

THE UNION VOLUNTEER

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Submitted by Keith Harrison*

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting:

**Sunday, October 21,
2012**

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

Robbins UMC

6419 Bunker Rd.

Eaton Rapids, MI

(see Map Book on our
website for Map)



PRESIDENTS REPORT

I sit here two days after our Jackson event, still marveling about how it comes together every year with all of your help and support. Good weather for three straight years may mean Jeff will need to be chair for life. We had a great turnout of military and civilians once again, baptized a new building in Jacksonburg, hosted a wedding, and one of the most exciting battle scenarios in memory. Craig Decrane and Tom Emerick shared union command responsibilities with skill and authenticity and we still could laugh, sing happy birthday to Nick Medich and present Tom with his Raptor, along with a Kazoo chorus, and a new rendition of "stick the piggy."

We picked up several new members and had a nice group of young men (including a surprise private by the name of Kyle Emerick in the ranks.) As I said goodbyes to friends at the end of the event I thanked JR Schroeder (Cpt. 21st Michigan) for falling in together and told him how much we enjoyed it. He paused and said, "Doug, that would have been true with the 3rd F, 4th Michigan or any one of the groups here. We are old friends and family" (or pretty close to that). I thought a lot about that. The 7th, and reenacting in general is based on friendships and mutual support and respect. We watch kids grow, marry and come back, we cry with our friends' losses and celebrate their joys and victories. It's time we get back to that truth and reality. Little differences mean little. We have a special group in a very special hobby.

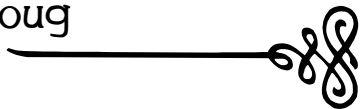
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As the season begins to wind down, I would personally ask you to consider a trip to Holland at the end of the month to support our friends the 3rd F. Don't forget the Harvest Ball right around the corner.

Our next club meeting is our annual meeting in October. In next month's newsletter we will post suggested policy revisions for review in an attempt to clean up inconsistencies and put them more in line with actual practice. The October meeting will also be our Officer, NCO and Board Officer elections. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Come and make your voice heard. We are a group of equals; no one voice will ever mean more than another.

I remain
Your Most Obedient Servant,

Doug



"Rally 'Round the Flag" - Photo by Tom George Davison; at Cascades Civil War Muster, Aug. 2012

Jacksonburg Is growing!

Living History and Special Impressions

This year the Special Impressions Area "Jacksonburg" received a sizable financial donation from Phelps Towing of Michigan Center to construct a building for our Town Impression. An Acadian (Creole) Style building design was chosen, and construction began in the second week of August. I would like to thank the following for their help in putting this together: Dick Williams; Don Everett; Jim MacKinnon; Doug McComas; Anson Rolland; and Austin Church. The partially completed cottage was delivered to Cascades and set up on the afternoon of Friday, August 24th. Again, a big thank you to those who helped out with the set up and teardown.

Don Everett and I would also like to thank the civilian members of the 21st Michigan, as well as members of the 5th Texas, the Emerald Peacock, Tolousa the Gypsy, the Generals, the Ladies of the Seventh Michigan, Christian Reynolds (Pioneer Corps) and all who helped in making Jacksonburg a success this year.

Being the co-coordinator for Special Impressions was a real learning experience, and due to inexperience, some scheduling left undone. Please accept our apologies for this and know things will be better next year.

Your most humble and obedient servant,

Steve Hainstock, SIA Co Coordinator



Celeste & Ellyn outside the new house-designated as their dress shop in Jacksonburg.



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

This lovely reflection photo of "Jacksonburg" at night was taken by Tom George Davison



7th MI Ladies: (clockwise from top): Joan Emerick; JulieEverett; PatDowning. Photos byTG Davison



Civilian Report:

We had a wonderful time in Jackson this Year. The weather was perfect (no rain) and the heat was under 90"s. We had many people stop and talk to us, some people asked about the Mourning house. I want to apologize that I did not get the flier printed to hand out. I want to thank the ladies that helped with this year's event, in setting up and taking down the tent, fly etc. I hope that we have a great year again next year.

Sincerely
Joy Henderson



TOM GEORGE DAVISON: PHOTOGRAPHER & STORYTELLER

I first became acquainted with Tom George Davison through his photos of this year's Charlton Park Civil War event on Facebook. Tom's photos have a very nice quality and after looking at hundreds of them, I gave him the best compliment that I could think of, by telling him that "every one of his photos tells a story." Tom, who is the CEO and President of Davison Remodeling in Lombard, Illinois, is a member of the Chicago Light Infantry. I had the pleasure of meeting him at Cascades this year, and look forward to seeing him at many more events. Mr. Davison has graciously agreed to share some of his photos here in the newsletter. There are many more photos of the Cascades Muster here:

http://tgdavison-photography.smugmug.com/Other/Jackson-MI-Civil-War-event/25016455_R6gjmQ#i=2049670835&k=wsspjG

And on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/set=a.10151187818600056.499405.641765055&type=1>

Nighttime at Cascades:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/set=a.10151190252735056.499720.641765055&type=3>

And his oil painting photos, some of my personal favorites ;

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/set=a.10151190551540056.499763.641765055&type=3>

I don't think that you have to have a Facebook account to view these, so enjoy, but please respect Mr. Davison's right to ownership; in his own words, "reasonable use, but I better not find them hanging in the Louvre," (or on a calendar). His photos are available (quite reasonably) for sale here:

http://tgdavison-photography.smugmug.com/Other/Jackson-MI-Civil-War-event/25016455_R6gjmQ#i=2054651588&k=nTJ37zb

Steve Hainstock,
Living History Chairperson



Captain /Colonel
Tom Emerick

Cascades Civil War Muster (Jackson) After Action Reports



Captain
Dave Slayton

August 24-26, 2012 – 28th Annual Cascades Civil War Muster - Jackson, Michigan

First, fatherly pride. As many of the 7th Michigan old-timers know the youngest of our five kids, Kyle, re-enacted with the Club from age two until he enlisted in the Air Force six years ago. For the past month my wife, Joan, has been “strenuously” insisting she would be falling into the Company ranks at Jackson. I was sworn to secrecy (sorry Dave Slayton) about her participation. I was ordered not to loan out any of my camp equipment, rifle, accoutrements, or clothing to any of the guys so she could use them. I was totally confused about the reasoning although “Jo” Emerick has passed muster as a flag bearer during parades. Happy wife means happy life and I know who commands in our household. We shopped for “our” rations, reviewed the military schedule, tried on my uniforms and accoutrements for fit, and planned what equipment to bring. I even quietly endured her constant complaints of not (never) having end caps on my shelter half. Friday morning I dutifully set up her tent with all of the necessary equipment. Friday evening, while sitting around Headquarters talking with Joan, staff, and friends, a Confederate private approached my tent. It was one of those “I recognize the face but just can’t quite place the name” moments in time. I then realized it was my son, Kyle, standing before me. Two weeks previously Kyle notified Joan and I that he was deploying to Korea for a year and I had been struggling with how to visit with him in Texas before he left the country. In the meantime Joan, other 7th Michigan members, and Kyle conspired to fly him from San Antonio Friday morning to surprise me. As he hugged me he said he could not miss this opportunity to serve under his Dad’s command at Jackson. You raise your children, love them, and send them off to make their own way in the world hoping everything turns out for the best. And then they surprise you with something special and you realize all of your

After Action Report – August 25-26, 2012 – Jackson Muster

The 7th Michigan military once again rose to the occasion, showing up in large numbers and performing admirably all weekend. My sincere thanks to the privates that bear the brunt of the work and fighting, and obey the commands when I can’t remember right from left. To the NCO’s, thank you for organizing, running and training the company so the Captains can lead them. You all performed exceedingly well, and are a credit to the 7th Michigan. The privates and NCOs deserve the thanks and credit for a job well done. We also enjoy an unusual bonus in having the best bugler around, Mark Heath, in our re-enacting family. It is just so cool to have Mark direct and move the company around from a hundred yards away at the behest of the Battalion commander. Of course, it will be better once I learn (and remember) what the bugle calls mean. I’m still relying on hand signals some of the time, along with a variety of arm waving.

Once again, Heather and Brittany Jarrett, along with Laurie and Anson Roland provided food that was excellent and so much appreciated. It makes the soldiers days easier, and provides the sustenance we need. If there are others the helped, forgive me for not knowing your names, but our thanks are extended to you as well.

Special recognition goes to Doug McComas who assisted in running the event while still participating in all the action as our First Sergeant. Don Everett likewise assisted in making the event go and being Quartermaster to keep our troops supplied with equipment. Finally, Jeff Verstraete was in charge of the whole thing, and did his usual superb job. It is hard, difficult, long and frustrating work at times, we know, and we appreciate what these gentlemen did so that we can enjoy participating and sleeping in the shade. Thank you all.

As for the event, it didn’t rain again and the humidity was not too bad. The heat was a problem for re-enactors and visitors, but the medical staff was on top of it and treated those that needed help or transport to the hospital for a tune-up. One of our Sergeants, Craig Searles, noticed one of ours was going down the road to heat exhaustion and stepped in to prevent a bigger problem and got the

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worries were for naught. I spent the rest of the weekend observing my son's interactions with active and non-active duty service members within the Battalion and amongst spectators. I now realize Kyle has grown up to become a good man, a truly dedicated defender of his country, and I am extremely proud to say I am his father.

I had a great time at Jackson. Let me rephrase that. I had "the best time ever" at Jackson since I started re-enacting there 23 years ago as a 7th Michigan member. I was honored to serve as overall Union Commander and work with re-enactors I have served with, under, or admired from afar for decades. The biggest kick was working with my peers in the other branches of service (cavalry, artillery, infantry, and medical) along with the Confederate command structure all of whom I consider experts in their respective fields. Working together to educate and put on a good show for the public in a safe manner whilst having fun is what makes this hobby worth all of the effort. I wish to personally thank the other branch commanders (Jim Newkirk/John Clark – Artillery, Craig DeCrane – US Infantry, Kevin Yeager – Cavalry, Moira Foster – Medical, Nick Medich – CS Overall Commander) for all of their input and contributions in making this event special.

Union Headquarters. Was a small staff this year composed of Dennis Whiting (Lt. Colonel), Bill Ziembra (Adjutant), Todd Willis-Redfern (Sgt. Major), Preston Christoff (runner) and, last but not least, Mark Heath (Battalion Chief Bugler). These men made everything run smoothly for the rest of the Union Army all weekend long. I relied heavily on Mark's expertise. He not only used the bugle for the normal camp signals, but communicated maneuvering signals to everyone (cavalry, infantry, sharpshooters, etc.) He is a tribute to his profession, a close friend, and really, fun to work with. To Paul Davis (Major), my other wing commander, we missed you and I do hope you recover quickly from your illness.

Overall Commanders. Craig DeCrane and I alternated as wing and Battalion commanders throughout the weekend I finally had an opportunity to see the battlefield from the view Craig has enjoyed the past several years. Craig did a great job (as always) and patiently (sometimes excitedly) mentored me

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young man back to normal very quickly. It's one of those things the 7th does well, that being to look out for each other.

The 7th had at least 27 members and potential members participating in the battles. Great showing! We also picked up four from the 30th Indiana and 3 or 4 from the 21st Michigan on various days. Thus we were able to field probably the biggest company. On Saturday, I had the privilege of commanding the Company, and on Sunday the Captain of the 21st Michigan likewise led the Company (until he was wounded and left the remnants to me as the Lieutenant at the time). At the end of Sunday's battle, I think there were only about eight of us left. The men in the ranks enjoyed the weekend very much, especially when Colonel Emerick was our Wing Commander one day, and overall commander the other next.

The battles were well thought out, integrating the artillery and cavalry more in the infantry portion of the battles. Being safely near the artillery can be eye opening when you feel the thump in the ground, feel the air concussion and experience the over-whelming sound. It gives us a miniscule feel for what the soldiers in the Civil War went through, and any war veteran for that matter. Thank you military veterans or active duty personnel in the 7th, for your service to our country. God bless you all, along with your parents and families.

*In your service,
Captain David Slayton*

**The "Raptor"
Presentation
Photos by
Ken Giorlando**



*Mark Heath, chief bugler
Photo by TG Davison*

throughout my baptism of fire. Craig appears to make things look so easy and under control and I am (will be) happy to serve him in any capacity. Working with Nick Medich, Bill, Mack, and the rest of Nick's staff was a pleasure (really an education). Nick's suggestions vastly improved the proposed scenarios and his execution, given my overly complicated scenario timings, was better than anything I could have hoped for. I suspect Nick held back his normal aggressive attacks since it was my first large command and I thank him for that.

The Infantry. I could not have been prouder to serve as Colonel and/or wing commander of this battalion of infantry. This year we brigaded multiple smaller units in order to field larger than normal companies. The individual companies "elected" company commander(s) and NCOs for the weekend. There was not a whimper or complaint from the ranks or Officer

Corps regarding these arrangements. In fact, all of the men seem to appreciate maneuvers involving the larger companies. The men did everything asked of them and more in spite of the heat during drill sessions and the battles. The following Midwestern units should be proud of their performance over the weekend:

- 30th Indiana, Co. F
- 1st Michigan
- 3rd Michigan, Co. F
- 4th Michigan, Co. A
- 7th Michigan, Co. B
- 14th Michigan
- 16th Michigan, Co. D
- 114th Pennsylvania
- 1st US (Berdan's) Sharpshooters, Co. B
- USS Michigan Marine Guard
- 17th Michigan, Co. E
- 18th Michigan, Co. A
- 21st Michigan, Co. H
- 24th Michigan
- 21st Ohio, Co. E
- 102nd USCT

The Cavalry. Our normal contingent of six riders exploded to double that number for the weekend. We had originally planned for the cavalry to go gray all weekend given Nick was more experienced in how to employ them effectively. Captain Yeager suggested using the increased numbers to better effect and they fought on both sides (sometimes switching sides during intermission or "halftime") throughout the weekend. It was great to see the Michigan Cavalry Brigade engaged during the battles whichever side they fought on.

The Artillery. This year Jim and John proposed a new method to identify the artillery safety fire zones in order to avoid injuries and/or shutting down gun crews prematurely due to safety concerns. It worked perfectly. The long arm was actively cannonading throughout the scenarios without a single incident. One of the most impressive scenes I remember from the weekend is the two battalion charge (Breckinridge's) being blown away at the end of Sunday's scenario. Jim, thank you for the advice and coaching before the weekend began. Kudos to all of the artillery units.

- 1st Michigan Light Artillery, Battery D
- 1st Michigan Light Artillery, 3rd Battery
- 21st Indiana Light Artillery, Battery B
- 7th Indiana Light Artillery
- Robinson's Battery

The Medical. You never notice them but they are always there when you need them the most. Moira Foster, the 8th Michigan Medical, Battery D Medical, and all of the other volunteers were a godsend throughout the weekend. The 90 degree temperatures both days were hard on everyone but the load was lighter due to the water, ice, and liquids dispensed by these "Angels of the Battlefield".

The Battles. My wife and spectators, both days, could not believe how much activity was happening on the battlefield. The US and CS service branches worked together this year to open up the battlefield for increased maneuvering and to reduce safety issues and the results were especially impressive. Many compliments were heard regarding the constant artillery fire and cavalry fighting throughout all of the battle scenarios. Even I had a few OMG moments while observing some intense cavalry clashes and, of all things, the Sharpshooters forming squares to repel cavalry charges. It was the first time anyone could remember all three branches (artillery, cavalry, and infantry) heavily engaged simultaneously on the battlefield at Jackson. The crowd missed seeing it but we arranged for a rock throwing incident on Saturday. Julie and Katie Everett created 163 unbelievably accurate fake rocks for the Confederates to throw at the Union troops during the attack on Jackson in the railroad cut. Unfortunately, the wind kept blowing them back towards the Secesh troops.

Odd goings on. Dueling church services were the norm on Sunday morning in Union camp. We did not have a confirmed minister for Sunday morning Military Church Service so Friday I "recruited" Reverend Stan with Battery D to officiate a service next to my tent. Unbeknownst to me the 8th Michigan Medical minister was officiating a Lutheran service just across from my tent. While returning from errands in the Confederate camp I was treated to singing and ministering from both sides of the street. We "rewarded" Nick Medich with both Confederate and Union armies singing happy birthday to him in the middle of the battlefield on Sunday immediately after the battle. Thank you to Bill and Mack for organizing the sing-a-long. Nick, the presents are in the mail. The 7th Michigan, in cahoots with the Union infantry, "rewarded" me with a gift of a raptor in a cage after the Sunday after battle procession. Inside joke and too long a story for this newsletter.

Finally. There are many people who deserve credit for making Jackson the great event it is year after year. The public and reenactors alike truly appreciate your efforts and sacrifice.

In closing, I hope to see you all next year at Jackson!

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom Emerick
7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B



Dan Conklin – photo by T G Davison

7th Michigan Military Minutes – August 22, 2012

2012 Military Structure

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

2012 Military Activities

September 15-17 – 150th Anniversary Antietam NPS Living History Program – Sharpsburg, MD

Boys, this could turn into an once-in-a-lifetime weekend with Federal and Rebel troops camping on the Antietam battlefield 150 years to the date of the battle. The most important uniform requirement is for participants to wear the Regulation (Hardee) Hat. Gaiters and frock coats are optional but strongly recommended. To date the following men have registered interest with me to participate.

John Chamberlain	Nathan Kalmoe
Mark Chamberlain	Andrew McComas
Steve Church	Doug McComas
Dan Conklin	Dean Mielke
Dave Downing	Dave Slayton
Tom Emerick	Jim Slayton
Charlie Hainstock	Rob Stone
Steve Hainstock	Paul Woldorf
Mark Heath	Dennis Zank

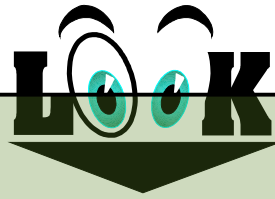
Website for the Antietam NPS is <http://www.nps.gov/ancm/index.htm>. They are also having lectures throughout the weekend by nationally known Civil War authors and experts. The 7th Michigan contact is Tom Emerick (517) 669-5607 or tomjoemerick@hotmail.com.

September 22-23 – Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster – Holland, MI

If you are looking for a great fall event to attend, this is it. This is a **Club maximum-effort event**. We need to put as many men as possible into the field to support our good friends in the 3rd Michigan. Captain Dave Slayton will have command of the company as I am serving as overall commander. The event hosts will be providing a free meal, Saturday evening dance and other amenities. We have always had a great time at this event and the hosts promise it will be better than ever. The event website is at <http://www.hollandmuseum.org/muster/index.html> and registration is on an individual basis. Please notify Dave or I when you register so we can keep track of our Military participants.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

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Found at Jackson—MIT
Strikeforce framing
hammer w/ fiberglass
handle. Contact Don
Everett at 517-393-3475 or
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September 2012 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 136 Sesquicentennial events currently listed for 2012 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (www.micw150.us), there are 11 events listed for September and 7 for October. 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.

September 2012 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

7 - October 2. Play The Whipping Man (JET Theatre, 6600 W Maple Rd, West Bloomfield Township, Michigan). 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. As a tribute to the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Midwest premiere of this Obie Award winning play, *The Whipping Man*, will be presented. Website: www.JETtheatre.org. For ticket information, contact c.bremer@jettheatre.org or telephone at 248-788-2900.

8 - 9. Living History and Commemoration: 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the 21st Michigan (Historic District, Ionia, Michigan). Plans include civilian and military camps, military drill, re-creation of the Mustering-In ceremony and presentation of the Colors by the Ladies of Ionia, meal Saturday, a dance and possibly lantern tour Saturday night, church service Sunday morning, and luncheon served at the historical society's fully restored and furnished 1880s vintage home. There also will be a ceremony at the site of Camp Sigel, which was the original rendezvous encampment of the 21st Michigan (The event is co-organized by the 3rd Michigan Company F and the 21st Michigan. Contact: J.R. Schroeder gjwandkids@netzero.net).

8 - 9. 150th Battle Reenactments of Battles of South Mountain and Antietam (Monroe Road, Boonsboro, Maryland). On September 8 - 9, 2012, Rear Rank Productions, Inc. in conjunction with the Hagerstown-Washington County Visitors Bureau will be hosting *Maryland, My Maryland*, a reenactment of the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam, commemorating the 150th Anniversary. Registration Website: www.brittanyshope.org/mmm/registration/.

14 - 16. 8th Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster (Deerfield Nature Park, Mt Pleasant, Michigan). Sponsored by the 10th Michigan Volunteer Infantry and Isabella County Parks. Website: www.tenthmichiganinfantry.com, Contact: tenthmich@yahoo.com.

14 - 16. 150th Anniversary Battle Reenactment of Antietam (Legacy Manor Farm, located just 2 miles north of the Antietam Battlefield off of Route 65, Sharpsburg Pike, Sharpsburg, Maryland) The Battle of Antietam, also known as the Battle of Sharpsburg, was fought on September 17, 1862, near Sharpsburg, Maryland, and Antietam Creek, as part of the Maryland Campaign. Website: <http://www.150thantietamreenactment.com/registration.htm>.

15 - 17. 2012 Antietam National Battle Anniversary Weekend (5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, Maryland). Sponsored by the National Park Service. Information regarding the anniversary living history program is still being finalized. Contact: Steve Dodge, 24th Michigan at sdodge84@gmail.com.

22 - 23. Yankees in Falmouth and Some Confederates too (Historic Port of Falmouth Park & Moncure Conway House, 401 River Road, Falmouth, Virginia). 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM each day. Activities include an encampment, firing demonstrations, story telling, Civil War artifact displays, and the reading of actual soldiers' letters from Falmouth. Several Michigan Regiments, including the 7th, were encamped at Falmouth, Virginia. Contact: Norman Schools at Small47@aol.com Website: www.virginia.org/Listings/EventsAndExhibits/YankeesReturntoFalmouth/.

22 - 23. Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster (Holland Museum, Holland, Michigan). Free Dinner Saturday Night. Battle both days, and possibly tacticals. Website: www.hollandmuseum.org, Contact: Wendy VanWoerkom: wvanwoerkom@hollandmuseum.org or by phone at 616-796-3324.

22 - 23. New Baltimore Civil War Muster (Walter and Mary Burke Park, New Baltimore, Michigan). Living history encampments, drills, battle skirmishes, cannon firing demonstrations. Civil War sutlers and blacksmith will be present. Straw and firewood. Sponsored by the New Baltimore Historical Society, 15th Michigan, Company B and 8th Arkansas. Website: www.15thmi.us. Contact: Tommy Spanski at 313-779-3357.

21 - 23. 7th Annual Angola Civil War Days (Commons Park, Angola, Indiana). The Battle of Antietam Saturday 2:00 PM and Sunday 2:30 PM. Period Dance and Night Artillery Fire. Normal Amenities. Sponsor is the Interactive Heritage History Group. Contact: Telephone 260-668-3943. Website: www.angolacivilwardays.com.

28 - 30. River of Time Living History Encampment (South end of Veterans Park, 800 John Kennedy Drive, Bay City, Michigan). Union and Confederate Military and Civilian Camps. Camps open Saturday 9:00 AM. Sponsored by the Bay County Historical Society and the River of Time Committee. Website: www.riveroftime.org. Contact: Paul Davis at pdmarcomm@aol.com.

October 2012 Sesquicentennial Civil War Events

5 - 7. 150th Anniversary Reenactment of Battle of Perryville, Kentucky (1825 Mackville Road, Perryville, Kentucky). Hosted by: Kentucky Department of Parks and the Friends of Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. Website: www.perryvillebattlefield.org/html/registration_2012.html.

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. Metro Detroit Civil War Tour* features Civil War sites of interest including Fort Wayne, historic Elmwood and Woodmere Cemeteries, Belle Isle, where a statue pays tribute to one of Michigan's most esteemed Civil War generals and his horse Plug Ugly; Campus Martius Park, Michigan Iron Brigade historical marker, 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: hometownhistorytours.com. Karin Risko at k_risko@yahoo.com or telephone at 734-642-5712.

12 -14. 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. Tactical on Saturday. Website: www.4thtexas.org, Contact: Steve Domke at demrebel@netzero.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 October 8th. 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

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. Tactical on Saturday. Website: www.4thtexas.org, Contact: Steve Domke at demrebel@netzero.com.

20 - 21. Hartford City Civil War Days (Hartford City, Indiana). 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, skirmish, and on-going entertainment. Saturday night artillery firing, mini-concert, Lincoln address and Military Ball. Sunday: church service, tactical, skirmish, pay call, and battle. Hosts: 19th Virginia Infantry, Company C, 50th Virginia Infantry, Company D, and 49th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Company F. Website: www.angelfire.com/in3/34IN/reenactorguide.html.

27 - 28. Historic Bowens Mills Civil War Commemorative Weekend (55 Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan). Battle both Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 PM. Civil War Living History Encampment, tours of the old mill, cider making, live music and horse drawn rides.. Artillery demonstrations along with numerous military and civilian demonstrations though out the day. Website: Contact: Telephone 269-795-7530.

In addition to the listing of Sesquicentennial events of interest to the Michigan Civil War Community, the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners** website (<http://www.micw150.us>) provides Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration news, statewide resources (including the resources from *iMichigan Productions*, new Civil War publications, Civil War speakers and musical performers, and up to date information on the state's and the History Partners' efforts to commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial

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

**The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial 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 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 Civil War History Partners Steering Group 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 Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial 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 Michigan Civil War History Partners is to help facilitate among all the History Partners communications, coordination, and promotion of their special events, programs, commemorations, etc. for the Sesquicentennial.





Upcoming Events News

Below is more info on the NEW event 7th MI members were recently emailed about. Those interested need to **HURRY** and rsvp **Jeff Verstraete** by Sept. 7. 1-517-490-1195 or jbvisme@gmail.com.

October 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.

Also posted by Keith Harrison on Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partner's event listing at www.micw150.us/2012events.htm

HOLLAND MUSEUM
presents
THE VAN RAALTE FARM
**CIVIL
WAR
MUSTER**

SEPT 22 & 23, 2012

Join hundreds of re-enactors, at the historic Van Raalte Farm, representing civilians, infantry, artillery, and cavalry at this dynamic (and FREE ADMISSIONS) community event! For complete information on the 2012 Civil War Muster schedule of events, including how to participate as a re-enactor or a vendor, visit

hollandmuseum.org
or call Wendy VanWoerkom,
Muster Coordinator at (616) 796-3324.

Fifth Annual "Yankees In Falmouth! and some Confederates, too" September 22-23, 2012

Hello Gentlemen and Dear Ladies:

The Fifth Annual YiF and Confederates, too, is gearing up for another great event (September 22-23). We are expecting another large turn-out of the public and extend a hearty thank you to all the units that have contributed to bringing us to our fifth year. Welcome back and to new faces.

Please find attached the schedule for both days. Note the free breakfast at Amy's Cafe again both mornings! I hope you will attend a wonderful presentation to be given on "Stafford's Confederate Year, April 1861-April 1862." Fire wood and water provided. I would be happy to answer any questions about the event. We look forward to seeing all of you again!

Best Regards,

Norman and Lenetta Small

Moncure Conway House

305 King Street

Falmouth, VA 22405

Small47@aol.com

Event Schedule:

Saturday, September 22

8:00 am **Free** breakfast bar at Amy's Cafe' (re-enactors only)

9:00 all vehicles removed to parking lot

9:30 Conway House grounds open to the public

10:00 Infantry firing demo

11:00 Book signing

12:00 Conway House opens till 5:00 pm

1:00 pm Presentation: "Stafford's Confederate Year, April 1861-April 1862"

2:00 Infantry firing demo

3:00 Presentation: "Stafford's Confederate Year, April 1861-April 1862"

4:00 Infantry firing demo

6:00 re-enactors are free to go out for supper, or DP's, or wherever they like

Sunday, September 23

8:00 am **Free** breakfast bar at Amy's Cafe' (re-enactors only)

11:00 Grounds open

11:00--11:45 CW Church Service in Camp--open to everyone

12:00 Conway House opens till 2:00 pm

12:00 infantry firing demo

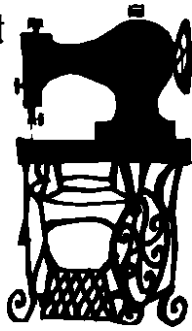
1:00pm Presentation: "Stafford's Confederate Year, April 1861-April 1862"

2:00 Infantry firing demo

3:00 Conclusion



**Reminder: Ladies' Retreat
September 28-30
Please rsvp by Sept. 21!**



To the Ladies of the 7th:
Mill Run Girl Scout Camp
9155 Looking Glass Brook Rd.,
Wacousta, MI 517-626-6937.

We have the lodge from Friday, 4:00pm through Sunday 4:00pm. No cost for club members. Small charge for meals (see menu below) Katie Everett will be cooking our meals this year, and as you can see by the menu, they promise to be delicious. Friday supper you are on your own--eat before leaving home, or bring something to cook. Also bring your own drinks or snacks. No smoking, pets, or alcohol (if DISCREET !!, you can bring beer, wine, or wine coolers, etc).

A full service kitchen is available for our use. Also two bathrooms (but no showers). For those wishing to sleep over, (most do!) the loft above now has bunk beds and mattresses. Bring sleeping bag or bed covers. If you wish to come only for Saturday, that is fine, also.

In the main room there are tables for us to work on and a DVD player. Katie will provide a wide variety of chick flicks, or you may bring your own choices. PG or PG13 only, please. Bring whatever you'd like to work on, sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. There are plug-ins for sewing machines. There are also trails to walk, and a small store up the road.

We need to know if you are coming. PLEASE contact Julie Everett asap: djkeverett@comcast.net Home phone - 517 393-3475 or my work E-mail - Julie.everett@dot.gov Or Katie Everett (see right for contact info).

Hope to see you all there!

Directions to Mill Run:
Take I-96 toward Flint/Grand Rapids. Take the Grand River Ave. Exit #90. Turn left onto Grand River Hwy (Bus. I-96); continue west on GR Hwy. Turn right onto Wacousta Rd. Follow south until you cross a bridge (Looking Glass River); turn left at the first street to the left. Entrance to Girl Scout lodge is first drive on left.

Menu for the Ladies Weekend Sept 28-30.

Saturday Breakfast

Bacon and Cheese Quiche & Spinach and Mushroom Quiche with Hash Browns

Saturday Lunch

Make your own Panini (grilled sandwich). I will have all the ingredients to make several different sandwiches. Served with Butternut Squash Soup and Loaded Baked Potato Soup.

Saturday Dinner

Lasagna (made with fresh tomato sauce and homemade noodles) with garlic bread and a green salad. Warm chocolate pudding cake with ice cream for dessert

Sunday Breakfast

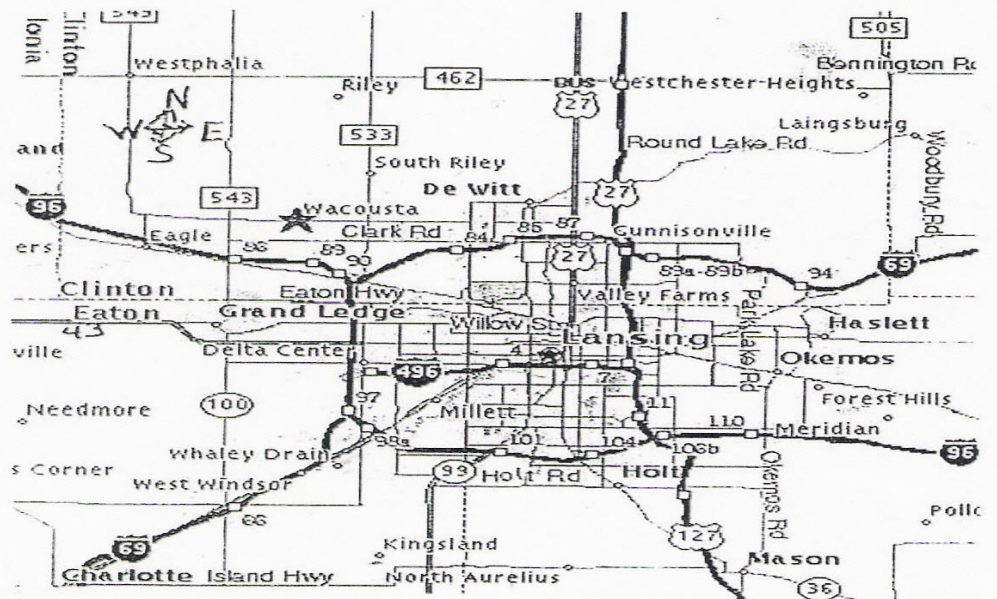
Pancakes with Hash Browns and Sausage

Dinner on Friday night is on your own and Lunch on Sunday will be leftovers.

Breakfast is \$2.50 per day, Lunch and Dinner are \$5 each or \$15 for the whole weekend.

I will need to know who will be coming by Friday September 21st and what meals you will be eating so that I can make sure to have enough food. Also if you have any food allergies, sensitivities or questions about what ingredients are being used please let me know. I can be reached by email or phone: cinderellie_2003@yahoo.com (517)393-3475

-Katie Everett



Mill Run Girl Scout Camp -9155 Looking Glass Brook Rd., Wacousta, MI (517) 626-6397

Photo by
David Walker,
30th Indiana
2006 Harvest Ball

7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B.

Harvest Ball

Central United Methodist Church
215 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, Michigan
Saturday, October 13, 2012

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

(Guests formally announced from 6:30 to 7:00.)

In keeping with the authenticity of a formal Civil War ball...
guests must be age thirteen and over. Authentic Civil War period attire is required...

no heel plates. No cameras allowed.

Refreshments available. Music will be provided by
The Old Michigan Ruffwater Stringband

Caller: Glen Morningstar, Junior

Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

~ Tickets sold after September 29, 2012 will cost \$30.00 each.~

No tickets will be sold at the door.

To order tickets, please contact:

1. Linda Williams (517)484-2496 lansinglinda@comcast.net

2. Don Everett (517) 393-3475 djkeverett@comcast.net

Photography by Brad Crews available

For 7th Michigan dues-paid members only, the cost for tickets is \$5.00 each for the Harvest Ball.

Prices for Brad Crews' amazing photography:

Package A \$25

1 ~ 8 X 10
2 ~ 5 X 7

Package B \$35

1 ~ 8 X 10
2 ~ 5 X 7
4 ~ 4 X 6

Package C \$45

2 ~ 8 X 10
4 ~ 5 X 7
4 ~ 4 X 6

Package D \$55

1 ~ 11 X 14
1 ~ 8 X 10
2 ~ 5 X 7

Package E \$30

Gift Package!

10 ~ 4 X 6

~ Plus ~

1 ~ 8 X 10

OR

2 ~ 5 X 7

Package Add-Ons \$10 Each

1 ~ 8 X 10

2 ~ 5 X 7

4 ~ 4 X 6

8 ~ Wallets

Additional Pose

** All Prices include
shipping and sales tax **

Please make Checks Payable to
~ Brad Crews ~
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In order to volunteer in contributing food for the Harvest Ball, please contact Anson and Lorrie Roland:

trainsarefun1955@yahoo.com

sewingmama49@yahoo.com

517-316-5754

After Action Report: Historic Ft Wayne Civil War Days, July 7- 8, 2012

by Keith G. Harrison

It was an honor to be asked (albeit at the last minute) and I thoroughly enjoyed serving again as the overall Union Commander at Civil War Days at Historic Fort Wayne. Other 7th Michigan members present (that I saw) included Dean and Victoria Mielke, Bruce, Marcia, and Bernadette Butgereit, Carl Moss, Marilyn Hughes, and Dan Conklin. The Union troops, in particular, Captains Russ Paul, Bruce Robere, and J.R. Schroeder, did a tremendous job with their companies. It was a little warm (100 degrees) on Saturday, which cut down the public's attendance, but cooler on Sunday (80 degrees), which resulted in a much greater attendance in both public and troops.

The schedule for Saturday included flag raising, drill, ice cream social, battle, memorial for the departed reenactors (and the Emerald Peacock). The Sunday schedule was basically the same but with Church inserted.

The battle portrayed both days this year was the July 1862 Battle of Malvern Hill, Virginia. Consequently, for those who know history, it was a turkey shoot for the Union. In fact, Confederate General D.H. Hill, after the war, indicated that the battle "...*wasn't war, it was murder.*" Next year, I am certain that the Confederates will get their way in at least one of the battles. Historic Fort Wayne embraces so much of Michigan's military history, and until just recently, when the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition got involved, had been a largely forgotten historical jewel in this state. A lot of work has been done by the Coalition and its volunteers, but a tremendous amount still remains. I would strongly encourage everyone to support the Fort as much as possible.



Historic Fort Wayne Coalition

Get involved at:
historicfortwaynecoalition.com



Charlton Park – Hastings, MI – July 21-22, 2012

Photos above taken by Julie Baker. Photo below by TG Davison.

Submitted by Keith Harrison



EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

With the start of the school year we will be receiving requests for school programs. While most of the requests come in the spring we do get some for other times of the year. I will keep you posted on any upcoming program requests.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that helped with the Jackson event this year. It takes a lot of planning and execution to put this event on. Every year the group has risen to the occasion when the event rolls around. I may not say it to everyone but from the bottom of my heart (yes like the Tin Man I do have one) I thank you all for your work on Jackson. I would also like to thank all of you that have provided leads on equipment for sale. Your help make me look good in the eyes of the rest of the club. You make it easy to have gear for club members at reasonable prices. And by the way, we have some new stuff Dan Conklin and we know where you are.

Tee shirts, we have the following 7th Michigan clothing for sale: Tee shirts blue, 1 2XL- \$9. Sweatshirts, blue, 1 medium- \$18.50, 1 Large- \$18.50, 2 X large- \$18.50, 1 2XL- \$21.50. Tote Bags, 1 navy- \$6, 2 red- \$6, 2 black- \$6 and Ball caps- \$15. These will be available at the next meeting.

There is powder, paper and caps available as well. The new supply of caps is the CCI copper 4 wing style and the new price will be \$7 per tin of 100. They are in real tins, not plastic. Price of 1 pound cans of FFFg powder has increased to \$14.

---submitted by Don Everett

The 7th Michigan Sutler

The 7th has, over the last year, has obtained a collection of Military gear that is for sale to club members. After obtaining some more gear recently we have taken inventory of what we have for sale. The list follows. Most of the equipment is used and sold as is. The gear and prices are for 7th Michigan members only. **New items are in red.**

CLOTHING, MEN'S

Trousers, US, 40/42...\$35
Trousers, US, need repair, 34/34...\$20
Trousers, US, 32/34, need repair...\$15
Trousers, US, 36/29 /w braces...\$40
Trousers, US, 36/29, NEW ...\$45
Trousers, US, sgt, 34/36...\$30
Trousers, US, Officer, sky blue, 34/36...\$20
Trousers, US, Officer, dark blue, 34/36...\$30
Trousers, CS, 32/34...\$35
Shell jacket, CS, 38/40...\$40
Shell Jacket, CS, 38/40...\$35
Sack coat, US, 40R...\$35
Sack coat, US, 46/48...\$35
Sack coat, US, 42/44...\$30
Sack coat, US, 50/52...\$20
Frock coat, size 40...\$55
Frock coat, size 44/46...\$75
Frock coat, size 42/44...\$75
Great coat, size 42 dark blue...\$75
Great coat, size 44 sky blue...\$100
Military vest, size 38...\$15
Military vest, size 46/48...\$25
Military vest, size large...\$20
Civilian frock coat, double breasted, gray pinstripe, size 42...\$45
Civilian trousers, B/W check, 34/29...\$20
Civilian dickey vest. Light gray...\$5
Shirt, off white, XI...\$2
Civilian vest, brown wool, size Lg...\$10
Long drawers, 40/42...\$10
Short drawers...\$1
Shirt, red bib front, XI ...\$15
Shirt, blue check, XI ...\$10
Shirt, white, collarless ...\$10
Shirt, blue dot, ...\$15
Shirt, Blue plaid, Lg...\$10
Shirt, Red calico, Lg...\$10
Shirt, pillow ticking...\$20
Shirt, collarless, white muslin...\$15
Shirt, collarless, red pillow ticking...\$20
Suspenders...\$3
Suspenders...\$3
Suspenders, elastic, (2)...\$1ea
Wool sock, white...\$5
Wool sock, rag...\$5
Wool sock, rag...\$5
White gloves...\$1 per pair
White gloves, wool...\$1
Wool gloves, fingerless...\$7
Wool mittens...\$7
Socks, cotton (4)...\$2pr

HATS

Amish straw hat...\$10
Slouch hat, black /w cord & bugle...\$25
Slouch hat, black...\$15
Slouch hat/w cord, black, lg...\$15
Hat civilian, tan, lg...\$15
Kepi, US, med...\$15
Kepi, US, lg...\$15

Hats, cont.....
Hardee hat, double stitched brim, dressed...\$60
Forage cap, US, McDowell, size 7 1/8...\$15
Forage cap, US, 1858/ w bugle & letter...\$15
Kepi, CS/w bugle...\$30
Kepi, CS...\$25
Kepi, CS...\$15
Touk, red wool...\$10

SHOES

Jefferson bootees, size 8...\$30
Jefferson bootees, size 10...\$55

WEAPONS

Springfield 1861 rifle /w bayonet, scabbard,& sling, Armi Sport...\$625
Springfield 1861 rifle /w case, tompion, bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport...\$625
Springfield 1863 rifle, Navy Arms...\$450
Enfield 1853, rifle/w case, bayonet, scabbard, & sling, Armi Sport... \$550

ACCOUTERMENTS

Cartridge box/wo plate & tins...\$25
Cartridge box /w plates & tins...\$30
Cartridge box/w plates & tins...\$30
Waist belt, US...\$10
Cap box (3)...\$20 ea
Waist belt, US, (2)...\$10ea
Waist belt, CS...\$10
Waist belt, CS, canvas...\$10
Holster, rt hand, (2)...\$5ea
Officer's sword belt, CS, NC buckle...\$15
Tompion, brass...\$1
Cartridge box tins...\$2
Haversack, white muslin, (4)...\$5ea
Haversack, tarred...\$15
Haversack, tarred...\$15
Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$20
Canteen, SS bulls eye, dark blue...\$25
Canteen, tin, smooth side, dark blue...\$20
Canteen, SS smooth side, sky blue...\$15
Canteen, SS smooth side, dark blue...\$20
Canteen, CS, wood...\$5
CS buckle...\$3
US buckle...\$3
NCO sword...\$75

COOKING UTENSILS

Porcelain basin...\$0.50
Tin cup, large...\$3
Tin cup, small...\$1
Tin cup, small...\$1
Tin cup, large...\$5
Tin cup, large...\$2
Tin plate ...\$7
Copper cup, large...\$5
Tablespoon, fiddle back (2)...\$0.50
Teaspoon, fiddle back...\$0.50
Fork...\$0.50
Knife...\$0.50
Knife, bone handle, (2)...\$2ea
Fork, bone handle, 3 tines, (4)...\$2ea

HAVERSACK STUFFERS

Handkerchief...\$0.50 ea
Poke sacks, various sizes each...\$0.50
Poke sacks, white muslin, (5)...\$1ea
Poke sack, pie carrier...\$2
Poke sack, muslin...\$0.50
Poke sack, pillow ticking, small...\$1
Soap, period w/ poke sack...\$1
Pill case, tin...\$1
Pill case, wood...\$1
Scissors in muslin bag...\$1
Housewife...\$3
Housewife, pillow ticking...\$3
Sewing kit, in cap tin...\$3
Mirror...\$1

MISCELLANEOUS

Canteen sling, muslin...\$1
Mattress tick...\$3
Folding table \$20
Iron lamp pole...\$15
GI camp cot...\$20
Coleman cot/w air mattress...\$50
Cleaning rods, wood w/ jag & shotgun brush adapter...\$7
Oil bottles, tin...\$2
Bottles (5)...\$1 ea
Trigger lock...\$2
Box of Paper Ladies...\$5
Musket nipple wrench...\$3
Musket nipple wrench...\$3
Tompion...\$1
Fly, 10 x 12 /w poles & stakes...\$65
Shelter half (1)...\$17
Lantern, wood...\$15
Lantern, wood, need repair ...\$5
Federal knapsack, double bag...\$60
Camp shovel, folding...\$5
7th MI ball caps, original logo, (6)...\$10ea
EZ Clean, black powder cleaner...\$1
Tent stakes (6)...\$2ea
Gaiters...\$20
Cartridges (150)...10 for \$2
Cleaning kit, collapsible cleaning rod, jag, brush, adapter, Moose Milk, oil in tackle box...\$10

