

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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*Meridian Village, by Bob Smith, our intrepid Harper's Weekly artist. Permission was given by Harper's to publish the above sketch, submitted by Jim Kirschensteiner. Page 9 for photos.*

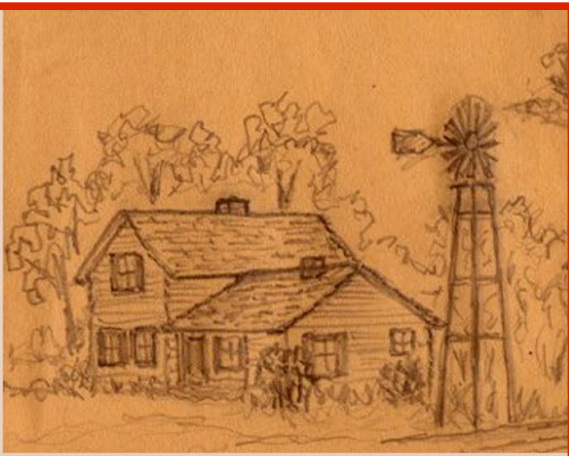
## Don't Forget: Annual Meeting Sunday, October 18



Civilian & Military breakout sessions: 1:00pm  
Combined Business Meeting and Elections; 1:30pm  
Robbins UMC, 6419 Bunker Rd., Eaton Rapids  
Please make every effort to attend as we will be  
electing new club leadership for the coming year (2016)







## Club Leadership

### New Member Chairman:

Jeff Verstraete (military & civilian)  
[jbvisme@gmail.com](mailto:jbvisme@gmail.com)

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  
Club Historian: Doug McComas  
Webmaster: Dennis Zank

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 (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

# Annual Club dues are due!

## Treasurer's Report

Checking balance: \$104.20, Savings balance: \$7722.72.

Dues are due: Family - \$19.20, Individual - \$16.00.

Make checks payable to: **7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B**

You can mail checks to the club's PO box:

**P.O. Box 16206, Lansing, MI 48901-6206**

or give payment to any board member at the meeting. Be sure to include name, family members, address, e-mail, and phone number with your dues so I can update the membership list. Please remember that if your dues are not paid by Feb. 28, you will not be receiving the March newsletter, nor any thereafter until dues are paid. Thank-you.

Don Everett, Treasurer

[djkeverett@comcast.net](mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net)

## Quartermaster Report

We have a new supply of powder and caps. This year's prices are \$15 for 1 pound of powder and \$7 for a tin of 100 caps. For any one interested we have some Goex Skirmish powder to try the cost is \$13 for a pound.

Don Everett, Quartermaster

## 7th MICHIGAN EVENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE

At the recent September Club Meeting a committee was formed to map out the club's future strategy regarding our involvement with events. With the Jackson event no longer exerting its demands on the club we have the opportunity to redirect our considerable talent, experience and presence within the Reenacting Community in new directions. The purpose of this committee is to seek input from the membership as to what direction they would like to see the club go and to explore the various possibilities for applying ourselves to new or different events.

Should we develop a new "cornerstone" event? Should we partner with other units to apply our name to existing events, possibly allowing them to expand? Should we concentrate on a smaller event with the potential to grow? Or, do you have another idea?

The committee would love to hear from you! Our plan is to listen to the input of the membership while exploring the available opportunities and then report out to the club, as early as the January Meeting. With club approval we can then put our new strategy into action for the 2016 Reenacting Year. Members of the committee include myself, Dave Downing, Doug McComas, Rob Stone, Jim Kirschenstiener, Sue Colegrove and Katie Everett.

You can send your ideas and suggestions to me at [carolsmith40160@yahoo.com](mailto:carolsmith40160@yahoo.com). I hope to hear from you soon and see you at the Annual Club Meeting on October 18th.

Bob Smith

Chairman, Event Strategy Committee



## Harvest Ball Update

Our annual Harvest Ball is nearly upon us! Hurry and get your tickets if you haven't. The date is Sat. Oct. 24; volunteers will be needed for various tasks. Glen Morningstar, Jr. and the Michigan Ruffwater String Band will again be featured. 7th MI members in good standing: cost \$5 per ticket. Deadline for non-member price of \$15 per ticket is Oct. 10. After that date the price is \$30. ( Member \$5 price remains the same).

Again, note that the Williams's wish to step down as chairpersons of the Ball due to ongoing health concerns, but are willing to help train a new chairperson. We extend a heartfelt "Thank you" to Dick and Linda for their years of service to the club and our annual ball.

PLEASE contact Linda or Dick if you can fill a work slot for this year's ball, and/or would be willing to take over as organizer of this annual event. 517-484-2496 [lansinglinda@comcast.net](mailto:lansinglinda@comcast.net)  
[dwlansingmi@comcast.net](mailto:dwlansingmi@comcast.net)

**Work Positions Needed:** (those with names have been filled)

Hospitality host and hostess: Don and Linda

Printing: Linda

Refreshment coordinators: Anson and Lorrie

Decoration coordinator: Vonda, Joy

Table/chairs, decoration help: Don Everett

Ball work positions, concluded:

Assistants for refreshment/decorations:

Lorrie Roland, Carol Smith, Sandy McCarrick,  
Sue Colegrove

Set out food before intermission:

Set out food after intermission:

Set out food first half hour:

Set out food last half hour (9:00)

Pack food at 9:30:

Ticket collector:

Heel plate inspector: Bob Smith

Announcer: Doug McComas

Floor manager: Bill Jarrett

Door sentries 6:30 – 7:00: Bill Jarrett (need 1 more)

Escorts for ladies: Don Everett, (need 2 more)

Workers to take down tables & put away:

Clear plastic cups:

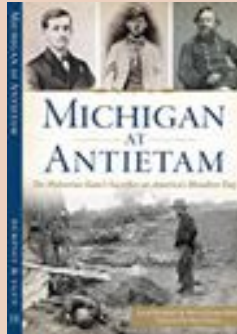
Paper plates:

Napkins:

## New Book released!

Discover Michigan's role in the single bloodiest day in United States history inside **Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State's Sacrifice on America's Bloodiest Day**, a new book co-

authored by Jack Dempsey and Brian James Egen.



Proceeds go to raise funds for a new monument dedicated to Michigan at Antietam. Find out how to get your copy (autographed copies are available) and help raise money for the monument by visiting the "Did You Know" section of our homepage.

---Submitted by Tom Emerick

<http://allmichigancivilwar.com/index.html#dyk>

## Some Insights into Collecting Civil War Artifacts

by Rob Stone

The topic presented at the September meeting of the Ann Arbor Civil War Roundtable was one I thought would interest the Seventh Michigan's members.

Detroit-area gemologist Ronald G. Cleveland has been active in Civil War relic hunting since the late 1970s. As a "digger" Ron witnessed firsthand the hobby's evolution from a solitary pursuit to a well-organized (and increasingly sophisticated) pursuit. It was surprising to learn that, until the 1960s, one could dig unimpeded in National Military Parks: NPS personnel even clued relic hunters in on likely places to find artifacts. Nowadays anyone caught prospecting on NPS land faces a stiff fine and runs the risk of a Federal prison sentence. In the field one can also encounter poisonous snakes, angry bulls and legions of ticks.

Following the maxim that "all history is garbage," latrines and trash pits are the best spots in which to seek out artifacts. Army encampments, especially those occupied during the static winter months, yield rich pickings. Not all diggers utilize high-tech metal detectors: some simply probe the earth with lengths of metal rod where they intuit relics might be buried. The jury's out when it comes to assessing the potential of ground penetrating radar. These costly machines return an echo of every single thing beneath them, including bones, bricks, and rocks. Once the metal detector registers a signal, the process of uncovering an item calls to mind the work of an archaeologist. The earth is carefully removed with hand

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## Retirement

I want to thank everyone for all the kind sentiments expressed to me at the 31st Annual Jackson Cascades Civil War Muster (and subsequently on Face Book) in conjunction with my retirement as Chief of Staff of the Cumberland Guard and from the Civil War reenacting hobby.

Initially, I was taken by surprise with the receipt of a plaque from the Jackson Cascades Civil War Muster immediately following the battle on Saturday. Later in the afternoon, I again was surprised by a wonderful gift, special formation of the Cumberland Guard, Great Lakes, and Medich Battalions. Throughout the weekend, I received many kind wishes from Rob Van, David Shackelford, Nick Medich, and other military and civilian reenactor friends.

Although I have retired from the wearing of the wool, camping out, and marching all over the place in a multitude of weather conditions, I do not plan on becoming a stranger. I plan on maintaining my memberships and honorary memberships in the five Michigan Civil War Reenactment organizations and in continuing my participation in the annual Civil War Reenactors' calendar program and small Civil War living histories and school and other educational programs. In addition, I plan on continuing my participation in the annual Jackson Cascades Civil War Muster, and in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids. Consequently, I hope to continue to be able see many of my friends of the last 33 years. Finally, I would like to especially thank Tom George Davidson for taking the time to chronicle through pictures my last weekend of reenacting.

Again, thank you.  
Keith G. Harrison

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"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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*ARTIFACTS, concluded from page 3....*

tools, and in-place photos are taken prior to the relic's removal. For historical purposes diggers catalog what they find and where they found it. In Ron Cleveland's experience the top area in which to find artifacts is around Culpeper, Virginia, the scene of many Eastern Theater battles.

Ron has an extensive collection of items used by both Northern and Southern combatants. Minié balls, breast plates, coins, belt buckles, national and state uniform buttons, bayonets, gun tools and even preserved brogans and whole glass bottles are among the treasures he has brought to light. Of course, a lot of broken or otherwise worthless things turn up during digs; this material is boxed and given to the landowner, rather than being dumped back into the ground. On some occasions remains are found of soldiers hastily put in battlefield graves. Law enforcement is contacted any time this happens.

Relic diggers worked alone in the early days. If they were ethical they knocked on farmhouse doors and asked permission before searching private land. The scene has radically changed since then. Now businesses exist that organize three-day digs, in which hundreds of people take part. Admission fees assure income for the landowner and organizer alike. The money also makes it possible to close legal loopholes and to provide on-site EMS. So popular have these big hunts become that sometimes one can only take part in them by winning a lottery!

Ron's discovery of where a battle line of dismounted Federal cavalrymen fought was riveting. By means of cartridges ejected from repeating carbines, he could tell where the troopers fired at the halt (piles of spent cartridges) and in the advance (a string of single cartridges). Other finds he mentioned included a coin purse with gold and silver U.S. coins dating from the 1860s. Another hunter recovered an intact ammunition box containing a rare type of cartridge. *Each* of the 1000 pristine rounds in the box was worth \$200 on the collector's market.

Not everyone hits the jackpot when it comes to discovering artifacts, and very few diggers get wealthy doing it. Still, Civil War relic hunting can be an interesting and rewarding hobby, so long as you have deep pockets and plenty of time on your hands.\_\_\_\_





## Captain Slayton Retiring Commission - September 2015

After four years of service as Captain of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan, it is time for me to step down. Others deserve a chance to advance in the ranks, and this is an opportune time for me to relinquish command. I plan to continue to serve the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan in the ranks, and consider that an honor as well.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank everyone who mentored, taught and encouraged me as I learned the ins-and-outs of leading a company. So many helped and were patient, especially Tom Emerick, Jim MacKinnon, Jim Kirschensteiner, Dave Downing, Don Everett and Doug McComas. There were others that also gave advice and kept me on track such as Mark Heath, Craig Searles and Steve Church. I could not have accomplished much without their support, and the excellent quality of the men of the 7<sup>th</sup>. I am indeed grateful for the opportunity to have been Captain, and truly enjoyed the challenge and honor of doing that. There are some great memories for me, and memorable moments on the field. The highpoint for me was the 150<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg event, and being with the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan in a large battalion, with all that entails. With my brother and daughter there, that made it even more special. Thank you all for supporting me as Captain.

**At the October 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting, we will be having our annual elections** for Captain, Lieutenant, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, 2 other Sergeants and four Corporals. If you want to be considered for any of these, please let me know soon. I will send out the list of those interested or nominated by someone else to the military before the meeting, at least those that let me know. Nominations can also be done at the meeting, and you do not have to be present to get elected, although that is encouraged.

So please attend the meeting to elect our new officers. The meeting at 1:30pm (1:00 pm social time) will be held at Robbins United Methodist Church, 6419 Bunker Road, Eaton Rapids, MI, 48827. I hope to see you there. As the Captain of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry for the last time,  
In your service,

Capt. David Slayton.

## After Action Report: 2015 Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster (September 19 & 20)

By Rob Stone

Jim and Jimmy Hainer, Jim Mackinnon, Doug McComas, Chris Sodman, and Rob Stone represented the Seventh Michigan during this year's Van Raalte Farm event. We fell in with our pards from the Third Michigan, Company F, whose hospitality we enjoyed throughout the weekend.

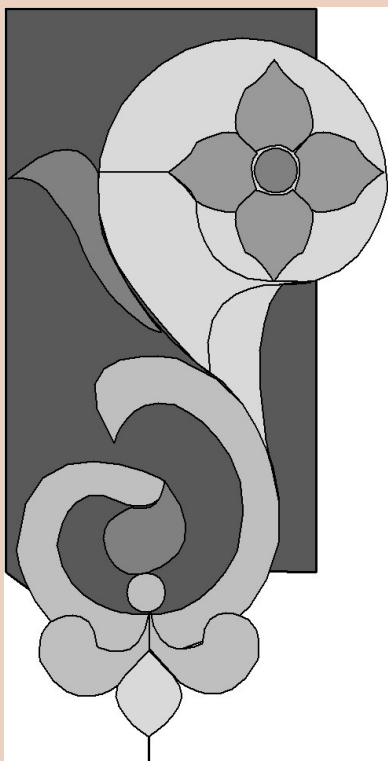
As is traditional for this event, thunderstorms swept through the Holland area beginning Friday evening, and lasting on into Saturday morning. Re-enactor parking was a sea of mud, winds blew down several tents and some folks' belongings became sodden but we soldiered on. Fortunately abundant sunshine and mild temperatures were ours on both days.

Van Raalte's attendance seems to grow with time. An estimated 100 infantry, artilleryists and cavalry re-enactors participated this year. The scenario on Saturday and Sunday was a two-fer: the Battles of Five Forks and Appomattox were recreated, with a brief intermission between them. A re-enactment of the Confederate surrender was meant to take place at the Van Raalte House, but long-winded speeches by some of the first person presenters resulted in both sides' troops vacating the premises.

The Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster is a pleasant, low-intensity event that comes at the end of the re-enacting season. It is highly recommended.\_\_\_\_\_



*Despite Captain Slayton's absence from Van Raalte Farm the Seventh's members observed a long-standing tradition by consuming a box of Lorna Doones. Photo submitted by Rob Stone.*



# Civilian Report

Hello Ladies!

I would like to thank Joan Emerick for opening her home to host our September sewing party! We all had a great time! Our October sewing party will be October 17<sup>th</sup> at Vonda Warren's house. We will be meeting for breakfast at The Eaton Place at 9am. Those who do not wish to join us for breakfast can meet at Vonda's house at 10am. Please bring a dish to pass for lunch and be ready for some amazing Halloween decorations!

At the sewing party this month we discussed the Victorian tradition of collection buttons for a button sting. These were also called charm string and memory strings and are the precursor to charm bracelets. Young girls and women were given buttons as gifts from friends and family and also collected them on their own. The tradition says that you were to collect 999 buttons and once you did your "prince charming" would present you with you 1,000<sup>th</sup> button and ask for your hand in marriage. But if you were to collect 1,000 on your own you would be doomed to spinsterhood. Vonda has made the suggestion for the ladies of the 7<sup>th</sup> to make our own button strings and present each other with buttons as gifts. If you would like to participate in this please bring a large (decorative/ornate) button to be your starter button/touch button and a button to trade with someone. We will be trading buttons in the same way a cookie exchange works; the more buttons you bring to trade the more you will receive. I will

bring strings to get everyone started and more information to share about button strings. The best type of button for this is one with a shank on the back. I will include links at the bottom for some information and a video of how to make one. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Lastly the time has come for our annual ladies retreat weekend. The dates are November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be charging a small amount for the weekend. \$10 for the whole weekend or just \$5 for the day. We will be having a potluck lunch on Saturday and I will be cooking breakfast both Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday night. The meals will be \$10-\$15 for the weekend. If you would like to participate in the meals for the weekend please let me know so I can get a headcount. Look for more information on the retreat weekend in a separate article in this newsletter.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me!

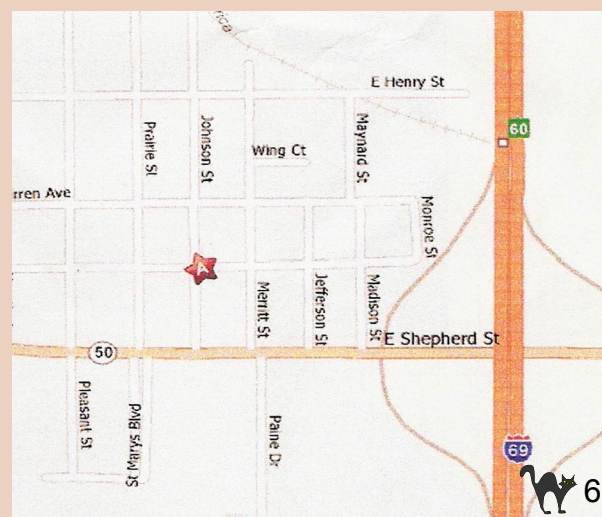
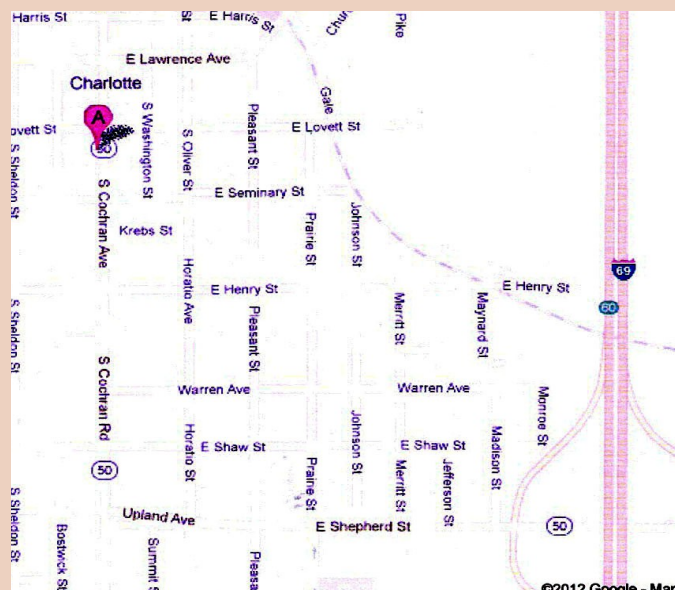
Katie Everett  
Civilian Chair  
(517)420-6837  
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The Eaton Place: 218 Cochran Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813

Vonda's House: 602 SHAW, Charlotte, MI 48813  
(on corner of Johnson St. and Shaw)  
(517) 543-4474

<http://www.alliesadornments.com/button-files/victorian-button-charm-string>

<http://www.marthastewart.com/915431/making-charm-strings-tender-buttons>





# Ladies' Retreat: Nov. 6-8

To Ladies of the 7th

There will be a small charge for camp this year. It will be \$10 for the whole weekend or \$5 for the day (It is fine if you can only come on Saturday). The dates are Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>-Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>. You can arrive any time after 4:00 pm on Friday and we have the camp till 4:00 pm on Sunday. The camp has a Fridge, Stove, microwave, pots and pans, dishes, two bathrooms – no shower. There are tables for eating, sewing etc. The upstairs has bunk beds with mattresses to sleep on but you will need to bring sleeping bag/sheets/blankets etc.

If this is your first time: you can bring anything to work on, such as sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, or just can and sit, talk and watch movies. Katie will have a large selection of movies. If there is something you want to see and you don't have it just ask; Katie may have. Or you may bring a movie of your choice; we try to keep to PG/PG-13 movies and nothing too sad (DVD or Blu-Ray).

There are walking trails, and an old county store down the road. Rules: no smoking, pets. or alcohol. We pack up about 1 hour or so before leaving to clean – we have to sweep, clean the bathrooms, mop if necessary, and remove everything from the Fridge.

Food: Please bring a dish to pass for Saturday lunch; also whatever you want to drink for the week-end and snacks (to share).

Breakfast for Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday night are being prepared by Katie and will be \$10-15 for all 3 meals. (You are on your own for Friday night). If you wish you may bring your own dinner, or cook it there.

The menu for this year is:

Saturday Breakfast:

Build your own Breakfast Burrito. We will have shells, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, cheese, and salsa. If there is anything else you would like included please let Katie know.

Saturday Dinner:

Baked Potato Bar with salad and dessert. We will have baked russet potatoes and sweet potatoes with all the toppings. I will have butter, sour cream, cheese, bacon, chili, etc. If you have a favorite topping please let Katie know so she can bring it.

Sunday Breakfast:

Waffle Bar. We will have waffles with syrup and fruit toppings with red skin potatoes.

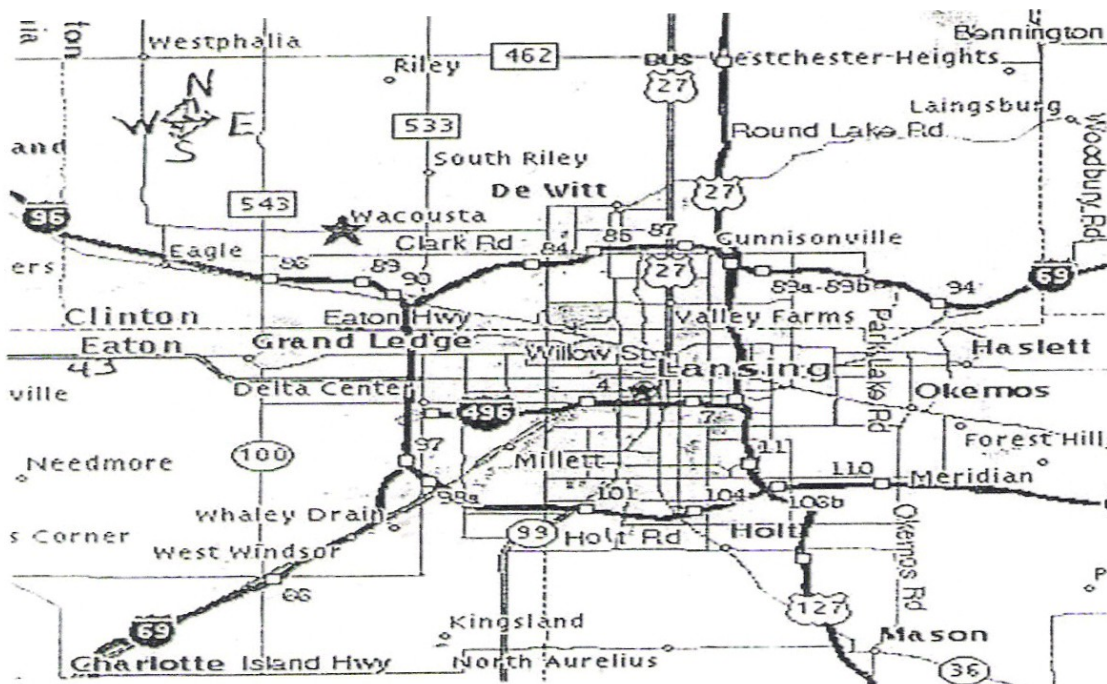
Come and join us; we have a good time. Any questions or concerns please e-mail or call me at home.

<mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net> or my work one below – Home phone : 517 393-3475

Hope to see you there.

Julie Everett

Mill Run Girl Scout Camp, 9155 Looking Glass Brook Road, Wacousta, MI



Driving Directions: Take I-96 west toward Flint/Grand Rapids. Take the Grand River Ave. Exit #90. Turn left onto Grand River Hwy (Bus. I-96). Continue to follow Grand River Hwy. Turn right onto Wacousta Rd. Follow Wacousta Rd. south until you cross a bridge (Looking Glass River). Turn left at the first street to the left. The entrance to the Girl Scout Camp is the first drive on the left.

# My Own Personal Gettysburg Ghost Story

by Ellyn Painter

According to Haunted America Tours.com, Gettysburg is the most haunted battlefield in America. Half of the site's list of the 10 most haunted battlefields are Civil War sites. Places #2, and #3 are taken by Antietam and Chickamauga, respectively. Fredericksburg is #9, and #10 is Cold Harbor.

At the Bloody Angle on Cemetery Ridge among many monuments erected in memory of various regiments and their exploits of heroism on the Gettysburg field of battle, there stands, on the spot where he died, a small stone marker dedicated to 22-year-old Lt. Alonzo Cushing, commander of Battery A, 4th US Artillery. Cushing was one of the defenders at The Angle on the third day of battle, during Pickett's Charge. It is this humble marker which is the centerpiece for the following account of my own Gettysburg ghost story.



*Lt. Alonzo Cushing*

Quite a few years ago now, my sister Lora and I paid a visit to Gettysburg. We were at the "Bloody Angle"--not too far from the point where the 7th Michigan fought near the Copse of Trees that marks the approximate center of the Union position on the third day of battle, at Pickett's Charge.

At dusk, I was waiting near our car, parked on Hancock Avenue, for my sister. She was some distance away, reading another monument. It was nearly dark, and we were among the last visitors to leave the area. I was perhaps 100 feet or so to the right (north of) and behind the Copse of Trees. As I stood looking west, out beyond the stone wall, across the field toward the Emmitsburg Road and the Confederate advance, I noticed that a small square stone about 15 feet to my left had taken on a peculiar, faint reddish glow. Although it was still light enough to recognize objects, night was fast falling, and I glanced around, expecting to see that the direct beam of someone's vehicle headlights, or the flashlight of a walker, perhaps, was causing the illumination. But there were only one or two other cars still parked along Hancock Avenue, and all were dark. I looked behind me, toward Taneytown Road, which was as far away in the opposite direction as was Emmitsburg Pike, thinking the light from some car passing there could be the cause, although this was unlikely. But I could see no lights--not even moonlight--in any direction that could have been shining or reflecting on the little stone, causing its strange appearance. As I watched, the red glow, which seemed to come from within the stone itself, as if it were being superheated like metal in a blacksmith's forge, became stronger, and fully visible in the deep gloom of the approaching night. In astonishment, I stared at the stone, for how long, I'm not sure, but I'm guessing it was maybe fifteen of twenty seconds, at which point, the glow began to slowly subside, and then passed away entirely, leaving the marker as it had been, cold, dark and gray.

*I swear this is the truth.*

It was not until later, when talking to one of the locals, that I learned the story of Lt. Cushing.

At the height of Pickett's charge, Lt. Cushing's battery was already largely demolished. Dead horses, some still harnessed to limbers and caissons, two of which had exploded from direct hits, lay among the scattered wreckage, and ravaged bodies of drivers and gunners. By now, the Confederates were rushing nearer the stone wall, preparatory to overrunning the Federal position. Cushing himself was grievously wounded, first having taken a shell fragment in his shoulder; a second shell fragment had torn into his abdomen and groin, exposing his intestines, which he held in place with his hand as he continued to command what little remained of his battery. Refusing to go to the rear, because of the shortage of men, Cushing continued to man one of his two remaining guns, while being held aloft by his 1st Sergeant, Frederick Fuger, who faithfully passed on Cushing's commands. "I'll give them one more shot," Cushing told his sergeant, as he pulled his lanyard. The concussion of the cannon fire covered the sound of the southern bullet which, at the same moment, slammed into the lieutenant, killing him instantly.

Cushing is buried at West Point, next to Major General John Buford, another Gettysburg hero.

Action was undertaken in 2013, 150 years after Cushing's death, to award him the Medal of Honor. On November 6, 2014, 151 years after Alonzo Cushing's death, President Obama presented the award at a ceremony at the White House, attended by two dozen relatives of the Cushing family.

sources: Wikipedia; hauntedamericatours.com; conservapedia.com





Photos by  
Sue Colegrove

Hi Everyone

The 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan went to the Meridian historical Villiage in Okemos on Sept 19, 2015 We had a very nice turn out. The weather when we started was not that nice: Cool, windy, and rainy.. But the weather did change for the better..

We had about 100 children and adults come to our site. We had toys and games for all to try. We even had adults play ...

Thank you, Anson and Lorrie Roland for bringing all the Civil War era toys and games for us to use .

Thank you also to Don and Julie Everett for bringing the fly and toys to use. Don also set up his barber shop, which generated lots of interest.

Finally, thanks to the ladies of the 7<sup>th</sup>, for coming out and helping make it a very successful day.

Sue Colegrove



**HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE HALLOWEEN!**



## October 2015 Sesquicentennial Events

Of the 150 Sesquicentennial events listed thus far on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2015 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website ([www.micw150.us](http://www.micw150.us)), 10 have been reported for October. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to [www.micw150.us/2015events.htm](http://www.micw150.us/2015events.htm) and clicking on the month in question.

### --October 2015--

**5. Presentation: *The Better (and Worst) Angels of our Nature*** (Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 Webster Ave., Muskegon, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Artists who were there: Edwin Forbes, Alfred Waud, Conrad Wise Chapman, and Winslow Homer. Website: [Art of Gettysburg and the Civil War Lecture Series](#). Contact: George P. Maniates at [George.Maniates@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:George.Maniates@muskegoncc.edu) or by Telephone at 231-720-2570.

**7 & 14. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum** (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Contact: Deb Malewski, at [GARmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:GARmichigan@gmail.com)

**9 - 11. Hartford City Civil War Days** (Hartford City, Indiana). Plenty of military and civilian camp sites available. Straw is provided, one half bale per person. Hay will be provided for mounted cavalry. Fire wood also provided and located near all camps. 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 and 49th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company F. Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/in3/34IN/reenactorguide.html>.

**9 - 11. 4th Annual Carpenter Farm Civil War Muster** (11854 Peacock Road Tree Farm, Laingsburg, Michigan). Sponsored by the Tenth Michigan Infantry and Peacock Road Tree Farm. Living History Camps near a Pioneer Cabin, horse drawn wagon rides, , Drills, three Battle Reenactments at three different sites, expanded Living History Camp activities, Saturday and Sunday Participant Lunches, Period Church service and Speed Shooting contest. Website: <http://www.tenthmichiganinfantry.com>. Contact: Email at [tenthmich@yahoo.com](mailto:tenthmich@yahoo.com) or Telephone at 989-400-3904.

**10 - 11. Annual Wolcott Mill Civil War Days** (63841 Wolcott Road, Ray, Michigan). Military battles on Saturday and Sunday. Tactical on Saturday. Wood, water, straw, flush toilets, authentic camping ,and bounty for two cannons provided. Sponsored by Huron-Clinton Metro Park, Multi-Lakes Association for Civil War Studies (the 4th Texas, Co. E and the CFI). Website: [Huron-Clinton Metropark](#), <http://fourthtexas.org>, Contact: Steve Domke at [demrebel@netzero.com](mailto:demrebel@netzero.com) or John Fross at [ssorfj@aol.com](mailto:ssorfj@aol.com).

**12. Presentation: *The Aftermath of Battle*** (Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 Webster Avenue Muskegon, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Contemporary Film Interpretations: Ken Burns' *The Civil War*, Robert Maxwell's *Gettysburg*, Edward Zwick's *Glory*. Website: [Art of Gettysburg and the Civil War Lecture Series](#). Contact: George P. Maniates at [George.Maniates@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:George.Maniates@muskegoncc.edu) or by Telephone at 231-720-2570.

**19. Presentation: *War and Remembrance*** (Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 Webster Avenue Muskegon, Michigan). 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. From the Unique to the Bizarre: Distinctive monuments of Gettysburg. Website: [Art of Gettysburg and the Civil War Lecture Series](#). Contact: George P. Maniates at [George.Maniates@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:George.Maniates@muskegoncc.edu) or by Telephone at 231-720-2570.

**20. Presentation: *Remembering Michigan's Civil War Soldiers*** (Howell Carnegie District Library, 314 W. Grand River, Howell, Michigan). 7:00-8:00 pm. Authors David Finney and Judith McIntosh will feature images of the 4<sup>th</sup> Michigan Cavalry, which captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The program is free. Website: [Howell Library](#). Contact Margaret Bigham at [Bigham@howelllibrary.org](mailto:Bigham@howelllibrary.org) or by Telephone at 517-546-0720.

**24 - 25. Historic Bowens Mills Civil War Commemorative Weekend** (55 Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan). Civil War Living History Encampment . Battle both Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 PM. The Civil War event is sponsored by Owen & Carleen Sabin. Website: <http://www.bowensmills.com/>. Contact: Telephone 269-795-7530

**27. FREE Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar -Topic to be announced** (Sunfield United Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43) in Sunfield, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Website: <http://suvcw.org/mi/017/announcements.htm> Contact: Paul David Arnold at [arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arnoldsuvcwmi@sbcglobal.net).

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