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Harvest Ball photo shared by Cyndi Carlson on Facebook. (Sorry, the Editor does not know who the photographer is).

DON'T FORGET: our Annual Meeting is Sun. Oct. 15 –
1:00PM – at Robbins UMC, Eaton Rapids



The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Co. B
The 2017 Annual Harvest Ball
Saturday, October 14, 2017
At Central United Methodist Church
215 N. Capital, Lansing, Michigan
Music by the Ruffwater String Band. Dance
prompt conducted by Glen Morningstar Jr.
Doors open at 6 PM, Grand March begins at 7 PM.
Attendees must be over 12 years of age.
Ticket cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple.
Youngsters 12-16 years of age \$10 each.
Tickets limited.
Attire is 1860's period formal or
modest, modern formal evening wear.
contact: Gilbert or Cyndi Carlson
(517) 782-8199
Cyndiinthisservice@yahoo.com
Tickets for 7th MI members are \$10.

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Oct. 14 – Harvest Ball

Sat. Oct. 14 – Civilian
Sewing Party at
Vonda Warren's
(details, pg. 2; map pg. 5)

Sun. Oct. 15 – Annual
Meeting

Sat. Nov. 11 – Ingham Co.
Veterans Day Parade,
Mason, MI (details pg. 4)

Club News Items

For Sale: Civilian Camp Gear -

Dave Tennes of the 21st MI is in the process of selling all his authentic camping gear. He had a garage sale a couple of weeks ago, but still has some things left - 2 beds, trailer, silverware and other odds and ends. If interested, contact him at: 734-354-9808 or Email: senhoward@hotmail.com

Williamston History Day Event:

Jim Kirschensteiner has recently heard back from the organizers of the Williamston event we usually attend each fall, saying that we will not be needed this year. They want to do alternate years, thus we may be participating again in 2018.

RE: John W. Steadman, Pvt. 7th Michigan Inf.

Regarding Cyndi Carlson's Facebook post that was printed in last month's newsletter, asking for information regarding John W. Steadman, Don Everett replied with this entry from the *Regimental Brown Book*:

"Steadman, John, Burr Oak. Enlisted in company K, Seventh Infantry, Feb. 17, 1864, at Burr Oak, for 3 years, age 25. Mustered Feb. 26, 1864. Joined regiment at Stevensburg, Va., March 1, 1864. Killed in action at Meadow Run Va., May 31, 1864. Buried in National Cemetery at Yorktown, Va. Grave No. 43."

Don added: Note that the date of death does not match the date on his grave marker. That is because the date in the brown book is from military records and shows the date he first showed up on the death list.



Linda Williams & David Chain at the 1999 Jackson Muster



Civilian Report

Oello:

Our upcoming ladies sewing circle will be Saturday, Oct 14. (NOTE: Yes, this is the same day as the Harvest Ball.)

Breakfast at 9:00 am at Eaton Place in Charlotte, Mi. At 10:00 am the ladies will meet at Vonda's house, for sewing. Please bring a passing dish for

potluck lunch, and whatever sewing or craft work you wish.

If you have any ideas for projects we can work on this coming year please bring them to the circle or the annual meeting.

We will also be setting dates and meeting places for this winter's sewing parties.

Oct 15, 2017 will be our annual meeting. We will be voting for a Civilian Chairperson, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and members-at-large.

So please coming to the meeting !!!!

In December Meridian Village will again be having Christmas in the village and have asked us to be a part of it. More information to follow.

Sue Colegrove

Condolences:

A few days ago, at the request of Linda Williams, I sent out a group email to all 7th MI members, regarding former 7th MI member, David Chain, who at that time was near the point of death from an undisclosed terminal illness. I relate with sadness that Linda has since reported that David passed away quietly, on Friday, Sept. 29, in a Lansing hospital, surrounded by his family. We have no further details.

David and Linda became close friends when they were dance partners for several years, serving as dance master and mistress for the Jackson CW Muster Victorian-era dance class, held every year before the Military Ball. In his years with the 7th, David portrayed an elegant civilian gentleman, as well as being a fine dancer, with a lovely singing voice.

---the Editor



Military Report

Reports of our final event were all positive. Van Raalte is always a fine event. No rain but a bit of heat. Rumor has it that it gave our Sergeant a little taste of command.

It was truly a fine season and it felt like the military is turning the corner. We are growing! We are understanding the renewed nature of the hobby (cooperation, collaboration, and friendship). Let us continue to build on this fine start in the upcoming seasons.

Don't forget the Harvest Ball in October. All available military men are needed for our intermission ceremony, (I won't make you sing this time :)). Support our civilians as they support us throughout the season!

Military elections will take place at our annual meeting. I will run again for Captain if I retain support of the military to do so. At this point I have the following nominations for military positions:

Capt: Doug McComas

Lt. Andrew McComas

1st SGT Bill Jarrett

SGT: Rob Stone, Dan Malick

Cpl: Chris Sodman

If you are interested in running, contact me or throw your hat in the ring at the annual meeting.

We will be holding a NCO training over the winter as it appears we will have a lot of changes. Stay tuned.

Goals for 2018

1. Continue to work on drill, and recruitment
2. Train and support NCOs
3. Continue to work with GLB, Cumberland Guard, and GAR to improve cooperation in the hobby
4. Increase our footprint by attending new events; some thoughts are: Guns and Gowns with our friends from the 17th, the South Haven event with our 1st MI friends, a possible return to Ft. Wayne, and others.

Finally, after 11 consecutive years on the board it's time for me to step back and take a break. I'm proud of my service with the club having served as member at large, secretary, VP and President over that time, as well as coordinating the Jackson event for several years. BTW, I will accept nominations for possibly being the worst secretary in club history.

Please consider running for a board position. We need you to step up, play a role, and do more than just show up if the club continues to prosper and grow.

I look forward to being able to focus my energies on supporting and growing our military, working with our friends and partners, and cementing and expanding our many friendships in the hobby. It's still fun, still exciting, and still important.

Lastly, a special note to my dear friend Dave Slayton. I poorly emulate your example of kindness, fairness, and competence. I am proud to be your friend and know that the new adventures and ventures you are embarking on are worthy and God sent. I will truly miss you.

I remain your most obedient servant,

Captain McComas





Van Raalte Farm – Holland, MI Sept. 16-17



Photos courtesy of Chris Sodman, from Facebook

★ Upcoming
Event ★

November 11, 2017 (Saturday) Ingham County Veterans Day Parade - Mason, Michigan

The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B Military and Civilians have been invited by our good friend Scott Shattuck to participate in the ninth annual parade to honor our military veterans. We are still waiting on communications from the hosts regarding details about the 2017 event. I plan to confirm our participation as a few of the local 7th Michigan members (to include myself) always throw in to honor our service men and women. Below is the information related to LAST years Veterans Day Parade in Mason. The parade route should be the same as last year's (six blocks long). If all goes the same as last year we will be falling in with Scott, his Middle School Civil War musicians, and 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 or (517) 604-6116. Please notify me if you plan to participate. More news to follow in next month's newsletter.

This information was from the 2016 parade and we are awaiting confirmation from the hosts for this year's ceremony.

Muster 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. The hosts are providing rides for those not wishing to walk. An open house will be held immediately following the parade at the VFW Post 7309 located at 1243 Hull Road in Mason.

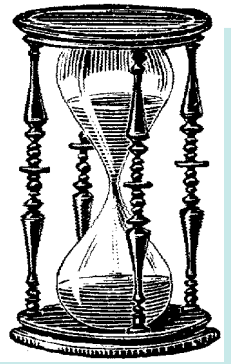
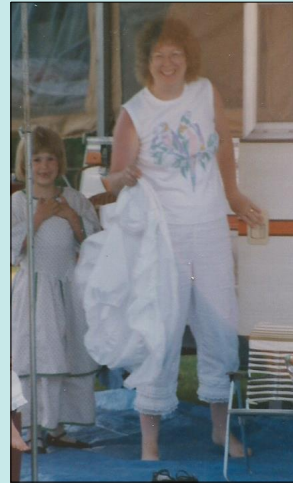
Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

Tom Emerick



A Look Back.....

Yikes! An old-fashioned peep show!



Photos courtesy of Vonda Warren - 1986-1990

<https://www.tmn.today/2017/09/mark-dice-civil-war-millennials-asked-who-won/>

Above - link to an interesting short video of a journalist asking "millenials" in California "Who won the Civil War?" It is shocking how many didn't know. American history is losing importance in our schools, or being changed! Scary!



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CREEPY? LINCOLN & KENNEDY SIMILARITIES



But hey! It's all still veerrrrryyyy creepy!



Oh! And by the way, now it IS fall, and pumpkin spice does NOT cause constipation, so enjoy that pumpkin pie, and pumpkin spice coffee cream, and pumpkin donuts, and.....

