

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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Photo from a Facebook posting by 7<sup>th</sup> Mi member Cyndi Carlson. Participants gather in front of the Ella Sharp Farmhouse at the end of the first annual Ella Sharp Museum Civil War event, on Sat. May 21, in waiting to have a group tintype taken by period photographer, Robert Beech. (See page 6 for the tintype).

**NEXT CLUB MEETING: SAT. JUNE 18, 2016  
AT THE TURKEYVILLE EVENT –  
(AT SUPPERTIME)**







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### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted  
information 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 them (in jpg  
format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain  
that any items coming from another source  
are properly credited, or have obtained  
reprint permission.

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events. Original articles (800-1000 word  
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Thank-you.

*Ellyn Painter*  
Ellyn Painter, Editor

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I feel confident in describing the  
inaugural Ella Sharp School Days  
event as a smashing success!  
The weather was perfect, with  
sunny skies and pleasant tem-  
peratures. The organizers did a  
first-rate job of seeing to all the  
re-enactors' needs, including pro-  
viding tasty meals and plenty of  
water. Heck, there was even a  
cash bar in the evenings.



The Friday program saw just over 400 kids—ranging from upper  
elementary to middle school age—bussed in from area schools. Groups of  
enthusiastic young people and their teachers cycled through several  
teaching stations whose presentation topics ranged from military camp to  
period games and Civil War nursing and medicine. By and large the  
students were well behaved, and not a few of them were well versed in  
facts concerning the war.

On Saturday the event was open to the general public. The number of  
visitors was modest compared to those brought in expressly for the school  
program. Just the same, we had the chance to educate several families  
about aspects of life in the Civil War era.

My understanding was that representatives of the organization whose  
grant funded Ella Sharp School Days were present, and that they were  
impressed by what they saw. I believe we can count on this event's being  
repeated in 2017. We of the Seventh Michigan can be proud to having  
helped kick-off this new opportunity for the coming generation of  
Americans to learn more about the time period we portray. I'd like to  
extend my sincere thanks to all the civilian and military folks that were  
present at Ella Sharp.

Postscript: The success of all the events the unit attends, big or small,  
rests on the participation of as many club members as possible attending  
and pitching in. I hope everyone will be mindful of this need as the  
campaign season rolls along.

Rob

See Pres. Rob's Thank-you  
letter to Ella Sharp on pg. 13

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

*William Jarrett*, Club Secretary  
[btjarrett@aol.com](mailto:btjarrett@aol.com)

# MILITARY REPORT

What an incredible start to the season!

Ella Sharp was everything we hoped for and more; great weather, we were treated very well, and we provided education to over 400 kids on Friday. The boys had a "camp day" on Saturday but plenty of fun with such things as payroll, issuing of rations and the like. There was a running dispute about the quartermaster but that ended with his pension being sent to his new bride (and widow) shortly after the court-martial. (Note to the men: we WILL still be looking for those social club tokens in your tents!)

My thanks to all who participated and I was relieved that as my first command experience I was portraying a 90-day captain and any mistakes were just part of the scenario.

We mustered about 8 men in and while I would have appreciated more, with the work day and back to back weekends, it's understood.

Greenfield Village: We were first company with a respectable showing having typically aggregate about 15 or so in ranks and officers. The weekend, as usual, was very hot and threatening but little rain and it did not affect the operation of the event. I am always moved by the ceremony on Monday as I see our parades and public recognized for preserving our freedom.

On a more personal note, it was great to see the quick growth of our first sgt. over the weekend from timid to terminator! Doesn't matter if it's right or wrong, Pete. Say it with authority and it'll happen.

I'd also like to thank the men in the ranks for their patience and help at my first "real" event as captain.

Sadly, our corporal and brevet corporal, being young single men, proved why this was still so when a lady came into camp. Instead of providing her the due respect a gentleman should, our young men began to wrestle and fight with each other. They were appropriately punished by "carrying the log" through camp and stopping at each company to recite their offense: WE WERE MORE INTERESTED IN FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER THAN RESPECTING THE YOUNG WOMAN IN CAMP. The Buge was a quick volunteer to escort the men and give them the "flat of the sword" if they did not comply with their punishment.

The June event is Turkeyville and unfortunately your second sergeant has chosen this occasion for his nuptials. The Lt and others are also not available so those attending will likely be under the able command of one of our seasoned GLB members.

July 9 is the Flag surrender. Please don't miss this once in a lifetime event.

FRONT!!!!!!!!!!

Until next month I remain,

Your most Obedient Servant

Captain McComas



## 2016 7<sup>th</sup> MI Military Command

Captain:  
Doug McComas

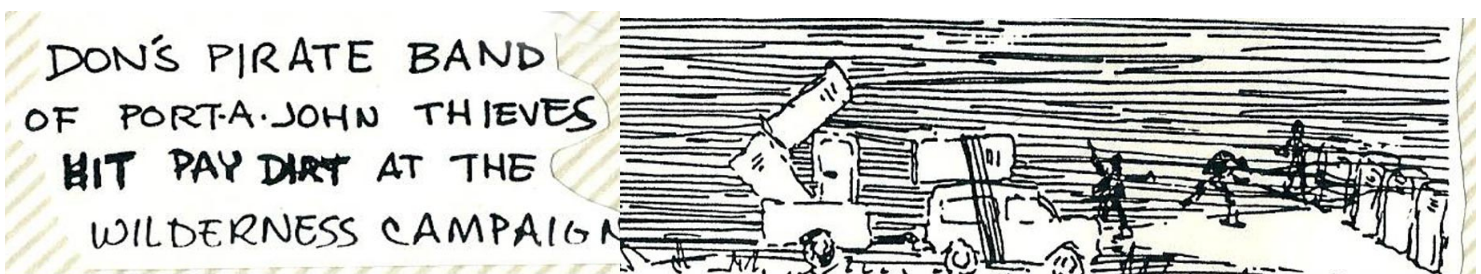
Chief Bugler:  
Mark Heath

Lieutenant:  
Dave Slayton

1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant:  
Dan Conklin

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeants:  
Andrew McComas  
Bill Jarrett

Corporals:  
Dan Malick  
Scott Timoszyk  
Denny Zank  
Rob Stone



Another good old cartoon from former club member Roger Carpenter, mocking yet one more 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan member...tsk, tsk... This one is circa 1989.



The Ladies are still working on completing the 300 patriotic ribbon rosettes needed for the Retiring of the Flags Ceremony on July 9. If you can help make some, please contact Pat Downing, or Katie Everett ASAP, as time is growing short! We will also be working on them at Turkeyville. (see Katie's civilian report, pg. 9.

Ellyn Painter's first novel, *Washback Ridge*, was published on May 25. It can be seen on Amazon.com.

Please keep Linda Williams in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to deal with vocal cord and thyroid issues. Linda recently wrote regarding a visit to her vocal cord surgeon in Ann Arbor, at U of M Hospital:

*"This surgeon did a scope in which he threads fiber optics up my nose and down my throat to my vocal cords while I watch the process on a big television screen. Together, we saw the bad news. Both of my vocal cords are paralyzed, and it is likely I will never be able to talk again, use the phone, sing, or shout for joy. I also cannot attempt to eat with others because I choke and gag horribly. Restaurants are out of the question as it would ruin the atmosphere for others. I can only whisper. He said sometimes a "tincture of time" will allow the vocal cords to work again, but...this is probably a permanent situation. Vocal cords can be paralyzed like this || or like this ( ). Mine are like the latter, which allows for better air flow. If they were like the former, I would need a tracheostomy (hole in my throat) to allow me to breathe. I'm sorry I don't have better news for you."*

## A CHEERLEADING THANK-YOU!

There's been some recent talk regarding the need for cheerleaders for certain events, and if cheerleading is encouraging others, then I want to thank the cheerleaders who helped me have such a positive first event at Ella Sharp Civil War Days.

First, thanks to all the civilian ladies who helped me with my clothing---Vonda led the way here, but every other lady who listened to my questions and offered answers or suggestions was also cheering me on.

Second, thanks to President Rob Stone, who held up a light bulb and said, "We want ideas and we want the 7th to grow in new directions to become even better than it was before." That's cheerleading.

Third, thanks to those who filled out a survey when I was struggling to find a clear focus for the Blue Bottle Respite tent. Each person who filled out a survey was sending me the message, "you can do it!"

Fourth, thanks to all those who offered resources (from book titles to websites) as I was researching ideas for persona development. You made suggestions, then you allowed me the freedom to choose for myself. That is a special gift for which I thank you deeply.

Fifth, thanks to the dozen or so military men who helped set up my tent and/or take it down and repack my trailer. You were as tired as I was or more so, but you were polite and pitched right in, making sure I had a safe shelter, and even finding info from others regarding the most efficient way to set up and tear down for future events.

Sixth, thanks to those who made sure that I knew when and where meals were served. You included me each time.

Lastly, thanks to those who made time to attend my presentation, giving a quiet bit of feedback that will help me improve it over time. Maybe we all---each and every one of us---are everyday cheerleaders for the 7<sup>th</sup>. If so, what a wonderful season we have ahead of us, everyone cheering us on.

--- Submitted by Julie Sarge

## EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have one school program left this year. Birney Middle School, Southfield, **is now on June 3<sup>rd</sup> due to a conflict with the school. Please note the change.** Contact me at [djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net) to let me know if you are attending so we can arrange carpooling.

## QUARTERMASTER REPORT

We have a supply of powder at \$15 per pound and a supply of caps at \$7 per 100. I will have Quartermaster merchandize at the Feb, March, and April meetings. If you would like to look at a rifle let me know and I will bring it to a meeting. After April I will be publishing an inventory list in the newsletter so you can shop from the list.

Charlton Park, Hastings:

July 15, 16, and 17. I will be registering us as a unit. Joy and Vonda have offered to run Modern camp. For this year there will be no ice for sale at the park. The closest ice is at the party store/gas station one half mile south of the park. I will organize ice runs. Should the party store run out of ice we will go into Hastings for ice.

This year will feature a Mayoral election and debate. Yours truly, the former Mayor of Jacksonburg will be running against that carpet bagging artist/correspondent Bob Smith. Watch for plenty of political sparks as the election get closer and maybe some gunplay.



Oh, goodie!  
A shootout?

Thanks. Don



# COME OUT FOR THE BATTLE FOR TURKEYVILLE!

**JUNE 17, 18 AND 19, 2016**

The June event at Turkeyville has become a favorite with the members of the 7th. The battlefield is spacious and has permanent works for the infantry and constructed battery positions for the artillery. As with previous years they will be providing a Reenactor Meal, but this year it will be for supper on Saturday. The sponsors plan to close the event to the public for an hour or so to give the reenactors an opportunity to enjoy their meal and socialize. They have more sutlers registered this year than in the past; you'll have the chance to do a bit of shopping.

Unfortunately, they won't be having a ball this year. They've gone to an every other year basis for the ball. In its place they will be providing period music for our entertainment. If you plan to camp modern and want to use one of their regular campsites with swimming pool, showers, etc., you need to call and make a reservation for that. Patti Cornwell informs us that they will give reenactors participating in the event a "discounted camping rate.", but she didn't know what that rate would be. You'll need to ask for it when you make your reservation. Modern camping in the field across the road (without amenities) is free as always.

This event is one of those designated by the club for attendance of all who can. It is also a "recruitable" event. For that reason we're looking for volunteers to spend some time at a recruiting table. Call or email Bob Smith if you are willing to help with recruiting. Successful recruiting is vital to the club's continued strength. We picked up at least one new recruit at the Ella Sharp event, so lets keep that ball rolling.

The club has been pre-registered as a unit, so you don't need to fool around with the on-line forms. Just show up for registration on Friday and complete the individual registration/waiver form on site.

Bob Smith and Katie Everett are designated as the Event Coordinators so if you have questions please contact them. Hope to see many of you there.

Bob Smith – 989-288-7112 email:  
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Katie Everett – 517-420-6837 email:  
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## EVENT COORDINATOR DUTIES EXPLAINED

At the recent, very successful, Ella Sharp Museum Event some questions arose as to the duties of our newly created Event Coordinator position. As with anything new there is a learning curve and sometimes a need for "tweaking" or at least clarifying the intentions of the effort. The Event Strategy Committee felt the club could improve our position in the reenacting community if we attended our selected events in greater numbers, supported fellow reenacting units and took advantage of the recruiting opportunities many of the events offer. In order to make that easier for the membership we created the position of Event Coordinator to serve before, during and after the event as a contact person about the event for the membership. The duties are summarized as follows:

### Before the Event...

- Gather information about the details of the event from the sponsoring organization and disseminate it to the club by articles in the newsletter, handouts, announcements at meetings, etc. and encourage members to attend.
- Make sure that "recruiters" will be available and operating on behalf of the 7th at any event where recruiting makes sense.
- Be a contact person for club members who have questions about the event.

### At the Event...

- Continue to be a contact person and to provide information as needed about changes or other details at the event.

### After the Event...

- As appropriate, provide the club with feedback about the event.

If the event is one we are primarily sponsoring, the Event Coordinator may wish to attend the meetings of those designated by the club to actually organize and run the event so as to get the best possible information to provide the club. You'll note that the duties are all about COMMUNICATION, not about organizing or managing the event itself. The duties of organizing and planning fall to the Host Committee (if we've appointed one) and the regular club offices that are responsible...such as Military Commander, Civilian Chair, Membership Chair, etc. In some cases people may be playing both roles. For example, if the Civilian Chair also volunteered to be the Event Coordinator for an event, that person would be the "communicator" of information AND would be responsible for implementing the plans as they affected our Civilian contingent. Make sense? This division of responsibility avoids duplication of effort and a more fair distribution of work.

I hope this helps to clarify the duties of this new position, but if you have questions don't hesitate to drop me an email or give me a call. (carolsmith40160@yahoo.com or 989 288-7112)

Bob Smith

Event Strategy Committee Chair





"After the event at Ella Sharp, we went into the Ella Sharp museum to look around. It's a **very** nice museum. Low and behold, there was a very large picture prominently displayed of the very last Cascades muster that the 7th participated in and the Old Farts mess was right smack dab in the middle of it. Below is the picture."

---Jim Kirschensteiner



"Old Farts never die...  
they just run out of gas."  
--Al Baerren

Closeup below: On the line -- Barry Stuler, Jim MacKinnon, Al Baerren, Dave Slayton, Bob Smith (black hat), Me (Jim K.), and Andrew McComas.



The Glorious 7<sup>th</sup> MI: Jackson "before" and Jackson "after"







Vonda & Celeste waving to vehicles from the farmhouse lawn. We got lots of hello "honks" in return! Photo by Katie Everett



Photos above, below & left by Katie Everett



Soldiers' volley – student day, Fri. May 20.



Photos this page by Ellyn Painter, except where otherwise noted.

# *Eliza Sharp Museum* *Civil War Days*



"Captain Withington"



Our quartermaster

More photos on page 9...



# Ella Merriman Sharp

Ella (Merriman) Sharp was a resident of Jackson who lived from 1857 to 1912. A generous, civic-minded individual, she left her estate, Hillside Farm, and her home, the Merriman-Sharp farmhouse, to the city of Jackson for use as a park and a museum. Today visitors can enjoy Ella's gift in a number of ways.



Ella Merriman was born at "Hillside", her family's farm in Jackson, MI on February 14, 1857, of upper class "gentleman" farmer parents, Dwight and Mary Wing Merriman. Ella was actually a twin, but her twin brother died at age 4. Two other brothers sadly died in their 20's. In 1871, at age 14, Ella traveled by train to Kalamazoo to be educated at Michigan Female Seminary. As the Seminary catalogue had requested, she was taking two silver tea spoons for afternoon teas. After an illness in 1872, she was taken out of school for a year and lived abroad with her mother, but returned to finish out three years at the school. Ella loved her time there, and later became responsible for the education of many girls.

It is interesting that Hillside Farm was originally owned, not by Ella's parents jointly, (nor even only by her father, which would have been customary back then), but was purchased for Ella's mother, Mary, by *her* father, Abraham Wing, about a year before she married Dwight Merriman, who after their marriage managed the farm for his wife and father-in-law. There is evidence that this arrangement may have created considerable tensions in the Merriman marriage, that Dwight resented not owning the farm, and disapproved of the somewhat unconventional lives of his wife and daughter (ie.-the fact that they were not financially dependent on the men in their lives.) He even contested his wife's will upon discovering that she had left the farm to their daughter, Ella. However, the choices Mary, and later Ella, made for furnishings for the farmhouse were entirely in line with what was considered proper for the time, and enabled them to demonstrate to visitors to their home that they were refined and domestic women and in their proper sphere.

The original farm was about 400 acres, and had a small 3-room farmhouse, built in the 1840's. The Merrimans, married in 1856, built the Greek Revival addition to the house in 1857, and added the Italianate tower and cupola in 1862, and at some point, put in extensive formal gardens; both of these embellishments would have been viewed at the time as signs of their high social status. Area residents referred to the "farmhouse" south of town as "The Mansion." By the early 1860's the farm had become one of the most prosperous in the state and had grown to nearly 600 acres. Records for 1865 show that the farm manufactured 120 pounds of cheese per day, had a productive vineyard and winery, huge orchards of apple, pear, and peach trees, grew a variety of other crops, supported a large dairy herd, and raised prize horses.

Ella was married December 22, 1881 to John C. Sharp, an attorney and active participant in local Republican politics. Dwight and Mary Merriman moved to a large Italianate mansion at 407 W. Michigan Ave. after Ella married and was given the farm to take care of. The Sharps were reportedly fond of children, but never had any of their own. Having no children, Ella traveled a great deal, mostly within the country, and often for her health. She had many close friends, though apparently few in Jackson. She was also actively involved in the management of the farm, and did the bookkeeping herself at the dining room table. In later years, particularly after the death of her husband, she was involved in clubs and civic work, including leading a state-wide effort for establishing forest preserves and a fire patrol system. She was known as a "Rememberer" who never forgot a birthday or anniversary.

Ella Sharp died of kidney failure in 1912, at age 55, her husband having preceded her in death. Her funeral was held at Hillside Farm, and she is buried in Mount Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson. Her parents' Italianate town home was also left to the city of Jackson on Ella's death. It is now owned by a non-profit organization. Ella Sharp was the last surviving member of the noted Dwight Merriman family.

She was inducted in 1998 into the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing.

## Sources:

[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com); [Ellasharpmuseum.org](http://Ellasharpmuseum.org); [Wmuk.org](http://Wmuk.org); [Sha.org](http://Sha.org) -  
*Class & Gender in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Rural Michigan: The Merriman-Sharp Hillside Farm*; [Michiganwomenshalloffame.org](http://Michiganwomenshalloffame.org)



I know this article would have made more sense in the May issue, *before* the event, but I forgot. My apology. But now you'll all be prepared for next year!



More *Ella* photos....



Sat. fashion presentation by 7<sup>th</sup> MI ladies Vonda Warren, Ellyn Painter, and Celeste Hude. Photo by Dave Downing.



Katie Everett, giving Ladies' Aid Society talk to students, on Friday. Below: ladies assist students with bandage rolling. Photos by Ellyn Painter



Joy & Carol at the bandage rolling station

Hey, Traie:  
Can you tell  
we all had a  
good time?

Below: Julie Sarge – Civil War code-breaking



Celeste & Vonda dress the mannequin. Photo by Coletta Crews



At R: Cyndi Carlson organized an impromptu ballgame to keep the kids occupied. They loved it!

## CIVILIAN REPORT

Hello all!

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to Ella Sharp Civil War days! It was such a great event and I can't wait to do it again next year! Our next event will be Turkeyville on the 18th and 19th. We are still making rosettes for the returning of the flags ceremony in July. At Turkeyville we will continue to work on those. If you need more ribbon or buttons or need to turn your completed rosettes in please let me know!

Katie Everett

Civilian Chair

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ELAINE MASCIALE

*The lovely photo above, in the elegant ballroom at Greenfield Village, was posted to Facebook, and was taken by Elaine Masciale.*

## GREENFIELD VILLAGE WAS MAY 28-30, 2016

*You ladies look nice and COOL under the trees. Vonda Warren & Joy Henderson at Greenfield Village. Gloria Kirschensteiner shared this Facebook post by Isaac Smith with her online friends.*



*Some gentlemen we know, at the Greenfield Village ball. Photo by Cyndi Carlson.*

Any new Greenfield Village photos you'd like to share with the club in the newsletter? Send them my way.  
The Editor





## THE BLUE BOTTLE RESPITE TENT UPDATE: OUR 2016 GOALS

1. Provide a place for brief respite from the adversities of re-enacting a war for military and civilian re-enactors in need of such respite.

Respite Need #1. Ice Water: We've ordered a 4 gallon stoneware cooler.

Respite Need #2. Ice Packs: We're measuring modified wooden trunk for ice chests that will fit inside trunk.

Respite Need #3. Place to rest: We have a bench ready for this.

2. Provide a well-researched and historically accurate impression to interpret how the Civil War and Spiritualism directly and indirectly affected one another.

### Background on Impression:

Whether one believed in Spiritualism or not, during the Civil War era Spiritualism was talked about, demonstrated, scoffed at, applauded, believed in, denounced, faked, and sketched in political cartoons, much the same as it is today. There were practitioners, believers, fakers, and debunkers, just as there are today.

During the 1860's, while many men were still debating whether or not a woman even had a soul, Spiritualism encouraged women to step up and lead in spiritual matters. This was a dramatic change from the usual "Eve is to blame"/"Women are unable to think/learn/understand/etc., as well as men." Many women found that their intuition, their "gut feelings," were surprisingly accurate, as did many men. Of course, both women and men were duped by the fakes and frauds, too, just as they are today.

The fictitious person I portray, Zuleika Dean Attie, neither preaches Spiritualism nor preys on susceptible people. She simply and firmly believes that she's doing her part to assist the Union by providing respite for soldiers and civilians affected by the adversities of war while doing what she can to assist those suffering beings whose bodies have died but whose spirits still languish "this side of the river." In the past, she has sat with the dying, washed the dead, and she is quite comfortable with "things that go bump in the night." She isn't the least bit afraid of death or dying, nor is she hesitant to speak her mind, but she's far from perfect.

Zuleika has a lot to learn as she travels with the Union forces, because she tends to see people as unique individuals sharing a common human experience; her ability to do so enhances her work but hinders her attempts to fit into a system structured to manage thousands in wartime. Zuleika is a fascinating character in that respect, for learning to balance individual needs and needs of community is no easy matter, especially during a war. She holds dear the perception that if men and boys are trained to be soldiers then it's only fair that they receive training to become civilians once more after their soldiering days are done, "else how can they be expected to pick up where they left off just as if they haven't been through horrors beyond imaging?"

Although she might seem ahead of her time by more than a century and a half on that issue, she isn't. When she'd worked with Native Americans (known as Indians back then) in her younger days, she learned that men and boys returning from raids and battles were treated not only for their physical wounds but also for their emotional wounds---their "soul wounds." Zuleika, who carried her own soul wounds from her youth, received healing from Indian doctors, then went on to learn the philosophy and methodology of healing soul wounds herself, so that she has a very different perspective of "soldier's heart" or "nostalgia" which were period terms for PTSD/PTSS (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/ Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome).

Now she learns that doctors are not always happy with women as nurses, nor are they very open to Indian ways of healing. "Why doctors deny their patients such healing is beyond my comprehension. If it heals the sick, why does it matter who came up with the procedure? My stars, an army mule doesn't care who made the salve that soothes its saddle sores! Are humans less advanced than mules in this respect?"

What Zuleika doesn't understand at first is how traumatized the doctors themselves become as the sheer number of horribly mangled wounded overwhelm them. Doctors who used to care for one patient now deal with dozens, hundreds----without the tools, supplies, and medicines that were not on hand due to poor management or overworked supply staff.

The military as a whole is also a military made of individuals, which means that some soldiers get along well with this eldritch elder, some think her heart is in the right place even though her mind obviously teeters in and out of the given reality, and some would gladly give a year's pay if she'd just pack up and go back to Kent County, Michigan.

--Julie Sarge

### REMAINING 2016 KEY EFFORT EVENTS

June 18-19: Turkeyville MI-- Coordinator: Julie Everett and Bob Smith

July 9: Lansing MI, Return of the Flags Ceremony -- Coordinator: Dave & Pat Downing

July 16-17: Charlton Park MI-- Coordinator: Don Everett

Aug. 12-14 Linden, MI **CANCELLED**

September 17-18: Van Raalte MI -- Coordinator: Al Baerren

October 7-9: Perryville-Kentucky -- Coordinator: Doug McComas

October 22: 7th MI Harvest Ball Gilbert & Cynthia Carlson

November: None

December 3: Christmas Party

Please note that this  
year's Christmas  
party will be on  
**Saturday, Dec. 3.**  
The date was  
mistakenly noted in  
last month's issue as  
Dec. 4.

More event info on next page...



# UPCOMING EVENTS..

## **July 4th 2016 (Monday) Independence Day Parade - Mason, MI**

The 7th Michigan is once again participating in the annual gala parade through downtown Mason. We will be mustering in the Mason High School parking lot at 6:30 PM with the parade step off time at 7:30 PM. The Military will be firing rounds along the parade route (please bring 40 rounds) and there will be a trailer for the Civilians to ride on. Joan & Tom Emerick are opening their home to 7th Michigan members beginning at 5:00 PM in case anyone needs to change or freshen up. They will also be hosting a potluck dessert and coffee time after the parade for those interested in socializing following the festivities. For those in need of storing cold food or beverages there will be room provided in a refrigerator and freezer.

The Emerick residence is located 5/10 of a mile from the Mason High School where the parade begins and ends.

Contact information is Joan & Tom Emerick, telephone number (517) 604-6116. Email address: [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com) and home address of 106 E. South Street, Mason, Michigan 48854

Please feel free to contact Joan or Tom if you have any questions regarding the parade, refreshment/social time, or location of their home.

## **Return of the Flags: Saturday, July 9 - State Capitol, Lansing, MI**

Ceremony to commemorate the return of Michigan's Civil War battle flags back in 1866. The 7th Michigan is donating their old colors to the Save the Flags project, along with several other reenactment units. The reproduction flags will be housed in 'flag storage' with the original battle flags, and used for demonstrations to schools, community groups, etc around the state as well as when visitors come to Lansing to see the original flags.

Time: 10am to 4:00pm, Ceremony at 1:00. Two small flies will be available for the Civilians and Military to use for shade unless it is too windy (We cannot use ground stakes). Members are welcome to bring chairs in case they want to take advantage of it. The Club has agreed to do registration for this event. Jim McKinnon volunteered but will need help with registration. So far, flags to be returned are 7<sup>th</sup> MI, 4<sup>th</sup> MI, 17<sup>th</sup> MI, and a Michigan cavalry unit. (See previous issues for further details.)

## **Frontier Days Parade - Charlotte, MI Saturday, September 10, 2016**

The 7th Michigan is registered to participate in the annual parade through the streets of Charlotte. We will be mustering at Vonda Warren's home in advance of the parade and there will be a trailer for the Civilians to ride on. Vonda has graciously offered to host a potluck dinner after the parade for Club members interested in socializing following the festivities. Tom Emerick is the co-coordinator for the event and more information will be provided as the date comes closer.

## **Meridian Village, Okemos, MI Saturday, September 10, 2016**

Bob Smith reports that they are very interested in having the 7<sup>th</sup> MI there and even expanding the event. Meridian conflicts with the Charlotte Parade, but we will split the club and cover both events.

At the Meridian Village we will have full use of a cabin, and be able to cook there. There will possibly be a barn dance, and an open area is being made available to the club to do a skirmish or drills.

## **American Heritage Festival - Saturday, September 24, 2016 Woldemar Nature Center, Lansing**

Time: 10:00AM – 5:00PM Ben Cwayna of the 12<sup>th</sup> S. Carolina will be contacting Julie Everett with more information.

## **Williamson History Day/Civil War Reenactment – Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016**

Some members of our club participated in this event last year. Jim Kirschensteiner has received communication from Earl Wolf from Williamston. Because the event involves local high school students getting credit for attending, the date must conform to the 2016-17 school calendar. Jim reports that the date conflicts with Perryville, but he thinks we'll have enough soldiers and civilians to be able to pull it off. More info to follow in a later newsletter.

## **7<sup>th</sup> MI Annual Harvest Ball- October 22, 2016**

Save the date cards will be going out. The club has voted to increase the cost to club members. The cost will be \$25.00/person and 12-16 year olds will be \$10.00/ea.



*Oh, dear, another oops for Vonda. (her chair gave out). Well, at least it won't qualify her for the Indecent Exposure Award... Photo submitted by Dave Downing.*





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Mr. Charlie Aymond  
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Dear Mr. Aymond,

I write on behalf of the members of the Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B, Inc. re-enacting club to express our sincere thanks for the opportunity to participate in the inaugural Ella Sharp Museum Civil War Days.

That the Civil War Days event benefitted from careful and imaginative planning was obvious from the get-go. Its education stations provided the 400+ student attendees with interesting and informative hands-on presentations on a variety of topics of importance to the Civil War era.

Permit me to praise Mr. Traie Shelhart and Ms. Amanda McCormick for the superb job they did as liaison to the re-enactors. Their willingness to provide everything necessary for our comfort and enjoyment was greatly appreciated!

The Seventh Michigan looks forward to helping assure the success of Civil War Days in 2017.

Cordially,

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