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Ladies in "Jacksonburg" Aug. 2012—Photo by Ellyn Painter

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting: Sunday, October 21, 2012

Military & Civilian elections: 1:30pm
Annual meeting & Board
elections: 2:30pm

Robbins UMC
6419 Bunker Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI
(see Map Book on our website)



Annual Cascades Civil War Muster Appreciation Dinner Sunday, October 28

4:00pm at
The Cascades Manor House
1970 Kibby Rd., Jackson, MI
(driving directions page 13)

All 7th MI members are invited
R.S.V.P asap to **Jeff Verstraete**
jbvisme@gmail.com

President's Report

It's hard to believe that we have almost completed another reenacting season. Some will be attending the Harvest Ball at the end of the month and a few of us will venture to Fredricksburg in sunny December bringing the events to a final close for a wonderful reenacting season. What a bunch of "firsts" this has been. The fun ones: raptors, sunamis, and moonshine. The proud ones: Kyle sneaking home, My daughter's boyfriend falling in the ranks, Tom in command, Dave Slayton directing the company. The sad ones: watching friends say final good-byes, the struggles of getting through some tough transitions, and watching dear friends "slow down" in the hobby.

I look forward to another year of comforting routines and new firsts. I look forward to creating more stories that grow as time goes on like seeing the excitement as a new fresh fish "sees the elephant" for the first time and catching up with old friends from our own and other groups. This year began with great turmoil, stress and conflict, it has ended in great joy and contentment. I will seek your support to once again run for this office at our October meeting if that meets with the approval of the group. I believe I speak for the entire board when I say that we have discovered there is no greater gift than the support and concern of friends. That is the 7th.

your most obedient servant,

Doug



This one is waaaaay too hard to resist! A show about a man and his lizards: "Rosco and the Raptors"

Event Preregistration

Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21 from noon to 4

Kensington Metropark Nature Center -There will be a book sale, insect exhibit, live birds of prey and Rosco the Clown and his magic show!

Event Fee: Program is free; vehicle entry permit required

http://www.metroparks.com/metroparks/calendar_item.aspx?ID=3393

Steve Hainstock kindly alerted me to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so line up at the quick step behind Captain Tom to register!

The Editor

New Member co-Chairs:

Bill Jarrett (military)
Heather Jarrett (civilian)
btjarrett@aol.com

President: Doug McComas
Vice President: Steve Hainstock
Secretary: Jeff Verstraete
Treasurer: Dick Williams
Military: Tom Emerick, &
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains
Civilian Chairs: Joy Henderson,
& Vonda Warren

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

7th Michigan Military Minutes – September, 2012



Captain Emerick

2012 Military Structure

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



Captain Slayton

After Action Report – September 15-17, 2012 – 150th Antietam NPS Living History Program

The Emerick/Hainstock car caravan departed Michigan way before sunrise and walked onto the Antietam NPS Battlefield about 3:30 in the afternoon. Soon after, the remainder of our Company arrived in camp. All told we formed the largest company (17 men) in the Iron Brigade Battalion to include comrades from the 30th Indiana, Co. F, 3rd Michigan, Co. F, and 7th Michigan, Co. B. Good men, one and all. After setting up camp, we spent our first evening dining at a local tavern (Bavarian Inn) in Shepherdstown sharing good food (the Jaeger Schnitzel was excellent), good beer (indeed), and too many old war stories.

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We spent the weekend encamped by the Dunker Church, educating the public, getting in a little company and battalion-level drill, and performing firing demonstrations for the public once a day at the New York monument located across the road by the Visitors Center. Craig DeCrane and Steve Dodge arranged for some extra special activities throughout the weekend. On Saturday afternoon, we retraced the march of the Irish Brigade in their attack against the Bloody Lane. The march was highlighted by a 155th New York NCO reading from first-hand accounts of the attack at various points along our line of march. On Sunday pre-dawn, the Battalion formed up and marched to the Poffenberger Farm where the 1st Corps (Hooker) initiated their attack on the morning of September 17, 1862. We retraced the movements of three 6th Wisconsin companies as they advanced along the west side of the Hagerstown Pike. Once again we were treated to first-hand accounts of the combat the soldiers experienced on that fateful morning. Sunday afternoon our company volunteered to participate in a living history program with a tour group near the Cornfield. Steve Dodge lectured to a group of spectators along the field immediately north of the Cornfield as our company demonstrated skirmish drill along the entire length of the field.

The Antietam NPS hosted a three day weekend chock full of activities for young and old to include book signings, lectures and "field trips" with nationally known historian/authors, artillery and rifle firing demonstrations, etc. Shuttles were available all weekend long to transport visitors (and some foot-sore infantry) to all parts of the battlefield. Due to our proximity to the Visitors Center we were treated to the sounds of marshal music from the Wildcat Regimental Band and Fort McHenry Fife & Drum Corps. With many speakers to choose from throughout the weekend, the company chose to sit in on the excellent lecture of well-known historians James McPherson and Edwin Bearss Sunday evening.

There were three Federal (to include us) and three Confederate encampments at major points of interest on the battlefield. Whilst wandering around the Antietam battlefield over the weekend, we bumped into some old friends. Tom Downs (8th OVI) was in command of the National Regiment units encamped at the Poffenberger Farm. Lance Dawson (79th New York) and some of his boys stopped by Sunday evening on their way home from the 150th Battle of Antietam Re-enactment just down the road from the Park. David Ingalls (former Monroe Historical Museum Asst. Director) dropped in to chat just prior to the James McPherson/Edwin Bearss lecture Sunday evening. I have to mention I was honored to shake Edwin Bearss' (Civil War Historian extraordinaire) hand and share a few (very few) words with him just before his Sunday evening presentation.

Not all of our weekend was limited to the Park proper. Some of us ventured out of the Park on a side trip to visit McClellan's Headquarters at the Pry Farm. Whilst on the battlefield we honored a recently deceased Civil War enthusiast in a very special manner. Steve Hainstock's close friend, Harry "Skip" Reed, recently passed away after a long bout with cancer. Steve received permission from the Park to spread his ashes at the Burnside Bridge.

On Monday morning the Company drove to the bridge. Steve tearfully spoke of his friend and his passion for the Civil War and then released his remains to the flowing waters below. You could hear a pin drop as we *Presented Arms* and Mark Heath played taps. Immediately following our private ceremony at the bridge, we travelled to the South Mountain battlefield. Earlier in the weekend Doug Nosbich and the men of the 17th Michigan extended an invitation to the Battalion to participate in the re-dedication of the 17th Michigan monument located at Fox's Gap. The 17th Michigan gallantly fought in this battle only 2 ½ weeks after being mustered into service. We were honored to assist our Michigan brethren in paying homage to their fallen comrades.

For those of you who missed it, camping and re-enacting on a NPS battlefield is a once in a lifetime experience. I would highly recommend everyone consider participating in one of these NPS Living History Programs if you have an opportunity to do so. To quote one of my traveling companions "What an honor and privilege to have been there for the 150th".

After Action Report – September 22-23, 2012 – Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster

In spite of the weather (rain, hail, high winds, and 30+ degree temperatures) we had a great time with our friends in the 3rd Michigan, Co. F. The "warmer", windy afternoons more than compensated for the dreary mornings and cold nights. The Union infantry was composed of the 1st Michigan, 3rd Michigan, and 7th Michigan with Col. Tom Emerick as overall commander. We formed one large company (I hope this becomes the norm) with platoons commanded by Captains Dave Baumann (3rd MI) and Dave Slayton (7th MI). Hughes 3rd Battery (Captain John Hughes) and the Michigan Cavalry Brigade (Captain Kevin Yeager) provided the Union artillery and cavalry support. The Confederates were commanded by Captain Mike Jansen of the 33rd Virginia although I don't know the name of the CS artillery commander.

We re-enacted portions of the Battle of Antietam (the Cornfield and Bloody Lane) both days. The hosts planted an field of corn and constructed a wood fence for us to work with. We had a great time fighting in the Cornfield. It was so tall the Museum asked us to fight Sunday's battle partially outside of the corn. Given the height of the corn the spectators could not see us when we were fighting within the acreage. The Museum staff "attempted" to cancel the Saturday afternoon battle. Due to overnight precipitation and approaching strong weather systems, there were safety concerns regarding public access to the battlefield viewing area. The ground was also too wet to safely move the artillery to their Assigned positions. After consulting with the Confederates and the US cavalry, we decided to put the battle on for ourselves and all of the

spectators who had braved the elements. To our surprise there was a fair turnout of spectators on the hill when we deployed onto the battlefield. We employed the same technique (now officially known as "Halftime") for splitting each day's battle in two parts as we used at Jackson. Both the crowd and the Museum hosts were ecstatic about the scenarios we portrayed, the Cornfield and wood fence battlefield features, and the extensive maneuvers on the battlefield. As at Jackson there was constant activity on the battlefield throughout the battles by all the branches of service. On Sunday afternoon the spectators filled the hillside viewing area and experienced the added benefit of having artillery supporting us and a wayward bugler (thanks Mark) who was gainfully employed throughout the battle scenarios.

To close, the amenities provided by the Museum were great (once again) in spite of the inclement weather. Refreshments provided by Gary Houghtaling over the weekend were first rate and the cookies prepared for the troops by Brittany Jarrett were delicious. The Saturday evening meal was excellent and filling (way too many pies to choose from). We heard the dance was well attended also. There was a very nice Sunday morning church service that included background music played by the 5th Michigan Regimental Band.

October 21, 2012 – 7th Michigan Military Elections – Eaton Rapids, Michigan

In conjunction with the Club's annual meeting, the Military will be voting for officers and NCOs for the 2013 season. Please notify Dave Slayton or I if you wish to serve (and in what capacity) or would like to honor another member with a nomination to serve in the Officer or NCO ranks. The more "volunteers" we have to pick from, the better served will be the Company. Please do not shy from submitting your name or someone else's you may consider deserving of the rank. The following Military have expressed interest in serving in a position of responsibility for the good of the Unit:

Dave Slayton, Tom Emerick – Company Officers
 Dan Conklin, Doug McComas, Jeff Verstraete – Sergeants
 Dan Conklin, Andrew McComas, Rob Stone, Tom Edwards – Corporals
 Mark Heath – Chief Bugler

December 7-8, 2012 – 150th Anniversary Battle of Fredericksburg – Fredericksburg, Virginia

We will be discussing carpooling, local modern accommodations, etc. at the Military meeting.

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2013 Military Activities

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

Col. Craig DeCrane has extended an invitation for the 7th Michigan to fall in with the Iron Brigade in a program to be held on the Gettysburg NPS Battlefield next year.

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

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. The Military 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** area 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>

There is also a print copy of the registration form on the last two pages of the current issue of this newsletter.

Miscellaneous topics of discussion at Military meeting

- 1 Review of 2012 events
- 2 2012 Jackson Cascades Muster discussion
- 3 Future 150th Anniversary battles
- 4 Potential 2013 events
- 5 February/March Company & Battalion Drill
- 6 Umbrella organizations – invitations to join
- 7 Other

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants,

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Tom Emerick, Captain
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This photo shows our chief bugler, Mark D. Heath, at the opening ceremony for the POW/MIA Recognition Day at Withington Park, in Jackson on September 21. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 109 held a 24-hour vigil in honor of Vietnam prisoners of war and missing in action veterans. Photo credit: J. Scott Park of Jackson Citizen Patriot / MLive.com.

-----submitted by Doug McComas



Harvest Ball Report

For those of you who didn't happen to be In the Special Impressions Camp on Sunday afternoon, at the Jackson event, you missed a treat when Steve Hainstock cooked up a huge batch of Shrimp and Grits for whoever wanted some. Here's the recipe:

Shrimp & Cheesy Grits

This simple recipe is served in some of the finest restaurants in New Orleans, including Emeril Lagasse's "NOLA". Quick, easy and filling, it can be made at home or in camp. Some of the prep work could be done beforehand: peeling shrimp; chopping onions; mincing garlic, etc to save time. Chunks of boneless chicken could be substituted for the shrimp if necessary due to seafood allergies, but increase cooking time for chicken.

Add Frank's Red Hot or Tabasco according to taste.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup uncooked quick-cooking grits
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 2 pounds medium chopped fresh parsley
- 6 green onions, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning (Available in Seafood section of stores)

Preparation

1. Bring chicken broth to a boil over medium-high heat; stir in grits. Cook, stirring occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in salt and next 3 ingredients. Set aside, and keep warm.
2. Cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat 3 minutes or until crisp; remove bacon from pan.
3. Cook shrimp in same pan over medium-high heat 3 minutes or until almost pink, stirring occasionally. Add lemon juice and next 5 ingredients, and cook 3 minutes. Stir in bacon.
4. Spoon grits onto individual plates or into shallow bowls; top with shrimp mixture. Serve immediately

---- Submitted by Steve Hainstock

Dear Friends,

Following are the ball job descriptions, and as you can see, there are several jobs with no workers. I recall people walking past me and saying they would help with something. I am memory impaired due to hypothyroidism, and I am not likely to remember information given in this fashion. If you can help with any of the jobs that have no workers, please either call or email me with the information. Thank you to those who are already signed up. This ball cannot happen without a lot of help.

Love,

Linda

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Job Descriptions for 2012 Harvest Ball

Chairpersons: Linda Williams, Don Everett

Printing Manager: Linda Williams

Refreshment Coordinators (Arrive 3:00): Anson and Lorrie Roland

Decoration Coordinator (Arrive 3:00): Vonda Warren, Joy Henderson

Men needed to set up tables, chairs, decorations (Arrive 3:00): Jeff Verstraete, Don Everett, Doug McComas

Assistants for refreshment/decoration coordinators (Arrive 3:00): Sue Colegrove, Joy Henderson, Vonda Warren, Doug McComas

Workers to pack up food (9:30 – 10:00): Lorrie Roland, Sandra Meerick, Jeff Verstraete

Ticket collector/heel plate inspector (Arrive 6:15): Keith Harrison

Announcer (6:30 – 7:00): Jeff Verstraete

Door sentries (6:30 – 7:00): Doug McComas, Bill Jarrett

Hospitality Host and Hostess (6:30 – 10:00): Linda Williams and Don Everett

Workers to take down tables/put chairs away: Keith Harrison, Jeff Verstraete

Still needed:

Workers to set out food, before intermission (45 minutes)

Workers to set out food, after intermission (45 minutes):

Gentlemen Escorts (military or civilian): 6:30 – 7:00

Gentleman Floor Manager: 7:00 – 10:00

Donations:

clear plastic cups:

paper plates:

napkins:



State of Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Tribute Ceremony Antietam National Battlefield

August 26, 2012

In September 1862, Confederate forces under the command of Robert E. Lee invaded Maryland in hope of winning foreign recognition and enlisting Maryland into the Southern Confederacy. Elements of the opposing Union army were led by Michiganders, including Orlando Willcox of Detroit, Israel Richardson of Pontiac, William Withington of Jackson and Norman Hall of Monroe. Future cavalry generals George A. Custer and Elon J. Farnsworth served as staff attaches. The armies clashed in the farm fields near Sharpsburg and across Antietam Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River. At day's end, casualties totaled more than 23,000 Americans. Lee's army retreated into Virginia. Michigan's vital role in winning the battle contributed to a new birth of American freedom. Just five days later, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, calling for the freedom on January 1, 1863, of four million African-Americans enslaved behind Confederate lines. One hundred fifty years after the Battle of Antietam, the Michigan Historical Commission, Michigan Historical Museum, and the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners hosted a solemn ceremony at the graves of Michigan soldiers on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg, Maryland. At Antietam, several thousand Michiganders defended their nation on the single bloodiest day in American military history, and more than 100 are interred in the cemetery. The *Michigan at Antietam Day* commemoration was at the invitation of the National Park Service. Approximately 40 Michigan residents attended. The program for the event is presented below:

Introduction and Pledge of Allegiance

Jody Egen, emcee, Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs, City of Wyandotte, Michigan

Color Guard: Michigan Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, 1st Lieutenant Dean Lamphere, 14th Michigan, Commanding

Invocation

Reverend John Schildt, Historian Washington County, Maryland

Welcome to Antietam National Battlefield

Susan Trail, Superintendent, Antietam National Battlefield

Michigan Historical Commission

Jack Dempsey, President, Michigan Historical Commission

Michigan at Antietam

Brigadier General Michael A Stone, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Michigan

Sacred Fields of Honor

David Duncan, Director of Membership and Development, Civil War Trust

Michigan CW Sesquicentennial History Partners

Bruce Butgereit, Commander, Michigan Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Laying of the Wreath

Kimberly S. Johnson, Vice-President, Michigan Historical Commission

Musket Salute to the Fallen

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Major Keith Harrison, PCinC, SVR, Commanding

Taps

Harry Dillon III, Chesapeake Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Dominique Paquette, Fredericksburg, Virginia.



---submitted by Keith Harrison



After Action Report: Commemorating the Mustering In of the 21st Michigan

by Keith Harrison

On September 8 & 9, 2012, two members (Dan Conklin and Keith Harrison) of the 7th Michigan joined with members of the 21st Michigan and 3rd Michigan in Ionia, Michigan to help commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial of the mustering in of the 21st Michigan. The regiment was mustered into federal service on September 3 and 4, 1862.



Ken Giorlando, Dave Tennes, & Keith Harrison

The 21st Michigan Infantry was raised in the western part of the state. This region, including the counties of Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, Montcalm, and Ionia, was sparsely populated. The village of Ionia, founded in 1833 and the seat of government for Ionia County had less than 2,000 inhabitants. The camp of rendezvous for the regiment was established on the eastern outskirts of the village, a short distance north of the Grand River. The camp was christened Camp Sigel, in honor of Union General Franz Sigel.

According to James Genco (*Into the Tornado of War: A History of the Twenty-First Michigan Infantry in the Civil War*), and Ken Giorlando (*Passion for the Past: Thoughts and Social History for the Living Historian*), the formation of a regiment in a community was an exciting event, and the young men felt proud to be soldiers and the objects of so much public attention.

Obviously, the influx of more than 1,000 men to a village of 2,000 changed the dynamics of the area. Swept up in the excitement of the event, each day hundreds of visitors, including public officials, prominent town residents, family members, sweethearts, and news reporters visited the camp.

The 21st Michigan blossomed into a true regiment in appearance, as well as in name, with the arrival of uniforms and guns. The regiment received muskets imported from Austria commonly called the 'Lorenz.'

The official mustering-in ceremony for the regiment took place on the lawn of the Ionia County Courthouse and spanned a day and a half. The following four days were consumed by long hours of drilling and training. Monday, September 8, was the most festive day the regiment was to experience. The public was invited to the Camp to celebrate the regiment's official mustering and to send it off to war. An estimated 2,000 visitors were in attendance, a number equal to the village's entire population and undoubtedly the largest crowd ever assembled there up to that time.



Recreating the event: Below – sword presentation At right: Camp Sigel Memorial Marker set by the original 21st Michigan survivors in 1912, 50 years after the Civil War



We had a great time; the 21st Michigan and, in particular, Ken Giorlando and J.R. Schroeder treated us very well as did the city of Ionia. We were truly gratified to have been able to help our friends in the 21st and honored to have been a part of their Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial event. It also was great to see Lowell White, one of the original founders of the 21st reenactment organization.

Sources:

Giorlando, Ken. 2012. *Into the Tornado of War: The Mustering In of the 21st Michigan*. IN *Passion for the Past: Thoughts and Social History for the Living Historian*, Monday, September 10, 2012. <http://passionforthepast.blogspot.com/2012/09/>

Genco, James. 2012. *Into the Tornado of War: A History of the Twenty-First Michigan Infantry in the Civil War*. Abbott Press, Bloomington, Indiana, 396p.



A Photo Gallery -

Recent Activities by 7th MI Club Members



Jonesville, MI – Images taken by Tom Emerick



More photos of
Jackson -
Aug. 25 – 26
By Joan Emerick



150th Antietam - September 15-17 2012 - Sharpsburg, Maryland



Photo by Steve Hainstock – Antietam sunrise, dawn of anniversary date, September 17

Right: men of the 7th Mi, 24th Mi, and 17th Indiana portraying 4th Co., 6th Wisconsin Infantry at Dunker Church. Below, far right: Captain Emerick discussing tactics around the campfire.



Some international participants at the event: above- James Stallard and Emma Pioch, reenactors from Australia. Emma noted that “the weather for reenacting is much cooler here than in the outback.” At right: John Eggleston and Rae Eggleston Evans from Congleton, England. “We were all admiring John’s reed top hat,” says Steve Hainstock. “John and Rae portray British Citizens, and the hat is based on something that was available in England in the 1860s, a lighter more open alternative gentleman’s hat.”



---info and photos by Steve Hainstock.



This very lovely photo of our 7th MI men (and perhaps others?) at the Antietam event—again outside what appears to be the Dunker Church—was submitted to the newsletter by Rob Stone. If anyone knows who the photographer is, please contact me, as I would like to give proper credit. Thank-you. The Editor

“ **Alas, you gentlemen are in the paper again. Libations.** ”

The above comment was made by Captain Slayton referring to an Internet article and photos of some of our military men at the Holland Event, at the Van Raalte Farm, which also re-created the Battle of Antietam. The 150th Anniversary of Antietam was Sept. 17. See the full article at the link below.

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/09/post_268.html
Grand Rapids Press. Saturday September 22, 2012.

Photo credits for the two images at right belong to Mark Copier for the Grand Rapids Press / Mlive.com



Tom Emerick



Bill Jarrett

For all you civilian types, like me, Captain Emerick explained that “the reference to libations is we have a general rule you have to purchase libations for the company whenever your image appears in a publication or online.”

Cheers, fellows.
The Editor

Van Raalte Farm- Holland, MI - September 22-23



Photos by John Hughes, 3rd Battery



October Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 150 Sesquicentennial events currently listed for 2012 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), there are 9 events listed for October and 5 for November. 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.

October 2012 Known Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

5 - 7. 150th Anniversary Reenactment of Battle of Perryville, Kentucky (1825 Mackville Road, Perryville, Kentucky). Hosted by: The Kentucky Department of Parks and the Friends of Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. Website: http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org/html/commemoration_2012.html.

6. Freedom Festival (Clare County Fair Grounds, 502 Fairlane, Harrison, Michigan) 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM. This is a new event. It is the start of a festival for a new veterans' park. They are looking for Civil War reenactors to attend and set up a Civil War living history with tents, firing demonstrations, drills, etc. Modern Camping (i.e., with electricity) is available at \$25.00 per night (Camping pre-registration contact: haley@clareco.net or Telephone: 989-539-3273). Military truck display, arts, crafts, and military vendors, music events and dancing, food and beverage vendors. Cost to the public, Adults \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00. Children 4-12: \$3.00 (3 and under free); *Reenactors are free*. All proceeds go to building Veterans Freedom Park of Clare County). Contact: Cindy Friese, Email: Cindy_friese@bnbmfg.com, or Telephone: 586-212-8391.

7. Glory, Valor & Sacrifice: Civil War Remembrance Bus Tour: Metro Detroit (The Park Shelton, 15 E. Kirby, Detroit, Michigan). 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. The Metro Detroit Civil War Tour features Civil War sites of interest including Fort Wayne, historic Elmwood and Woodmere Cemeteries, the final resting places for hundreds of Civil War soldiers including several famous generals and medal of honor recipients as well as prominent politicians of this era including Senator Jacob Merritt Howard, who co-authored the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution; Belle Isle's General Alpheus Williams statue; Campus Martius Park, the current home of the Soldiers and Sailors monument and historical marker dedicated to the famous Michigan Iron Brigade, site once occupied by Camp Ward, training ground of the First Michigan Colored Infantry, sites significant to the Underground Railroad, and much more! \$40 Adult / \$25.00 Youth. Advance registration required. Contact: Website: <http://hometownhistorytours.com>. Contact: Karin Risko at k_risko@yahoo.com or telephone at 734.642.5712.

9. Presentation: Major General Oliver O. Howard. (Dining Room, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan). 7:00 PM. The presentation will be made by Scott Stabler, PhD, Associate Professor of History, Grand Valley State University. Known as the Christian General, Oliver Otis Howard is a unique figure in Civil War history. Despite lackluster performances by troops under his command, Howard's reputation as an efficient and personally courageous officer would lead to command of an army by the war's end. Learn more about Howard's connection with the Freedman's Bureau and Howard University. Sponsored by the Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Michigan Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Contact Bruce B. Butgereit, Commander, Michigan Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, at civil-war@comcast.net.

11. Presentation: Post Civil War Organizations and the Sesquicentennial (Brethren Church, 8436 W. Grand Ledge Hwy, Sunfield, Michigan). 1:00 PM. The speaker will address the Retired Military Officers Association and will discuss the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and the Grand Army of the Republic and their influence in the shaping of the United States and also of the other Union and Confederate Veterans' and hereditary organizations that followed. In addition, the speaker will discuss the current Michigan efforts in the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration. The presenter will be MOLLUS and SUVCW Past National Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison. Contact: Dave Arnold at suvcw@hotmail.com.

13. 7th Michigan's Harvest Ball (Central United Methodist Church. 215 North Capitol Avenue Lansing, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Hosted by the 7th Michigan. Caller is Glen Morningstar and Ruffwater Stringband, Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$30 after September 29th. The Harvest Ball will be limited to the first 100 participants. *Our intent is to create a ball so incredibly authentic that the only way to experience a more authentic Civil War ball... would be to actually time travel.* Contacts: Linda Williams 517-484-2496, Lansinglinda@comcast.net, Don Everett 517-393-3475, djeverett@comcast.net

12 - 14. Hartford City Civil War Days (Hartford City, Indiana). Military and civilian campsites available. Straw and firewood are provided. Hay will be provided for mounted cavalry. Free Saturday evening meal served to all reenactors. Other activities: Ladies tea, fashion show (competition), baking contest, battle, skirmishing, and on-going entertainment. Saturday night will feature night time artillery firing, mini-concert, Lincoln address, and Military Ball. Sunday: church service, tactical, skirmishing, pay call, and battle. Hosts: 19th Virginia Infantry, Company C, 50th Virginia Infantry, Company D, and 49th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company F. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/in3/34IN/reenactorguide.html>.



20 - 21. 20th Annual Wolcott Mill Civil War Days (63841 Wolcott Road, Ray, Michigan). The 150th anniversary reenactment of the battle of Shepherdstown will be portrayed. The 4th Michigan and the US Sharp Shooters will be the federal regiments portrayed while the Confederates will portray AP Hill's Light Division. There also will be a tactical on Saturday. Contact: Steve Domke at demrebel@netzero.com.

27 - 28. Historic Bowens Mills Civil War Commemorative Weekend (55 Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan). The Sights and Sounds of the War Between the States will come alive at Historic Bowens Mills as *It's Cider Time Festivals* continues. There will be a battle both Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 PM. Civil War Living History Encampment, along with tours of the old mill, cider making, live music and horse drawn rides will be featured. The Civil War event is sponsored by Owen & Carleen Sabin and many loyal reenactors from Michigan and neighboring states. Artillery demonstrations along with numerous military and civilian demonstrations throughout the day. Contact: Telephone 269-795-7530.

November 2012 Known Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

3. 7th Annual Detroit Veterans' Day Parade (Detroit Michigan). Staging 8:00 AM, Parade 10:00 AM. The Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), as part of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial, is inviting all Michigan SUVCW local Camps and all Michigan reenactment organizations to participate in the annual Detroit Veterans Day parade. For people wishing to stay overnight on the 4th, arrangements have been made with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition for them to stay at Historic Fort Wayne in the barracks. Last year, over 56 members from 24 local SUVCW Camps from all over Michigan and Civil War reenactment organizations marched in the parade. The parade is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Veteran's Coalition. Contact Keith Harrison at pcinc@prodigy.net or by Telephone at 517-694-9394.

4. 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 pcinc@prodigy.net or by Telephone at 517-694-9394.

10. Michigan's Third Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference (Michigan Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. In addition to bringing together representatives of all the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners, the Conference will be used to look at the events being planned for 2013. The conference is being sponsored by the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Friends of Michigan History, Inc., Michigan Historical Center, and History Remembered, Inc. 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 Browne/Cavender Post #148 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Jean R. Anderson Post #7309 of Mason, Michigan has invited all veterans and veterans' organizations of Ingham County to join with them their annual Veterans Day Parade. 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. The Son Union Veterans of the Civil War DeWitt Camp #58, Sunfield Camp #17, and Jackson Camp #7, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and reenactment organizations participate. Contact Keith Harrison at (pcinc@prodigy.net) or by Telephone at 517-694-9394).

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. In commemoration of the 150th year anniversary of the Civil War, Mr. Tobin Buhk will be the speaker. Program is free to the public. Contact: Larry Halverson, Community Relations Coordinator, at lhaverson@loutitlibrary.org.

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

The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners (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/or 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 History Partners 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 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 History Partners is to help facilitate communications, coordination, and promotion of special events, programs, commemorations, etc. for and during the Civil War Sesquicentennial.



Upcoming 7th Michigan Events

***** October *****

12-14 20th Annual Wolcott Mill Civil War Days 63841 Wolcott Rd, Ray MI.

13 Harvest Ball Lansing, MI, Hosted by the 7th Michigan Co B

20-21 Hartford City Civil War Days Hartford, Indiana.

21 7th Michigan Business Meeting

27-28 Historic Bowens Mills Civil War Commemorative Weekend 55 Briggs Rd, Middleville MI

***** December *****

7-9 150th Anniversary of The Battle of Fredericksburg - Fredericksburg, Virginia Fredericksburg, Virginia. The "Fire on the Rappahannock" event will be held on portions of the actual battlefield to 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 the attack on Marye's Heights. The 7th Michigan will be reliving the conflict where we earned our battle honors as the "Forlorn Hope". The website is located at [150th Anniversary](#). The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick tomjoemerick@hotmail.com or by telephone at 517-669-5607).



*****Some Upcoming 2012-2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial National Events*****

Tentative Dates

Gettysburg - July 4 - 7, 2013
Chickamauga - September 21 - 22, 2013
Resaca - May 14 - 16, 2014
Vicksburg/Raymond - 2014
Red River Campaign - November 2014
Brice's Cross Roads - 2014
Franklin - 2014
Bentonville - 2015

From Your Editor.....

While I dearly love receiving email messages from you all, and will always reply cheerfully and in the most timely manner possible, please note that when you are responding to a message I have sent out to the membership at the request of another person, the correct individual to respond to is that person, or the individual designated in the original message---NOT ME!

In most cases, I will not have the information you need! In the case of messages which are time sensitive, you may wind up being too late in getting your response to its intended destination.

So--just a word to the wise--be sure to read all messages thoroughly and respond as indicated.

A second matter, if I may, and then I'm done:

The phrase "be careful what you wish for" is in my mind a lot as I've put together this issue. So many of you have kindly responded to my request for photos and news that I am swamped!

My apologies to those who've sent event reports and photos if I have truncated or entirely left out what you've sent. Please realize that I am not slighting anyone on purpose. It would be helpful if, in the case of photos sent, you choose your 3 or 4 very favorites from an event to send. (I know, as an amateur photographer myself, this is a difficult task!) As always, I will make every effort to include everything I can.

Thanks again for your patience and your continued support.

Ellyn

Driving directions to Cascades Manor House:

The Cascades/Sparks Foundation Park is on the southwest edge of Jackson.

From north of Jackson – Take I-94 Exit 138 south into town. (127 North merges with West Ave. at junction of 127 / I-94). Follow West Ave. south to High St. traffic light, about 2-3 miles. Continue straight on West Ave. to next traffic light at Griswold & Kibby Rd. Turn R onto Kibby. Take Kibby about ¼ mile to Denton Rd. Turn R onto Denton and quick left into the Manor House parking lot. (You can see the Manor House on your right before you turn onto Denton).

From south of Jackson: - Take 127 South to M-50 / Monroe exit. At top of ramp, go straight across and down the M-50 / Bus. 127/Jackson ramp (Brooklyn Rd. / S. Cooper St.). Go about 2 miles to traffic light at High St. Turn L onto High and go west through town, about 1 mile. Turn L at West Ave. Go south to next traffic light (at Griswold and Kibby Rd.) Turn R onto Kibby. Go about ¼ mile; turn R onto Denton, then quick L into Manor House parking lot.

Gettysburg 150th Anniversary Sesquicentennial - July 4th - 7th, 2013

– Reenactor Registration Form –

Please fill this form out as completely as possible and list everyone on the attached sheet (Use additional sheets as needed.) **The first six lines on this form must be completed for registration to be accepted.** Return all forms and fees to: Gettysburg Anniversary Committee, P.O. Box 3482, Gettysburg, PA 17325-3482.

Unit or Regiment

Unit Contact person _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing address

City, State and Zip

Phone (incl. area code) Day () _____ Evening () _____

Organization Affiliation (e.g. ANV, M.G., N.R., PACS, USV, etc.) _____ Branch of Service _____

(It is very important to list Organization Affiliation for planning and Divisional assignments. Non Affiliated will be assigned to a Provisional Brigade)

LIST THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY CATEGORY

INFANTRY: (U.S.) _____, (C.S.) _____,

CAVALRY: (U.S. Mounted) _____, Number of Horses _____, (U.S. Dismounted) _____

(C.S. Mounted) _____, Number of Horses _____, (C.S. Dismounted) _____

ARTILLERY (U.S.) _____, (Number of Guns) _____, (Type of Guns) _____

(C.S.) _____, (Number of Guns) _____, (Type of Guns) _____

AUTHENTIC DEPENDANTS:

(Camping in U.S. Military Camp) _____

(Camping in C.S. Military Camp) _____

(Camping in U.S. Dependant Camp) _____ **(Must be affiliated with a Military Unit)**

*Living History/Other _____ **(must be pre-approved)**

*Specify Impression and who with: _____

Registration fees are: \$25 for individuals if registered by December 31, 2012 - \$35 from January 1st, until February

28th, 2013, \$45 from March 1st until May 15th, 2013. No Substitutions after May 15, 2013. Registration ends May 15,

2013. NO WALK-ONS.

Totals: Military # _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Military Dependant # _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Living History # _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

Under 12 # _____ (children under 12 are free but must be registered.)

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

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Company Muster Roll

All participants, by registering for and attending this event agree that any sponsoring organization, person, unit, or agents or employees thereof will not be held liable or responsible for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property during this event.

Please: Type or Print names legibly. Registration will be by name. Confusion has arisen in the past because we couldn't decipher the names on this sheet. Please list complete address, including zip code. Thank you.

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Questions – Contact GAC at 717-338-1525

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