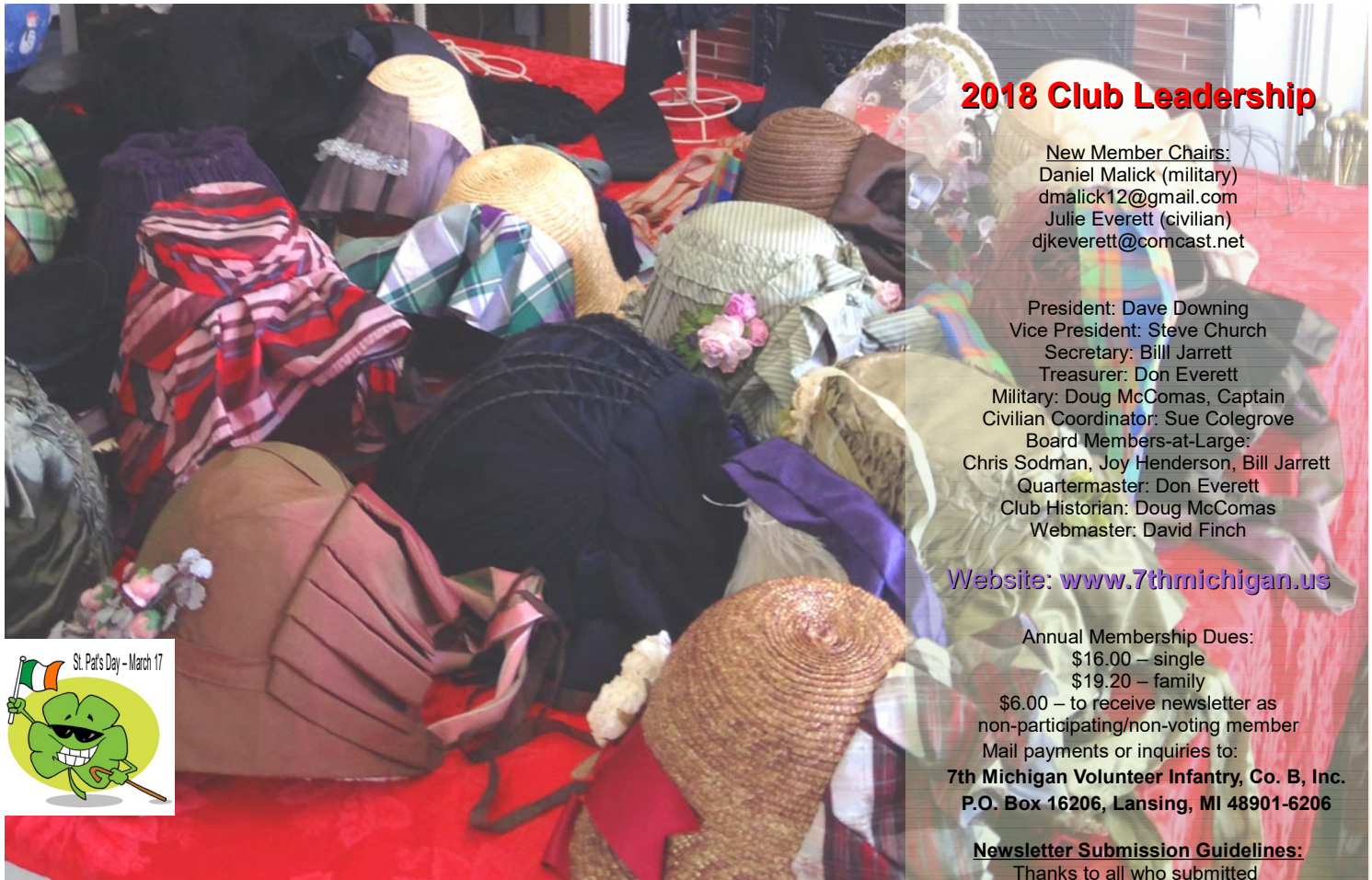


# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.

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## 2018 Club Leadership

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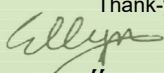
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### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted information for this month's issue. Deadline date for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please have all reports, articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form. I am able to accept documents in most of the usual word processing programs or formats. If accompanying maps or images are needed, **please** include them (in jpg format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain that any items coming from another source are properly credited, or have obtained reprint permission. 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](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)  
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736 Gettysburg Ave.  
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Thank-you.

  
Ellyn Painter, Editor



Vonda's bonnets at the January Ladies' Sewing Party, at the home of Tom & Joan Emerick. Photo by Celeste Hude

## Upcoming March Events:

*Military School of Instruction -  
Saturday, March 3*

*Ladies Sewing Party - Sat. March 17*

*Next Club Meeting - Sunday, March 18*

*21<sup>st</sup> Annual Victorian Spring Ball -  
Fort Wayne, Indiana - March 10*

*G.A.R. Memorial Hall  
Seminar - Tuesday, March 20*



## *In Condolence.....*

Sadly, the reenacting community recently lost another member: Todd Rakestraw. The Rakestraw family were former members of the 7<sup>th</sup> MI.



Lansing - TODD EVAN RAKESTRAW, age 54, of Lansing, left this earth unexpectedly on Feb. 9, but met his Heavenly Father and rejoined his earthly father that same day. Todd was born Nov. 4, 1963 in Lansing, MI to Jim and Phyllis Rakestraw. He graduated from Waverly HS in 1982. Todd joined, and later took over, the family business, Rakestraw Carpet and Furniture Cleaners, which he ran with his father, Jim, until Jim's passing in 2012. Todd met the love of his life, Tami (Reeser) while attending South Church; they married in 1992 and attended South their entire life. Todd was very proud of his children, Austin James (AJ) and Nicole (Nikki). He was frequently coaching or attending his kid's sporting events, or at home spending quality time with them. Todd was an avid fife player and civil war reenactor, part of Camp Chase Fifes & Drums Corp and was a SUVCW Brother. Todd was a man's man, and a "dude" to his guy friends, who loved him for his sense of humor, his athleticism and his ability to make every moment better just by showing up. Todd is survived by his mother: Phyllis; his wife Tami and two children; his brother Jeff (Lori); and his sister, Jill (Marc Emery), and numerous other family members. A Memorial service {was} held Sat., Feb. 17 at South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, with visitation at 10 and memorial at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Camp Barakel at [www.campbarakel.org](http://www.campbarakel.org). Please visit a special Tribute page made for Todd at [www.RosierFuneralHome.com](http://www.RosierFuneralHome.com).

*The obituary was published in the Lansing State Journal from Feb. 13 – Feb. 17; posted by Doug McComas on Facebook.*

## Event Update: *Greenfield Village*

The Greenfield Village organization meeting was early in February. Things are pretty much the same as they have been in years past for this coming year, except for one item.

There WILL BE modern camping at the event this year. The location will be very near where it's been in the past.

Registration online will be slightly different this time around. I think it will be better this time. For example, each person wanting a packet won't have to register separately like they've done in the past. The registration hours will be as they were last year... Friday and Saturday only.

Once items for registration and the schedule are finalized I'll send them out. They should be ready in time for the next newsletter.

Dave Downing

## **GREENFIELD VILLAGE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

The Participant Registration site is now open and ready for your registration. Here is the link:

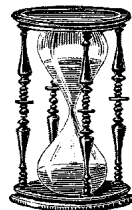
<http://www.cvent.com/d/0tqp43/4W>

Also, here is the link to register for **GETTYSBURG**.

The Registration icon is on the top right side of the Homepage.

<https://www.gettysburgreenactment.com/>

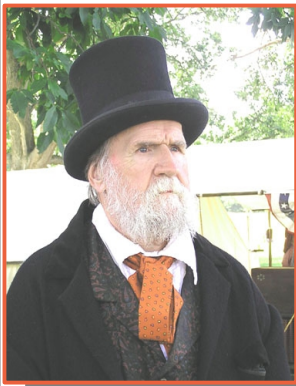
For Gettysburg registration, the next price step occurs after 01/31, and registration goes from \$20 to \$25. Register early!



## *A Look Back....*

Remember this party? Celebrating a visit from our Swedish friends in August 2004, at the Kirschensteiners' home. Photo submitted by Jim K.





## Live Shoot:

Our annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot will be Sat. April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club 4100 Freeman Rd Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. The day begins with a breakfast at 9 am for a donation of \$3. The shoot will commence at 10, bring any firearm that you would like to shoot. Lunch will be a potluck at 12:30. Following lunch the April meeting will convene at 1:30. For more information contact me at 517-393-3475 or [djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net)

### Quartermaster Report:

We still have some new gear left from the Slayton contingent, but the new stuff is going fast so plan on looking at the March meeting. We are out of powder. Powder will be \$19 per pound when the new supply arrives, caps are \$7 per hundred. We will have powder, caps and paper at the upcoming meetings and at events that I will attend this summer. Let me know if you hear of anyone wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.

### Education Director's Report:

We have a program scheduled for May 11, 2018 at Birney Middle School in Southfield. We usually car pool or meet there at noon to 12:30. More details to follow. We have not heard from Ovid Middle school if they are going to have a program this year.

### Treasurer's Report:

Dues are due. Dues are \$16 for a single member and \$19.20 for a family. Due to the new cutoff from Greenfield Village **Dues will need to be received by Feb. 20, 2018 so that I can prepare our roster and have it to them before Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Please note the early cutoff.** The following people **HAVE NOT** paid their dues as of Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

Rev. Robert/Sandra Chapman  
Kevin/Gina Courter  
Ian Halbeisen  
Daniel O'Connell  
Julie Sarge  
Ian Searles  
Marie Searles  
Robert/Dawn Smit

If you have paid your dues and are on this list contact me to correct any errors.

New rosters will be available after Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. If you want a roster before then you will be getting last year's roster.

Feb. was a busy recruiting month! We would like to welcome back to the 7<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Lin Sanborn, as well as Eric & Michelle Behnke, David Finch, Richard & Carol Van Dyke, Donald & Nancy Buck and Lynn & Jackie Holton as new members. Let's give all of them a hardy welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup>!

Don Everett,  
Quartermaster/ Education Director/ Treasurer

## February Club Meeting Highlights

Doug McComas is in charge of the AED. The AED will go to all Maximum Events and be housed in the Captains tent in a bag with a RED CROSS.

As we were unable to elect a new club secretary at the Annual Meeting, Bill Jarrett has again graciously volunteered to fill that role for the coming year. Thank-you, Bill.

New member David Finch will be our new webmaster. Welcome, Dave!



The club offers its sincere condolences to Wyatt Strauss on the passing away of his mother on Jan. 23, 2018.

**Key Effort Events for 2018**  
**February:** None.

**March 3: Military Training for Officers and NCO's** - 8am – 4pm,  
(Tom Emerick)

**April 21: Charlie Colgrove Memorial Shoot.** Eaton Rapids Conservation Club - (Don Everett) If you shoot, suggested donation is \$5.00 (See details in Don's report, page 3)

**May 26-27: Coldwater, MI Civil War Days** (Tom Emerick)

-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> – School days  
-No train – down for maintenance  
(More info in a later issue)

**May 27-29: Greenfield Village** Dearborn, MI (Dave Downing)

**June 16-17: Turkeyville- Marshall, MI** (Bob Smith)

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key events, continued...

**July 5-8: 155<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg, PA**  
(Doug McComas)

**July 21-22: Charlton Park, Hastings, MI** (Don Everett)  
Setup after 7:00am on Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Bring your own ice  
7<sup>th</sup> MI to do kids games & crafts  
7<sup>th</sup> MI will have a potluck supper on Saturday night.

**August 24, 25, 26:**  
**34<sup>th</sup> Cascades Civil War Muster Jackson, MI** – (Kim Horning) On Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a school program for high school students.

**September 7-9:**  
**Meridian Village, Okemos, MI**  
(SueColegrove)

**October 13: 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan's Annual Harvest Ball**, First United Methodist Church, Lansing MI (Gilbert & Cindi Carlson)

**November:** None

**December :** Christmas Party

#### Other Events for 2018

**March 17:** Living History  
(Kalamazoo Gun Show)

**September 15-16:** Van Raalte Farms CW Muster Holland MI:  
Put on by our good friends in the 3<sup>rd</sup> MI Co. F

**September 22-23:** Gowns & Guns, Greenmead Historic Village, Livonia MI  
sponsored by the 17<sup>th</sup> MI

**October 6-7:** Mooresville Civil War Days, South Haven MI  
See Chris Sodman for more info

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

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

 [btjarrett@aol.com](mailto:btjarrett@aol.com)

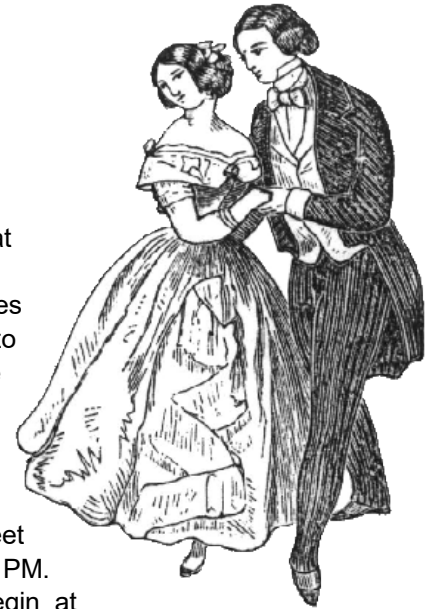
MAR 10 – Fort Wayne, Indiana

### *21st Annual Victorian Spring Ball*

This is an especially nice, elegant ball that has been around for a long time! The morning dance instruction workshop makes it a good fit for new reenactors who want to become involved with the Civil War dance crowd or anyone wanting to learn the dances and etiquette of the era.

Hosted by the The 30th Indiana Civil War Reenactors, Inc. at the historic Baker Street Train Station. Dance workshop is 10AM-1PM.

Doors open at 5:00PM Grand March to begin at 7:00 PM. Appetizers and Desserts will be served throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 a person from Sue Pfeiffer. Sue Pfeiffer can be contacted at: (260) 422-3604 or [spfeiffer@acpl.lib.in.us](mailto:spfeiffer@acpl.lib.in.us). Send payment to: 30th Indiana, 3223 Marias Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815 Paypal has been set up; payment can be sent to: [paypal.me/SusanPfeiffer](https://www.paypal.me/SusanPfeiffer)



#### And Remember!

Our own 2018 Annual Harvest Ball is Saturday, October 13. Mark it on your calendar! Details to follow in future issues. Contact: Cyndi or Gilbert Carlson [cyndiinhisservice@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndiinhisservice@yahoo.com)

### *Remembering the "Sultana"*

Our friend, Will Eichler, shared this on Facebook - A new documentary film has been made by Sean Astin about the Sultana - available on iTunes and Amazon. The Sultana sank on April 27, 1865, carrying 2,155 Union soldiers and crew, joyfully returning home following the end of the Civil War. When the ship's boilers exploded, over half the passengers perished.

*"The War was over, but they never made it home."*

<https://www.rememberthesultana.com/>



# Irish Americans in the Civil War

By Ellyn Painter

The great immigration to this country (and elsewhere) of Irish Catholics due to the devastating potato famine in Ireland (1845-1852) provided thousands of young able-bodied military recruits when the crisis of the American Civil War erupted. Though most of these newcomers settled in the northern states, Irish-Americans fought on both the Union and Confederate sides of the war. Many Scots-Irish Protestants also fought, primarily for the Confederacy. Seven Union generals were Irish-born; approximately 150,000 Irish-Americans fought for the North. Six Confederate generals were Irish natives. The Irish formed many of their own units, with distinctly Irish customs and Catholic observances, the most well-known Federal regiment being the 69th New York State Volunteers, early on incorporated into a larger unit, the famous Irish Brigade.

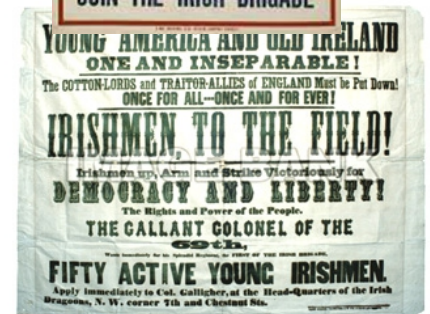
Of interest is the fact that while there was only one official "Irish Brigade," (the Union one mentioned above), several Irish Confederate units sought to incorporate the moniker in the names of their units. As songwriter David Kincaid explains on The Wild Geese website, when Irish immigrants to the U.S. heard the term "Irish Brigade," they knew of only one unit by that name, a French army one with an impressive combat reputation which existed from 1691-1791; it was this "Irish Brigade" they wanted to liken themselves to. This is why there were several units, North and South, (though most were not really brigade strength, and often were only companies) that made use of the name in their units, and their songs. Thus, there is more than one version of the song, "Kelly's Irish Brigade." Two versions are Confederate, named after Colonel Joseph Kelly, commander of a company of the Washington Blues regiment of the Missouri Volunteer Militia. The subject of the subject of another, the original version of the song, (to the tune of "Rosin the Bow"), written in 1861, was the official Union Irish Brigade and honored its commander, Patrick Kelly. When General Meagher (himself an Irishman) shouted "Remember Fontenoy!!" to inspire the troops of the (Union) Irish Brigade, he was referring to the greatest victory of the Irish Brigade of France, which every man in the unit would have understood. For a hundred years, Irishmen had fled to France to escape the harsh English rule of their country, and joined this French military unit, nicknamed "the Wild Geese", to fight the British. "Wild Geese" also joined the armies of other countries such as Spain, Austria, and Russia, and thousands were already in the American colonies, 17 of whom became generals in the Revolutionary army.

When Congress enacted the Enrollment Act - ie., the draft-- early in 1863, the Irish were prominent in the draft riots that broke out that year in Detroit, and New York City. Along with a lot of other Americans, they resented blacks, who were not subject to the draft as they themselves were (although this proscription was actually an insult to blacks, who were not believed capable of fighting as men), and blamed the war on the Negro population. They also considered the present national conflict "a rich man's war and a poor man's fight," as most Irish were too poor to avoid the draft by payment to a substitute, as wealthy men could. And albeit initially, many Irish immigrant males were resistant to enlisting, thousands ultimately did so and fought bravely, on both sides of the war, to defend their new homes.

Sources:

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- <http://www.historynet.com/americas-civil-war-why-the-irish-fought-for-the-union.htm>
- <http://irishamericancivilwar.com/>
- [https://www.cafepress.com/irishbrigade\\_fr](https://www.cafepress.com/irishbrigade_fr)
- <http://thewildgeese.irish/profiles/blogs/the-stories-behind-the-songs-kelly-s-irish-brigade>

Irish American Civil War recruitment posters – from Pinterest





# MICHIGAN'S G.A.R. MEMORIAL HALL & MUSEUM

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## Michigan's G.A.R. Museum Showcases *"The worst colonel I ever saw"*

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring a Free Civil War History Seminar on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum located at 224 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids. The topic of the presentation will be *"The worst colonel I ever saw."* The presenter will be Mr. Bob Myers.



Service in the Civil War boosted some men to fame and glory. For others, it brought shame and ruin. In 1860, Francis Quinn of Niles was a rising star in the Republican Party, and was a Michigan delegate to the Chicago convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President. After the outbreak of the Civil War, Quinn raised the 12th Michigan Infantry regiment and won a commission as its colonel. Three weeks after the regiment left its training camp in Niles, it fired the first shots of the Battle of Shiloh. The battle could have secured Colonel Quinn a great place in history, but instead his incompetence and quarrelsome personality led to disaster. Michigan Governor Austin Blair dubbed him *"The worst colonel I ever saw."* This program follows Quinn and his command through one of the war's bloodiest battles and its aftermath.

Bob Myers is the Assistant Director for Education Programs and Events at the Historical Society of Michigan (HSM). In his role at HSM, Bob is responsible for the popular *"Michiganders on the Road"* bus tours, as well as overseeing the society's education programs and providing leaderships for various training programs and conferences. He holds an MA in history from Western Michigan University. Prior to joining HSM, Bob served as a HSM board member and worked for the Berrien County Historical Association. Bob has created and presented hundreds of history programs for people of all ages, contributed to numerous successful grant applications, written 13 books and numerous articles, and curated various exhibits.

There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Additional information regarding the seminar may be obtained by going to Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum Face Book page at [GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum) or to our website at <http://garmuseum.com.weebly.com>.

Contact Keith G. Harrison, Board President  
Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall and Museum





## Civilian Report

Hi Everyone:

The ladies met at my house for the February sewing circle on Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, we held our civilian meeting.

The quilt is completed, and club members have been signing it. (It was displayed at the Sindy club meeting).

We have a "Save the Date" for Sept 7,8 and 9 for an event at Meridian Village. There will be both civilian and military there. I am asking for different ideas for thngs that we can do for those days. Here are some of the suggestions:

- Potato or apple peeling contest
- Potato sack race
- Apple bobbing
- Ladies sewing contest
- Frying pan toss
- Pumpkin baking

These are just to name a few. I am looking for your input.

Our Next sewing party is in Durand, MI. See Carol Smith's driving instructions and additional information on this same page.

In April will be the Live shoot at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club. Breakfast will be at 9:00 am, for those who wish to arrive early. Shooting, and the ladies' sewing meeting will begin at 10. Lunch will be potluck, as usual.

I would like to ask for sign up of what you would like to bring. I would like some to bring breakfast items and others to bring lunch items. Please let me know ASAP what you wish to contribute.

Sue Colegrove, Civilian Coordinator  
Phone: 517-626-0144  
Email: [scolegrove@rocketmail.com](mailto:scolegrove@rocketmail.com)



## March Sewing Party Directions

The ladies will be gathering in Durand for the March Sewing Party. Those who want to enjoy breakfast first will be meeting at Nick's Hometown Grill at **10:00 am**, then going on to sewing afterwards. Those who wish to can bring a snack to share in the afternoon. We've decided to hold the sewing party **at Maggie's house**, also in Durand. Here are directions both to Nick's and directly to Maggie's if you are skipping the breakfast...

- Take I-69 east to exit 118 "Durand - Vernon"
- Turn right at the top of the ramp and follow the road past the McDonalds, thru the 4-way stop and across the RR tracks.
- Immediately after the tracks, turn right on to Saginaw Street
- If going directly to Maggie's, turn right on the first street after the traffic light...Wayne St. Her house is on the right, in the first block, number 108.
- If going to Nick's, continue on Saginaw to the business district.
- Nick's is on the left where Saginaw "T's" into Main Street.

Carol Smith



My sympathies to all of you in the Lansing and surrounding areas who have been impacted by the recent flooding. I hope that all will soon be back to normal.  
The Editor

## About Michigan Sack Coats

"I was sorting through some old picture folders today and came across this article by John Braden. It is some research he did on what Michigan sack coats looked like. The soldier on page one of John's article is Joseph Wilt, Co. A, 7th Michigan. These fatigue blouses were issued early in the war and likely had Michigan buttons on them. At some point they were likely replaced by a more standard sack coat. Wouldn't it be interesting to do an early war reenactment with a coat like this?"

Shared by Jim Kirschensteiner recently on the 7<sup>th</sup> MI Facebook page

See the article on the next two pages.....



# The 'Michigan Fatigue Coat'

by John A. Braden

*Michigan troops in late 1861-early 1862 appear to have received a unique state-issue coat.*

Those interested in photos of Michigan Civil War soldiers may sooner or later come across an unusual variation of the Federal sack coat. Although, like the standard sack coat, this one lacks service trim, the similarities end there. Instead of four buttons down the front, it sports five. Instead of a falling collar, it has a standing one reinforced with stitching. Where the front hem meets the bottom hem it is squared rather than rounded. It has an outside slit breast pocket. It has shoulder straps, a feature more commonly associated with shell or uniform jackets.

I am aware of eleven images depicting this tunic, including the two with this article. The others include a hard image of John Hiestrodt, 1st Michigan Engineers & Mechanics (M&E), with a 0.69 caliber musket and a dress hat with brass castle insignia, published in *Michigan and the Civil War*, Lansing, 1998. Another hard image of an unidentified soldier in a uniform and backdrop identical to the Hiestrodt image also appears in this publication.

An outdoor albumen print of officers and NCOs of Co. I, 6th Michigan Infantry, published in *Military Images*, Vol. XVI, No. 3, shows this coat, as does an unpublished outdoor group CDV of

members of the 6th. An unpublished full-length charcoal drawing of an unidentified soldier in this tunic holding an Austrian rifle in front of the "Camp Michigan" backdrop was purchased in Michigan in the 1970s. A hard image in the Michigan Archives of Corydon Bowdish, Co. B, 7th Michigan infantry, shows this tunic with a dark kepi. A waist-length CDV of Eugene Rose, Co. A, 9th Michigan Infantry, shows this jacket with his collar and lapel turned down.

A quarterplate tintype of a soldier in front of the "Camp Michigan" backdrop shown in *Military Images*, Vol. XXI, No. 3, was acquired in Lansing but has been identified as showing Archibald Arbuckle, 29th Pennsylvania Infantry.



Joseph Wilt, Co. A, 7th Michigan Infantry. (Michigan Archives via the author)

What we know about these units is that the 6th was mustered into U.S. service at Kalamazoo August 20, 1861, and ten days later left for Baltimore where it was stationed until February 22, 1862. The 7th was mustered into U.S. service at Monroe on August 22, 1861, and left for the Army of the Potomac on September 5, 1861. An August 30, 1861, article in the *Detroit Free Press* states that as of that date the 5th had not received their tunics. The 9th was mustered in on October 15, 1861, and left for Kentucky later that month. The 1st Engineers and Mechanics mustered into U.S. service on October 29, 1861, and left for the western theater soon thereafter. Corporal William H. King, one of those photographed in this tunic, died at Camp Michigan on March 4, 1862.

The last fact proves conclusively that the tunic was issued to the 5th before March 4, while the *Free Press* article proves that it was issued to the 5th after August 30. Thus the tunic was probably issued in the fall of 1861.

There are two possibilities. The tunics were Federal or state issue made after the troops arrived at the front. However, it seems too coincidental that two regiments sent to the western theater (the 9th and 1st E&M) would, after leaving Michigan, receive the same distinctive tunic that three other Michigan regiments received in the east. Or it could have been a state issue in Michigan before the



troops left for the front. This makes more sense, given that all five regiments were organized in Michigan during the same period to which the tunic dates.

Corroborating the latter conclusion is the service record of William Carr in the National Archives. Carr was a member of the 5th who died at Camp Michigan on February 26, 1862. On his death, a list of what he was issued, classified by who issued it, was prepared. The list mentions a Federal issue "dress coat," which accords with John Gilbert's February 1, 1862, diary entry where he states the 5th was issued such coats at Camp Michigan on January 31, 1862.

But the list also mentions a "fatigue coat" issued to Carr by the State of Michigan. Since the name of the sack coat was the "fatigue blouse," Carr's list shows that members of the 5th received a sack coat from the state. Since the sack coat was probably issued to Michigan troops while still in Michigan, it is highly probable that this sack coat is the Michigan-issue "fatigue coat" referred to in Carr's list.

One of the images previously mentioned shows a soldier tentatively identified as Archibald Arbuckle, 29th Pennsylvania Infantry, based on a rather indistinct name scratched on the back of this image that was found in an estate sale in Lansing, Michigan. I think this has been misidentified. Apart from the anomaly of a Pennsylvanian in what all other evidence says is a Michigan-issue coat, the backdrop of the Arbuckle photo does not accord with Arbuckle's service record: while all the other identified photos of



*George Newton, Co. B, 5th Michigan Infantry. A ninth plate Ambrotype in the Bob Coch collection, copied by Dale Niesen.*

the Camp Michigan backdrop fall into a winter of 1861-62 date and a Camp Michigan/Fort Lyon area, Arbuckle's regiment spent the first year of the war in the Harper's Ferry, Virginia, area or the lower Shenandoah Valley.

I infer that the color of these tunics was blue, based on when they were issued (it being unlikely that gray would have been issued after the First Bull Run proved the folly of using that color) and the fact that the shading of such tunics appears dark in photographs.

The one exception is the photo of Corydon Bowdish. His tunic appears noticeably lighter in tone than the kepi he is wearing, suggesting a tunic that is light blue or gray. This raises the possibility that the tunic may have been originally issued in gray, with later issues made in blue cloth.

By the way, I question the Bowdish identification, since his service record shows him enlisting the 7th in February 1864, a time when the Michigan fatigue coat was a thing of the past and long

after any Federal states were issuing gray uniforms to front-line troops.

Apart from the possibly gray example, there are two other variations in the tunics. First, the material of the tunics issued to the 5th looks smoother and shinier than the material of the tunics issued to the 1st E&M. Did later issues use cheaper material? Second, the buttons on all the tunics, except for those worn by members of the 1st E&M, appear to be the large, three-piece "staff" variety. The buttons on the 1st E&M tunics look simpler, possibly two piece, and smaller. Though the design of the buttons is not clear, this suggests that the tunics were first issued with Michigan state seal buttons, switching to Federal eagle buttons for later issues.

Notwithstanding the Arbuckle and Bowdish anomalies, it is most reasonable to infer that the tunic under consideration was issued by the State of Michigan in that state to regiments formed in the fall of 1861 and that the tunic is appropriately called the "Michigan fatigue coat." This means that if you see a photo of a Civil War soldier wearing this tunic, you can be pretty sure that he's a Michigander, and can further infer that the photo dates from August 1861 to early 1862. ●

*The author acknowledges the help of Bob Couch and Dale Niesen for pointing out some of the photos mentioned herein. In addition, Nielsen copied the Newton photo. If anyone out there has seen additional images of soldiers in this tunic, the author would like to hear from you. Write to him at 5519 Taylor, Fremont MI 49412.*

From the Newsletter Editor:

Below is additional info I received from Dave Downing that should have gone into the newsletter, but I neglected to take one last look at my email inbox before doing the final touchup on this issue. So I'm sending you all this extra attachment. My apologies, Dave.

Ellyn

## Greenfield Village Registration Details & Event Information

Any questions, contact Dave Downing [downing\\_dave@hotmail.com](mailto:downing_dave@hotmail.com) 517-676-5998

Here is the link for people to register:

<http://www.cvent.com/d/0tqp43/4W>

Here are some of the highlights of information about the event. Each person who registers will get a complete copy of this information.

### Check In-

All participants in the 2018 Civil War Remembrance program must check-in at the Check-In tent prior to entering the Greenfield Village, Eagle Tavern Gate or Blue Gate. Walk-up Registration will not be allowed.

Check-In location – Northwest corner of the Museum, near the Academy Doors and the Blue Security Gates, directions and a map will be sent before the event. All participants must show credentials (participant button) to enter Security Gates. It is recommended that Participants bring a copy of their confirmation. \* Please do not get in line or attempt entry into the Village before you pick up your participant packet. \*

Check-In Hours: Friday, May 25, 2018 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 26, 2018 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.

We plan to have bags of ice available for purchase – information to follow when available.

Participant buttons are your identification for the weekend. Each participant over 16 should register individually in the system. Only participants that are in period clothing and on a Unit Roster should register. Each registered Participant will receive 4 buttons – one for their use and three for their guests' use (non-participants, family and friends). One additional button per person will be issued for those under 16 registered with an adult. If you

are in period clothing, do not wear the button in a visible place, but have it with you always and show it if asked to do so.

These buttons allow you and your non-participating guest(s) admittance to Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation and Greenfield Village on Saturday through Tuesday, May 26-29, 2018. They are not valid for Ford Rouge Factory Tour or movie admissions. Discount admission coupons are provided on request to purchase additional tickets at any ticket location on campus.

If you wish to leave participant buttons or discount coupons for guests arriving later, you may leave them with Guest Services at the Village Entrance Will-Call Window. Wheelchairs and scooters are available for rental at the Greenfield Village Ticket Building. Only registered participants will be allowed to enter through Security Gates. Please inform your guests that they must enter the Village through the Main Village Entrance. This will be strictly enforced.

We will hold a Commander/Unit Representative/Safety Officer meeting each morning promptly at 9:00 a.m. at the Swiss Chalet.

Greenfield Village public hours for Civil War Remembrance are: Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Gate closure times: Blue Gate ~ 12:30 a.m. each night. Eagle Gate ~ Friday & Saturday 10:00 p.m., Sunday 5:30 p.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. or as early as possible when all participants have cleared Greenfield Village. Security Office (open 24 hours) 313.982.6096 Participants MUST show credentials (buttons) to enter the Blue Gate or Eagle Gate.

These items are in keeping with The Henry Ford's guidelines used for staff wearing period clothing. Please keep the following items in mind during the Civil War Remembrance program: WRISTWATCHES, JEWELRY and PIERCINGS Participants wearing any type of period clothing should NOT wear a wristwatch of any kind or modern jewelry (beyond wedding/engagement rings). You can place watches out of guest sightlines. Piercing visible to the public other than the lower lobe of the ear is not permitted during program hours. Men in period clothing are not permitted to wear earrings.

SUNGLASSES AND EYEWEAR Please make every effort to minimize modern eyewear, when possible (i.e. if you can wear contact lenses or period appropriate frames, etc.). Sunglasses of any sort, modern or period in style, are not permitted while wearing period clothing. VISITING FAMILY AND MODERN CLOTHES Visiting family or participants in modern clothes must stay out of the encampments or exhibition areas during guest hours. CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES DO NOT use cell phones or other electronic devices when in period clothing within guests' sightlines and/or earshot. All cell phone ringers should be turned to vibrate. Calls should be taken away from the public and in a private area such as a break area and out of the view of guests when using such devices. FOOD AND EATING ESTABLISHMENTS We ask that you confine your consumption of non-period food and drink to the immediate vicinity of the food establishments. We do not want participants walking through the Village with modern cups, wrappers and consumables. Place drinks in appropriate cups, food in haversacks, etc. Please make every attempt to conceal modern food/beverage while in period clothing. MODERN ITEMS, ARTICLES AND ACCESSORIES Please keep all modern items out of guest sight during program hours. This includes cameras, camcorders, or other equipment, clothing or camp equipment (coolers, plastic bags etc.). SMOKING In compliance with the May 1, 2010 State of Michigan Public Smoking Ban & The Henry Ford Smoking Policy, smoking of any tobacco products (this also includes pipes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and e-cigarettes) is strictly prohibited in all camps, both military and civilian. Participants may smoke in the following

areas: -Inside their personal vehicles -On the asphalt near the gate between the Edison statue and the Tintype Studio (this may be slightly moved due to Tintype demonstration) -On the sidewalk between the entrance to Taste of History and the Stone Mill -On the sidewalk, next to the Yellow Gate at Lovett Hall -Signs and smoking urns are placed at all designated smoking areas. These rules apply to both daytime and evening hours.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** For the days that you are here and part of our public programming, you represent The Henry Ford. Guests think of you as an extension of our staff. We expect you to follow the same standards for professional behavior as we ask our staff. All The Henry Ford staff and guest participants are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages while on the property of The Henry Ford.

Please note: If you are observed consuming or displaying alcoholic beverages during operating hours, you will be asked to leave the premises and not allowed to return. Depending on the circumstances, you as an individual or your unit may lose its invitation to participate in programs at The Henry Ford. You are not permitted to bring any alcoholic beverages onto the property of The Henry Ford or property being used by The Henry Ford. Doing so would be a violation of the liquor license held by The Henry Ford. Controlled substances are also not permitted AT ANY TIME.

You, as a participant, will occupy an unusual position during this program. Not only are you a guest with respect due you, you are also a representative of The Henry Ford with responsibility toward the guests. You can help make our guests' visit memorable just by showing a genuine interest in them, sharing in their excitement, and engaging in some friendly conversation. The success of this event is in large part due to participants' interaction with guests.

Fires MUST be contained in pits and limited to about 24" square. All fires must be attended to by an adult at all times. NEVER leave your fire unattended. Extinguish all fires before going to sleep. For safety reasons, each fire MUST have a fire extinguisher present and/or water bucket(s) filled and placed near the fire throughout the weekend. Please repair all fire pits and replace sod at your departure to help maintain the landscape for other events. Whenever possible, we encourage you to share fire pits. Firewood will be available in designated locations. If you run short of wood, please look at your neighbors who may have piled large quantities. The Program Production team monitors the wood situation and responds accordingly. Please leave all unused firewood stacked at your campsite, do not take it with you. Straw will be delivered to the camp areas. Please open one bale at a time. Do not use bales as furniture. Small bags of straw are appropriate to the 1860's. At the end of the weekend, please clean up your immediate campsite. Plastic garbage bags will be provided at check-in for you to bag up any leftover straw. Gather your trash in bags and leave it near any trash container or take it with you.

All participants will be given a parking permit that they must fill in and place on the dashboard of their vehicle in sight through the windshield. Modern vehicles are NOT permitted to stay inside Greenfield Village even after public hours or overnight.

**Authentic Camping** Participants engaging in authentic camping in Greenfield Village should drive their vehicles into the Village at the designated times to drop off their equipment and supplies. They can then park their vehicles in the Eagle Tavern Parking Lot. Overflow parking is in the Employee Lot near Lovett Hall. Do not park on the grassy field beyond the end of the Village.

**Modern Camping** Participants engaging in modern camping with RVs, motor homes and campers. Please park in designated areas as directed. Please conserve space and expect that people will be parked near your RV, etc.

This is not a camp ground, but a parking lot. Village Pavilion Exhibitors & Presenters The Martha-Mary Chapel parking area is reserved for those coming in later that are solely exhibiting, working and presenting in the Village Pavilion.

Below is a tentative camping area description for Authentic camping in Greenfield Village. During the event weekend, there will be designated leaders for each camping area. Please check the Participant Information website: [www.thehenryford.org/participants](http://www.thehenryford.org/participants) closer to Civil War Remembrance for any updates. Overnight campers will have access to in-house telephones located in the Swiss Chalet. Each area will have a designated leader to assist with camp assignments.

**Confederate Military Camp** The CS Military Camp is in the area between the Logan County Courthouse and the Sarah Jordan Boarding House. Water is located on the back or side of Doc Howard's Office, Adams Home, Swiss Chalet, and Mattox House. When setting up camp, please leave the entrance walk to the buildings open - especially William Holmes McGuffey School yard. The CS Military Coordinator is Mike Soules of the 5th Kentucky. **Confederate Civilian Camp** The Civilian Camp is located in the vicinity of the Edison Illuminating, grass area along Christie Street and behind the Menlo Park Complex near the large oak tree. Water is located on the back or side of the General Store, State Street Lunch Stand, Sir John Bennett Sweet Shop and Grimm Break Area. To access the Grimm Break Area, please use the wooden fence gate on Bagley Avenue. Please DO NOT pass through the Grimm Jewelry Shop. Lorna Mitchell-Paul is the Civilian Coordinator. **Union Military Camp** The Cavalry Unit will be located between Cotswold Cottage and Giddings House. The area on the southwest side of the guest walk between Plympton Family Home and the Windmill will be reserved for the Artillery Park. **Infantry** can camp from Edison Homestead to Daggett Farm including the front and side yards of the Susquehanna House. Water is located on the back or side of Edison Homestead, Luther Burbank Birthplace, Giddings Family Home, Cotswold House Yard, Cotswold Barn Yard and behind Daggett garden (may be concealed with a wheat shock). The Union Military Coordinator is Will Eichler. **Union Civilian Camp** The Union Civilian Camp is in the area adjacent to A&S, Smiths Creek, General Store (MSAS) and the Mulberry Grove. Lorna Mitchell-Paul is the Civilian Coordinator.

There will be a general "lights out - quiet time" in Greenfield Village starting each night at 12:00 a.m. (midnight) in any camp areas. Singing, music, large group loud conversations, etc. should cease to allow other participants to rest.

The restrooms in front of Sarah Jordan Boarding House and adjacent to Edison Illuminating will be open overnight. There are also restrooms and locker room facilities in Lovett Hall.

Participants who are camping may use the shower facilities in Lovett Hall. Showers and lavatories are located on the first floor of the building. Be sure you have your participant button with you. PLEASE NO HOBNAILS OR HEEL PLATES IN LOVETT HALL BALL ROOM – USE CAUTION WHEN WALKING INSIDE LOVETT HALL WITH PERIOD FOOTWEAR. The women's showers are located on the main floor, parking lot side of building, and the men's showers are located on the opposite side of the building.

Participants can also access Lovett Hall by foot via the west end of Firestone Train Station. Please walk to the end of the train station platform, pass through the gate, and follow the sidewalk around to the back door of Lovett Hall. Participants can also walk along the back service road that runs behind Firestone Farm house that leads into the employee parking lot. The employee entrance to Lovett Hall will be closed from 12:00 a.m. (midnight) to 6:00 a.m. During this time, the back service road will be the only route from Greenfield Village to

Lovett Hall.

Specific shelter and basement locations will be distributed in the participant packets at check-in. In the event of Severe Weather or an Emergency situation, staff will assist to direct to a safe location.

Parking will be in the Eagle Tavern parking lot starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening. Modern vehicles including cannon crews will not be allowed into the Village after 9:15 a.m. or before 5:30 p.m. on event days. Please note that the Village will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, so modern vehicles must remain outside until 9:30 p.m. If modern vehicles are in Greenfield Village after the stated times, you will be asked to move.

We expect and appreciate your full cooperation. When you are driving a vehicle on the road from the parking area to the authentic camp areas within the Village, drive slowly - the speed limit on roads within the Village is 5 MPH - please watch for pedestrians. Pull up on to the curb and park on the sidewalk. Please do not block the road. HORSES HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY at all times. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

We traditionally host a period ball in the Lovett Hall Ball Room (2nd Floor of Lovett Hall). The Ball will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2018 starting at 7:30 p.m. Light liquid refreshments (lemonade) will be served. This Ball is for participants only. HOB NAILS, HEEL PLATES, ETC. ARE NOT PERMITTED IN LOVETT HALL BALLROOM. Please bring other shoes, use duct tape on the bottom to cover, or dance in your stocking feet.

✓ The Henry Ford and the Program Production Team reserve the right to decline Check-In and participation of any unit or individual for any reason and/or remove any individual or unit from the event for violations of these rules and policies. ✓ Selling of any kind is not allowed in Greenfield Village during guest hours except by approved vendors. ✓ Dogs (other than certified service animals) are not allowed on the grounds of Greenfield Village. This includes all parking and camping areas as well as the Village itself. ✓ Do NOT fire muskets on the Village Green during drills – ONLY during the Commemoration on Monday are muskets to be fired on the Village Green. ✓ Do not fire rounds for demonstrations while horses are in the area - wait until horses are clear. Although Greenfield Village equine are used to Model T's and steam locomotives, they are not as familiar with weapon firing, drums and flags. Please use caution and minimize this activity if you see equine in the area or they are visibly nervous. ✓ Women older than 18 need to have their hair up during the day. Proper head coverings must be worn when outside. ✓ Please demonstrate proper respect for The Henry Ford property and equipment. ✓ Potentially dangerous horseplay and practical jokes are not acceptable behavior. ✓ Safety policies are aimed at preventing any employee, volunteer, guest, vendor, or participant from being subjected to any unusual health and/or safety risks. Safety is everyone's responsibility. ✓ Regardless of the impression you are trying to portray, shoes MUST be worn at all times during the event. This policy is exempt when sleeping. ✓ All units and participants will be held accountable to the Regulations and Safety Guidelines published by The Henry Ford. Please ask for a copy if your unit representative does not have one. ✓ Please remember that by registering for the Civil War Remembrance, you accepted the terms and conditions outlined in the Participant Agreement and Waiver Forms.

In case of emergency, contact the nearest employee and ask them to call our Security Department. Or you can dial that number from any internal phone. In the evening, you can reach Security by calling 313.982.6096.

For questions or additional needs, please contact your Unit Commander

