

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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*Federal Field Music at Camp Blair Monument Dedication, July 21, 2007, Jackson, MI*

from the Editor...  
Woe to the poor folks who've  
not paid up their wee  
dues...you'll be missin' your  
darlin' newsletter!  
See the Treasurer's  
Report on Page 2....



## Next club meeting:

Sunday, March 17  
1:00pm Robbins UMC  
Civilian Sewing Party:  
Saturday, March 16  
(see report, page 7)

St.  
Patrick's  
Day -  
March 17





## President's Report



Why do you reenact? If you've been in the hobby more than a couple of months you've been asked that question. Answers vary; a love of history; the excitement of the mock battles; to honor our ancestors who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. No matter what brings you to the hobby I expect what has kept you here, like me, are the wonderful people whom you have formed friendships with.

I attended my first "event" at the Woldumar Nature Center in March of 200; I had a brand new rifle that I didn't even know was still full of packing grease. I had stuck my ramrod in the barrel before I even attended my first event and broke it getting it out (I was too embarrassed to tell). I was terrified, felt incredibly awkward and bewildered by the confusing terms, movements and actions of drill. What made a difference was the patience and support provided by the members of the 7<sup>th</sup>. Drill has never been intuitive to me; I have had to work really hard to learn it (and still struggle when the weekend wears on and my brain and body slow).

There certainly are some "bad eggs" in the hobby. But they are a tiny minority who create annoyances and can't destroy the many wonderful people and experiences that the hobby offers. I have watched our group heal over this past year. Once again people linger after meetings to spend time with old friends, joke and laugh, and look forward to our time together. That is what reenacting is.

Thank you,

*Doug*

### 2013 Leadership

#### New Member co-Chairs:

Jeff Verstraete (military)  
jbvisme@gmail.com  
Heather Jarrett (civilian)  
btjarrett@aol.com

President: Doug McComas  
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.

*Ellyw*  
Ellyw Painter, Editor

## Treasurer's Report.

The following people have not paid their dues by March 1 and will not be able to participate at Greenfield Village on Memorial Day weekend.

They will not receive the newsletters starting in March.

These people have not paid their dues for 2013 as of March 1, 2013 and have been dropped from membership:

Jared Babcock  
Paul Bargardi  
Armin Berg  
Bernadette Butgereit  
David/Susan Carlson  
Roger Carpenter  
John Chamberlain

Robert/Sandra Chapman  
Ian Halbeisen  
Marilyn/Ned Hughes  
Dale/Mary Jo Johnston  
Dianne/John Klimas  
Ezekiel Koster

Robert McVay  
Douglas/Jerri Munn  
Fred/Winona Neville  
Todd/Tami Rakestraw  
Scott Shattuck  
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

---submitted by Dick Williams





# 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Military Minutes – February 24, 2013

## 2013 Military Structure

Co-Captains: Dave Slayton  
Tom Emerick  
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



## 2012 Military Activities

### December 7-9, 2012 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Fredericksburg – Fredericksburg, VA

Per a communication from John Braden (3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan, Co. F), he highly recommends purchasing the official 150<sup>th</sup> Battle of Fredericksburg event video. Per John the close-in camera work reduced the modern encroachments we experienced. Our company is shown crossing the river at 8:46 and skirmishing with the Rebels from 9:06 on. This epoch ends at 10:57 with our company marching off. Our battalion is shown going into line at the base of Marye's Heights at 27:55 and shown engaged through 29:45. The video may be ordered from Heritage Media LLC at [www.heritagemediallc.com](http://www.heritagemediallc.com)

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### February 9 – Breakfast and Cartridge Rolling Party – Lansing, MI

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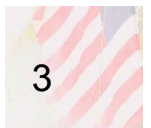
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### February 16 – Military School of Instruction – Leslie, MI

Tom Emerick reported 30+ men from various units participated in a solid six hours of drill. Representatives from the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan, 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan, 18<sup>th</sup> Michigan, 21<sup>st</sup> Michigan, 33<sup>rd</sup> Virginia (yes, there were Secesh there), and Brothers from the S.U.V.C.W. Blair Camp #7 fell into our ranks.

The first order of business was Tom extending a very public apology to Sgt. (then Cpl.) Dan Conklin. For the past several years at national events guards posted at headquarters have been subjected to a former, high-ranking officer convincing guards to give him their weapon for miscellaneous reasons. The officer would then publicly dress them down for violating U.S. Army Regulations dictating guards never surrender their weapons to anyone. Dan succumbed to this prank at the 145<sup>th</sup> Battle of Gettysburg event and has been the butt of ridicule from his 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan comrades ever since. Whilst reading through the 1861 U.S. Regulations (Para. 413) Tom discovered Dan had properly followed orders and relinquished his weapon to his commanding officer. Tom congratulated Dan at being historically correct under pressure in the presence of a senior officer. We all promised to cease abusing Dan about this incident in the future. Tom cautioned all attendees about falling prey to this form of re-enactorism in the future.



The first hour of drill concentrated solely on School of the Soldier footwork and maneuvering. This was followed by sessions specific to company and battalion level maneuvers, manual of arms/stacking arms/firing positions, forming line of battle, and Color Guard. All of the attending officers and NCOs were given opportunities to command the troops and/or drill in the various NCO positions. We mixed in examples of proper salutes without and whilst under arms. Jim MacKinnon guided us through an excellent Skirmish Drill session. Mark Heath contributed with lessons on bugle calls throughout the day as well as maneuvering us by the bugle versus verbal commands. Tom and the up-and-coming percussionist, Pvt. Noah Verstraete, practiced basic drum signals, cadences, and marching too.

Tom indicated that familiarity with the U.S Regulations and Casey's Infantry Tactics (used by the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan military) covers most of the basics regarding camp life, military protocol, maneuvers, etc. Tom cautioned the attending NCOs and officers against falling into the common trap of only reading School of the Soldier and School of the Company and assuming they cover everything on how to portray their chosen rank. Many of the basic maneuvers taught in SofS and SofC are further modified within School of the Battalion and Evolution of the Brigade. Tom's analogy was that SofC and SofB were designed to initiate raw recruits into the Army way of life. SofB and EotB build on (modify) the basics and teach NCOs and officers what is really function as a fighting unit.

During the drills we discussed a few re-enactorisms adopted over the past few decades. It almost sounded like "Truth or Consequences" for us old-timers.

1. While on guard duty, sentinels are not to let their rifles touch the ground. (True)  
Contrary to my statement at the drill session, the Regulations (Para.415) specify "They [sentinels] will carry their arms habitually at support or on either shoulder but will never quit them. In wet weather if there be no sentry box they will secure arms."
2. Enlisted men need only salute an officer in camp once throughout an entire day. (False)  
This custom was passed onto me by a senior officer several years ago but I cannot locate a reference in any military manual to support it. I now suspect my mentor was unfamiliar with proper military protocol or was just tired of me saluting him all of the time. Looks like I am going to build up my right arm muscles constantly returning salutes to my enlist men for another season.
3. Company officers do not echo commands while in a battalion formation/maneuver. (False)  
This is a verbal "custom" that was taught to me when I first became a Company officer. However, in Casey's Infantry Tactics the Company officers are directed to repeat, at a minimum, the march and halt commands. In fact, within Casey's Company-level officers are instructed to repeat the Battalion commander's commands to their individual companies during a majority of the battalion and brigade maneuvers. I suspect we adopted this "guideline" due to the small size of re-enacting companies/battalions versus the size of the original units. Just another reason for me to continue using those lemon drops Wendi Schroeder prescribed to me long ago.

At midday we were treated to a free (and hot) potluck dinner organized by the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Civilians and Steve Hainstock. My personal thanks goes out to all who contributed to the feast.

At the end of the day we experienced the exact same problem as last year where we just plain ran out of time to cover everything on the schedule. Everyone indicated the drill was well worth attending and are anxiously looking forward to next month's drill date.

### **March 9 – Military School of Instruction – Leslie, MI**

We will be hosting another six-hour infantry drill session from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the White Pine Academy. The school will be open an hour in advance so drills can begin promptly at 9:00. Lessons will cover basic maneuvers and formations taken from School of the Company and School of the Battalion. Instruction will concentrate on positioning and movements of Corporals, Sergeants, up through Field Officers within the various evolutions. Mark Heath will be maneuvering us by bugle again and Tom Emerick promises to add more sessions (to include Dress Parade) not covered in the February drill.

All attendees should wear the uniform with their current rank, bring their rifle or sword, accoutrements, and **soft-soled shoes**. Modern athletic shoes are permitted and encouraged as we will be drilling inside a gymnasium on tile floors. Please no heel plates. Leave all ammunition at home.

Tom is reserving a room for at the local Crossroads Restaurant for our noontime meal. This is to take advantage of the restaurant's large room to share camaraderie and partake of our afternoon meal en masse. There also is a MacDonald's within a mile of the school. For brown-baggers there are cafeteria tables and a small kitchenette at the school. There will be coffee and light baked goods at the school in the morning before drill commences.

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 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.

Tom needs to know the number of attendees so please notify him if you plan to attend **AND** if you want to be

included in the restaurant reservations. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or [tomjoemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com).

### March 16-17 – 39<sup>th</sup> Kalamazoo Living History Show - Kalamazoo, MI

The Military briefly discussed attending the event always popular with the troops. Tentative plans are to meet at the local Perkins Restaurant at 9:00 for breakfast. Event hours are Saturday 9:00-5:00, Sunday 9:00-4:00. Tickets are \$7/each for a single day or children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Pre-1890 original or reproduction muzzleloaders, living history supplies, and related crafts. Located at Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds (@ Expo Center), 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo. Website at [www.kalamazooshow.com](http://www.kalamazooshow.com)

### March 23 – Charlton Park Drill Weekend – Hastings, MI

Hosted by Captain Ben Cywana and our friends in the 12<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Volunteer Infantry. We have been invited to do company drill in the morning, and then practice skirmish drill between the two companies in the afternoon. We are planning to participate all day Saturday. Park is located at 2545 S. Charlton Park Rd. Hastings, MI, 49058. Contact is Dave Slayton at [slaytondave@juno.com](mailto:slaytondave@juno.com) or (517) 663-4161.

### April 20 – 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Annual Live Shoot – Eaton Rapids, MI

Breakfast 9:00 am at Robin's Nest Restaurant located at 6048 S. Clinton Trail, Eaton Rapids (it is about one mile south of town). About 10:00-10:30 live shoot at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club (4100 Freeman Road, Eaton Rapids) at the corner of 5 Point Highway and Freeman Rd. Contact is Dave Slayton at [slaytondave@juno.com](mailto:slaytondave@juno.com) or (517) 663-4161.

### May 4-5 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gettysburg NPS Living History Program – Gettysburg, PA

Tom Emerick reported the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan has been invited to fall in with Craig DeCrane and the Black Hats who will be camping on the battlefield (location to be determined) and will be portraying the Iron Brigade. There will be numerous Union and Confederate units encamped on the battlefield throughout the weekend. The most important uniform requirement is for participants to wear either the Regulation (Hardee) Hat or a proper, re-production slouch hat. Gaiters and frock coats are optional but strongly recommended. Website for the Gettysburg NPS is <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or [tomjoemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com).

The following men indicated they were interested in attending:

John Chamberlain      Mark Chamberlain      Nathan Kalmoe

### July 4-7 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, PA

Tom Emerick reported the first registration cut-off date for the event has come and gone. Registration is now \$25/person. The event is located at 1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA and website is <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com>. Our **Organization Affiliation** on the registration form will be **Third Division/Black Hat Battalion**. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick, 112 S. Logan St., Dewitt, MI, 48820 (517) 669-5607 and [tomjoemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoemerick@hotmail.com).

#### Ammunition:

We will be involved in six battle scenarios and possibly a non-public tactical. Bring at least 200 rounds.

#### Battalion:

We are designated to serve under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (DeCrane), 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion under Colonel Peter Seielstad.

#### Carpooling:

Tom Emerick will be arriving onsite Tuesday afternoon and departing for Michigan Monday morning. For those of you who want to carpool/caravan please notify Tom of your preferred departure/return dates, and whether you need a ride or can drive, etc. Tom will be coordinating carpools as best as possible.

#### Modern Camping:

The website indicates you may park your RV/Motor-home in the Re-enactor parking lot **however camping in the re-enactor parking lot is prohibited and enforced**. You may **NOT** put out any awnings, lawn chairs, block any additional spaces, build fires, cook outdoors, etc.

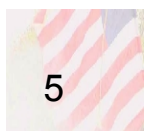
#### Pets:

No Pets are allowed onsite, in camps, or in the parking areas. Forewarned is forearmed.

#### Registration hours:

Are as follows and vehicles need to be out of camp by 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2013.

Tuesday, July 2, 2013	8 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Friday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Wednesday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Saturday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Sunday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	7 a.m. – Noon



**Tentage:**

We are limited to wedges, shelter halves, and flies in the company streets. Plan accordingly.

**Uniforms:**

We will be portraying the Iron Brigade during the **First Day Struggle at Willoughby Run** battle scenario. As part of the Black Hat Battalion for the weekend we are encouraging everyone to bring their Regulation (Hardee) Hat or a proper, re-production slouch hat for that scenario. Frock coats and gaitors are optional for that scenario so bring them if you have them. The remainder of the weekend we will be wearing our forage caps or kepis and our basic four button blouses.

**Confirmed Attendees:**

As of this newsletter, the websites confirms the following men are registered for the event. We have a few more men with their "checks in the mail".

Bjorn Angman	Bjorn Garpstal	Bengt Osterman
Aaron Bolder	Patrik Gustafsson	Elliott Searles
Mark Chamberlain	Mark Heath	Craig Searles
John Chamberlain	Bill Jarrett	Ian Searles
Steve Church	Nathan Kalmoe	Dave Slayton
Dan Conklin	Rolf Lundberg	Jim Slayton
Ed Conklin	Jim MacKinnon	Rob Stone
Craig Crispin	Andrew McComas	Cole Walter
Kevin Doyle	Doug McComas	Dennis Zank
Tom Emerick	Dean Mielke	

**August 24-25 – Cascades Civil War Muster - Jackson, MI**

Tom Emerick reported the battle scenarios for this year are Chancellorsville (Saturday) and Gettysburg (Sunday). We will be using the same format as last year for the battles. Each day's battle will be composed of two half hour scripted scenarios separated by a 5-10 minute "intermission" for the troops to resurrect and redeploy. Tom and his Confederate counterpart, Col. Nick Medich are currently working on the specific scenarios for the battles.

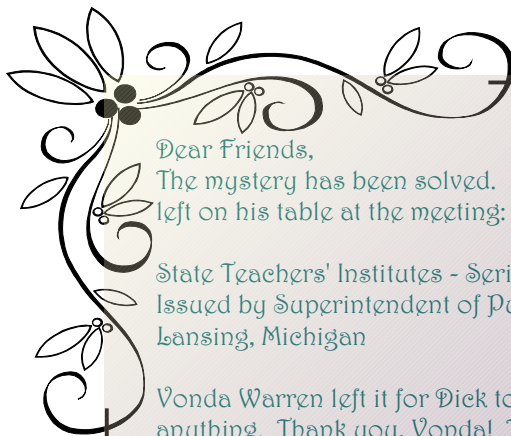
**2013 Maximum Effort Events**

The Military discussed the following events. These were voted on and confirmed as Club Maximum-effort events at the January General Business meeting.

May 4-5	Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Reenactment – Brooklyn, Michigan
May 25-27	Civil War Remembrance Weekend @ Greenfield Village – Dearborn, Michigan
June 2	Jackson Rose Parade – Jackson, Michigan
June 15-16	Battle of Turkeyville – Marshall, Michigan
July 4-7	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
July 20-21	Charlton Park Civil War Muster – Hastings, Michigan
August 24-25	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cascades Civil War Muster – Jackson, Michigan
September 7-8	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster – Holland, Michigan

Most respectfully,  
Your Obedient Servants:

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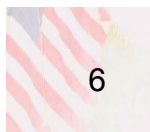


Dear Friends,  
The mystery has been solved. Last month, Dick brought home a book left on his table at the meeting:

State Teachers' Institutes - Series of 1902 Outline  
Issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Lansing, Michigan

Vonda Warren left it for Dick to bring home to me, but forgot to tell him anything. Thank you, Vonda! This book is a real treasure for me. I have a collection of vintage books for historical schools, but I'd never had one like this. Thank you so much.

Love,  
Linda







## Breakfast and Cartridge Making After-Action Report

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In Your Service,  
Co-Captain Dave Slayton

## Civilian Report

Hello all! First I would like to thank all the ladies and Steve who brought food to the February sewing party/drill session potluck! The food was wonderful and greatly appreciated by all who were in attendance.

For our next sewing party on March 16<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a road trip to the Kalamazoo Living History Show and then doing some shopping at local fabric/quilt shops. We are planning on meeting at 9am at the Denny's on Cork St (sorry but The Perkin's is closed). From there we will head to the Gun Show and Fields Fabrics. I know of a couple of fabric shops in the area but if there is anywhere you would like to go please let me know. Also if anyone would like to arrange a carpool to Kalamazoo please let me know.

I will have the talking point information for the mourning house for everyone at the March club meeting. At our breakout session I thought we could try to do a small project to get us ready for the upcoming season. Anyone who would like to make a small chicken pincushion please bring a fat quarter of material, a felt square of complementing color, and a needle and thread. I will bring some period material and felt and I will also have the filling. We made these a long time ago and think it would be a fun activity to try again.

The address for Denny's is 3817 Cork St, Kalamazoo MI 49001

The address for the Kalamazoo Living History Show is 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo MI

For those who have not been there before here is the show's website with information

<http://www.kalamazooshow.com/>

Looking forward to seeing you in March!

Katie Everett  
Civilian Chair  
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(517)393-3475

# March 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 92 Sesquicentennial events listed thus far on the state-wide Reenactors' Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website ([www.micw150.us](http://www.micw150.us)), [there are 7 events listed for March and 9 for April. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to \[www.micw150.us/Hlt3492794312013events.htm\]\(http://www.micw150.us/Hlt3492794312013events.htm\)](#) and clicking on the month in question. Events can be added anytime by contacting [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net).

## March 2013 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

**7. Presentation: *Michigan & the Civil War - A Great and Bloody Sacrifice*** (Community Room, Fremont Area District Library, 104 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan). 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Website: <http://www.fremontlibrary.net/reference/awriterslive.html>. Contact: [231-924-3480](tel:231-924-3480).

**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. 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. Civil War historian David Finney will be the presenter. Website: <http://www.howelllibrary.org>.

**14. Presentation: *Austin Blair - War Governor*** (Sloan Museum, Flint Cultural Center Campus, 1221 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Guest Lecturer will be Kerry Chartkoff. Contact and Reservations: 810-237-3409.

**16 - 17. Gun Show: *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.

**20. Presentation: *Tullahoma Campaign*** (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM. Presenter is Chris Kolakowski. Contact Paul Watson at [pwatson001@indy.rr.com](mailto:pwatson001@indy.rr.com).

**29 - 30. Memorabilia Show: *Crossroads of America Civil War*** (Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove, Indiana). Friday, 4 PM – 8 PM, Saturday, 90 AM – 4 PM. Civil War & Political Items, Contact: Harvey W. Warrner at 313-943-2330.

## April 2013 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

**4 - 7. Reenactment: *Marmaduke's Raid - 150th Anniversary Reenactment*** (Event takes place in the highest and roughest terrain in the Missouri Ozarks). Registration Deadline - March 31, 2013. Contact Jeremy Bevard at [jbj696@yahoo.com](mailto:jbj696@yahoo.com).

**5 - 7. Tactical: *In Hooker's Rear*** (Chancellorsville, Virginia area). A Federal Campaigner Battalion is being raised to participate in the Tactical. Contact: Andy Roscoe at [24thmi@gmail.com](mailto:24thmi@gmail.com).

**6. Civil War Symposium** (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan). 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The Symposium is sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, Inc and the Michigan Historical Center. Cost: \$20.00 per person (*includes registration, box lunch, and free parking*). More information to follow. Contact: Larry Griffin at [griflar2@aol.com](mailto:griflar2@aol.com).

**6. Civil War Trust- National Park Day** (Historical Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Work day. Contact: Tom Berlucci at [tberlucci@yahoo.com](mailto:tberlucci@yahoo.com).

**12 - 14. 2013 Historic Fort Wayne Combined Arms Drill** (Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Contact: Scott Cummings at [scottyhomeseller@charter.net](mailto:scottyhomeseller@charter.net).

**14. 56th 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. Contact [petro7776@aol.com](mailto:petro7776@aol.com).

**17. Presentation: *The Battle at Shiloh Church*** (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM. Contact Paul Watson at [pwatson001@indy.rr.com](mailto:pwatson001@indy.rr.com).

**27. 3rd Annual Coldwater Civil War Spring Ball** (Historic Masonic Temple, 45 East Chicago St, Coldwater, Michigan). 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Tickets: \$15.00 by mail until April 26th, \$20.00 at Door. Contact: Dave McKee at [dm307mckee@charter.net](mailto:dm307mckee@charter.net).

**27. 3rd Annual Civil War Dinner**. (Monroe VFW Hall, 400 Jones Ave, Monroe, Michigan). 5:00 - Doors open, 6:00 PM - Dinner. The cost is \$20. All proceeds are going to a Monroe County Civil War publication. Contact: Christine Kull at [chris\\_kull@monroemi.org](mailto:chris_kull@monroemi.org).

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 Sat., April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Robin's Nest restaurant south of Eaton Rapids, at 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 WHO WISH 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 are 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.

The cartridge rolling for the Swedes at Gettysburg has gone well. We still need approx 15 arsenal packs and 140 loose rounds to have enough. If you can donate rounds please have them at the next meeting.

---submitted by Don Everett

## EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

We already have 2 confirmed dates for next year's school programs. Birney Middle School in Southfield, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and Ovid Middle School May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Dexter Middle School May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 through out the year.

---submitted by Don Everett



# The 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Sutler

The 7<sup>th</sup> has, over the last year, 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, 44/32...\$20**  
 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  
**Trousers, CS, jean cloth 36/26...\$20**  
 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  
 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, XL...\$2  
 Long drawers, 40/42...\$10  
 Short drawers...\$1  
 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  
**Forage cap, CS...\$15**

## SHOES

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



## WEAPONS

Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625  
 Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompon, 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...\$5  
 Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$15  
 Tompon, 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  
 Tablespoon, fiddle back (2)...\$0.50  
 Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50  
 Fork...\$0.50  
 Knife...\$0.50

## 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...\$0.50  
 Poke sack, pillow ticking, small...\$1  
 Soap, period w/ poke sack...\$1  
 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  
 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

---submitted by Don Everett,  
 Company Quartermaster

