

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER <sup>7TH</sup>

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*Greenfield Village Annual Civil War Days-Memorial Day Weekend*

## President's Report

Finally after a long cold winter (and longer spring), it's time to get back out in the field. May is jam packed with school programs, Walker Tavern, Grosvenor House and Greenfield Village. We have good numbers for these opening events. We have new members who will be seeing the elephant for the first time in just a couple of days and men and women who have been doing this literally all their lives (Katie Everett comes to mind).

Me, I can't wait to sit by the fire after a long day and just enjoy spending time with friends new and old. Mark Heath has a shiny new bugle, Steve is loading up on Kentucky apple pie, Anson and Lori are planning their always amazing feasts, Pete's got those new stripes sewn on, Dave is reviewing Casey's. And the Conklin's are multiplying like . . . well, Conklins. The ladies are putting their finishing touches on the gowns and day dresses and most of us are making rounds and pulling out the equipment. Nothing like that good old smoky wool smell (just ask my wife!).

Last year's stories and lies and pranks will be hard to top but I'm sure we'll all give it our best shot!

As always I remain,

Your most obedient servant,

Doug



*Mother's Day is May 12*

**Next club meeting:  
Following the  
Rose Parade  
Sunday June 2, 2013**

See page 10  
For complete info

A copy of the minutes of previous meetings is available to all members in good standing upon request.  
William Jarrett, Club Secretary  
bjjarrett@aol.com



### 2013 Leadership

#### New Member co-Chairs:

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

President: Doug McComas  
Vice President: Steve Hainstock  
Secretary: Bill Jarrett  
Treasurer: Dick Williams  
Military: Tom Emerick, &  
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains  
Civilian Coordinator: Katie Everett  
Board Members-at-Large:  
Don Everett, Pat Downing,  
Jeff Verstraete

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

#### Website:

[www.7thmichigan.us](http://www.7thmichigan.us)

#### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted info for this month's issue. Deadline date for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please have all reports, articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form. I am able to accept documents in most of the usual word processing programs or formats. If accompanying maps or images are needed, **please** include (in jpg format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain that any items coming from another source are properly credited, or have obtained reprint permission. Personal news items are welcomed and encouraged, and photos of special events. Original articles (800-1000 word limit) pertaining to Civil War or reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:  
[7thminewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)  
Or mail to:  
736 Gettysburg Ave.  
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

  
Ellyn Painter, Editor



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

*We Thank You*  
Celebrate Memorial Day



★ On April 24th Rob Stone lectured on the life of a typical Civil War soldier to 80 seventh and eighth graders at Mack Open School in Ann Arbor. The presentation capped a Humanities unit on the war, during which the students had the opportunity to read a variety of novels concerning it. The kids were quite attentive - one said, "I've never heard my class be so quiet before" - and they asked very good questions. Sixty pieces of homemade hardtack that the Stones baked to hand out disappeared in a flash!  
---submitted by Rob Stone

★ Those from the 7<sup>th</sup> MI who have in the past participated in the Falmouth, VA living history event, "Yankees in Falmouth" may be interested in reading the story printed at the link below. A bench from the old church is being donated to the Smithsonian.  
[http://news.fredericksburg.com/mobile/from-fls/?story\\_id=5383](http://news.fredericksburg.com/mobile/from-fls/?story_id=5383)

---submitted by Jim & Gloria Kirschensteiner

★ At the April club meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>, our dancing mistress, Linda Williams, demonstrated the proper manner in which a lady and gentleman are to honor each other at the end of a dance. The man's bow should be very small, a slight bend and declining of the head, with his arms *straight down at his sides* (NOT bent at the elbows with one hand placed on his stomach and the other behind his back!). The lady, in turn, should perform a "courtesy," rather than a full, deep curtsy. Her arms also should be straight at her sides. She then makes just a slight bend of the knees and inclination of the head toward her partner, with eyes lowered demurely.

★ Also at the April meeting, Steve Hainstock gave a short presentation on 19<sup>th</sup> century ailments and displayed his collection of patent medicine bottles. He passed out copies of a medical glossary of illnesses with their 19<sup>th</sup> century names. Here are a few ailments from Steve's list with their 21<sup>st</sup> century equivalents: apoplexy=*stroke*  
catarrh=*inflammation of a mucous membrane, esp. one chronically affecting the nose and air passages*  
scrofula=*tuberculosis of lymph nodes esp. in neck*  
dyspepsia=*indigestion*  
dropsy=*edema, swelling*  
melancholia=*depression*  
Soldier's heart=*anxiety related, racing heart- we now call it PTSD*

★ If you wish to go to the Turkeyville event you may register yourself online, or contact Captain Dave Slayton, and he will register you. All participants must register before May 31. See the Military Minutes, this issue, for more Info. See also in the Minutes the list of other upcoming events.

★ This year marks the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, Civil War Reenactors (1983)





Captain Tom Emerick

# April 2013 Military Minutes

- Co-Captains: Dave Slayton  
Tom Emerick
- Lieutenant: Jim MacKinnon
- 1st Sergeant: Doug McComas
- Sergeant: Dan Conklin  
Jeff Verstraete
- Corporal: Tom Edwards  
Andrew McComas  
Rob Stone  
Dennis Zank
- Chief Bugler: Mark Heath



Captain Dave Slayton

## **May 4-5 – 150th Anniversary Gettysburg NPS Living History Program – Gettysburg, PA**

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

The following men indicated they were interested in attending:  
Nathan Kalmoe

## **May 3-5 - Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Reenactment - Brooklyn, Michigan**

Hosted by Historic Walker Tavern and 5th Texas, Co. E. Friday set-up and school day program from 9:00-2:00, Saturday 10:00-5:00, Sunday 10:00-4:00. Battles both days, tactical, Emerald Peacock, sutler row. Located at 13220 M-50 at US-12, Brooklyn, MI. Website at [www.5thtexascoe.com](http://www.5thtexascoe.com) for registration forms. Contact is Mike Ovsenik at [Michael.ovsenik@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.ovsenik@gmail.com) (Confederates), Paul Davis at [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com) (Union), Belinda Grier at [marieptam@gmail.com](mailto:marieptam@gmail.com) or (313)928-1932 (Civilian), and Brigitte at [cwladyreb@gmail.com](mailto:cwladyreb@gmail.com) (Sutlers). 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Military contact is Dave Slayton at [slaytondave@juno.com](mailto:slaytondave@juno.com) or (517) 663-4161.

## **May 18 – Grosvenor House Living History - Jonesville, MI**

This is at the historical Grosvenor house 211 Maumee St. Jonesville, Michigan. It's a Saturday event May 18th and some will be setting up camp Friday night the 17th. Living history of the civil war, military and civilians, firewood, straw and water available and a portajohn. The Grosvenor house will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Back Porch String Band will be playing on the front porch. It is also the Jonesville Riverfest weekend so there is a lot to see and do, car show, chicken BBQ, canoe races, etc. 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan contacts are Ed Conklin or Dan Conklin telephone number at 517-542-2291 or 517-398-2754 or email address [weconklin@dmcibb.net](mailto:weconklin@dmcibb.net).

## **May 24-26 - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI**

NOTE!! There is a new procedure to register for the Greenfield Village event. You have to have been on the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan roster by early March and then each individual must register on-line with Greenfield Village. **All participants need to register online via the Henry Ford website before April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Amenities include firewood, straw, tactical demonstrations, modern camping, dance, sutlers, food vendors. Located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn, MI, 48124. Website is at [www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx](http://www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx). 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Military contact is Tom Emerick at [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com) or (517) 669-5607. We know this is late information to be in the newsletter, but we want to make sure everyone knows. If someone missed the registration, please contact Dave Slayton ([slaytondave@juno.com](mailto:slaytondave@juno.com)) or 517-663-4161 and I can at least check and see if there is any possibility.

So far the following Military have been confirmed as registered.

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|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dan Conklin   | Jim MacKinnon  | Dean Mielke    |
| Craig Crispin | Dan Malick     | Dave Slayton   |
| Tom Emerick   | Andrew McComas | Scott Timoszyk |
| Don Everett   | Doug McComas   |                |

**For those of you not on the list please notify Tom when you have registered via the website.**



### **June 15-16 - Battle of Turkeyville - Marshall, Michigan**

Amenities include firewood, straw, cavalry/artillery bounties, free Saturday evening meal, modern camping, , sutlers, battles, night battle, fashion show, Ladies tea, Grand Ball led by Glen Morningstar, etc. Located at 18935 15-1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, MI 49068. Website at [http://www.turkeyville.com/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=99 &Itemid=238](http://www.turkeyville.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=99 &Itemid=238) or contact at [patti@turkeyville.com](mailto:patti@turkeyville.com) . **All participants need to register before May 31<sup>st</sup>**. 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Military contact is Dave Slayton at [slaytondave@juno.com](mailto:slaytondave@juno.com) or (517) 663-4161.

### **July 20-21 - Charlton Park Civil War Muster - Hastings, Michigan**

Hosted by 1st MI Light Artillery, Battery D, 3rd MI Volunteer Infantry, Co. F, 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, 8th Michigan Medical, 5th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, Co. C. Sutler row, battles, tactical, fashion show, barn dance, lantern tour, church service, modern food vendors. \$10 for Re-enactor breakfast both days and Saturday dinner. Located at 2545 S. Charlton Park Rd. Hastings, MI, 49058. Website at [www.charltonpark.org](http://www.charltonpark.org) or (269) 945-3775.

### **July 4-7 – 150th Anniversary Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, PA**

The event is located at 1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg, PA, email at [info@gettysburgreenactment.com](mailto:info@gettysburgreenactment.com), and website is <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com> . The 7th Michigan Military contact is Tom Emerick at (517) 669-5607 or [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com).

### **Ammunition**

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

### **Battalion**

We are serving within the 3rd Division, 2nd Brigade (Craig DeCrane), 1st Battalion under Colonel Peter Seielstad.

### **Carpooling**

Contact Tom Emerick for those of you who want to carpool/caravan please notify Tom of your preferred departure/return dates, and whether you need a ride or can drive, etc. Tom will be coordinating carpools as best as possible but needs the information sooner than later.

### **Registration**

Tom Emerick reported the registration is currently \$35/person (the website incorrectly states \$45/each) with a cut-off date of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Our **Organization Affiliation** on the registration form will be **Third Division/Black Hat Battalion**. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick, 112 S. Logan St., Dewitt, MI, 48820 (517) 669-5607 and [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com).

### **Registration hours**

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

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3rd 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Thursday, July 4th 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday, July 5th 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 6th 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 7th 7 a.m. – Noon

### **Showers**

Per correspondence with the event hosts it appears free showers at the downtown Gettysburg YMCA will be made available during the event.

### **Tentage**

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

### **Uniforms**

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



## Confirmed Attendees

As of this newsletter, the websites confirms the following Military registered for the event.

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

## September 19-22- 150th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga - Walker County, GA

Tom Emerick reported other Michigan units have expressed a strong interest for participating in the 150<sup>th</sup> Chickamauga national event this September. It appears there are potentially a few men from each organization wishing to travel south but not enough for an individual unit to field their own company. Tom “volunteered” to organize/coordinate a company (or two) of Wolverines planning to attend the event. The Company commander(s) and NCOs will be determined from amongst the participating units. Online registration is currently \$20/person and children under 14 years of age are free. The event is being held at Mountain Cove Farms located at 994 Dougherty Gap Rd, Chickamauga, GA 30707. Website is at [www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com](http://www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com). Registration link is at [www.cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=10](http://www.cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=10). If any 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan members are interested in making the trip down South please contact Tom.

## 2013 Club Maximum Effort Events

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

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants,

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*Our gallant 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan, Co. B – Greenfield Village*



# May 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 116 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website ([www.micw150.us](http://www.micw150.us)), there are 19 events listed for May. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to [www.micw150.us/2012events.htm](http://www.micw150.us/2012events.htm) and clicking on the month in question. Events for 2013 can be added anytime by contacting [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net).

**3 - 5. Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Muster** (13220 M-50 at US -12, Brooklyn, Michigan). Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/walkertavern> . Registration forms at <http://www.5thtexascoe.com> .

**3 - 5. Civil War Encampment at Grand Ledge Island Park** (Grand Ledge Island Park, Grand Ledge, Michigan). Contact [sylvania@victoriandays.org](mailto:sylvania@victoriandays.org) .

**4. Encampment (Convention): Michigan Department of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Annual Encampment** (Great Lakes Christian College, 6211 W. Willow Hwy, Lansing, Michigan). Website: <http://www.suvcwmi.org/> . Contact: [Paul Dave Arnold at arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Paul.Dave.Arnold@sbcglobal.net) .

**5. Victorian Days Grand Victorian Ball** (Grand Ledge Opera House, Grand Ledge, Michigan). Contact: 517-316-6694.

**9. Presentation: Michigan's Forgotten Civil War Soldiers – Company K of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters** (Ellis Library and Information Center, 3700 South Custer Road, Monroe Michigan). 7:00 PM. Website: [http://monroe.lib.mi.us/civil\\_war\\_series.htm](http://monroe.lib.mi.us/civil_war_series.htm) .

**10 - 11. White Pine Village Civil War Muster** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (1687 S Lakeshore Dr, Ludington, Michigan). Website: <http://www.historicwhitepinevillage.org> . Contact: [James Newkirk Jamesynewkirk@hotmail.com](mailto:James.Newkirk@hotmial.com) .

**10. School Presentation** (Trinity Lutheran School, 45160 Van Dyke Avenue, Utica, Michigan). 8:00 AM. Contact: Jim Cary, 21st Michigan, at [macman780@yahoo.com](mailto:macman780@yahoo.com) .

**18 - 19. 2nd Annual Civil War Days at Historic Grosvenor House** (211 Maumee St, Jonesville, Michigan Contact: George Conlin at [weconklin@dmcibb.net](mailto:weconklin@dmcibb.net) .

**18 - 19. Civil War Reenactment** (Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). Website: <http://civilwar.connerprairie.org> . Contact [info@connerprairie.org](mailto:info@connerprairie.org) or by telephone at 800-966-1836.

**24 - 26. Branch County (Coldwater) Civil War Days - Battles at Gettysburg** (Heritage Park, Coldwater, Michigan). Website: <http://www.cwcwmi.com/civil-war-days.html> or by Telephone at 517-278-8032.

**25 - 27. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance** (20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan). Website: [www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx](http://www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx) .

**25. Annual Mount Hope Cemetery Memorial Day Program** (Soldiers Lot, Mount Hope Cemetery, corner of Mt. Hope and Aurelius Roads, Lansing, Michigan) 11:00 AM. Contact David Arnold at [hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net) .

**26. Annual Memorial Day Program** (Brethren Church, 8436 W. Grand Ledge Hwy, Sunfield, Michigan) 9:30 AM. Contact David Arnold at [hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net) .

**27. Civil War Sesquicentennial Memorial Service** (Hollenbeck Cemetery, North Lake Road & Hollenbeck Road, Columbiaville, Michigan) 12:00 Noon. Ric Julian at [rjulian@aol.com](mailto:rjulian@aol.com) or by telephone at 810-793-6739.

**27. Woodland Township Annual Memorial Day Program** (Woodland Township Cemetery, M-43, Woodland, Michigan) 10:00 AM. Contact David Arnold at [hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hockeyboy121@sbcglobal.net) .

**27. Parade Annual Ypsilanti Memorial Day parade** (100 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti, Michigan). 9:00 AM. Contact the American Legion at 517-482-6299.

**27. Concord Memorial Day Parade** (Concord, Michigan). 10:00 AM. Contact: Robert Greggs at [misucw7@gmail.com](mailto:misucw7@gmail.com) .

**31. School Presentation** (Flynn Middle School, 2899 Fox Hill Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan). 8:00 AM. Contact: Jim Cary, 21st Michigan, at [macman780@yahoo.com](mailto:macman780@yahoo.com) .

**31 - June 2. Eighth Annual Sunrise Kiwanis Art and Festival** (Chatfield School, 231 Lake Drive, [located at the corner of Demille Boulevard and Genesee Street], LaPeer Michigan ). Contact: Dennis Spiekerman at [dspiekerman@yahoo.com](mailto:dspiekerman@yahoo.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 hosts the annual Reenactors' Conference and creates a Statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar to commemorate the Michigan's role in Civil War.



# Civilian News

Hello all! I would like to thank Trish and Carl Moss for hosting the April sewing party and for their wonderful hospitality. Everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. We all left with a great lesson in the history of Port Huron during the Civil War and one of us left with some wonderful antiques! I will be providing updates in future newsletters about the mourning house at Jackson. With the start of our season upon us I would like to leave you with this wonderful advice..."Whatever you are, be a good one." -Abraham Lincoln

Looking forward to seeing you all this summer!

Katie Everett ,Civilian Chair

Governor and Mrs. Austin Blair (aka Carl and Trish Moss) welcomed the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan ladies to "the executive mansion" for lunch and a sewing bee on Sat. April 20. The ladies got so involved in the house tour and lunch they never got around to sewing. Before leaving, they visited the Atrium Cafe where the owner gave a talk on the Fenian Raid (of 1870), and encouraged everyone to come be part of the reenactment over Labor Day weekend.

Carl and Trish Moss' home in Port Huron was built for Dr. Frederick Lohrstofer om 1897. He was trained in Germany and thought to be the town's first surgeon. He and his family lived there until the last family member died in 1963. The house remained vacant until purchased by the Mosses in September 1967. The pipes had frozen and it took until January to get running water in the house. Many D.Y.I projects ensued.

The house itself is a strange combination of Greek Revival and Queen Anne Victorian architecture. It has tall columns like Greek Revival, but is asymmetrical like The Queen Anne style, with several bay windows and an off-center front door. The interior woodwork is original and is of French-polished cherry wood. There are very few houses that have been lived in by only two families in 116 years!



Home of Carl & Trish Moss, Port Huron, MI circa 1897 – photo courtesy of the owners.

In the fall of 1999, the Mosses purchased a second Victorian home, (located four blocks from the first) which they have extensively restored, beautifully furnished and put up for sale. Humorously called "the folly," the home's five year restoration plan was completed in thirteen years!

In the late 1850's the Ballantine family built this home in the French Gothic Revival style. They owned and operated the area's premier dry goods store for more than a century. Their home reflected their stature in the community.

The house had many owners through the years and was converted to four apartments in the late 1930's. After sitting vacant for a number of years, the Ballantine home was scheduled for demolition when the Mosses bought it. The place was in far worse condition than the Mosses first thought. And required almost a complete makeover. It has been lovingly furnished with antiques and themes appropriate to its rebirth. It has been a source of pride to Carl and Trish to have restored a historical home that was standing when Abraham Lincoln was president.

---information provided by Trish Moss



Photos by Linda Williams





More photos by Linda Williams of the interior Of the Ballantine home.



## QUARTERMASTER REPORT

As you can see (on next page) we still have a large selection of merchandize with a substantial amount of new equipment. We still have more to add as soon as I get them inventoried and priced. Watch future news letters for more new stuff. We now have a supply of parts for reproduction muskets. Unfortunately we couldn't afford everything, only the parts that usually break.

If any one hears of another re-enactor that has surplus equipment or is leaving the hobby and wants to dispose of their gear please contact me or have them contact me. We are willing to look at and make an offer on what ever they have.

I would like to know if there is any interest in Tee shirts, Sweatshirts, or Tote Bags. Think about it and we will start the process of getting a new supply. We can make the decision at the next meeting. We have the following 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan clothing for sale: Tee shirts blue, 1 2XL- \$9. Sweatshirts, blue, 1 medium- \$18.50, 1 Large- \$18.50, 2 X large- \$18.50, 1 2XL- \$21.50. Tote Bags, 1 navy- \$6, 2 red- \$6, 2 black- \$6 and Ball caps- \$15. These will be available at the next meeting.

There is powder, paper and caps available as well. The new supply of caps is the CCI copper 4 wing style and the new price will be \$7 per tin of 100. They are in real tins, not plastic. Price of 1 pound cans of FFFg powder has increased to \$14.

The cartridge rolling for the Swedes' at Gettysburg has gone well. With the cartridges from the last rolling party we still need 40 loose rounds to have enough. If you can donate rounds please have them at the next meeting.

After action report on the live shoot coming in next newsletter.

---submitted by Don Everett

## FENIAN RAID - PORT HURON Labor Day weekend. 51 Water St. Port Huron

Mi. 48060. [fenianraidcelebration.blogspot.com](http://fenianraidcelebration.blogspot.com) This event was designed to tell the story of an Irish-American army - 80,000 strong - known as the Fenian Brotherhood. They were the only private military organization ever permitted, actually encouraged, to organize and acquire arms and freely operate within the United States. For a span of five years following the Civil War, the Fenians' support of armed rebellion in Ireland and their outrageous invasions of British North America captivated the nation, enraged the British, panicked Canadians living on the border and at times forced some artful diplomatic maneuvers to prevent war with England. And it has its roots deeply embedded right here in Port Huron. We are inviting reenactors, vendors, and tourists alike to join our weekend "Fenian Raid - Port Huron Celebration" along the banks of the beautiful St. Clair River in historic Port Huron, Mi. Our event is always held on Labor Day Weekend.

You can directly contact either Joe Ann Burgett 1-810-689-0109 or RockStevens 1-810-989-6002 (at the Atrium Cafe).

Atrium Cafe  
[www.atriumcafe.net](http://www.atriumcafe.net)

## EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

**We need presenters for Ovid Middle School May 3rd. If you can help with the presentation call or e-mail to let me know at 517-393-3475 [djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net) . We need presenters for White Pine Academy May 10th and Dexter Middle School May 17<sup>th</sup> if you can help with the presentation call or e-mail to let me know. We always welcome all presenters, men, women and children. We try to present a more complete picture of the Civil War by showing both military and civilian life styles whenever possible. This is one way the Club creates income to provide for materials and programs that we provide throughout the year.**

----submitted by Don Everett



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

The 7<sup>th</sup> has, over the last year, has obtained a collection of Military gear that is for sale to club members. After obtaining some more gear recently we have taken inventory of what we have for sale. The list follows. Most of the equipment is used and sold as is. The gear and prices are for 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan members only. **New items are in red.**

## CLOTHING, MEN'S

Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35  
**Trousers, US, 44/32...\$20**  
**Trousers, US, 32/32...\$25**  
 Trousers, US, 32/34, need repair...\$15  
 Trousers, US, 36/29 ...\$35  
 Trousers, US, 36/29, NEW ...\$45  
 Trousers, US, Officer, sky blue, 34/36...\$20  
 Trousers, US, Officer, dark blue, 34/36...\$30  
 Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35  
**Trousers, CS, jean cloth 36/26 ...\$20**  
 Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40  
 Shell Jacket, CS, 38/40...\$35  
 Sack coat, US, 46/48...\$35  
**Sack coat, US, 38...\$35**  
 Sack coat, US, 42/44...\$30  
 Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20  
**Frock coat, US, 40...\$75**  
 Great coat, size 44 sky blue ...\$100  
 Military vest, size 46/48...\$25  
 Military vest, size large...\$20  
**Military vest, size 38...\$20**  
 Civilian frock coat, double breasted, gray pinstripe, size 42...\$45  
 Civilian trousers, B/W check, 34/29...\$20  
 Civilian dickey vest. Light gray ...\$5  
 Shirt, off white, XI...\$2  
 Civilian vest, brown wool, size Lg...\$10  
**Civilian vest, pinstripe wool, size XI...\$15**  
 Long drawers, 40/42...\$10  
 Short drawers...\$1  
 Shirt, red bib front, XI ...\$15  
 Shirt, white, collarless ...\$10  
**Shirt, white, muslin, med, (2) ...\$10ea**  
**Shirt, wool, gray, med...\$15**  
 Shirt, blue, med ...\$10  
 Shirt, blue dot, ...\$15  
 Shirt, Blue check, Lg...\$10  
 Shirt, Red calico, Lg...\$10  
 Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20  
 Suspenders, elastic, (2)...\$1ea  
 Wool sock, white...\$5  
 Wool sock, rag...\$5  
**Wool sock, rag...\$5**  
 White gloves...\$1 per pair  
 Socks, cotton (4)...\$2pr

## HATS

Amish straw hat...\$10  
 Slouch hat, black /w cord & bugle...\$25  
 Slouch hat, black...\$15  
 Slouch hat/w cord, black, lg...\$15  
 Hat civilian, tan, lg...\$15  
 Kepi, US, lg...\$15

Forage cap, US, McDowell size 7 1/8...\$15  
 Forage cap, US, 1858/ w bugle & letter...\$15  
 Kepi, CS/w bugle...\$30  
 Kepi, CS...\$25  
 Kepi, CS...\$15  
**Forage cap, CS...\$15**

## SHOES

Jefferson bootees, size 8...\$30  
 Jefferson bootees, size 10...\$55  
**Jefferson bootees, size 10...\$40**

## WEAPONS

Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625  
 Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompon, bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625  
**Springfield 1861 rifle, bayonet, scabbard & sling, Dixie Gun Works...\$525**  
 Springfield 1863 rifle, Navy Arms...\$450

## ACCOUTERMENTS

Cartridge box/wo plate & tins...\$25  
 Cartridge box/w plates & tins...\$30  
**Cartridge box/w plates & tins...\$30**  
**Waist belt, US...\$10**  
**Cap box ...\$12**  
 Waist belt, US, (2)...\$10ea  
 Waist belt, CS...\$10  
**Waist belt, CS, russet...\$10**  
 Waist belt, CS, canvas...\$10  
 Holster, rt hand, ...\$5  
 Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$15  
 Tompon, brass...\$1  
 Cartridge box tins...\$2  
 Haversack, white muslin, (4)...\$5ea  
**Haversack, tarred...\$10**  
**Haversack, tarred...\$15**  
 Canteen, tin, smooth side, dark blue...\$20  
**Canteen, tin, smooth side, dark blue...\$20**  
 Canteen, SS smooth side, sky blue...\$15  
 CS buckle...\$3  
 US buckle...\$3  
**NCO sword w/ baldric...\$75**

## HAVERSACK STUFFERS

Handkerchief...\$0.50 ea  
 Poke sacks, various sizes each...\$0.50  
 Poke sacks, white muslin, (5)...\$1ea  
 Poke sack, pie carrier...\$2  
 Poke sack, muslin...\$0.50  
 Poke sack, pillow ticking, small...\$1  
 Soap, period w/ poke sack...\$1  
 Pill case, tin...\$1  
 Pill case, wood...\$1  
 Scissors in muslin bag...\$1  
 Housewife...\$3  
 Housewife, pillow ticking...\$3  
 Sewing kit, in cap tin...\$3  
 Mirror...\$1

## MISCELLANEOUS

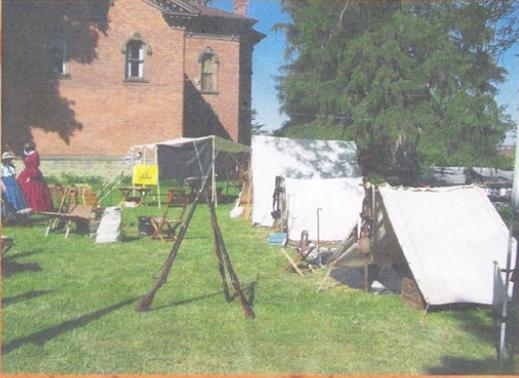
Canteen sling, muslin...\$1  
 Folding table \$20  
 Iron lamp pole...\$15  
 Coleman cot/w air mattress...\$50  
 Cleaning rods, wood w/ jag & shotgun brush adapter...\$7  
 Oil bottles, tin...\$2  
 Bottles (5)...\$1 ea  
 Trigger lock...\$2  
 Box of Paper Ladies...\$5  
 Musket nipple wrench...\$3  
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 Shelter half (1)...\$20  
**Shelter half (1)...\$20**  
 Lantern, wood (2)...\$15  
**Federal knapsack, double bag...\$55**  
 Camp shovel, folding...\$5  
 7<sup>th</sup> MI ball caps, original logo, (6)...\$10ea  
 EZ Clean, black powder cleaner...\$1  
 Tent stakes (6)...\$2ea  
 Gaiters...\$20  
 Cartridges (120)...10 for \$2

## COOKING UTENSILS

Porcelain basin...\$0.50  
 Tin cup, large...\$3  
 Tin cup, small...\$1  
 Tin cup, small...\$1  
 Tin cup, large...\$2  
 Tin plate ...\$7  
**Tin plate ...\$7**  
 Copper cup, large...\$5  
 Tablespoon, fiddle back...\$0.50  
 Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50  
 Knife...\$0.50



2nd Annual Civil war days



at the historic Grosvenor house

Living history of the civil war, camp life of civilian and military, any other timeline history welcome. Firewood, straw, water, and a portajohn available set-up Friday night, and Saturday night camping if you like. contacts: Ed Conklin weconklin@dmcibb.net Dan Conklin civilwarbuff61@hotmail.com Back Porch String Band will be playing.

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**Grosvenor House, Jonesville, MI- May 18**

Civil War living history camplife, civilian & military. Other timeline history also welcome . Setup on Friday night, and Saturday night camping if desired. Amenities: firewood, straw, water, portajohn Music by Back Porch String Band  
 Contacts: Ed Conklin – weconklin@dmcibb.net  
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**Jackson Rose Parade - Sunday June 2**



It is that time again.

We will meet at Ella Sharp Park near the soccer fields 11am (same location as the last several years) to decorate the trailer and ride up to the starting point. The Jarrett's are once again providing the loan of their trailer for civilians/or others who don't chose to walk (bring a chair or stool). We will leave Ella Sharp no later than 12 to arrive at our start point for the parade which will step off at 1pm.

Military please bring at least 20 rounds. We will hold a brief club meeting in Ella Sharp Park after the parade.

The parade route is from the corner of S. Jackson/Greenwood to Fourth Street ending at the Middle School at Parkside. Staging is on W. Wesley/W. Franklin/Mason (starting at 11:00 a.m.).

