salute – one gun for each state in the Union (in 1865).





From the President...

Anson reports that he and Lorrie attended the annual Branch County Civil War Days at Heritage Park in Coldwater, during Memorial Day weekend (running concurrently with Greenfield Village's Civil War Days celebration). They conducted "family games" and entertained over 500 kids during the course of the weekend.

Save the Date – July 4. The 7th MI will be participating in the Mason, MI holiday festivities, as part of Mason's Sesquicentennial. We will meet and interact with the public, and participate in the early evening parade. Details as to where and when to meet are yet to be confirmed. Following the parade, there will be fireworks. We will also take the opportunity to visit the ice cream parlor! PLEASE make every effort to attend the club meeting at Turkeyville on the 20th, as we will be discussing plans for our Mason involvement. The club also anticipates participating in an event there in mid-August, but so far, Anson has received no confirmation or specifics from those in charge of the Mason events. One of the matters in question is whether or not we will be allowed to camp for the weekend in Raynor Park or elsewhere. Stay tuned for later developments.



They've Moved!

This lovely Italianate home at 106 E. South St., Mason, MI, is the new residence of Tom and Joan Emerick. Says Tom: "We traded in our old (1870's) house for a much newer one (1882). It is closer to work (11 minute commute), ½ hour closer to the family, and lots of room for the kids and grandkids to visit. She is a beauty but needs lots of TLC in the next year."



Celeste Hude and Ellyn Painter displayed ladies' wear items and gave a presentation to an assembly of about 30-40 people on Monday evening, May 4, at the Mason Historical Society, in Mason, MI. Celeste gave an inspiring talk on what life was like in Mason, Michigan during the Civil War, mentioning some notable local buildings and personages, and also described some of the display items. Following her, Ellyn spoke on the occupation of dressmaking in mid-19th century America. A lively question and answer period followed. Both ladies wore mourning badges, made by Celeste, in memory of our recently slain President Abraham Lincoln.

Harvest Ball Date Oct. 24

Dues paid 7th Michigan members will pay \$5.00 per ticket for the Harvest Ball. Everyone else (members who haven't paid dues and guests) will pay \$15.00 per ticket. Tickets are now on sale through October 10. Tickets purchased after October 10 will cost \$30.00 each. The price does not change for dues paid members... it is still \$5.00.

Linda Williams (517) 484-2496 lansinglinda@comcast.net

Civilian Report

Hello All!

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend! The reenacting season is now in full swing and we have many great events coming up! If you would like to be involved in the committee to discuss/plan our September events at the Meridian Village and Mason Down Home Days please let me know. Don't forget our next club meeting at the Turkeyville Event in June.

We will soon be picking the dates for our Ladies Retreat Weekend. Also if you would like to host a sewing party this fall/winter I will soon be putting together a list of dates.

I hope to see you all at some of our great events this summer!

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

William Jarrett, Club Secretary
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Upcoming MAX Effort Events

June 20 – 21 Turkeyville Civil War Reenactment

Turkeyville U.S.A, 18935 15 ½ Mile Road, Marshall, MI.

Battles, Grand Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing, ladies tea and fashion show, pie eating contest. Special Impression Area. Free reenactor meal Saturday at Turkeyville Restaurant, coffee and donut breakfast also free to reenactors. Website: <http://www.turkeyville.com>
Contact: elyse@turkeyville.com or by phone: 517-626-4336.

July 18-19 Charlton Park Civil War Muster

2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, MI

Hosted by Battery D, 2nd Michigan Light Artillery, 3rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. F, and Barry County Parks. Confederate and Union Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery. Sutler's Row, parlor games, two battles on Saturday, one battle on Sunday. All reenactors are requested to preregister at NO charge.

Preregistration required/ fee for walk-ons. The on-site registration fee is \$10 per reenactor.

Website and registration form/info at:

http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/event_calendar.html

Contact: info@charltonpark.org

June 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 132 Sesquicentennial events listed thus far on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2015 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), 11 have been reported for June. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to www.micw150.us/2015events.htm and clicking on the month in question.

--June 2015--

- 3 & 10. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum** (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>.
Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at GARmichigan@gmail.com.
- 5 -7. 2nd Annual Mooresville Living History and Battle reenactment** (19631 County Road 687, South Haven, Michigan). Period style buildings (A mill-type building, covered wagons, a chapel, headquarters, and a covered bridge that spans a pond), and has plenty of room for campsites both in a wooded lot and easy to access open/flat area. Seven miles from South Haven and Lake Michigan beaches. Firewood, water, porta-jons. Saturday night meal provided. Contact: Mike Lechenet at 269-925-2783.
- 6. Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert:** (Central United Methodist Church, 215 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, Michigan). 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. FREE Concert. The concert performers will be the Fifth Michigan Regimental Band. Contact: Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net or Tom Truscott at tom.0506@hotmail.com.
- 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>.
- 6 - 7. Civil War Encampment** (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, drill, and cannon firing demonstration. Straw and firewood, but no bounties for artillery. Website: <http://lexingtonmichigan.org/civilwar.htm>. Contact: Anita L. Ruffini at merleriobravo-mail@yahoo.com.
- 13 - 14. Days of the Civil War at Gordon Hall** (8341 Island Lake Road, Dexter, Michigan). Host: Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum. *Due to the available space, reenactor participation will need to be by invitation only.* Reenactor Contact: 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry at PukNut33@aol.com.
- 20. Civil War Relic Show** (Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan). Noon to 4:00 PM. contact Gene Van Koeveing at 616-896-8315 or find us on Facebook (Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails).
- 20 - 21. Turkeyville Civil War Reenactment** (Turkeyville U.S.A, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan). 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),
Reenactor Contact: Email elyse@turkeyville.com
- 26 - 28. Civil War Reenactment: 1861 - 1865 Remembered** (Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan). 3:00 PM Friday through 3:00 PM Sunday. Amenities include firewood, ice, water, straw, limited free modern camping (no hook ups), sutlers, modern restroom facilities and porta-johns, showers, on-site EMT and First Responder Trained Park Security personnel, and Saturday night meal. Hosts: Battery D and 1st Michigan. Website: <http://www.sandypines.com>.
- 29. Log Cabin Day in Michigan** The Log Cabin Society of Michigan was organized for the preservation of our log cabin history. Experience the history of the different log cabins in our state that date back to the pioneer days. Over 100 log cabin in Michigan are open for viewing. Website: <http://www.qtm.net/logcabincrafts/>.
- 30. FREE Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar -South Carolinians in Lee's Army: Gregg/McGowan's Brigade** (Sunfield United Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43) in Sunfield, Michigan). 7:00 PM. The presenter will be Ben Cwayn. Website: <http://suvchw.org/mi/017/announcements.htm>
Contact: Paul David Arnold at arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net.

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 in November and creates the statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar.