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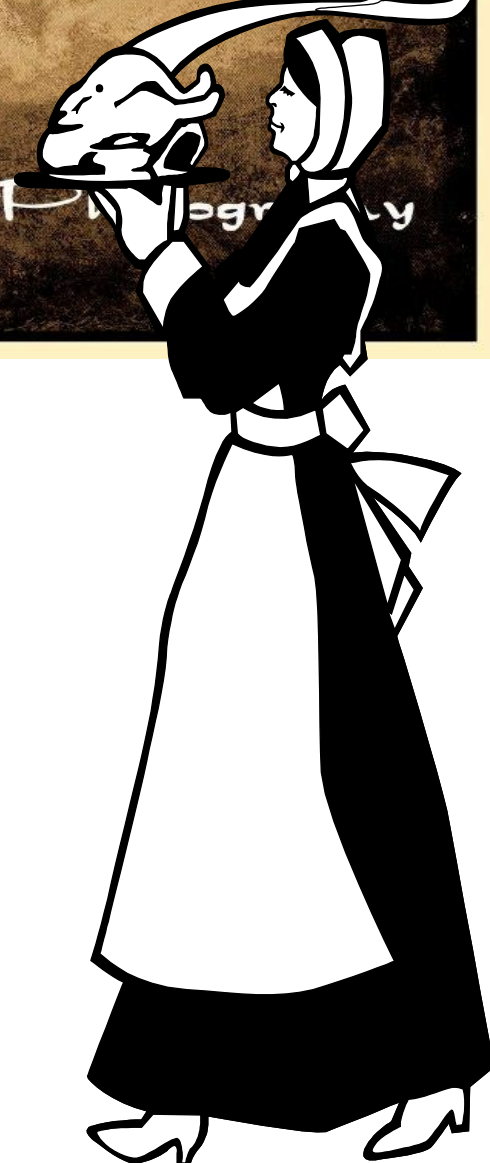
Our own Don
Everett, the
Mayor of
Jacksonburg

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Next club Meeting:

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012
1:00 pm at
Robbins UMC
6419 Bunker Rd.
Eaton Rapids
1:30pm Breakout
sessions
2:30pm General
meeting
(map in website Map
Book)

7th Michigan Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 1,
2012
At Robbins UMC
See attached flier for
complete info

New Slate of 2013 Leaders Voted In

Please note the changes or continuations in leadership positions resulting from the annual meeting elections last weekend:

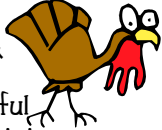
Doug McComas & Steve Hainstock remain as President & Vice President, respectively; Dick Williams continues as Treasurer.

Bill Jarrett & Jeff Verstraete switch roles—Bill is now club secretary, & Jeff takes on Bill's erstwhile position as Military New Member/Recruiting chair.

Board members-at-large are: Don Everett, Pat Downing, & Jeff Verstraete.

Katie Everett is now Civilian coordinator, replacing Joy Henderson & Vonda Warren. Thanks to all who have stepped down & stepped forward for your loyal service.

..so Love that turkey bird-- & Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Day!



7th MI members and guests are invited

To attend a showing of the film "Lincoln" <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJVuqYkl2jQ>>

at Celebration Cinema at 200 East Edgewood Blvd., Lansing, on December 1st following the Company Christmas Party. Period dress is ENCOURAGED. The approximate time of the movie will be around 7:00 pm. There is the possibility of a 5:30 showing; HOWEVER the exact time will be announced when the movie theater has worked it into their schedule. To R.S.V.P. PLEASE EMAIL <7thmihistorian@att.net>

News Items:



The Seventh is now on Facebook; you can find us at: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/337478246347317/>

Please stop by to see event photos and information, the odd Civil War joke or cartoon, other news items, and photos of soldiers' headstones.

----- Steve Hainstock

Linda and Dick Williams report a \$450 profit made this year from the *Harvest Ball*. 67 guests from outside the unit attended, plus 15 7th MI members, for a total of 82 people.

Two of our members received awards this past Sunday at the Annual Cascades Civil War Muster Appreciation Dinner, held at the Manor House in Jackson, MI.

Jim MacKinnon became the new Reenactor of the Year.

Mark Heath is Cascades, Inc. Member of the Year. Congratulations, gentlemen!



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

Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

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

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

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

Thank-you.

Ellyn Painter, Editor



Bert & Armaine Osterberg

“ I write to inform you that my wife, Armaine Yvonne Sacen Osterberg, ended her courageous three-year battle with cancer with victory in Christ, going home to the loving embrace of our merciful God, on Saturday, September 22, 2012. She passed away peacefully in the presence of her family her in california, withoutt pain. I am grateful to ...[those] who supported us through these trying times... ”
Bert S. Osterberg
Costa Mesa, CA

Bert goes on to say that Armaine was so proud of the work she did educating people about the Civil War period. "I will remember, always, the grand times we had together."

Trish Moss adds: The Osterbergs both worked at Greenfield Village in the Eagle Tavern, Armaine as a server and Bert was the barkeep. Armaine also portrayed Elizabeth Keckley, Mrs. Lincoln's seamstress and best friend, at many reenactments.

-----submitted by Trish Moss





7TH Michigan Military Minutes – October 22, 2012



2012 Events

We began the meeting with a “very” brief review of the 2012 re-enacting season.

Battle of Turkeyville – Marshall, Michigan

Tom Emerick reported the host organization has been contacted about the powder issue due to the participating troops. We are awaiting the remittance of the funds to purchase the ammunition. Tom will coordinate the distribution of powder upon its receipt.

Company Cooks

Tom Emerick praised the cooks (Brittany and Heather Jarrett, Anson and Lorrie Roland) for all of their efforts in providing the meals throughout the season. This contributed immensely to the welfare of the men and was deeply appreciated by all.

Chief Bugler

Tom Emerick thanked our Chief Bugler, Mark Heath, for his terrific musical contributions to the hobby. Mark’s musical talents were put to good use both in camp and in maneuvering troops on the battlefield and during drills. Three cheers for the bugler!

Cascades 2012 Civil War Muster - Rocks

Tom Emerick thanked Julie and Katie Everett for the 162 fake rocks they manufactured for use by the Secesh in the Railroad Cut scenario at Jackson this year. The Confederates were more than happy to put them to good use in repelling the Federals. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and blew the rocks back at the Rebel hoards. Another unfortunate occurrence was that Colonel Emerick, exhibiting signs of Senioritis, forgot to reclaim the ammunition for future use.

Cascades 2013 Civil War Muster – Stone Wall

Julie and Katie Everett “volunteered” to take a look at the old Antietam bridge remains in the Downing barn to see if it can be resurrected as the wall at the Angle for a proposed Pickett’s Charge at Jackson this year. Stay tuned.

Live Shoot 2013

Don Everett surveyed the Military as to whether we wanted to continue with our annual Live Shoot in the spring. By overwhelming acclamation Don will be arranging a date for next year’s event.

Noah Verstraete – New Field Musician

Jeff Verstraete reported his son, Noah, will be taking up the drum this coming year. Noah is getting lessons from his older brother, Ryan, has his uniform ready to go, and is reportedly “geeked” to begin the new season playing signals and maneuvering the troops on the battlefield.

Skirmish Drill

The troops at the meeting were pretty adamant about incorporating Skirmish Drill into our drill regimen during the upcoming year. The Unit has been increasingly used in this capacity over the past few years and the boys want to become more familiar with the basics.

Umbrella Organizations

The Unit held a brief discussion on the current state of umbrella re-enacting organizations in the Midwest to include the great state of Michigan. Tom Emerick reported on the newly formed Army of the Wabash consisting of several Indiana based units to include our good friends in the 30th Indiana and 49th Indiana.

Remaining 2012 Activities

November 3, 2012 - Annual Michigan Re-enactor’s Conference – Lansing, MI

Dave Downing will again be hosting the annual conference at the State Historical Museum auditorium located at 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48915. The annual meeting is for groups throughout the Midwest to get together to discuss the Re-enacting schedule for 2013. The meeting begins at 1:00 pm and should last no more than two hours. Both Military and Civilians are invited to participate. Contact is Dave Downing at 517-676-5998 or downing_dave@hotmail.com

November 11, 2012 – Ingham County Veterans Day Parade – Mason, Michigan

The next Military event of the year was discussed with a large amount of interest expressed in participating in the annual local parade in Mason. Captain Slayton volunteered to lead the troops. We will be mustering at 1:00 at the Ingham County Fairgrounds located at 700 E Ash St., Mason, MI 48854 with step-off at 3:00. Scott Shattuck and his Mason Middle School class of Civil War Field Musicians will be leading the troops. Both Military and Civilians are invited to participate. Contact is Dave Slayton at 517-663-4161 or slaytondave@juno.com

December 7-9, 2012 – 150th Anniversary Battle of Fredericksburg – Fredericksburg, VA

The "Fire on the Rappahannock" event will be held on portions of the actual battlefield and will include a recreation of the street battles in downtown Fredericksburg, a crossing of the Rappahannock on a modern pontoon bridge and in reproduction pontoon boats, and an attack on Marye's Heights. The 7th Michigan will be crossing the river in reproduction pontoon boats as the real 7th Michigan did 150 years ago. Headquarters is encouraging participants to share tentage (large or small) with their comrades in arms as much as possible due to the limited bivouac area. Originally, onsite registration and set-up was scheduled beginning on Friday. Steve Church reported (and Tom confirmed) there is a school program scheduled for Friday from 10:00 am until 2:30 pm. No re-enactors will be permitted to set up in camp during those hours. Tom queried and received confirmation from Headquarters we will be able to set up as early as Thursday. Tom Emerick reported he will be distributing the most recent information to participants as well as coordinating carpools to the event. Captain Roscoe will also be communicating with troops under his command. The website is also a valuable source of information for attendees.

The following men are registered to serve in Colonel Peter Berezuk (Third Battalion) under the direct command of Captain Andrew Roscoe (89th New York, Company H).

Sam Batdorff	Don Everett
John Braden	Patrik Gustafsson
John Chamberlain	Steve Hainstock
Mark Chamberlain	Nathan Kalmoe
Steve Church	Jim MacKinnon
George Duda	Doug McComas
Tom Edwards	Dave Slayton
Tom Emerick (Battalion Adjutant)	Rob Stone

Following is a summary of information for the civilians and those going as spectators regarding local motels for the weekend. All of the hotels provide a complimentary breakfast and there is no cancellation fee when reservation is cancelled 24+ hours in advance.

Hotel	Phone	Miles from Event	Address	Cost per Night
Best Western Central Plaza	540.786.7404	4.5	3000 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22401	\$79.99 + 11% tax
Best Western Fredericksburg	540.371.5050	3.7	2205 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22401	\$75.00 + 11% tax
Comfort Inn Southpoint	540.898.5550	7.0	5422 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Fredericksburg, VA, 22407	\$60.00 + 11% tax
Quality Inn Near Central Park	540.371.7330	3.8	2310 Plank Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401	\$65.00 + 11% tax

The event website is located at www.fredericksburg150.org/ 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick at 517-669-5607 or tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com

2013 Military Activities

February 16 and & March 16 - Winter Drill Sessions – Leslie, MI

Tom Emerick broached the subject of whether the Unit wanted him to organize the fourth annual drill sessions in Leslie. The troops overwhelmingly voted to continue the tradition to include extending invitations to other units to participate. Tom reported the format will be slightly different this year as the instructions for both days will be the identical. Most of each day will concentrate on Casey's School of the Company and School of the Battalion as before. Tom is planning to dedicate time at the beginning of each day to review School of the Soldier basics especially for the benefit of "fresh fish" in the ranks. We will also be practicing "Skirmish by the Bugle" too. Mark Heath volunteered to provide musical accompaniments throughout the day on his bugle. Contact is Tom Emerick at 517-669-5607 or tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com

May ??-??, 2013 – 150th Gettysburg NPS Living History Program – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Tom Emerick reported Craig DeCrane has extended an invitation for the 7th Michigan to fall in with the Iron Brigade in the living history program to be held on the Gettysburg NPS Battlefield next year. We are waiting on a confirmed date.

July 4-7, 2013 – 150th Battle of Gettysburg – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Tom Emerick reported the Club will be participating in the re-enactment hosted by the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee (GAC) at the same location as the 145th Battle of Gettysburg. We will be falling in with the Black Hat Battalion under the command of our good friend Col. Craig DeCrane. Registration is \$25 per adult and \$0 for children under 12 through December 31, 2012. When you register individually, be sure to complete the ***Organization Affiliation** by specifying **3rd Division/Black Hat Battalion**.

The event website is at <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com>

The registration form in PDF is at <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com/ReenactorRegForm.pdf>

The online registration form is at <http://reenactor.gettysburgreenactment.com/index.htm>

Annual Military Elections

The Unit decided to continue with the co-Captain arrangement from last year. Balloting was close and the final results are as follows.

2013 Military Structure

Captain: Tom Emerick
Dave Slayton
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

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

Dave Slayton, Captain
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(517) 663-4161

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<http://fredericksburg150.org/ferry-farm-camp-map/>



EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

We already have 2 confirmed dates for next years school programs. Birney Middle School in Southfield April 19th and Ovid Middle School May 3rd. We may also have programs at Midland Academy, Dexter Middle School, and Mason Middle School.

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 when ever possible. This is one way the Club creates income to provide for materials and programs that we provide through out the year.

-----submitted by Don Everett

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

As you can see we still have a large selection of merchandize. We now have a supply of parts for reproduction muskets. Unfortunately we couldn't afford everything, only the parts that usually break. Later this off season I will again be showing how to disassemble a lock and perform basic maintenance on your musket.

We are planning a live shoot for next April at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club. For those that have not fired a musket this is an opportunity to do so. You may bring any rifles and hand guns you wish to shoot. There will be minie balls to use with your muskets as well as .31, .36 and .44 cal pistol balls. Our members are willing to share their modern guns as well. Last year we had weapons from 17 American wars. Remember all members and prospective members are welcome. THAT INCLUDES ANY OF THE WOMEN THAT WHIS TO COME AS WELL!

We have the following 7th 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.

-----submitted by Don Everett, Quartermaster

After Action Report

150th Anniversary Battle Reenactment of Perryville, Kentucky

by Keith G. Harrison

A great time was had by all at the 150th Anniversary Battle Reenactment of Perryville, Kentucky. Anytime that you can participate in a reenactment on the actual battlefield is a tremendous opportunity and honor.

The event had a tactical and three battles. The tactical took place on Thursday - Friday and was true to its name – a tactical with opposing armies having to first locate at night and then out maneuver and fight the other. As during the Civil War, several missteps lead to both an exciting and unpredictable outcome. Each of the rest of the battles built upon the other with the Saturday morning reen-actment battle portraying the first part of the actual Perryville battle and the second and third reenactment battles portraying the remainder of the actual battle. The weather was cool at night and warm during the days with Sunday being the warmest (perfect for ensuring that your canvas was dry by the time you struck camp).

Our Brigade was composed of the Cumberland Guard and its affiliates (the newly forming Army of the Wabash, and Earl Zeckman's Department of the Mississippi), and was the largest of the three Union Brigades. Many of our pards participated with representatives present from the 8th IN, 9th IN 11th IN, 12th IN, 14th IN, 19th IN, 30th IN, 32nd IN, 35th IN, 42nd IN, 44th IN, 49th IN, 97th IN, 7th KY, 9th KY, 1st MI Eng, 1st MI, 3rd MI, 4th MI, 5th

MI, 7th MI, 8th MI, 9th MI, 17th MI, Michigan Cavalry Brigade, Sally Port Mess, 4th OH, 29th OH, 76th OH, 125th OH, 8th TN, and 7th WI. On Sunday morning a program was held at both the Union and Confederate memorials remembering the soldiers who served and died at Perryville 150 years earlier.

On the Confederate side, of course, we often times were opposite Medich battalion, which is always fun. The 49th IN had its own camera crew in tow from France, which was doing a documentary on US reenacting and the Brigade was highlighted almost exclusively in a U-tube segment. *All in all, for those who attended, the event* was one to go down in the annuals as one of the great western Civil War Sesquicentennial commemorative reenactments.



November 2012 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 166 Sesquicentennial events currently listed for 2012 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), there are 9 events listed for November and 2 for December. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to www.micw150.us/2012events.htm and clicking on the month in question.

November 2012 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

- 3. 7th Annual Detroit Veterans' Day Parade (Detroit Michigan).** Staging 8:00 AM, Parade 10:00 AM. For people wishing to stay overnight on the 2nd, arrangements have been made with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition for them to stay at Historic Fort Wayne in the barracks. Contact Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net.
- 3. Special Historic Program: *Old Glory Returns to the Detroit GAR Building for the First Time in Over 50 Years!*** (1942 Grand River Avenue (Cass Avenue and Grand River Avenue). 1:30 PM. Contact: Bruce Butgereit at civil-war@comcast.net.
- 4. Civil War Play: *The Heavens Are Hung in Black*** (Flint Youth Theatre, 1220 E. Kearsley St., Flint, Michigan). 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Heavens Are Hung in Black examines Lincoln from an intensely personal point of view. Cost \$25.00. Website: <http://www.thefim.org/fyt-homepage>.
- 4. Annual Veterans Day Massing of the Colors** (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan) 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Speaker will be World War II Marine-Private George Taylor and Vietnam Veteran Ron Springer. Sponsor is the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. Contact Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net.
- 8. Presentation: *The Civil War - Michigan Answers the Call*.** (Ada Township Assembly Hall, 7330 Thornapple River Dr SE, Ada, Michigan) 7:00 PM. The program is sponsored by the Ada Historical Society. Website: <http://www.adahistoricalsociety.org>.
- 10. Michigan's Third Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference** (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The Reenactor Conference will be used to look at the events being planned for 2013. Refreshment will be served. Contact Bruce Butgereit at civil-war@comcast.net,
- 11. Veterans Day Parade** (700 E Ash St., Mason, Michigan) 3:00 PM (Muster at 1:00 PM). American Legion Post #148 & VFW Post #7309. Assemble in the east parking lot of the Ingham County Fair Grounds between Ash St and Kipp Rd in Mason starting at 1:00 PM. Contact Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net.
- 17. Annual Remembrance Day Commemoration and Parade** (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania). 11:00 AM Program 1:00 PM Parade, 4:00 PM monument rededication. *Rededication of 7th Michigan Monument*. Two thousand plus participant parade. Contact Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net.
- 29. Presentation *True Crimes of the Civil War*** (Lower Level, Program Room A, Loutit District Library, 407 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, Michigan). 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Contact: Tobin Buhk at 616-662-9691 or Larry Halverson, Community Relations Coordinator, at lhalverson@loutitlibrary.org.

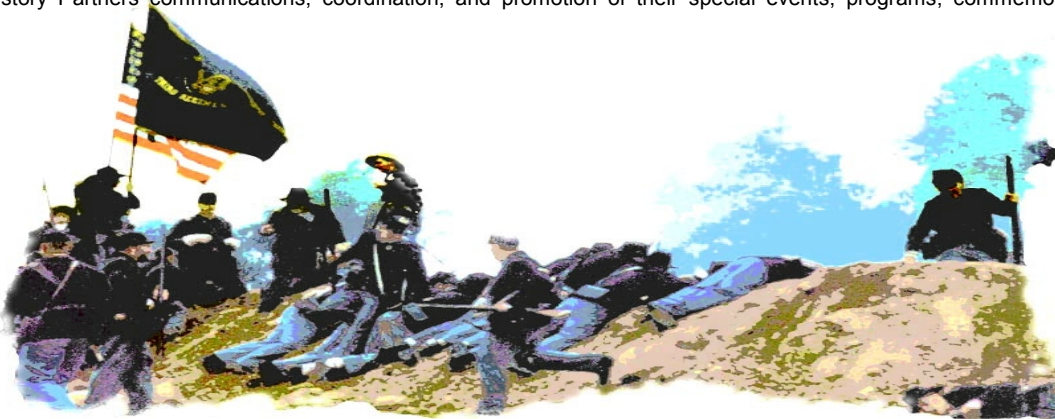
December 2012 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

- 7 - 9. 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg** (Fredericksburg, Virginia). The *Fire on the Rappahannock* event will be held on portions of the actual battlefield. Website: <http://fredericksburg150.org/>.
- 8. Living History: *A Civil War Christmas and Commemorative reenactment of the Battle of Fredericksburg*** (Historic Fort Wayne 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). The event commemorates American's Civil War Sesquicentennial by learning Christmas traditions from Ft Wayne and Fredericksburg in that era. Contact: Contact Thomas Berlucchi at tberlucchi@yahoo.com.

Keith G. Harrison, Chair
7th Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee

**The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners is composed of individuals, organizations, and communities throughout the state interested in commemorating and promoting the Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011 - 2015) and Michigan's role in that war. Comprising the Civil War History Partners are over 1,000 Civil War reenactors and living history historians; Civil War patriotic and hereditary organizations; Civil War scholars and educators, Civil War 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. On April 22, 2010, the Michigan Historical Commission unanimously approved the partnership between its Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and the Civil War History Partners Steering Group for the purposes of carrying out, and as decreed in, Executive Order 2007-52, the commemoration of Michigan's role in the Civil War. This action formally recognized the role of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners in assisting the state in the planning, promotion, and implementation of the Civil War Sesquicentennial activities in the state. In addition to assisting the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission/Committee during the Civil War Sesquicentennial, one of the primary goals of the Michigan Civil War History Partners is to help facilitate among all the History Partners communications, coordination, and promotion of their special events, programs, commemorations, etc. for the Sesquicentennial.

Battle of
the "Crater"-
Cascades Civil
War Muster,
2001



Civilian News

I would first like to thank Joy Henderson and Vonda Warren for their hard work in being the civilian chairs last year. I am hoping to plan some activities or small projects for the civilian breakout session at the meetings. They wouldn't be anything too challenging so that you would be able to finish the project or get a good start on it. If you have any ideas please let me know. The schedules for this year's sewing parties are:

November 17th- Elyn Painter
January 19th- Lorrie Roland
February 16th- Joan Emerick
April 20th- Trish Moss

The March sewing party is still open; if you would like to host a sewing party please let me know.

Our November sewing party will be at Elyn Painter's house in Jackson. The address is 736 Gettysburg Ave, Jackson MI 49203. Some people will be meeting at the Holt Park and Ride and carpooling to Jackson. If you are interested please be at the Park and Ride by 8:30 am. Those that are interested in going to breakfast it will be at Bob Evans at 9am and the sewing party will start at 10am. We will be working on the ornaments for our Christmas party. If you can please bring some scrap material (cotton dress or Christmas material-small print). It will need to be big enough to cut 1/2inch strips to wrap around a ball; a fat quarter will be enough. Please bring a dish to pass for lunch. There will be more information about future sewing parties coming in future newsletters.

After Action Report for the Ladies Weekend:

A good time was had by all of the ladies who attended the weekend retreat this year. We had great weather and great food. Hope to see more of you next year!

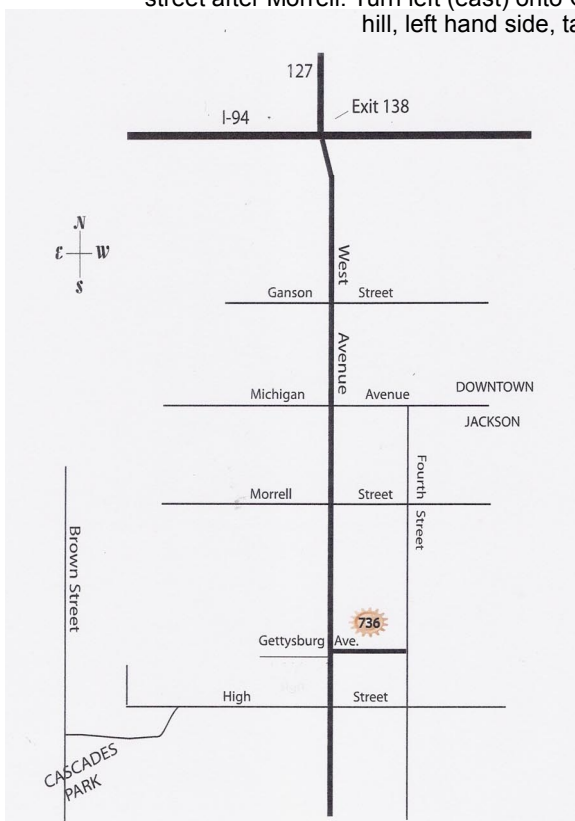
Sincerely,
Katie Everett
Civilian Chair



Sarah Kirschensteiner –
Fashion Show, Jackson 1995

Directions to Elyn Painter's House-736 Gettysburg Ave., Jackson, MI Phone: 517-782-4387

US-127 becomes West Ave., after going under the I-94 overpass. South on West Ave., all the way through town, about 3 miles. Go through several traffic lights, including those at Michigan Ave. and Morrell St. Gettysburg is the 6th street after Morrell. Turn left (east) onto Gettysburg—you should be going up a hill. Elyn's house is at the top of the hill, left hand side, tan with dark blue shutters and round-topped blue door.



Upcoming Civilian Conferences

MIDWEST CIVIL WAR CIVILIAN CONFERENCE
Fort Wayne, IN
January 25-27, 2013
www.midwestcwcivilian.com

Michigan Soldier's Aid Society presents:
FIRST ANNUAL CIVIL WAR CITIZENS' CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 30, 2013
Four Points by Sheraton – Kalamazoo, MI
For more information: M.S.A.S.1860@gmail.com

NOTE: The 7th MI ladies have received fliers on both these events, but we do not have any further details than those given above, consequently do not necessarily endorse any particular group or activity. For further info, please contact the parties at the websites or email addresses listed.

The 7th MI Civilians



The 7th Michigan Sutler

The 7th 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 7th Michigan members only. **New items are in red.**

CLOTHING, MEN'S

Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35
Trousers, US, need repair, 34/34...\$20
Trousers, US, 32/34, need repair...\$15
Trousers, US, 36/29 /w braces...\$40
Trousers, US, 36/29, NEW ...\$45
Trousers, US, sgt, 34/36...\$30
Trousers, US, Officer, sky blue, 34/36...\$20
Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35
Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40
Shell Jacket, CS, 38/40...\$35
Sack coat, US, 40R...\$35
Sack coat, US, 46/48...\$35
Sack coat, US, 42/44...\$30
Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20
Frock coat, size 40...\$55
Frock coat, size 44/46...\$75
Great coat, size 42 dark blue...\$75
Great coat, size 44 sky blue...\$100
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, XL...\$2
Long drawers, 40/42...\$10
Short drawers...\$1
Shirt, red bib front, XL ...\$15
Shirt, blue check, XL ...\$10
Shirt, white, collarless ...\$10
Shirt, blue dot, ...\$15
Shirt, Blue plaid, Lg...\$10
Shirt, Red calico, Lg...\$10
Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20
Shirt, collarless, white muslin...\$15
Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20
Suspenders...\$3
Suspenders...\$3
Suspenders, elastic, (2)...\$1ea
Wool sock, white...\$5
Wool sock, rag...\$5
Wool sock, rag...\$5
White gloves...\$1 per pair
White gloves, wool...\$1
Wool gloves, fingerless...\$7
Wool mittens...\$7
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, med...\$15
Kepi, US, lg...\$15
Hardee hat, double stitched brim, dressed...\$60
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
Touk, red wool...\$10

SHOES

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

WEAPONS

Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625
Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompion, bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625
Springfield 1863 rifle, Navy Arms...\$450
Enfield 1853, rifle/w case, bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$550

ACCOUTERMENTS

Cartridge box/w/ plate & tins...\$25
Cartridge box /w plates & tins...\$30
Cartridge box/w plates & tins...\$30
Waist belt, US...\$10
Cap box ...\$20
Waist belt, US, (2)...\$10ea
Waist belt, CS...\$10
Waist belt, CS, canvas...\$10
Holster, rt hand, (2)...\$5ea
Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$15
Tompion, brass...\$1
Cartridge box tins...\$2
Haversack, white muslin, (4)...\$5ea
Haversack, tarred...\$15
Canteen, SS bulls eye, 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...\$75

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
Copper cup, large...\$5
Tablespoon, fiddle back (2)...\$0.50
Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50
Fork...\$0.50
Knife...\$0.50
Knife, bone handle, (2)...\$2ea
Fork, bone handle, 3 tines, (4)...\$2ea

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
Mattress tick...\$3
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
Musket nipple wrench...\$3
Tompion...\$1
Fly, 10 x 12 /w poles & stakes...\$65
Shelter half (1)...\$17
Lantern, wood...\$15
Lantern, wood, need repair ...\$5
Federal knapsack, double bag...\$60
Camp shovel, folding...\$5
7th MI ball caps, original logo, (6)...\$10ea
EZ Clean, black powder cleaner...\$1
Tent stakes (6)...\$2ea
Gaiters...\$20
Cartridges (150)...10 for \$2
Cleaning kit, collapsible cleaning rod, jag, brush, adapter, Moose Milk, oil in tackle box...\$10





7TH MICHIGAN CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2012

12:30-1pm Social Hour

1pm Lunch

Robbins United Methodist Church

6419 Bunker Road

Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827

517-663-5226

Lunch - Lasagna, Beef Brisket, Mac and Cheese /rolls/ beverage and dinner service all provided

Please bring a dish (or two) to pass (depending on family size)

*No Alcohol

Program / Awards – anyone wishing to give out an award or perform
Please contact Pat Downing 517-676-5998 at least a week in advance



See you on December 1st
Your Christmas Party Committee
Questions to Pat Downing – 517-676-5998

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doug's report was inadvertently left out of the November issue. I subsequently sent it out as a separate email to 7th MI members On Nov. 6, 2012, with my apologies. The text is presented below:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What an exciting time to be in the hobby and most especially the 7th. As I write this I am looking forward to the Jackson appreciation dinner, the Christmas party, and thinking ahead to Fredricksburg. 2012 was a terrific season and I am glad to have such good friends in the hobby. Some of the more memorable moments of the year in my typical random style: Tsunami, raptor, firestarter, tactical win, Kyle, Cole, Dave leads, new members, Antietam at dawn, Irish march to the bloody lane, friends stand tall, fantastic Jackson, Turkeyville explodes into a big event, campfire laughter, moonshine, and most of all a sense of belonging to a great group of quality people who care about each other.

I look forward with excitement to the upcoming season. We are blessed to be able to demonstrate our love of history with others. As we continue to work on our impressions and our kit, let's also work to make our new members comfortable in the hobby. A good life is one where there are good friends, we laugh often and loud, and demonstrate to those important to us that they are loved.

That is what the 7th Michigan is. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the group for another season as both president and first sergeant.

You most obedient servant,

Doug