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8th Arkansas/22th Michigan Mid-Winter Ball, Central UMC, Lansing, MI – Feb. 22, 2014. Photo by Cindi Carlson



2014 Leadership

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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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Usually in writing these the "shrink" in me comes out. I try to weave in some thought or message. This month I want to make everyone aware of two decisions in which we need and desire your input.

Over the past several months we have discussed the possible purchase of an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED). These devices are portable and can be used to shock someone's heart into a normal rhythm with certain types of heart attacks. Recently we requested a legal opinion on liability from attorney and reenactor Ben Cwayna. He basically stated that both the 7th and individual members would not be exposed to undo liability if the device was brought to all sponsored events and people who desired were given appropriate training in its use. Since those present were still very divided on the decision it was felt that everyone should be made aware of the desire to take a vote and make a final decision on pursuing purchasing a device and training or choosing not to do so. If you want your voice heard please plan on being at the March meeting.

Secondly, over the course of several months your board has met before the club meetings to review and "clean up" our policies. You will find attached a copy of the revised policies. I commend the board members on taking their time to complete this task. I personally feel that the changes are not anything controversial or radical and bring the policies into line with our actual practices. For example, we removed the list of recommended sutlers and added, "Please consult with the quartermaster or experienced members on purchases of clothing or equipment". We will be asking for an up or down vote to adopt the policy manual as revised, as a whole. Please take a little time to review the documents even if you aren't attending the March meeting.

Our first Max event is Greenfield Village; some of the boys will be joining the 12th South Carolina in May in the Wilderness, The Rose Parade in June, then Turkeyville, Charlton Park in July and the 30th Jackson in August. We'll round out the season with Van Ralte in September and the Harvest Ball in October.

May we meet on one or many of those fields.

Your most obedient servant,

Doug



Photo submitted by Bill Jarrett

Military minutes - February 2014

Captain: Dave Slayton
Lieutenant: Jim MacKinnon
1st Sergeant: Doug McComas
Sergeants: Dan Conklin, Rob Stone
Corporals: Tom Edwards, Andrew
McComas, Dennis Zank, Bill Jarrett
Chief Bugler: Mark Heath

The military discussed what possible 2014 "maximum effort" events to attend, and during the combined meeting the 7th Michigan decided to support the following events as max effort. Opportunities to reenact are getting less available, so it opens up more time for us to concentrate our efforts. The more we can attend maximum effort events, the greater the experience, particularly if we can field a larger company.

There are so many more things we can do and be a part of when we can, as an organization, prioritize our group efforts. So please check your schedules and availability to attend the maximum events listed below, and I will be grateful for the chance to reenact with as many as possible.

- May 24-26: Greenfield Village, Dearborn
- June 1st: Rose Parade in Jackson
- June 14-15: Turkeyville (north of Marshall)
- July 19-20: Charlton Park, Hastings
- August 23-24: Jackson Muster
- September 20-21: Van Raalte Farm, Holland
- October: Harvest Ball, Lansing

There are other events and training opportunities available, as noted below:

Living History Programs:

Help is always welcome at these school programs. If you can attend, please contact Don Everett (517-393-3475).

- April 25th, noon to 4pm – Ovid Middle School
- May 9th, 8am – 3pm, Dexter Middle School
- May 16th, 1pm – 3pm, Southfield, Birney Middle School

7th Michigan Annual Target Shoot:

The date is April 26th, and we are trying something different. Instead of a restaurant, we will be served breakfast at 8:30 am, at Robbins Church about 5 miles northeast of Eaton Rapids (6419 Bunker Rd, Eaton Rapids) by Jeff Verstaete and Anson Roland.

Then it is off to the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club west of Eaton Rapids (4388 Freeman Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827) at 10:00 am for target shooting with the wide variety of arms that our members or you bring. Rumor has it there may be a competition!

Fort Wayne – 4th Michigan Drill

We have been invited to participate in the spring drill of the 4th Michigan. Here are the details, and note the deadline to register and pay is March 15th. Tom Emerick is planning to attend the 4th Michigan drill weekend the end of March as a private if anyone else is interested in going down. It should be a very good weekend with lots of food, camaraderie, and serious drill time with Russ Paul, Dennis Whiting, and gang. Plus you get to sleep and eat in the old fort once again. Contact Tom if you would be interested in going (tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com).



WINTER CAMP 2014

When? March 28-30, 2014
Where? Historic Fort Wayne, Detroit, MI

Why? To brush off the cobwebs and get into the groove of all things Civil War!

We've moved our adventure to Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit, MI! It's closer to home and offers a great opportunity to support something that is near and dear to our hearts! And, we've lowered the price from last year! Friday night is a time to relax and get settled in! Hotdogs, chips, cookies, and pop will be available all evening long to snack on. Saturday includes drill for the guys and plenty of hands on activities and workshops for the ladies and kiddies! There is the possibility of an after dinner speaker this year too!

Your registration includes all meals and lodging for the entire weekend! Workshops may require an additional cost and/or a request to bring supplies. You'll need to bring your own bedding (whatever you use for events in the summer!). So here's the breakdown for costs! There are several different options so everyone can participate!

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FAMILY RATE (parents and children under the age of 18): \$50
INDIVIDUAL RATE : \$25 per person
SATURDAY ONLY (breakfast, lunch and dinner) \$18 per person
SATURDAY EVENING ONLY (dinner and evening activities) \$15 per person

New 4th Michigan recruits(first timers): \$35 for the weekend (and it includes your 2014 dues!)
Registration Deadline: March 15. All fees must be paid in full no later than March 15.
Checks can be made payable to the 4th Michigan (with Winter Camp in the notation section) and mailed to: David Fildey,
117 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 129, Leslie, MI 49251

Should you wish to provide and cook your own food, you are more than welcome to do so. Just please keep in mind that the meals we have planned require the use of the kitchen, so you may have to prepare yours over a fire. Also, if you provide and cook for yourself we would still request a minimum of a \$5 donation, which we will pass along with our donation to the HFWC for use of the facilities. If any of you have any questions please feel free to contact me via Facebook, email, or phone (248-515-3349). Hope you can join us! Russ Paul, 4th Michigan, Co. A

150th Wilderness Event – May 2-4, 2014

Individuals have been invited by Ben Cywana and his unit to fall in with them if we are not going as a unit. Currently we have 4-5 men interested in going to this national event. If you are interested in going as well, please contact Doug McComas of the 7th Michigan. See Ben's note below:

My company is going to the 150th Wilderness the first weekend in May. We are planning on going Federal for the first time in years. If there is any interest from the 7th in going, please let me know as they are more than welcome to fall in with us if you are not going as a unit.

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After Action Report –Leslie Training

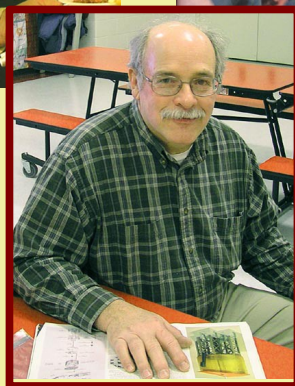
On Saturday, February 15th, the 7th Michigan held our annual spring training, thankfully indoors at the White Pine Academy in Leslie. We had 16 reenactors attend, and Tom Emerick led us through a refresher on multiple subjects. We went through the basics of proper footwork, rifle carrying positions, firing positions, stacking arms, where Captains and NCO go in various formations like fixed and moving wheels, forming a company, forming a battalion, dress parade and how and when to salute. And Lt. Jim McKinnon led us through skirmish drill, including firing on the move while marching by the flank. A great job was done by both of them.

A much appreciated lunch was provided by the Ladies of the 7th, with chili, au gratin potatoes, sloppy joes, potato soup, bread, lots of desserts and some things I've forgotten. The food was excellent but the best thing was the thought and effort of the Ladies to do that for us. Thank you, Ladies, very much indeed. We also had donuts provided by Tom Emerick, Rob Stone and Jim McKinnon to go with the morning coffee (thanks to Joan Emerick and Julie Everett, I think). All in all, good training and good fellowship.

In closing, the next meeting will be March 16th at 1:00 pm, at Robbins United Methodist Church, 6419 Bunker Road, Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827. I hope you can join us! If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Most respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant:
Dave Slayton, Captain
slaytondave@juno.com
(517) 663-4161





Note the new style regulation footwear this season for Federal troops.

Great Civil War Vacations:

While on the trip to 150th Gettysburg this past summer Anson, Lorrie and I had the privilege of being able to stop to see this beautiful monument in the square in downtown Cleveland. This monument has the names of our Great-great Grandfather William Budd and his brother Thomas inscribed on one of the panels inside the monument. Both served with the same company in the Atlanta campaign with one battle at Resaca. The Soldier's and Sailor's monument has the names of all Civil War soldiers and sailors from Cuyahoga County, Ohio listed. It is a beautiful, ornate monument dedicated to those from that county who served in the Civil War. Even if you have no one listed it is well worth the stop. The inside and outside has beautiful bronze statues and plaques as well as other displays.

-----Sandy McCarrick



“ALL LINE UP FOR THE GRAND MARCH!”

Several 7th Michigan members attended the (18th) Annual 8th Arkansas / 22nd Michigan Mid-Winter Grand Ball, Feb. 22, at Central UMC, Lansing (the same church where we hold our annual Harvest Ball) . It was a well-filled hall, with the usual scrumptious finger food buffet. Music was again provided by the Golden Griffon Stringtet, but caller for the evening was the excellent Glen Morningstar, Jr., of the Olde Michigan Ruffwater Stringband, who filled in for Griffon caller Karen Dunnam. Photos are by Cindi Carlson.



A gentleman friend named Joe came with the Rolands, (pictured with the group on front page), and a young lady, Amelia, was a guest of the Carlsons (pictured on this page.)

For all dance lovers...

Coldwater Historical Society presents the 3rd

Annual Civil War Spring Ball

Sat. April 26, 2014

In the Historic Masonic Temple

Coldwater, MD

For more info, see our own club website, or:

[Wwww.cwcvmi.com/civil-war-ball.html](http://www.cwcvmi.com/civil-war-ball.html)

Phone contact:

David McKee

517-924-0438



“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

The Perfect Winter Vacation - A Reenactment?

After Action Report: Olustee, Florida - February 15-16, 2014

By Tim Cunningham

Did the Civil War reach all the way to Florida? Yes. In fact, there were several engagements fought in Florida, the largest of which took place on February 20, 1864, at Olustee or Ocean Pond, Florida.

In the 1860's Florida was a mysterious place. Its subtropical wilderness on the southern edge of the continent had long been a haven for runaway slaves. A recent addition to the Union, its population of less than 150,000 was centered in the northern counties along the Georgia-Alabama border. Vast cattle ranches dotted the central interior, but population south of Tampa Bay was sparse. Rail lines barely touched the state, the most important of which was the Central Florida Railroad, which had its rail head at Lake City, 40 miles south of the Georgia border. Ranchers from the central part of the state would drive their cattle to the rail head at Lake City to be shipped north to the Confederate Army. South of Lake Okeechobee, the Seminole Indians remained hidden in the vast reaches of the Everglades. The fishing village of Key West was the only white settlement in the south.

By 1864 support for the Confederacy in Florida was beginning to wane. The defeats of 1863 combined with the severe shortages brought on by the ever tightening blockade, were causing most Floridians to lose faith in the Southern war effort. With the 1864 election approaching, President Lincoln saw the opportunity to return Florida to the Union. To do so the army would need to seize the state capital at Tallahassee and install a Union favored government, as it had in Tennessee. A winter campaign that far south was practical.

Battle Summary

The mission to retake Florida was assigned to the Department of the South, under the command of General Quincy Gillmore, based at Hilton Head, South Carolina, who then gave the campaign to division commander, Truman Seymour. The Army of the South was really not an army at all. It was a small corp consisting of two divisions. Its task was to take the seaports along the Georgia-South Carolina coast, in particular Charleston, but as this was the backwater of the war it was woefully understrengthened. In its ranks was the legendary 54th Massachusetts, now under command of Lt Colonel Edward Hallowell. These were, in fact, the same troops that had assaulted Fort Wagner in July of 1863.

Seymour's orders were to transport his command to Jacksonville by sea, march west to Lake City, seize and occupy the rail head at Lake City, then continue on to Tallahassee. It was a bold plan but with only a small division of about 5,000 he lacked the means.

Confederate forces in Florida were under the command of General Joseph Finnegan. His force consisted of



Tim, hiking in Ocala National Forest, February 2014. Photo by Rick Cunningham

approximately 3,000 poorly armed and trained militia troops. When Seymour's force landed at Jacksonville, Finnegan frantically wired for help to the Confederate war department, who sent him several more regiments of militia from Georgia.

Following the rail line Seymour moved west with little opposition until he encountered Finnegan's force near Olustee Station on the afternoon of February 20. The Confederates were in a strong position, entrenched with their right flank anchored on a large lake known as Ocean Pond and the left on an impenetrable cypress swamp. Thinking he would easily sweep this force away, Seymour fed his division in piecemeal but they were consistently repulsed by rifle and cannon fire. Having suffered great casualties the Federals were vulnerable. At dusk Finnegan counter attacked driving the Union troops from the field, however, the Confederate cavalry failed to follow up. Only a powerful stand by the 54th Massachusetts allowed the Federals to retreat in order.

The rail head at Lake City remained in Confederate hands till war's end and continued to ship cattle until Sherman's March to the Sea wrecked the rail system in Georgia. Tallahassee was the only Confederate state capital to not be taken by force during the war. The battle itself was another classic example of the inability to assault a fortified position with the weapons and tactics of the time.

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Federal army at morning colors



Olustee Battle



54th Massachusetts at Olustee

The Olustee battlefield is located on Florida Rt 90 8 miles south of Interstate 10. It is about 25 miles east of Lake City, Florida and I -75. The annual reenactment is on Presidents Day weekend.

The Reenactment

We all have our bucket list. One of mine was to attend an Olustee reenactment before age ends my reenacting career. Having grown up in Florida I still have great attachment to the Sunshine State. The 150th anniversary combined with this lousy winter - this was the year to go. Even leaving from Cincinnati, North Florida is still a full day's drive, and with the poor weather, an iffy proposition. I planned to make my journey south starting Thursday February 13, but was detoured by the snow and ice storm which had left I-75 impassable through the mountains of Tennessee. Nevertheless I arrived before sunset on Friday.

Being a field musician I always try to make contact with the principal musician ahead of time whenever I travel to an event alone. This often earns me an invite to camp at Federal headquarters which means lots of good food. Principal musician Lt Colonel John Poe and the First New York Engineers were the headquarters company for Federal commander James Permane.

Friday evening's dinner consisted of a great beef and vegetable stew, but the meal was interrupted by General Permane's tent catching fire. A overheated Sibley stove had set his tent ablaze and half of it was gone before we were able to extinguish it.

The clear and cold night was beset by brilliant stars and a clear view of the Milky Way until a pale yellow moon rose through the tall pines in the east. In the wee hours of the morning a violent thunder storm swept through and was gone as quickly as it came. Morning parade lined up at 8.00 AM and marched to the Confederate monument where both sides gathered for a colorful ceremony to raise the flags. I was surprised to see the number of troops on each side nearly equal in strength- in spite of how far south we were. I would have guessed the total numbers to be around 2,000. Soon afterward thousands of spectators, brought by shuttle buses, poured in. Despite the night's rain the day was clear and cool.

First call for battle came at 2.30. The Federal army was reinforced by a galvanized battalion from the Department of the Gulf, who had an excellent fife and drum corps. After a long flanking march followed by a ruckus battle, we drove the Rebs from the field. A cheering crowd loved it. Evening featured an excellent dance in one of the largest tents I've seen. Morning had a well attended church service, presided over by the Reverend Alan Farley, who preached at our Jackson event a few years ago.

The Sunday battle was a reenactment of the actual Olustee. Now the galvanizers returned to gray uniforms and we were badly outnumbered. This included the fifes and drums, which left me a spectator. As, at the time, in 1864, the Federals were driven from the field after several failed attacks.

All in all it was great event. For Florida reenacting it is their annual signature event and their season is built around it. It is one of the few large conflicts that can be recreated on the actual sacred ground. Getting in and out is not difficult and there is more than enough wood, water, and facilities. Most of the large sutlers are there, including Fall Creek. The event happens every year on Presidents Day weekend and the proceeds from it support the park for the year. The park just received a grant of one million dollars to build a new museum. Although it is a long way from Michigan I would highly recommend the Olustee reenactment as a great addition to a Florida winter vacation.

Civilian Report..

Hello all! I hope everyone is still staying warm; spring will be here soon (I hope)! I would like to thank all of the Ladies and Gentlemen who brought food to the February sewing party/guys drill session. I hope everyone that attended had a good time.

Our sewing party this month will be Saturday March 15th at Sandy McCarrick's home in Portland. She has made reservations for breakfast at the Looking Grand Café for 9am. There is a quilt shop just across the street from the restaurant! Please bring a dish to pass for potluck lunch. Anyone that would like to car pool will need to meet at the Flying J in Grand Ledge at 8:15. Julie Everett has offered to drive; we may need additional drivers depending on how many will be attending. Please let me know if you would like to car pool so we can get a head count beforehand.

At our February meeting we discussed having a tent at Charlton Park for the ladies to sit under and participate in activities. We also began making final plans for our tent at the Jackson event. We will be making church babies and ribbon rosettes. Vonda will be doing a pocket lady impression and we will have games and toys for children to try.

We are trying to narrow down a date for the Ladies Retreat Weekend that won't interfere with any of the fall events.

Hope to see you all soon! Remember - think spring!

Katie Everett
Civilian Co-Chair
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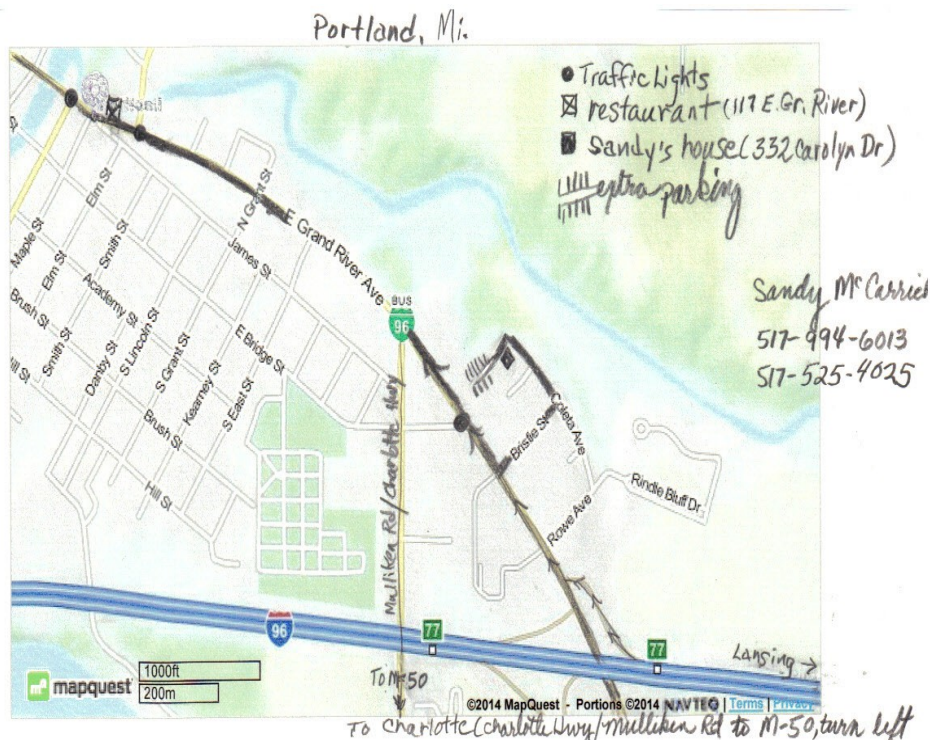
Directions to the restaurant in Portland:

From Lansing take I-96 toward Grand Rapids and exit @the first Portland exit. (Grand River) Turn right at the bottom of the ramp. Go through TWO traffic lights and the restaurant is just past the second one on the right.

From Charlotte take M-50 to Mulliken Rd/Charlotte Hwy all the way to the end and turn left on Grand River. Go through ONE traffic light to the restaurant on the right.

Looking Grand Café 117 E Grand River Ave, Portland MI

Sandy's house 7204 E Grand River Ave Lot 21, Portland MI
(517) 994-6013 (517) 525-4025



Treasurer's Report:

DUES ARE DUE! If you have not paid your dues by March 1, you will not be on the roster for Greenfield Village and will not be invited to attend. Memorial day weekend.

Those not paying dues will not receive the newsletter starting in March, If you know someone on this list remind them that they have not paid their dues as of Feb 25th.

These members have not paid their dues for 2014:

Carol Blanchard
Rose Batdorff
Maggie/Quentin Brainerd
David Chain
Leigh Cole/Kim Bernardo
Craig/Gretchen Crispen
Brandon Emond
Adam Gaines
LuAnn Gaines
Charles/Jessica Hainstock
Jim Hayner
Celeste Hude
Mary Jones
Nathan Kalmoe
Claude/Joanne Lawrence
Steve/Angela Morgan
Scott Timoszyk
Carla Tuma
Casey Wallick/Melissa Bateman
Ryan/Melanie Woll
Dues are \$16.00 for an individual and \$19.20 for a family.
Checks are to be made out to the 7th Michigan Vol. Inf., Co B, Inc.
And sent to:
PO BOX 16206
LANSING MI 48901-6206
Don Everett, Treasurer

Upcoming: Live Shoot - Sat. April 26

This year's live shoot is Sat April 26th. From now on it will be known as the Charlie Colegrove Memorial Military Shoot. Charlie enjoyed participating in past shoots and his mother ask that we remember him in this small way. Breakfast will be provided at Robbins UMC, where we hold our meetings. Jeff Verstrate will be cooking. Breakfast is at 8:30 am and the shoot is at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club at 10 am. Maps are located on the 7th's web site. Bring your military weapons regardless of time period and enjoy some shooting. Women and children are welcome although parents should consider their children's age and shooting experience. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me djkeverett@comcast.net or 517-393-3475. See you all there with plenty of rounds.

Don Everett, Quartermaster



Quartermaster report

We still have a lot of gear available. The best way to see what's new is to attend a meeting as I bring the sutlery with me. I will also have powder, caps & paper at the meetings as well as other club events. If you know what gear you might be interested in contact me and I can bring it to the other club events as well.

---- Don Everett, Quartermaster

Education Report

We are well booked for School Programs this season. All members are welcome and encouraged to come to a School Program and help out as a presenter. The old timers will give you a hand in helping with the presentation. We try to do both Military and Civilian impressions so men and women are welcome. These programs are one way that we fund our organization please consider helping as they all bring donations.

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Feb 20, 2014 Jonesville. Williams Elementary School, 440 Adrian

St. Jonesville. Program has been canceled and we are trying to re-schedule.

April 25, 2014 Ovid Middle School. Program begins at 1pm til the end of the school day. We will have rounds for firing demonstration.

Directions to follow in later newsletter.

May 9 Dexter Middle School. Program beginning with the start of the school day and runs all day. We may be able to delay it till 9am as we did last year. Military note remove the nipple from your musket to make it non firing.

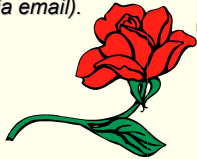
Direction to follow in later newsletter. May 16th Southfield Birney Middle School. Program from 1pm til close of school. We will be judging projects as well as providing a 1 hour program. Directions to follow in later newsletter. We are also in discussion with a Middle School in Paw Paw and a senior living facility for programs. As always we try to carpool to these programs to cut down on travel. If you can help contact me at a meeting or by e-mail at djkeverett@comcast.net or by phone at 517-393-3475 and leave a message.

---Don Everett, Education Director

Condolences ...

To Celeste Hude,
whose brother, John
Gallagher, passed away
on February 7, at the age
of 63. He had developed
early onset dementia in
his late 50's. He lived in
Mulliken, MI.

(an earlier announcement
was sent out to
members via email).



These are my two new "kids" - Hector (L) and Chase. They may look cute and docile, but looks are deceiving. I feel like the mother of two mad, sweet, rowdy toddlers, so you get the picture, I'm sure! AND -they are not shy of strangers like my previous cats, so you will actually get to see them if you visit!



Center grave is that of Ohio field musician, Joseph Wyatt, who perished at Andersonville. Photo by Tim Cunningham

Next Issue...
A Visit to
Andersonville

March 2014 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 110 Sesquicentennial events currently listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2014 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), there are six events listed for March. Additional information on each of these and future month's events may be obtained by going to www.micw150.us/2013events.htm and clicking on the month in question. Michigan events and events of interest to Michigan for 2014 can be added anytime by contacting pcinc@prodigy.net. Last year a total of 174 events were listed, which was a little less than the 180 in 2012, but a little more than the 163 in 2011.

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2. 5th Michigan Winter Drill (Richfield County Park 6322 Irish Road, Davison, Michigan). 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Focus will be on School of the Soldier and School of the Company and Skirmish Drill. You need to put zip-ties on your musket hammers to lock them in place (park rules). Also, no caps or powder. Outdoor drill with coffee, fire in nearby pavilion. Plan to wear your complete uniform and have all accoutrements. Modern boots, scarves, hats, and gloves are permissible to keep you warm. Bring something to eat, and fill your canteen at home prior to leaving. Contact: Jeremy Buschlen at jeremy.buschlen@yahoo.com.

5 & 12. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The GAR Memorial Hall and Museum was built in 1886 and was used by the Eaton Rapids GAR Post #111 from the late 1886 to 1924. The building was obtained by the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum, Inc in 2013. The bottom floor of the building houses a Museum and contains many GAR memorabilia. The upper floor of the building is set up as it was when the Civil War Union veterans met there. Additional GAR memorabilia also is present on this floor. Admission is free. For those individuals who wish to help support the GAR Museum, both Charter (\$100) and General (\$25) memberships are available. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>.

13. Presentation: Clara Barton and Susie King Taylor – Pioneering Nursing on the Civil War Battlefield (Monroe County Civil War Round Table, Ellis Library and Reference Center, 3700 South Custer, Monroe, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Laura Schultz Pipis, from the American Red Cross, will share information about the lives of Clara Barton and Susie King Taylor. Event is free and open to the public. Contact: Charmaine Wawrzyniec at 734-241-5277.

15 - 16. Black Power Gun Show: 39th 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. Admission is \$7.00 for a single day, \$10.00 for a weekend pass. Website: <http://www.kalamazooshow.com/index.html>.

19. Presentation: Ft. Donaldson (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM (Doors open at 7:00 PM). Presenter is Brian McCutcheon. Website: <http://civilwar.connerprairie.org/share/calendar>. Contact Paul Watson at pwatson001@indy.rr.com.

28 - 30. Winter Camp and Midwinter Drill: 4th Michigan School of Instruction for Officers and NCOs (Historical Fort Wayne, 6325 Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Saturday includes drill and plenty of hands on activities and workshops. Registration includes all meals and lodging for the entire weekend! Workshops may require an additional cost and/or a request to bring supplies. Bring your own bedding. Contact for more information: Russ Paul at puknut33@aol.com.

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 host the annual Reenactors' Conference in November and creates the statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar.

