

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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

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*Autumn in Greenfield Village...*

Photo by Gary Thomas; Posted on Facebook by Cyndi Carlson.

## *Our Next Club*

### *Meeting:*

*Sunday, Nov. 18 -*

*1:00 pm*

Robbins UMC –  
6419 Bunker Rd.  
Eaton Rapids, MI  
(see map on last page)

## *Other November Events:*

*Saturday, Nov. 3 -*

*Michigan Sesquicentennial Reenactors 2018 Conference*

*Sunday, November 11 -*

*Ingham County Veterans Day Parade -*

*Saturday, November 17 - Ladies' Sewing Party*

*(See details of the above events within the newsletter)*



# 7th Michigan Christmas Party

Saturday Dec. 1, 2018

12:30 – social time / 1pm Lunch

Robbins United Methodist Church

6419 Bunker rd.

Eaton rapids, mi 48827

\*Lunch – main dish – beverage and dinner service all provided

\*please bring a dish (or two) to pass

(depending on family size)

\*No alcohol

\*program / awards\*

Anyone wanting to give out an award or perform please

contact Pat Downing a week in advance

517-676-5998

MSU ice cream will be served



## 2018 Club Leadership

New Member Chairs:  
Daniel Malick (military)  
dmalick12@gmail.com

Julie Everett (civilian)  
djkeverett@comcast.net

President: Dave Downing  
Vice President: Steve Church  
Secretary: Bill Jarrett  
Treasurer: Don Everett  
Military: Doug McComas, Captain  
Civilian Coordinator: Sue Colegrove  
Board Members-at-Large:  
Chris Sodman, Joy Henderson, Bill Jarrett  
Quartermaster: Don Everett  
Club Historian: Doug McComas  
Webmaster: David Finch

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


Annual Membership Dues:  
\$16.00 – single  
\$19.20 – family  
\$6.00 – to receive newsletter as  
non-participating/non-voting member  
Mail payments or inquiries to:  
**7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 16206, Lansing, MI 48901-6206

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

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

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

Thank-you.

  
Ellyn Painter, Editor

# UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS...

NOTE:  
This one's  
tomorrow!



## MICHIGAN SESQUICENTENNIAL REENACTORS 2018 CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018 (10:30 AM TO 2 PM)

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL CENTER, 702 WEST KALAMAZOO, LANSING, MICHIGAN

The ninth annual Michigan Sesquicentennial Reenactors Conference will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Michigan Historical Center, (702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan). 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. Individuals, organizations, and communities sponsoring and/or hosting reenactments, living histories, programs, presentations, and/or commemorations are encouraged to bring their fliers and other promotional items about their 2019 event to the conference. The conference and subsequent statewide 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. The event is again being sponsored and hosted by the Michigan Civil War History Partners, Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Michigan Historical Center, Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, and History Remembered, Inc. Refreshments will be served. Contacts for the event are Keith Harrison at [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net) or Tom Berlucchi at [tberlucchi@yahoo.com](mailto:tberlucchi@yahoo.com).

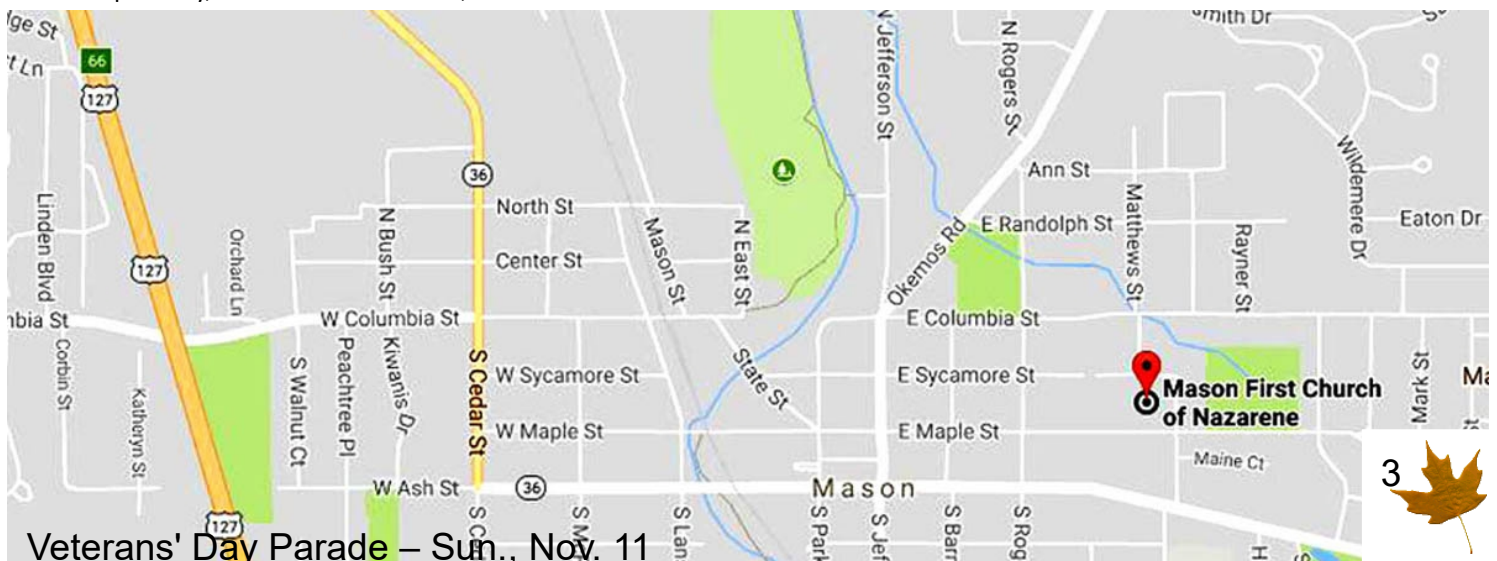
## INGHAM COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE - NOVEMBER 11, 2018 (SUNDAY) MASON, MICHIGAN

The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B Military and Civilians have been invited to participate in the tenth annual parade to honor our military veterans. 7th Michigan members will once again be honoring our service men and women in the town that served as the birthplace for the original 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B.

The parade route will be the same as prior years (six blocks long). We will be falling in with representatives from the local S.U.V.C.W camps. If enough 7th Michigan Military "volunteer" to participate I will obtain the flags from Don Everett for us to field a Color Guard. I am the coordinator for the event and can be contacted at [tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com](mailto:tomjoanemerick@hotmail.com) or (517) 604-6116. Please notify me if you plan to participate.


Participant line-up begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Mason First Church of the Nazarene parking lot located at 415 E. Maple Street. The parade will step off at 3:00 p.m. sharp proceeding from the church parking lot east on Maple to Steele, south to Ash, west to Jefferson (past the courthouse), and east on Maple to return to the church parking lot. An open house (to include a hot meal) will be held immediately following the parade at the VFW Post 7309 located at 1243 Hull Road in Mason.


Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant, Tom





# CLUB NEWS ITEMS



 The "signature" quilt the ladies have been working on this year was raffled off at the Annual Meeting. The winner is: Bill Jarrett

 From Mike Zank on Facebook Oct. 1:  
*"What a great service on Saturday (Sept. 27) to honor my Father. A big thank you to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 7th Michigan Infantry Company B for putting on a great service."*

 Veterans Day Bugles Around the World – On Sunday, November 11, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, taps will be sounded by buglers around the world. Our bugler, Mark Heath, will be among those participating.  
BuglesAcross America.org

 "My trip to Tyler, Texas, the first week of October, was a lot more fun than I expected! My sister, Lora, and I spent a week visiting our other sister and kids. We had to stay at Paula's small apartment, with no TV or microwave, which, since I no longer do authentic camping, and thus am out of practice, was a HARDSHIP! (Fortunately she has a coffee maker, or I would have died a slow, agonizing death!) And at least they have air conditioning, since temp was in the high 80's all week, and very humid.

But-- we did some fun things -- to Waco one day, where we visited the Texas Ranger Museum; toured a wonderful zoological "dig" site, at which a whole group of Columbian mammoths perished, in a flash flood, the scientists think. Columbian mammoths reached 13 feet tall at the shoulder, weighed 22,000 lbs, and as such were one of the largest mammoth species. In Waco also, we visited Magnolia Market at the Silos, an entire city block in an old, industrial part of town, that was re-furbished as a high-class crammed-with-visitors tourist site by local "Fixer Upper" celebrities Chip and Joanna Gaines. One building houses a popular bakery, but my sister and I think that Jackson's Hinkley Bakery is way better.

Oh--And, of course, it was great to spend time with family again, whom I haven't seen in four years."



The Editor

# DUES ARE DUE!

For those of you who were not at the October meeting, or otherwise have not yet paid your annual dues, please do so ASAP. The necessary information is in the sidebar of each newsletter issue, and is as follows:

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NOTE: Please do not contact the editor about paying dues. Such issues need to be directed to our Treasurer, Don Everett.

[djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net)  
Phone: 517-393-3475

Thank you.  
The Editor



Bring it on,  
Mama!

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

Bill Jarrett, Club Secretary

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



# CLUB ELECTION RESULTS:

At the October Annual Meeting, we re-elected all four of our top leaders to another term:  
 President – Dave Downing  
 Vice Pres. - Steve Church  
 Secretary – Bill Jarrett  
 Treasurer – Don Everett  
 Members-At-Large are: Anson Roland, Chris Sodman, and Joy Henderson.

Thank you all for your gracious service to the club.

# MILITARY REPORT

Results of last month's annual military elections are as follows:  
 Captain – Doug McComas  
 Lieutenant - Andrew McComas  
 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant – Bill Jarrett  
 Sergeants – Dan Malick, Rob Stone  
 Corporals – Chris Sodman, David Graham  
 Congratulations to all!

Capt. McComas



# CIVILIAN REPORT



Hi Everyone

We had a great start to the season's Ladies sewing circle and club meetings. Thank you Vonda, for opening your home and hosting our October sewing party. Our Next sewing circle will be at Ellyn Painter's home in Jackson Mich. (See map at right) We will be doing our Christmas project for our Christmas party in Dec. We will be doing a brunch, rather than going to a restaurant for breakfast. So please bring either a breakfast or lunch passing dish. 10:00am at Ellyn's.

The suggestion was brought up to do a weather afghan as a project to do at our max events. Each person would do their own, starting from the date they were born. There will be more information coming on that.

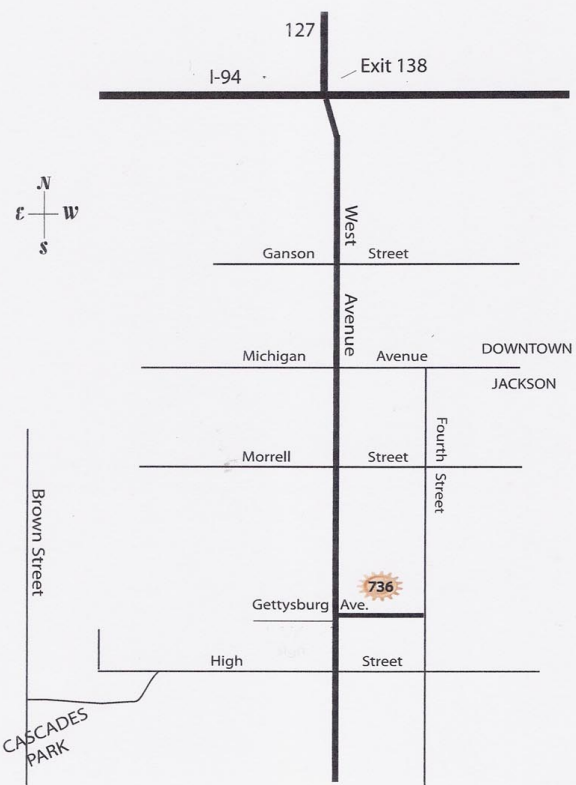
I was asked by the ladies of the garden club of Meridian Village if they could use photos of two of the young ladies from our club, taken the Blue and Gray event day. The young ladies worked in the garden and harvested some vegetables for us to use at dinner that night, courtesy of the Meridian Villiage Garden Club. Permission was given by the young ladies' parents and it will be published in an upcoming National Garden club magazine.. I will be getting a copy to share with everyone ..

Former club member Bev Nichols is leaving the club and has items for sale. Vonda has the information and price for these items.

Sue Colegrove, Civilian Coordinator

## Map & Directions to Ellyn 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. Left onto Gettysburg  
 Ellyn's house is at the top of the hill, on the left side, tan with dark blue shutters and round-topped front door.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

Dues for 2019 are due. Family: \$19.20, individual: \$16.

Don Everett,

Quartermaster/ Education Director/ Treasurer



# CHARLEY COLEGROVE MEMORIAL SHOOT

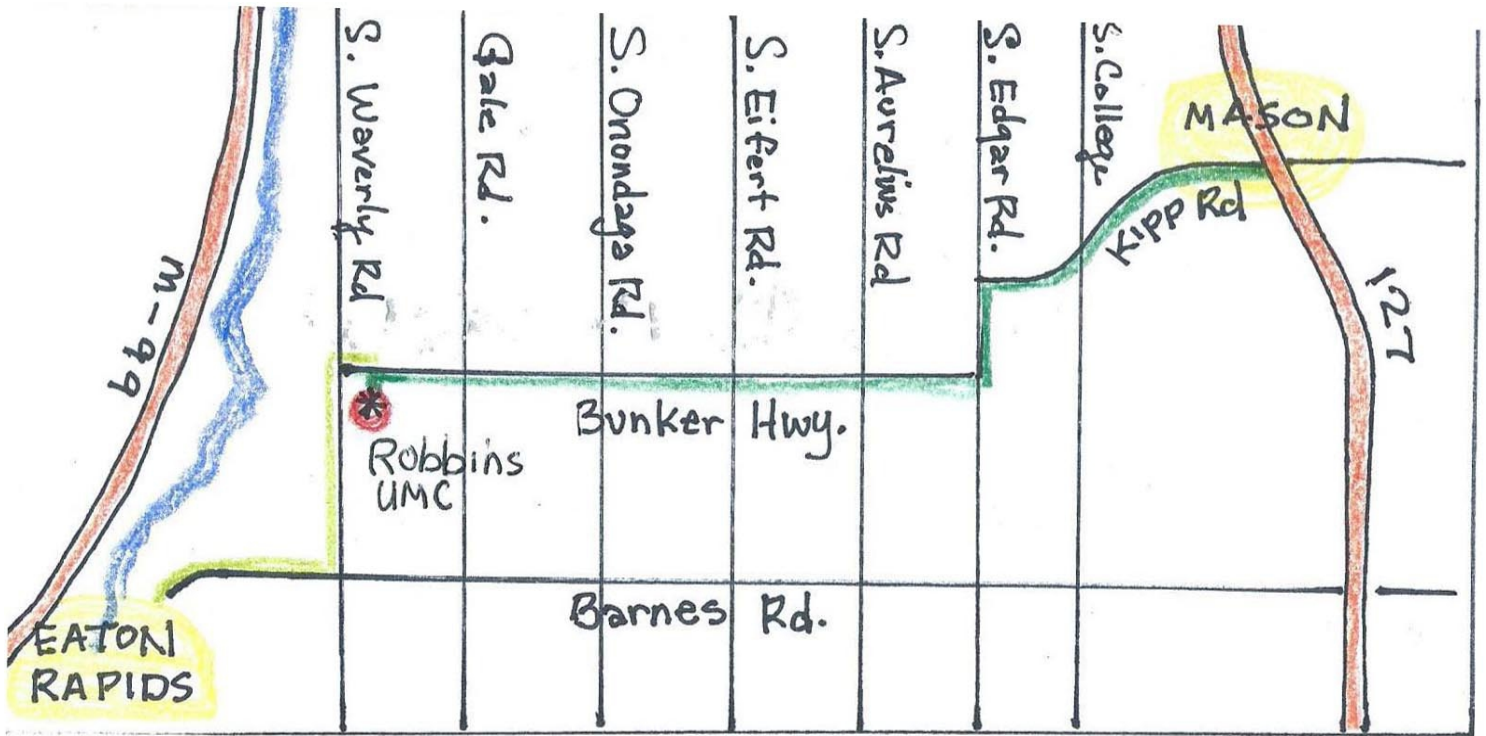
Our annual Charley Colegrove Memorial Shoot will be Sat. April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Eaton Rapids Conservation Club 4100 Freeman Rd Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. The day begins with a breakfast at 9 am for a donation of \$2. The shoot will commence at 10, bring any firearm that you would like to shoot. There will be a \$5 fee for shooting to help defray the cost of the range rental. **Hearing protection is required** and eye protection is recommended. Lunch will be a potluck at 12:30 following lunch the April meeting will convene at 1:30. For more information contact me at 517-393-3475 or [dikeverett@comcast.net](mailto:dikeverett@comcast.net)

# QUARTERMASTER REPORT

Powder is \$19 per pound, caps are \$7 per hundred. We will have powder, caps and paper at the upcoming meetings and at events that I will attend this summer. Let me know if you hear of anyone wanting to sell their kit. We are always looking for "new" stock for the Quartermaster.

# EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have no programs scheduled at this time. I have contacted Ovid Middle School and Birney Middle School but haven't heard from either yet.



Robbins United Methodist Church - 6419 Bunker Rd. (Hwy),  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 517-663-5226

Map not to scale. Roads are 1 mile apart.

# 2018 Harvest Ball Was October 13



“ We broke even, although revenue was down a bit due to another event scheduled the same night. Many thanks to Anson and Lorrie Roland for all their help with the food. ”  
---Gilbert Carlson



Photos courtesy of Cyndi Carlson

# BATTLE OF MILL SPRINGS

★ ★ NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2019 ★ ★

HELD ON HISTORIC MILL SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD - NANCY, KY  
**LAST CHANCE TO BE ON THE ACTUAL BATTLEFIELD**

DAILY BATTLE(S), CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENTS, SUTLER AREA, 1860'S  
FOOD, AN EVENING BALL SATURDAY NIGHT, CIVIL WAR MUSIC AND  
CRAFTS AND LOTS MORE TO SEE

MILITARY COMMANDS TO BE COORDINATED BY:

FEDERAL COMMANDER: ROB VAN OF CUMBERLAND GUARD

CONFEDERATE COMMANDER: BRIAN MERCKE OF TN VALLEY BATTALION



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*The Atlanta Campaign, Inc. would like to announce the commanding Generals for the Mill Springs reenactment in Nov. of 2019. Federal Commander will be Rob Van of the Cumberland Guard, and the Confederate Commander will be Brian Mercke of the TVB. We look forward to working with both of these fine gentlemen.*

*--Atlanta Campaign Staff*

On Facebook October 24 at 8:56 PM Mill Springs event 2019

This will definitely be one to consider. It will be on actual battlefield land and this will be the last opportunity to have a re-enactment on the site because after next year the park will become a National Battlefield Park.

Find at the link below: article/synopsis of the Battle of Mill Springs, KY - Jan. 19, 1862, by Mill Springs Battlefield Assoc.

<https://www.millsprings.net/index.php/2013-10-01-18-24-22/battle-of-mill-springs?fbclid=IwAR2H8>

Terri Cooney Zeckman



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