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7th Michigan Ladies' Retreat at Vonda Warren's home in Charlotte, February 17-19, 2017. Photo by Ellyn Painter

Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, March 19
1:00PM

Robbins UMC
Eaton Rapids, MI

THE LAST WORD ON CLUB DUES! If you did not pay your dues by Feb 28th you will NOT be on the roster to participate at Greenfield Village.

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7th Michigan Club News:

CONGRATULATIONS: Gilbert and Cyndi Carlson recently celebrated 26 years of marriage.

(The photo is actually from their last year's celebration in Lexington, KY). Photo submitted by Cyndi Carlson.



Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:
Daniel Malick (military)
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Vice President: Steve Church
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Dan Conklin, Joy Henderson,
Bill Jarrett
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Club Historian: Doug McComas
Webmaster: Dennis Zank

Website: www.7thmichigan.us

Annual Membership Dues:
\$16.00 – single
\$19.20 – family
\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as
non-participating/non-voting member
Mail payments or inquiries to:

7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, Inc.
P.O. Box 16206, Lansing, MI 48901-6206

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted
information for this month's issue.
Deadline date for submissions is the **25th**
of each month. Please have all reports,
articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form.
I am able to accept documents in most of the
usual word processing programs or formats.

If accompanying maps or images are
needed, **please** include 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.

Personal news items are welcomed and
encouraged, or photos of special
events. Original articles (800-1000 word
limit) pertaining to the Civil War or
reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:
7thminewsletter@gmail.com

Or mail to:
736 Gettysburg Ave.
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

Ellyn
Ellyn Painter, Editor

CONDOLENCES: Mark Heath's mother passed away on February 17, in Jackson, MI. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, Mark.

John Clark of Battery D, and former member of the 7th Michigan passed away on Feb. 14. He was a great friend and comrade. ---submitted by Jim Kirschensteiner.

From Lloyd Hevelhorst, on Battery D Facebook page:

JOHN CLARK ~ 9 SEPT., 1947 - 14 FEB., 2017

Fair winds & following seas, John.

Today we are here to say

"Shipmate, the watch stands relieved,
Relieved by those you have Trained, Guided, and Led.
Shipmate you stand relieved. We have the watch.
Boatswain, standby to pipe the side...
Shipmate's going Ashore."

Rest easy, John
Your Battery Family



John Clark, Church's Battery D,
1st Michigan Light Artillery



NEW MEMBERS: At left: Paul & Nicole Mai, and daughter Lily Wilson, from Eaton Rapids, attended the February meeting, and paid their first dues!

We also have two other new members, Jae McGee and Hannah Adams (whose photos I have not yet been able to obtain!) Please welcome

our new compatriots when you see them.



Another "shot" of the cartridge rolling at the January meeting. I intended to use this for a cover photo, then changed my mind, which is why it didn't appear with the others last month!
L to R: Jim MacKinnon, Daniel Malick, and Dave Slayton. ---The Editor

The Second "Guys' Breakfast" – Feb. 4

At the Mason Depot Diner. A much better turnout this time!
(See Don Everett's report on page 6 for details). Photos submitted by Tom Emerick.



From the President...

Of course we concentrate on a narrow period of time in doing what we do - but I'd like you to expand that time frame just a touch. This month marks the 160th anniversary of something that had a major impact on history. The U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision on *Sanford v. Dred Scott*, a case that intensified national divisions over the issue of slavery.

In 1834, Dred Scott, a slave, had been taken to Illinois, a free state, and then Wisconsin territory, where the Compromise of 1820 prohibited slavery. Scott lived in Wisconsin with his master, Dr. John Emerson, for several years before returning to Missouri, a slave state. In 1846, after Emerson died, Scott sued his master's widow for his freedom on the grounds that he had lived as a resident of a free state and territory. He won his suit in a lower court, but the Missouri supreme court reversed the decision. Scott appealed the decision, and as his new master, J.F.A. Sanford, was a resident of New York, a federal court decided to hear the case on the basis of the diversity of state citizenship represented. After a federal district court decided against Scott, the case came on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which was divided along

slavery and antislavery lines; although the Southern justices had a majority. During the trial, the antislavery justices used the case to defend the constitutionality of the Missouri Compromise, which had been repealed by the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854.

The Southern majority responded by ruling on March 6, 1857, that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional and that Congress had no power to prohibit slavery in the territories. Three of the Southern justices also held that African Americans who were slaves or whose ancestors were slaves were not entitled to the rights of a federal citizen and therefore had no standing in court. These rulings all confirmed that, in the view of the nation's highest court, under no condition did Dred Scott have the legal right to request his freedom. The Supreme Court's verdict further inflamed the differences in America over the issue of slavery, which in 1861 erupted with the outbreak of the civil war.

A piece of information you might be able to use 'first person' this coming season.

Dave

<http://www.history.com/topics/missouri-compromiseMissouri>



Military Report

Well, finally we are about to begin the season. I can't wait to get out in the field with my pards and am looking forward to a great season. At the last club meeting we set out "recommended events".

March 25, 26 GLB Drill Fort Wayne Detroit

Please notify me if you plan on attending. This is our first outing of the year and the only company level action we will have before Shiloh. You can arrive Friday Evening (although for work reasons I'll be there bright and early Saturday). Bring full gear and rounds.

April 6-9 Shiloh

May 19 Grosvenor House Jonesville MI
A one day living history laid back and good recruitment event

May 25 Greenfield Village
Registration is online and available April 1

June 17, 18 Turkeyville, Marshall MI
The first GLB max event and a long-term one for us. A great event where we are treated well by the hosts

July 1 Meridian Village Okemos
A one day event where we are the host. There will be drill and living history and we will end the day with a skirmish.

July 15, 16 Charleton Park Hastings
A premier event under the command of Rob Van. Battles, candlelight tour, and typically a tactical.

August 26, 27 Jackson Michigan
Consider a return to Jackson. We will be among good friends, as always, and if numbers allow will have a company. If not, we will fall in with our pards of the GLB

September 16, 17 Van Raalte Farm Holland MI
Our pards from the 3rd F host this event; we have had good turnouts and hope to continue to do so this year. We are well fed and taken care of and it's a good season ender.

October? Williamston Living History
Great recruitment event on this one day event

October 14 Harvest Ball
Our own well-known and well run ball. We perform a brief military ceremony that is quite moving.

Other events:

Play in the Park Grand Ledge: One day event in August

Charlotte Parade

There is no group without you! Let's make this a great season!

Your most obedient servant,

Doug



From Robbie Giorlando:

Gents: (term is used loosely) you are invited to an open drill on March 11-12 at Fort Wayne, Detroit. Feel free to come on Friday. I understand there is a Great Lakes Battalion Drill this same month. I tried spacing it out to where it will not affect turn out for that drill as well.

Plan on intense drilling through the day. We'll be drilling and keeping the area as authentically as we can, going without muskets in the morning and concentrating on maneuvers on the field. Schedule is posted below. Guy and I are working out details for food. Hope to see you there!

Saturday:

6:00am Reveille
7:00am Barracks inspection
8:00am Chow
9:00am Drill w/o arms
11:00am dinner call
1:00pm Drill w/ muskets
5:00pm Supper
6:00pm Down time
11:00pm Lights Out

Sunday:

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7:00am Barracks inspection
8:00am Chow
9:00am Drill w/o arms
11:00am dinner call
1:00pm Drill w/ muskets
3:30pm Clean-up start heading out.

22nd Michigan/8th Arkansas Mid-Winter Civil War Grand Ball February 25

Some of us attend this ball every year. It's held at the same place we do our Harvest Ball, Central UMC, in Lansing. Photos were shared by Cyndi Carlson on Facebook.



Recognition for fallen reenactors



Greenfield Village: Important Registration Instructions

Here is the new link for registration for Greenfield Village.

<http://www.cvent.com/d/yvqxy6>

You should read the instructions very carefully because a couple of things have changed this year. Most important is that the hours for registration have changed. There no longer will be registration on Sunday. If you are planning on coming on Sunday you will need to make arrangements ahead of time for someone to pick up your materials for you and then get with them when you arrive.

Also the location for registration has changed. It will no longer be behind the Eagle Tavern area where it has been. It will be out in front of the museum this time. Please make note of that.

Attached are what you will find on the web site so you can have a copy yourself without having to go through saving it on your computer from the internet site.

Please register as soon as possible. The cutoff date is April 15. You have plenty of time if you do it right away. Greenfield Village has our current roster. Once you register online your name will be checked against the roster and you will be approved.

Thanks-

Dave Downing

7th Mich. Inf.

At our Feb. club meeting on the 19th, Dave Downing reported a rumor circulating that this will be the last year for the Greenfield Village event; not true! In fact, the Civil War Days event on Memorial Day weekend is their most highly attended event by the public. A new person is in charge now, but it is continuing strong!

CHECK-IN

All participants in the 2017 Civil War Remembrance program **must** check-in in at the Check-In tent prior to entering the Greenfield Village, Eagle Tavern Gate or Blue Gate. **Walk-up Registration and check-ins will not be allowed.**

*Sutlers and Exhibitors should pick up their Check-In Packets at Town Hall (Sutlers) and Village Pavilion (Exhibitors).

Check-In will be held in a new location for 2017 - directions and a map will be sent before the event. **All participant must show credentials (button) to enter Security Gates.** All participants will enter Greenfield Village via the Eagle Gate following *Eagle Lane*. It is recommended that Participants bring a copy of their confirmation.

Check-In Hours: Friday, May 26, 2017 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 27, 2017 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

No Sunday or Monday Check-In (*Contact your Unit Commander for alternate arrangements*)

YOU MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE DURING CHECK-IN HOURS. If you have an emergency on the way and will be arriving after Check-In hours, you must call our Security Team at 313.982.6096. **If a participant is planning to arrive outside of registration hours or will be arriving Sunday or Monday, you must make prior arrangements with your Civil War Commander.**

ICE FOR SALE

We will have bags of ice available for purchase during specific time at a set location – more information to come.

Quartermaster Report

The remaining supply of powder at \$15 per pound was sold or used for Club cartridges at the Jan. meeting. We have a supply of caps at \$7 per 100. I will have them at the rest of the meetings. Powder now is \$18 per pound. We have 1 pound of Skirmish powder at \$13.

We will have powder, caps and paper at the March meeting. Also the 7th Sutler will have our goods for sale at the meeting. If you are looking for a rifle or something in particular contact me to make sure I bring it.



Education Director's Report

Please note the date for the Birney Middle School program has changed. The new date is May 19th. A date for the Ovid Middle School program has been set for May 5th. Arrival times will be posted in future newsletters.

Live Shoot/ April meeting:

The date of Sat April 29th was confirmed at the Jan. meeting. As before we will provide breakfast for a nominal fee before the shoot. We will have a pot luck lunch before the meeting; plan on bringing a dish to pass. Sue Colgrove is coordinating the breakfast and pot luck lunch. There will be a fee of \$5 for shooting to help defray the cost of the rental of the clubhouse/range. The April Club meeting will follow lunch.

For 2017 we have resurrected the Saturday Guys' Breakfasts with something to do afterwards. The second breakfast was held Feb. 4th at the Mason Depot Diner. This breakfast was so well attended that we had to have 3 tables, in total we had 13 members attending. Afterwards some went to the gun show at the Fair Grounds. Jim MacKinnon went to the Michigan Antique Arms show in Novi. Guys, please join us for one of the remaining dates. Remember all guys are welcome, not just Military. The Civilian men are welcome, as well. The remaining date and location is: March 18th 9am at Denny's, 3817 Cork St. (just off Sprinkle Rd.), Kalamazoo MI 49001. After breakfast anyone that wishes can attend the Kalamazoo Living History Show.

Charlton Park Information:

First, as last year ice will not be available at the park. It can be purchased at the party store at the corner of M-79 and Charlton Park Rd. We will coordinate with each other to make sure that we have ice. Those that wish can set up on Thursday. There will not be a breakfast on Sat. or Sun. The co-hosts would like some help with registration. Please consider taking a shift at the barn to help out. We also need to provide people to cover modern camp. They have decided to have a Mayoral debate and election on Sat. and announce a winner on Sun before the battle. I need an opponent to run against. There was discussion of possibly alternating years for the lantern tours and the barn dance to increase participation.

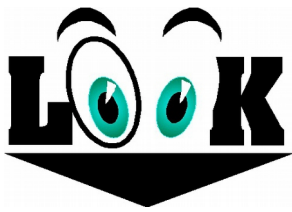
Shiloh:

I have the following people that have paid their \$20 registration fee for the Shiloh event: Doug McComas, Steve Church, Dan Malick, Jim MacKinnon, Kim Horning, Connie Horning, and Rob Stone. If you are planning on attending the quickest way to get your registration fee in is to send it to my home address rather than the PO Box, as it only gets checked once a week. Send to: Don Everett, 1815 Irvington Ave., Lansing, MI 48910

I would like to welcome our new members Paul and Nicole Mai and their daughter Lily Wilson. We look forward to seeing them at meetings, activities and events this year. We glad you came to us.

And last, if you did not pay your dues by Feb 28th you will NOT be on the roster for Greenfield Village.

Don Everett,
Quartermaster/ Education Director/ Treasurer



Book Review

by Doug McComas

A J Hamler's Civil War Woodworking
and More Civil War Woodworking

As a woodworker I'm a pretty fine therapist, but I decided I needed a couple of winter projects and purchased these books through Amazon. Mr. Hamler is a woodworker by profession and also a civil war reenactor and has developed plans for authentic reproduction items using mostly 'stock' materials. He is the developer of the plans for my "officer's chair" presented by my father-in-law to me a few years ago. Not having his level of skills I decided to tackle a "field made piece," a folding table.

After a quick visit to Menards I secured all the materials except repop nails and was able to do the rough out work in less than a day to come up with a reasonably acceptable table. (see photo) .

This minor success has emboldened me to complete a "camp bed" with some modifications from Mr. Hamler's plan's. I'll be using a modified non-period canvas cot for both ease of construction and transport and "marrying" it to a period constructed head and footboard with collapsible legs.

Assuming all goes well you should see this in the field this spring as well.

In short, even for a novice the instructions are pretty clear, modifiable and will improve your impression when in a "static" or garrison scenario.



Save The Date!

Meridian Township

175th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrate with the Friends of Historic Meridian

Saturday, July 1, 2017

~ 11 am - 4 pm ~

Jointly sponsored by the Friends of Historic Meridian,
Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department and
Meridian Township Cable/Communications Department.

Central Park, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos

Huge free family friendly event replaces our 2017 Fall Festival!
All of our Village buildings will be open, experts demonstrating 19th
century skills,

living history on display, children's activities, music from the past
and so much more.

Refreshments available for purchase.

To reserve your place at the festival, please visit
www.meridianhistoricalvillage.com

Meridian Historical Village

Operated by the Friends of Historic Meridian

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The Friends of Historic Meridian operate the Meridian Historical
Village located in Central Park at 5151 Marsh Road in Okemos, MI.





Arabella Maria: "Only to think, Julia dear, that our Mothers wore such ridiculous fashions as these!" BOTH: "Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!"

Civilian Report



Hello, Everyone:

As discussed in the previous month's Civilian Report, we will be having a road trip to the Kalamazoo Living History Show instead of a March sewing party. The date for this is Saturday, March 18. Those wishing to carpool will meet at Vonda Warren's home, 602 Shaw, Charlotte, MI at 7:45AM. For those who would prefer to drive separately, we will all be meeting at the Denny's Restaurant on corner of Cork St. and Sprinkle Rd. at 9:00AM for breakfast. (3817 Cork St., Kalamazoo. Phone: 269-342-4633). Exit 81, off I-94. Admission to the Gun Show is \$7.00 per person.

For our April 29th meeting at the Live Gun Shoot, we will begin work on our quilt. (Please see Don Everett's Quartermaster Report for more details on the Gun Shoot, which will be held, as in previous years, at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club.

We are asking for the following items to be brought:

We need material scraps of Civil War era appropriate cotton dress prints to make square blocks. We may need to purchase more fabric for the quilt top, but want to see first what selections ladies bring. We will also be purchasing fabric for the quilt back, as well as batting.

Rulers (quilting kind) 6" and/or 12"

Fabric scrap size, at least 7 inches wide

Rotary cutters and mats

Sewing machines

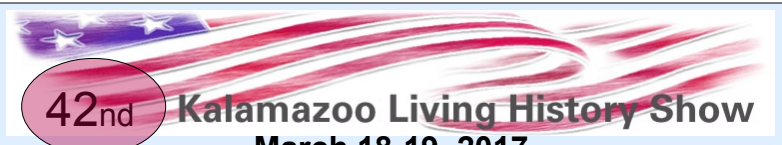
Power strips, and extension cords

Bright lamps (the lighting is very poor in the lodge building)

Please bring also a dish to pass for the lunch potluck, as well as table service. Please let Sue know if you can provide a breakfast passing dish, as we will need to provide breakfast for those planning on coming early. Breakfast time will be 9:00AM and shooting and sewing will begin at 10:00AM. A general club meeting will be held following lunch.

Sue Colegrove Civilian Coordinator
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Joy Henderson Asst. Coordinator
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March 18-19, 2017
Kalamazoo County Expo Center
 Kalamazoo County Fair Ground
 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo Mi.
 I-94, Exit 80, North

Theme: "The Feminine Frontier: Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History"

The largest, nationally recognized, juried show in the Midwest devoted to pre-1890 original or reproduction living history supplies, accouterments and related crafts. More than 10,000 historical reenactors from pre-Revolutionary through the Civil War, history buffs, collectors, and the general public from 18 states and Canada come together for a festive weekend to buy, sell and trade.

The **Kalamazoo Living History Show** was created in 1976 to bring history alive and entertain as well as expose the general public to some of the most fascinating times in our history.

*****Anyone attending the show in pre-1890 style clothing will be eligible for a drawing on a door prize.*****

Calling All K-12 Educators!

We are excited to announce that [registration](#) is now open for our 17th Annual National Teacher Institute. This year's event will be held in historic Memphis, Tennessee, and we are proud to partner with the National Park Service, the History Channel, and Graceland to bring you this event.

Our National Teacher Institute is FREE to K-12 educators, and a limited number of [travel scholarships](#) are available. This unique professional development opportunity allows educators to engage with, and learn from, Civil War experts, museum professionals, and other like-minded educators. The docket of events is chock full of exceptional workshops, behind the scenes access to rarely seen artifacts, and one of a kind tours.

Attendees will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston as they retrace his final hours with Shiloh battlefield expert Timothy Smith; see history brought to life by NPS historians—through live-fire artillery demonstrations; and listen to the engaging, best selling author Robert Hicks as he regales us with one of his legendary stories. Also back by popular demand is Garry Adelman's Civil War Photo Extravaganza for Teachers! Workshops, vendors, and a panel discussion led by our own teacher-in-residence Jim Percoco are just some of the other items we have in store. There will also be a trip to Graceland!


Don't be left out of this top-notch event for educators, July 13-16, 2017, in Memphis, Tennessee. Join our [Teacher Regiment Facebook](#) page to keep up-to-date with all our announcements. And check out all of our great [online videos](#), which are great assets for educators. If you have any questions, email teacherinstitute@civilwar.org.

If you are not a k-12 educator yourself but know someone who is, please forward this email to them!

<http://members.civilwar.org/site/R?i=AKHwyw0PRAYarZhuATabAQ>



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Face Book: [GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum)

Michigan's GAR Museum Showcases *History of the 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry*

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring a Free Civil War History Seminar on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 7:00 PM at Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall & Museum located at 224 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids. The topic of the presentation will be "History of the 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry." The presenter will be Mr. Mike Culp.



The 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry regiment was raised in the fall of 1862 primarily from Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties with a contingent from Eaton Rapids. It served in the Western theater of the war seeing action at Shiloh, Corinth, Stevenson, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the March to the Sea, Savannah, and the Carolinas, most noticeably at Bentonville. At the end of the war, it also took part in the Grand Review and returned to Michigan in July of 1865.

Mike Culp is the Director of the Thirteenth Michigan Memorial Association, which is dedicated to the gathering and preserving of information on the 13th Michigan. During the last nine years, over 3,200 pages in ten volumes, of information on the lives of the 13th Michigan soldiers have been accumulated; including the location of over 1,800 graves and numerous pictures.

For the last 30 years, Mike has been a reenactor, student, and teacher of the Civil War. He has participated in many reenactments throughout the country and also in the filming of two major motion pictures, *Glory* and *Gettysburg*. Mike is a 1975 graduate of Western Michigan University and has been teaching Civil War history at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He also is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Join us as Mike discusses the lives of the men who served in the 13th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Additional information regarding the seminar may be obtained by going to Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall & Museum Face Book page at [GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum) or to our website at <http://garmuseum.com/>.

Contact Keith G. Harrison, Board President
Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall and Museum
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---submitted by Keith Harrison

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

Doug McComas, Club Secretary

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Primary Club Events for 2017 Chosen

As part of the club meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19th, the Event Strategy Committee presented their recommended list of events for the club to emphasize attending in the coming reenacting season. While members are free to attend any events they wish, these recommended events are those that the committee believes best accomplished our club goals of continuing to build the 7th Michigan's membership, maintaining a position of prominence among clubs within the state and supporting other clubs in their efforts. The recommended list was approved by a vote of the membership. Those events are:

- Grosvenor Mansion, Jonesville, MI...one day event...May 20th. (Worthwhile, especially for recruiting purposes)
- Greenfield Village Civil War Muster, May 26, 27 and 28. Dave Downing will act as coordinator for this event.
- Turkeyville, June 17 & 18. Bob Smith will act as coordinator for this event.
- Meridian Village (Meridian Twp Sesquicentennial)....July 1...one day living history with a skirmish...excellent for recruiting. Sue Colegrove and Doug McComus will act as coordinators for Civilian and Military, respectively.
- Charlton Park, Hastings July 14, 15 & 16. We are co-sponsors and will be working registration. Don Everett will act as coordinator for this event.
- Delta Township Play in the Park Day....August 26. A one day living history with recruiting potential. Jim Kirschensteiner will act as coordinator for this event.
- Jackson Civil War Muster...August 26 & 27. While not specifically identified as an event to be emphasized, it is recognized that some, particularly military, will want to attend this event. Mentioned here for information purposes only...no coordinator assigned.
- Charlotte Pioneer Days Parade...September 9...a fun event that gets our name out in the community. No coordinator has been assigned, however Vonda Warren usually makes her house available as a base of operations and may be able to answer questions if they arise.
- Van Raalte Farm Event...September 16 & 17. Well attended last year in support of our parades in the 3rd MI. We still need a coordinator for this event.
- The Harvest Ball...October 14th...sponsored by our club. Gilbert and Cyndi Carlson are coordinating this event for us again this year after last year's success.

In addition to the above there are several events about which little is currently known, but which may be added to the list at a later date. They include:

- Holt Living History, one day event...possibly August 20th....Dave Downing is investigating.
- Woldumar Fall Heritage Festival...possibly late September or early October.
- Williamston History Day...one day event we've done the last two years. Jim K. is awaiting more information.

The summer schedule for all of us fills up in a hurry, so we wanted to provide this information to you as quickly as possible in hopes of getting respectable turnouts at all of these events.

Bob Smith

Chairman, Event Strategy Committee

As we prepare for another season of reenacting, let's think about this:

The Creed of Living Historians (Adapted)

—Bruce Catton (1899—1978)

We are people to whom the past is forever speaking. We listen to it because we cannot help ourselves, for the past speaks to us with many voices. Far out of that dark nowhere which is the time before we were born, men and women who were flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone went through fire and storm to break a path to the future. We are part of the future they died for; they are part of the past that brought the future. What they did—the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made, the stories they told and the songs they sang and, finally, the deaths they died—make up a part of our own experience. We cannot cut ourselves off from it. It is as real to us as something that happened last week. It is a basic part of our heritage as Americans.

-----submitted by Rob Stone