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Part of the group present at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club on April 18, 2015, for the 2nd Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Live Shoot. Photos this page by Ellyn Painter.

To the Members of the 7th Michigan:

Thank you for coming and supporting the 2nd Charlie Colegrove shooting contest.

It makes this mother's heart soar to honor Charlie in this way, with friends. Charlie so loved being part of the Michigan 7th..

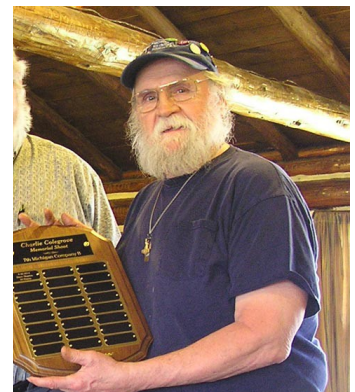
Thank you for your friendship and love.

---Sue Colegrove



Winner of this year's shooting contest:

Don Everett



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Club Leadership

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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 (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.
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Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor

Club Meeting Notes -

April 18, at Eaton Rapids Conservation Club

All had a good time either shooting, sewing, or chatting! This get together was such a success that the members present said "Aye!" to President Roland's motion that we reserve the shooting range and clubhouse for the **3rd Saturday of April next year** for another combined meeting.

Treasurer's Report: We received a nice (and prompt) thank you letter from the Historic Railroad Equipment Association for our recent donation of \$500. The letter, in part, reads:

"Your gift will help us acquire the necessary materials to construct the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Train, and to take it on a historic journey in 2015. Thank you for joining our passion and dedication to the project. We couldn't do it without the support of people like you."

Education Report: We have two upcoming school programs scheduled: May 8 - Ovid, and May 15 - Birney Middle School. Don Everett requests any and all who are able to help with these programs (civilians included) to contact him ASAP. djkeverett@comcast.net 517-393-3475

Mason, MI 150th Celebration: We will be having an event at Raynor Park in Mason on the weekend of August 15-16. At this point details --particularly whether we will be able to camp overnight there or not--are unclear. More later.

Also -- we will be doing something as part of Mason's July 4th celebration during this, their sesquicentennial year, but again, details will be forthcoming later. A parade is planned in which we could participate, as well as possibly a day camp on lawn of the Historical Museum. Fireworks in the evening.

In September is "Mason Hometown Days." Again, potential for 7th MI participation, walking around and talking to visitors.

Jackson/Cascades, Inc. - We have settled our grievances with Cascades, Inc. regarding the Jacksonburg "buildings." Cascades, Inc will be keeping the buildings, and we are being paid \$802. in exchange; this monetary amount also clears the matter of monies we still owed them. This resolution puts an end to our dealings with the Jackson Muster and Cascades, Inc. It has been a memorable 30 years, and we can be proud of our achievement in Jackson. We, as a club, will now move on from this unhappy episode to other bright accomplishments and wish the Jackson Muster well as it continues on its way.

2015 Harvest Ball: The date for our annual dance will be October 24.

The next club meeting is:

Sat., June 20,

At the Turkeyville event.

Time: Early evening, after supper but before the Ball.

"Shoot" Photos



Photos by Sue Colegrove and Ellyn Painter, except where otherwise noted.



"You all better Get your newsletter submissions in on time, or else!"



The shootists, using whatever firearms of their choice they had brought for the purpose, banged away at various targets for awhile before the 2nd Annual Charlie Colegrove Memorial Shooting Contest got underway on Saturday, April 18. Happily taking photos, I planned on eventually going back inside to join most of the ladies at their sewing bee. I didn't sew much, but I did have a good time on the range.

Though I had NO intention of doing so, it suddenly seemed to be the group consensus that I be REQUIRED to participate in the contest!! Jim Kirschensteiner suggested the caption printed above the photo of me shooting the AR-15, but I don't think I'm a gun-slinger QUITE yet, and all you habitually tardy souls can breath a sigh of relief that it is so. Bill Jarrett couldn't even find either of my shots on the target. (Aw, shucks). Thanks, Chris, (who provided the AR-15, as well as donating the ammunition for it) for helping me look through the sights properly!

I was also cheerily cajoled by Al Baerren into firing a few rounds with his Remington semi-automatic pistol. I sincerely appreciate your patience with me, Al—though your life probably depended on it.. (Geez oh pete! I couldn't seem to remember not to point the darn thing at him whenever I turned my head to speak to him!)

The winning shot, made by (DE) Don Everett, was well within the red center of the target. A very close second place was achieved by (KE) Katie Everett, who placed her counting shot less than a quarter of an inch away from her dad's. One astute observer voiced the recommendation that if you ever decide to break into someone's house at night, it would be a good idea to NOT choose the Everett home!

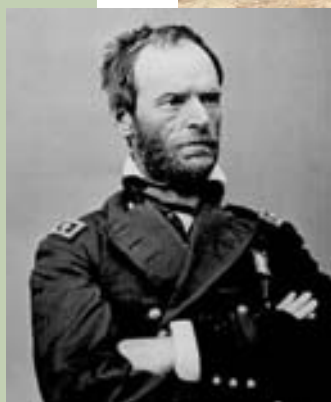


---Your Editor





Group photo at 150th Bentonville reenactment. Submitted by Rob Stone. Our three guys are standing in back row, slightly to left of center (from perspective of the photographer or viewer).



"I feel no doubt whatever as to our future plans. I have thought them over so long and well that they appear as clear as daylight... The game is then up with Lee."

---Gen. William T. Sherman

150th Battle of Bentonville Reenactment

(Four Oaks, North Carolina; March 21-22, 2015)

by Rob Stone

Steve Church, Jim MacKinnon and I attended one of the final events of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Bentonville was the largest battle fought in the state. The last full-scale action of the Civil War in which a Confederate army was able to mount a tactical offensive, it was the only significant attempt to defeat Gen. William T. Sherman's army during its march through the Carolinas in the spring of '65.

Rain dogged us on the drive south but by the time we arrived the weather had turned fine. The area's sandy soil did a good job of soaking up the precipitation; nighttime temps were on the chilly side. "Campaign-style" was the watchword of the day. Steve, Jim and I were among the many participants who lodged in shebangs that dotted the woods. We enjoyed falling in with our pals of the Third Michigan, Coy. F. They constructed a gigantic shebang that sheltered nineteen men! The reenactment's site was close by where the actual battle took place. Indeed, a trench line dug by Federals was clearly visible along one edge of the reenactor camps.

During the course of the weekend nine public lectures were given on topics relating to the battle and experiences of North Carolinians during the war. The Saturday and Sunday battles were well attended by the public, many of whom thanked the Yankees for making the trip. While it's difficult to estimate how many reenactors took part in the event, I think it is safe to say several hundred were on hand, including cavalry, artillery and a large contingent armed with Henry rifles.

There were different venues for each day's fight. In both instances the infantry were employed in digging works before the shooting started. We used shovels, plates, cups and our hands to make shallow excavations. The battles were entitled "Fight for the Morris Farm" and "Last Grand Charge of the Army of the Tennessee and Morgan's Stand." In both instances the Rebels mounted charges against our positions.

I found 150th Bentonville an enjoyable way to kick off the 2015 reenacting season.

Military Minutes - April 2015



In April, our military meeting was at the target range. On Saturday, April 18th we met at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club, for breakfast at 9:00am, followed by a target practice and the 2nd annual target competition. Everyone that wanted to participate got a chance for one practice shot and one competition shot, all using the same rifle (an AR-15). Sadly, the Captain was pretty good on the practice shot, but not so on the one that counted. Don and Katie had the best shots, so the plaque went home with them. Congratulations! Thanks to Jeff with help from Anson for the breakfast, and to Don for letting me use the 45 again, and expend multiple clips of ammo. A potluck followed, but I left to spend time with my daughter's family that was leaving on Sunday for overseas. Still, it was good to gather with each other and fellowship with friends while I could.

May 23 - 25. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance

Our first max effort event is coming soon. If you are on the 7th Michigan Roster, you can go to this great event, but you need to register. See details below. We have only three events confirmed, plus probably the Van Raalte Farm in Holland in September. There may also be an event in August, which is to be determined. So not that many events. Any day you can attend will be appreciated!

(20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan). Hosted by Greenfield Village. Hundreds of Union and Confederate reenactors, civilians, musicians and historic presenters — all in period clothing — converge, eager to share their knowledge with you. There are dozens of opportunities to learn more about this pivotal time in American history: exhibits, presentations, battle tactics demonstration, hands-on activities and insights from historians. Join us in honoring the sacrifices and achievements of all those who bravely fought and continue to fight in defense of our great nation. The Henry Ford will participate in a national moment of silence at 3 pm Monday as signaled by the Armington & Sims shop whistle. Amenities include firewood, straw, modern camping, military ball, sutlers. This event is by invitation only for reenactors. **If you are now on the 7th Michigan roster, you can register at : <http://registration.thehenryford.org>.** If you are a returning participant and remember your account password, you can register, and they have a "forget your password" button to select. If not registered last year, you can create an account. Once logged in, select "Civil War Remembrance" and start registering!

The general website: www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx.

Other 2015 MICHIGAN EVENTS

June 20 - 21. Turkeyville Civil War Reenactment (Turkeyville U.S.A, 18935 15 1/2 Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan). Free to the public, but donations appreciated. Battles, Grand Ball Saturday night, Night Artillery Firing, ladies tea and fashion show, and pie eating contest. Special Impression Area to include Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, General Ulysses S. Grant, Post office, Barber, Storyteller, Blacksmith, Quartermaster, and Surgeon. Thursday and Friday set-up, Modern day RV campsite on location with hook-ups (offered at discounted rate for reenactors), wood & hay provided, free reenactor meal Saturday at Turkeyville Restaurant, coffee and donut breakfast free to reenactors. Artillery Bounties (\$100/first six guns each side), Cavalry Bounties (\$20/horse first registered) Registration can be by via the web or by email. Website: <http://www.turkeyville.com>. Reenactor Contact: Email elyse@turkeyville.com or by Telephone at 517-626-4336.

July 18 - 19. Charlton Park Civil War Muster (2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings, Michigan). Hosted by Battery D, 2nd Michigan Light Artillery, 3rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company F., and Barry County Parks. Confederate and Union Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery units. Shop on Sutler Row, play parlor games, Two battles on Saturday, one battle on Sunday. Admission is Adults \$5.00, Kids \$3.00 ages 5 - 12 years, 4 and under are free. All Reenactors are requested to Preregister at no charge. The on-site registration fee is \$10.00 per reenactor. Preregistration required/fee for walk-ons. Website and registration form/information at http://www.charltonpark.org/news_events/special_events.html. Contact: info@charltonpark.org.

I hope to see many of my military and civilian friends at Greenfield Village!

In your service, Capt. Dave Slayton.



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

William Jarrett, Club Secretary
 btjarrett@aol.com

Hello all!

I would first like to thank everyone who came out to the Live Shoot/Ladies Sewing Party. We had great weather and everyone had a wonderful time. It was truly a great way to honor Charlie Colegrove. I would like to thank Jeff Verstraete for a tasty breakfast and the ladies for an amazing lunch. Thank you to Chris Sodman for bringing the AR15 and everyone who participated in the Charlie Colegrove memorial shoot. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year and maybe some more of the ladies will come out to shoot. Some of our civilians have suggested forming a committee to plan our activities for the Mason events and the event at Meridian Village. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee please let me know as soon as possible. I will hopefully have a meeting set up to announce in the next newsletter. I hope everyone has an enjoyable season and hope to see you all at an event!

Katie Everett
Civilian Chair
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May 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 130 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2015 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), 22 have been reported for May. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to www.micw150.us/2015events.htm and clicking on the month in question.

--May 2015--

- 1. Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert: (Lincoln Museum, 212 N. 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois). Noon. (Benedictine University, 1500 N. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois). 5:30 PM.** Fifth Michigan Regimental Band Contact: Carol Smith at gandcsmith@comcast.net.
- 2. Civil War Sesquicentennial Dinner and Concert.** *Enjoy an evening with President and Mrs. Lincoln and the Livingston County Concert Band.* (Parker Middle School, 400 Wright Road, Howell, Michigan). 5:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Concert. Tickets: \$35 adults; \$30 Seniors; \$30 Children 12 and under. Contact: Laura Hogan at jjhogan@talkamerica.net
- 2. Grand Victorian Ball** (Grand Ledge Opera House, Grand Ledge, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of elegance and gaiety in the Grand Victorian Style. Ticket are limited. Reserve yours now. Tickets are \$30.00. Contact: 517-316-6694.
- 2. Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert: (Train Station, 3rd and Jefferson, Springfield, Illinois). 8:30 AM. (Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 8th and Jackson Street, Springfield, Illinois). 12:30 PM. (Lincoln Park 1601 N. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois). 6:30 PM.** Fifth Michigan Regimental Band Contact: Carol Smith at gandcsmith@comcast.net.
- 2 - 3. Living History and Commemoration Parades 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Funeral** (Springfield Illinois). 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's funeral. Contact: Craig DeCrane, decrane@buckeye-express.com/.
- 2 - 3. Civil War Show: 38th Ohio Civil War Show and 23rd Annual Artillery Show** (Richland County Fairgrounds - U.S. 30 & Trimble Road, Mansfield, Ohio). Website: <http://www.ohiocivilwarshow.com>.
- 2 - 4. Civil War Muster at Grand Ledge Island Park** (Grand Ledge Island Park, Grand Ledge, Michigan). Hosted by the 22nd Michigan and 8th Arkansas. Contact sylvania@victoriandays.org
- 3. Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert: (First Presbyterian Church (Lincoln Church), 321 Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois). 10 AM. (Oak Ridge Cemetery, 1441 Monument, Springfield, Illinois). 2 PM.** Fifth Michigan Regimental Band Contact: Carol Smith at gandcsmith@comcast.net.

May 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report - concluded

- 6 & 13. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum** (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at GARmichigan@gmail.com/.
- 9 -10. Annual Brian Haack Memorial Artillery Match** (Blue Water Sportsman's Club, 4866 Ravenswood Rd., Kimball, Michigan). Contact: Norm Gibson at nhdlgibson@comcast.net.
- 14. Presentation: Civil War Veterans of Monroe, County** (Monroe County Museum, 126 South Monroe Street, Monroe, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Website: <http://MonroeCountyMuseum.com>.
- 15 - 17. Civil War Reenactment** (Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). Contact: info@connerprairie.org or by telephone at 800-966-1836.
- 16. Lamont Spring Festival** (4670 Leonard St Coopersville, Michigan). All Day. Civil War Living History Encampment. Website: <http://LamontontheGrand.com>.
- 21 - 24. Branch County (Coldwater) Civil War Days - Battle of Perryville** (Heritage Park, Coldwater, Michigan). Website: <http://www.cwewmi.com>.
- 23 - 25. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance** (20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Michigan). **This event is by invitation only for reenactors.** Website: www.thehenryford.org/events/civilwarremembrance.aspx.
- 23. Memorial Day Program: 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 Paul David Arnold at hockeyboy121@sbcbglobal.net.
- 24. Memorial Day Program:** (Brethren Church, 8436 W. Grand Ledge Hwy, Sunfield, Michigan) 9:30 AM. Contact Paul David Arnold at hockeyboy121@sbcbglobal.net.
- 25. Memorial Day Program: Woodland Township Annual Memorial Day Program** (Woodland Township Cemetery, M-43, Woodland, Michigan) 10:00 AM. Contact Paul David Arnold at hockeyboy121@sbcbglobal.net.
- 25 - June 30. Memorial Day Exhibit: "Lest We Forget" - The Real Meaning of Memorial Day** (Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum, 224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at GARmichigan@gmail.com/.
- 28. Presentation: The Antecedents of the Inevitable Conflict, the Civil War** (GAR Memorial Hall and Museum, 224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 7 PM. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at GARmichigan@gmail.com/.
- 30. Civil War Grave Rededication** (Pine Ridge Cemetery, SE Corner of Tuscola Rd (M-15) and Ridge Rd., Bay City, Michigan). 11 AM. Contact: Jim Petrimoult at jpetri221@att.net.
- 30. Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Traditional Memorial Day Observance** (Soldiers and Sailors Monument, 298 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio). Noon. **Lincoln at Cleveland 2015 Civil War Illustrations Exhibit** (Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Ave., N.E., Cleveland, Ohio). 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM.. Contact ohiomollus@aol.com or by telephone at 330-855-4251

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 historyhistorians; patriotic and hereditary organizations; scholars and educators, roundtables; local and statewide libraries, historicalsocieties, genealogical societies; local and statewide museums; and numerous local Michigan communities that sponsor special andannual historical programs related to the Civil War Each year the History Partners hosts the annual Reenactors' Conference inNovember and creates the statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar.



To the men and women who died for our freedom:

We Thank You

Celebrate Memorial Day – May 25