

Sky Lanterns aloft: In fond memory of the late Charlie Colegrove, 7th MI members sent up a group of lanterns following the club meeting on Oct. 19. More photos, pg. 3.

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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Club Leadership

New Member Chairman:
Jeff Verstraete (military & civilian)
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President: Anson Roland
Vice President: Doug McComas
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer: Don Everett

Military: Dave Slayton, Captain
Civilian Coordinator: Katie Everett
Board Members-at-Large:
Jeff Verstraete, Rob Stone, Melissa Bateman
Quartermaster: Don Everett
Webmaster: Casey Wallick

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

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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

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Reminder: Dues are Due!

Military Minutes – October 2014

Harvest Ball

The Harvest Ball was held on October 11th, and from what I've heard, it was another success. Thank you to the co-chairs of the Harvest Ball committee, Linda Williams and Don Everett, for yet again putting in so much time, effort and thought into a signature event. And to all those that pitched in to help, civilian or military, your contributions all help to make it successful. Working together we can accomplish great things!

Military Officer and NCO Elections for 2015

As is our custom, every fall we take nominations and volunteers to stand for election as Officers and NCOs for the following year. This was the only item dealt with during our military break-out session, except for discussing what items we wanted to continue training on during the winter. Here are the results:

- Captain: Dave Slayton was the only nominee/volunteer and was elected.
- Lieutenant: Jim McKinnon was coerced again to run, and elected.
- 1st Sergeant: Doug McComas ran again un-opposed and still got elected.
- Sergeants: We need 2 more, with Dan Conklin and Andrew McComas elected.
- Corporals (4): Bill Jarrett, Scott Timoszyk, Dan Malick, Denny Zank were elected.
- Chief Bugler: The honorable Mark Heath was again elected, but was challenged by Dizzie Gillespe and Louie Armstrong. The vote was 163 for Mark, and about 3 each for the others. Seemed a little odd with less than 100 in attendance at the October meeting, but no-one thought a recount was necessary. I think the ballot box felt like a turkey being prepared for Thanksgiving dinner.

I look forward to working with all of you, to continue the strong tradition of a knowledgeable and well trained company. It is important for all of us to study the manuals on our own, and help each other out when we train and when we reenact. I also encourage all of those elected to attend as many winter meetings as you can, and especially to try to make as many "max events" as you can in 2015.

I would also like to note, as I did at the meeting, the 2015 will be my last one as Captain. I want to make room for others to have that honor and let others move up. I am not retiring, just getting back into the ranks. I give all the military my sincere appreciation for the excellent job everyone does every year. It is an honor to be Captain of the 7th Michigan.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. In your service,
Dave Slayton, Captain
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Annual Meeting Highlights

☺ Outgoing club president Doug McComas read a letter received from the office of attorney William Worth, who represents Cascades, Inc. (the Jackson Civil War Society), informing the club that the 7th Michigan is being replaced by them as host unit of the Jackson Civil War Muster. Discussion regarding this new reality began at the meeting and will continue over the coming months as we determine our response as a club. See meeting minutes for more details, and page 5 for a copy of the letter.

Election Results: Corporation Officers for October 2014 to October 2015

President: Anson Roland
Vice President: Doug McComas
Treasurer: Don Everett
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Members at Large: Jeff Verstraete,
Rob Stone, Melissa Bateman

☺ We are in need of a new Club **Historian/Living History Chair**, as Steve Hainstock is leaving the 7th MI to join Battery D due to health concerns. He will meet with the new Historian once the position is filled. Those interested in the job please contact Anson Roland (trainsarefun1955@yahoo.com; 517-316-5754) The club wishes Steve all the best as he moves on from here.

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- 😊 Heather Jarrett has stepped down from the position of Civilian New Member Chair. Jeff Verstraete will now handle both the Civilian and Military positions.
- 😊 **New Webmasters** are Casey Wallick and Allison Bailey. A redesign of our website is under construction.
- 😊 **The Club Christmas Party** will be December 6th at 1:00pm. See information flier on page 7.
- 😊 **Harvest Ball:**Linda Williams reported that 44 people attended our annual ball on Oct.11. A fun time was had by all, despite the lower number of ticket sales. Glen Morningstar, Jr. and the Michigan Ruffwater String Band were, as usual, our wonderful caller and music. The 7th MI will be seeking a date in early November for future dances, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain an open October date at the church.
- 😊 Congratulations to Janessa Slayton, who is to be married January 3rd. Proud dad is Captain Dave Slayton.
- 😊 Our next club meeting is November 16.

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



William Jarrett, Club Secretary
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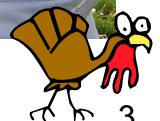


I would like to thank the members of the Michigan 7th Co B. for the lantern lighting in honor of my son, Charlie Colegrove. It was so special to share it with my friends.

It was such a surprise!!
A Special Thank You to Julie Everett for thinking of this honor..It did this mother's heart good to see that others thought of my son.

You are all very special to me.
Thank You.
Sue Colegrove

Photos by Elynn Painter





Silver Bells, Silver Bells... it's Christmastime in the City...

It's that time of year again... Silver Bells in the City is here! Every year a group of us gather in downtown Lansing to watch the lighted parade and the lighting of the tree at the Capital. Everyone is welcome to join us. Silver Bells is November 21st. The parade starts at 6pm with the lighting of the tree following. Afterwards we will be going to dinner at Fire Mountain. If you would like to join us we meet at the corner of Washington and Allegan in front of Tom and Chee between 5-5:30pm. Dress warmly because it can be cold and windy. If you just want to join us for dinner we will be to the restaurant about 7:30-8pm. If you have any questions contact Julie Everett. Hope to see you there!

Julie Everett
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Civilian News

Hello everyone!

Thank you for trusting me to be your civilian leader for another year! I think we had a good time last year and hope that will continue. I would like to thank Vonda for hosting our October sewing party! Everyone that attended had a wonderful time and we all love the new porch. I would also like to thank the ladies that came out to the retreat weekend. We had great weather and a fun weekend. A special thanks to Linda Williams for our special treat. The ladies enjoyed it!

Our first sewing party of the year will be November 15th at Marie Searles house. We will meet for breakfast at Sophia's House of Pancakes in Grand Ledge at 9am. Those who do not want to go to breakfast can meet us at Marie's house at 10am.

The following people have signed up for sewing parties for next year:

Lorrie Roland- January; Sue Colegrove- February; Joan Emerick -March; Sandy Chapman- April. If I missed anyone or anything needs to be changed please let me know.

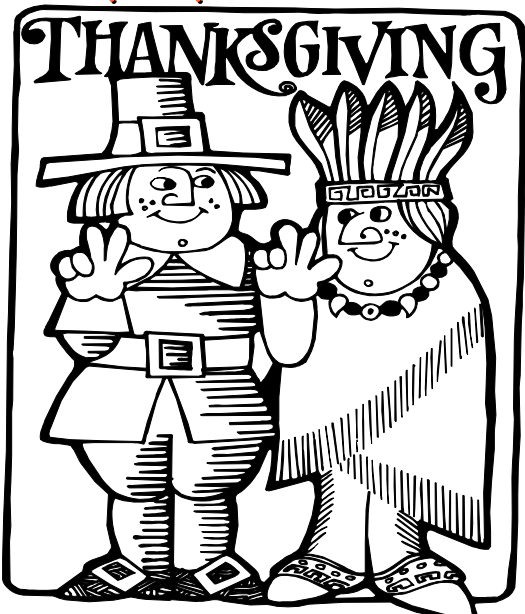
If there is anything you would like to discuss or do during our breakout sessions at the club meetings please let me know.

Katie Everett
Civilian Chair
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Marie Searles address:
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November 27



Make it a Joyful Day!



The Original Old Farts Mess, hard at work at Antietam Sept. 7, 2007. Photo courtesy of Jim Kirschensteiner



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October 15, 2014

To: 7th Michigan Members

Dear Members,

Please be advised I am the attorney for Cascades, Inc. which puts on the Civil War Muster in Jackson, Michigan every late summer. Please be advised at this time that after much discussion and review of the past few years the organization as decided to change the host re-enactors for the 2015 event. The reason for not renewing the contract with the 7th Michigan is the displeasure with the leadership and its failure to fulfill the contractual obligations which have apparently resulted in an observed decrease in attendance of re-enactors over the last several years. There are also many specific issues, including a non-payment of funds to a Cavalry unit sometime ago and also the fact that there is money due and owing from the 7th Michigan to Cascades, Inc. for last years event.

You should be aware that the displeasure is with the failure of the leadership to come through on their commitments regarding the event. In the hope of continuing to grow and expand the event in the future, it is felt that a change in host is imperative at this time.

Cascades, Inc. hopes that the 7th Michigan membership will continue to support and participate in future Musters as it always has in the past and it is our sincere wish that the change in host units will result in a positive improvement for the Muster as we go forward into 2015. Please send a check for the amount owed to my office.

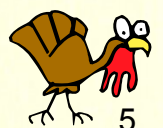
If you have any cares, questions, or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to address them in letter form to my office and I will respond in a prompt and appropriate fashion. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



William A. Worth, Jr

WAW/njs



November 2014 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 137 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2014 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (<http://www.micw150.us>), seven have been reported for November. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to <http://www.micw150.us/2014events.htm> and clicking on the month in question. Michigan events and events of interest to Michigan for 2014 can be added anytime by contacting <mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net>. Last year a total of 174 events were listed, which was a little less than the 180 in 2012, but a little more than the 163 in 2011.

--November 2014--

5 & 12. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The Museum is opened the first two Wednesdays each month, most patriotic days, special events, and by appointment. Admission is free. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at <mailto:GARMichigan@gmail.com>" \t "_top.

8. Michigan's Fifth Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Reenactors Conference (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. As with the previous annual conferences, the purpose of the reenactor conference is to help promote Michigan Civil War events and Civil War events of significance to Michigan. The conference and subsequent state-wide calendar have proven to be effective tools in helping to avoid event date conflicts and in bringing in additional notice, participants, and public to your events. Refreshments will be served. Contact Tom Berlucchi at <mailto:tberlucchi@yahoo.com>" \t "_top

8. 8th Annual Detroit Veterans' Day Parade (Detroit Michigan). Staging 8:00 AM, Parade 10:00 AM. Contact Rick Danes at <mailto:mimessrd@aol.com>" \t "_top.

9. Annual Veterans Day Massing of the Colors (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan) 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Sponsor is the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. Contact Keith Harrison at <mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net>" \t "_top.

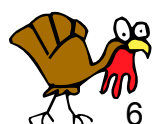
11. Veterans Day Parade (700 E Ash St., Mason, Michigan) 3:00 PM (Muster at 1:00 PM). Assemble in the east parking lot of the Ingham County Fair Grounds between Ash St and Kipp Rd in Mason starting at 1:00 PM. The parade will step off from the County Fair Grounds at 3:00 PM. Scott Shattuck and his Mason Middle School class of Civil War Field Musicians will be leading the troops. Contact Keith Harrison at <mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net>" \t "_top.

11. Veterans Day: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The GAR Memorial Hall and Museum was built in 1886 and was used by the Eaton Rapids James B. Brainerd GAR Post #111 from the late 1886 to 1924 when it stopped meeting there. The GAR Post was subsequently disbanded in 1929. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at <mailto:GARMichigan@gmail.com>" \t "_top.

23. Presentation: Boys in Blue from Michigan's State Operated Boys Training School (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 3:00 PM. The topic of the presentation will be "*The Boys in Blue from Michigan's State Operated Boys Training School the State's Connection to the 54th Massachusetts*". The presenter will be Lansing historian and author, Mr. Jesse Lasorda. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at <mailto:GARMichigan@gmail.com>" \t "_top.

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 in November and creates the statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar.



7th Michigan Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6, 2014
12:30-1pm Social Hour
1pm Lunch
Robbins United Methodist Church
6419 Bunker Road
Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827



Lunch – Main Dish (pasta)/bread sticks/ 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

*Bring pictures of reenactments to share

*Period dress optional

