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Doug McComas makes a pitch at the period baseball game, Jackson Muster, Aug. 24. Photo by Dave Buchanan of "Coefficient Media, on the "Jacksonopolis" online photo site.

7th MICHIGAN ANNUAL Meeting Notice AND ELECTIONS

SUNDAY, OCT. 20
1:00PM – CIVILIAN/MILITARY
2:30PM – GENERAL MEETING

ROBBINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6419 BUNKER Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI 49027

Quiz question:
Do you know
this cat?
(see page 3)





2013 Leadership

New Member co-Chairs:

Jeff Verstraete (military)
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Heather Jarrett (civilian)
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President: Doug McComas
Vice President: Steve Hainstock
Secretary: Bill Jarrett
Treasurer: Dick Williams
Military: Tom Emerick, &
Dave Slayton, Co-Captains
Civilian Coordinator: Katie Everett
Board Members-at-Large:
Don Everett, Pat Downing,
Jeff Verstraete

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Just two days after Jackson--What can I
say? Jeff was everywhere. The 7th and our
partners performed magnificently and once
again put together an event most only
dream about. I had opportunity to see old
friends, watch a "fresh fish" see the
elephant, listen to reenactors rave about
the battle scenarios (I don't think the rebs



took that many casualties at the GAC Pickett's charge) and be the last
man in our company in the Wheatfield before taking a hit. Period
baseball, dance instruction, and a hugely attended ball, speeches, a
funeral, a night fire and so on and so on and so on.

We had our Pard from the 44th Indiana request to fall in with us (a
great compliment to our company and leadership). As both a soldier and
a member of the event team I can tell you that working with Tom Emerick
and Dave Slayton is comfortable and fun and the union camps were
enjoyable places to be all weekend. We work with our Confederate
brethren, not against them and it showed in the results. The pig sty grows
and if you see Buge congratulate him on his "new additions." Our Sargent
Pete apparently absconded from the Peacock with some unmentionables
from a dear lady who was there, and was appropriately upbraided during
dress parade.

Jacksonburg buzzed with activity all weekend and the troops were well
supplied by Annie, our Texas transplant and Anson, Lorrie and the Jarretts'
wonderful meals. Dave informed and energized the crowd on the hill.

I will miss many in writing of this; if you don't see your name please don't
be offended; we all worked hard and are appreciated.

This is what reenacting is about - not the petty bickering or the
grandstanding. It's friends working to educate and venerate our country
and our ancestors. You should be very proud of your event, your group
and yourselves. I certainly know I am.

The season is all too soon winding down; soon VanRaalte with our
friends the 3rd Michigan and the Harvest Ball. Our annual meeting,
including our elections, will be in October; please plan on attending. Next
year is our 30th Jackson. I'm sure it will be amazing - because of you.

I remain

Your most obedient servant,

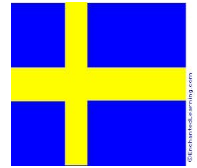
Doug

How Many of
our pals
can you
recognize?
(Did you
spot the
cat?)



A Gift from Sweden

The original of this lovely painting of our soldiers at the 7th MI monument on the banks of the Rappahannock in Fredericksburg, VA, was presented to us by our friends of the 7th MI Swedish contingent. The artist is Anna Anglemark. She is the girlfriend of Patrik Gustafsson. The cat in the lower lefthand corner was added in honor of the Everetts' grey cat, Mac.



The Harvest Ball is fast approaching...

Our annual Harvest Ball is Sat., Oct. 12, at Central United Methodist Church, in Lansing. Dues paid members may purchase tickets from Linda Williams by mail for \$5.00 each. All guests or non-dues-paid members will need to pay \$15.00 until September 28 after which tickets will cost \$30.00. Please note that tickets must be purchased ahead. **They will not be sold at the door.**

There are still a few work slots to be filled at the Ball. Linda is in need of:

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

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

Door Sentry, 6:30 – 7:00pm - need one soldier in uniform

Donations: clear plastic cups, paper plates, napkins

Please call or email to offer your help.

(Your tickets will arrive by mail, and will include driving directions and other instructions).

Linda Williams

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Announcements

Re: 29th Annual Jackson Civil War Muster – Aug. 24-25, 2013



Colonel and Mrs. Tom Emerick at the recent Jackson Civil War Muster. See their matching outfits – very cute! Photo courtesy of Tom & Joan Emerick.

Hi all. WOW! Another fabulous year at the Muster. First off, thanks to everyone who worked their butts off. GREAT JOB. We had some great weather HUH?????. Personally I have to say it was one of the best years yet that I've done. Incredible battles and crowd. I couldn't imagine doing this event without this group... looking forward to the 30th.

Jeff Verstraete
Host Committee Chair
Jackson Civil War Muster

For those interested, at MLive.com (the online version of the Jackson Citizen Patriot) there are several pages of stories, some with photos of 7th MI members, on the recent Jackson Muster. See dates Fri., 8/24 thru Sun. 8/26.

More on Dave Buchanan of "Coefficient Media" who took the photo of Doug McComas on page one. Buchanan's black and white "portraits" of reenactors, shown on the [Jacksonopolis](http://Jacksonopolis.com) website, are exquisite. There is one of Tom Emerick, and also another photo which includes him. Under "Scott at the Muster" (photos by Scott Mapes) there are also some great shots - a color version of Doug pitching, as well as a shot of perhaps(?) Steve Church, also playing ball.
www.jacksonopolis.com/tag/civilwarmuster/

Celeste Hude has put together a charming photo "tour" of all the work that goes into creating the Dressmaker Shop she and Elyn Painter do at the Jackson Muster each year. See her write-up and pictures on her business website at:
<http://www.victoriantailor.com/vt-wp/blog/>

*Thanks to all who replied to my "Test" mailing when I was working out the bugs in my new computer. Especially to Al Baerren, who offered to give me ALL of his computers! (I know the feeling...)
The Editor*

*To 7th Michigan Infantry, Company B:
I would like to thank everyone that sent your good wishes for my son's recovery. It helped him alot and made him know that he was missed..
Thank You
Sue Colegrove*






Captain Emerick

7th Michigan Military Minutes – September 2, 2103

2013 Military Structure

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



Captain Slayton

2013 Military Activities

May 24-26 - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI

After Action Report by Tom Emerick

This was a great event both regarding weather and the public participation. Speaking of weather, no one could remember ever wearing Great Coats to stay warm each morning at the Greenfield Village event. It was so cold each night even the hardcore had to throw on an extra blanket. The daytime hours were perfect for wearing wool too. Excepting for that torrential downpour as I was packing up at 3:00 on Monday, you could not have asked for a better weekend in the Village. The 7th Michigan took the honor for fielding the largest Union company at the event this year. The battles and drills were pretty much the same as in prior years. The number of spectators asking questions and "inspecting" our camps seemed to increase many fold. We all had a good time and are looking forward to the Village in 2014!

August 24-25, 2013 – 29th Annual Cascades Civil War Muster - Jackson, MI

After Action Report by Tom Emerick

WLNS Live Interview. The 7th Michigan received a last minute invitation from co-anchor Chivon Kloefer and the WLNS news team to appear live on their morning program to speak on the upcoming Cascades Civil War Muster. Jim MacKinnon, Steve Church, Elliott Searles, and I represented the Military side of the Unit. Marie and Audrie Searles spoke on behalf of the Civilian side of the Club. We all arrived by 5:30 AM only to discover they wanted to interview us in our period dress with our tentage in the background on the front lawn of the studio. With some quick thinking (and equipment/canvas already packed for Jackson in our vehicles) we constructed a miniature version of Jacksonburg in Lansing near Frandor. We had a lot of fun and were told the interviews went over well. You can observe our theatrical debut at their website:

<http://www.wlns.com/category/14715/this-morning>.

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Jackson Muster 2013

After Action Report

By Dave Slayton

For the military wing of the 7th Michigan Voluntary Infantry, it was another good year at Jackson. The weather was fine and spending time with family and friends is always a privilege. Over the course of the weekend we had 23 individuals in the company at different times with eighteen from the 7th Michigan and five from the 44th Indiana who fell in with us. It was a good group that performed very well, and got the maneuvers executed as good as any. Thank you to everyone in the ranks; you always make the Captain look good even though I kept mixing up right and left. Thanks also to the overall Union commander and organizer of the battles, Colonel Tom Emerick for the great scenarios, organization and overall command on the field.

On Saturday we recreated the battle at Chancellorsville for the first part of the scenario, and got appropriately routed. For part two of Saturday, the scenario was Salem Church. We had artillery and cavalry support in both, and that always makes the experience better. In fact the cavalry group that attended came from Florida (wow), Ohio and I think one from Michigan. What a commitment and we appreciate the effort it took. On Sunday we did the Wheatfield, which was back and forth with heavy casualties on both sides, with the Confederates eventually taking the field. In this battle, I don't think the 7th had any left standing.

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Opening salvo. The weather gods blessed us this year. No rain, warm (less than 90 degrees) days and nights where everyone added an extra blanket to ward off the chill. The host units again honored me with the opportunity to serve as overall Union Commander. Union Headquarters ran with a small staff (the smaller the better) this year composed of Dennis Whiting (Lt. Colonel), Jim MacKinnon (Major), Bill Ziemba (Adjutant), Todd Willis-Redfern (Sgt. Major), J.R. Schroeder (Aide-de-Camp), and Mark Heath (Chief Bugler). Bill and Todd managed everything in camp behind the scenes all weekend long to take the load off of my shoulders. Everyone worked together to make the camp run smoothly for the troops. Mark Heath did yeoman work again with camp signals and was top-notch in maneuvering troops during the battles. Thank you my friend.

Branch Commanders. I wish to thank the other branch commanders (Jim Newkirk/John Clark – Artillery, John Russell – Cavalry, Moira Foster – Medical, John McIntosh – CS Overall Commander). I had originally scripted out four separate battle scenarios (two each day). All of those plans were modified due to shifting the artillery safety zones to accommodate the increase of artillery pieces from last year. When the branch commanders walked the battlefield each morning to discuss possible scenarios, everyone provided input which resulted in a better show for the public and more historically accurate maneuvers for the men than I had originally imagined. Good friends working together are what make this hobby worth all of the effort.

The Infantry. I know I bragged on the increase in artillery for 2013 but the Union infantry also grew in size for the second straight year. We came awfully close to fielding a 200 man battalion. This year we attempted to brigade multiple smaller units in order to field larger than normal companies. Of course our good friends, the 3rd Michigan, Co. F, always bring their large company to Jackson which challenges Headquarters to equalize the size of the remaining companies. The consolidated companies “elected” company commander(s) and NCOs for the weekend. I did have to back pedal a little as the size of the combined companies increased several fold from walk-ons Saturday and Sunday mornings. We were “forced” to designate smaller companies composed of Sharpshooters and those red-legged devils (114th PA Zouaves) in order to accommodate

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Then came Pickett's Charge, with a cannon prelude. The Rebels made the charge, and did a fine job as they ran headlong into a well defended position and got flanked. There was a planned hand to hand combat, and the charge was finally repelled. All in all the scenarios went very well I thought, and the 7th Michigan men performed valiantly. Thank goodness for the resurrection. Which brings up a funny occurrence, as during one battle we had a lot of casualties in our line, most playing the departed. We had the remaining troops kneel down, which they did. We needed to fire and I ordered “RISE UP”, and most of the men on the ground dutifully started to get up. That's unreasonable for the dead to do, so we got them all to quickly lie back down, amidst a lot of smiles and laughter because of the Captain's commands. They were listening however and unfortunately did exactly what I said. With the zombies safely back on the ground, we kept going with the rest of the battle.

Thanks again to Anson Roland for providing breakfast both mornings. Always a treat and appreciated. And then came the free reenactors dinner, which I always think is a blessing since we don't have to prepare our own food, or something that vaguely resembles food. Thank you to all that took care of our men, your work is greatly appreciated.

One last memorable event was mail call. The company was informed that a package had arrived at the post office in Jacksonburg, so we walked down to see what it could be. A former member of the 7th that now lives in Texas, Ann Bond Detavernier, sent a letter to the company written up as if it was 1863. The great thing was the package that came with the letter, as it contained fruit preserves and some pickled cucumbers and peppers and such. What a thoughtful thing to do, with a lot of work, time and expense to get that to us. Thank you for the gift Ann, and the surprise mail and package that troops always are grateful for.

In your service,
Captain Dave Slayton



Federal troops at Jackson. Photo by Joan Emerick.

the influx of troops. Both smaller units were put to good use throughout the weekend. We even had a few 44th Indiana fellows throw in with the 7th Michigan company for the weekend. The following Midwestern units filled out our Union ranks:

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| 44 th Indiana | 17 th Michigan, Co. E |
| 1 st Michigan | 18 th Michigan, Co. A |
| 3 rd Michigan, Co. F | 21 st Michigan, Co. H |
| 4 th Michigan, Co. A | 24 th Michigan |
| 7 th Michigan, Co. B | 102 nd USCT |
| 14 th Michigan | 114 th Pennsylvania |
| 16 th Michigan, Co. D | 1 st US (Berdan's) Sharpshooters, Co. B |
| | USS Michigan Marine Guard |

The Cavalry. This year a half dozen troopers from the 3rd USCC traveled from the deep South (Florida and Georgia) in order to participate at Jackson for the first time. They served under the steady command of Sergeant John Russell.

The Artillery. This year Jim Newkirk and John Clark altered the battlefield set-up (actually improved upon it from Saturday to Sunday) to incorporate a few more artillery pieces than last year. If you would have asked me how to safely squeeze in another field piece over and above last year at Jackson, I would say it could not be done. But, Jim and John could and did. The long arm was actively cannonading throughout both days and we had our second straight year without a single safety issue. Artillery units participating were:

- Battery B, 21st Indiana, Lt. Art.
- Battery D, 1st Michigan, Lt. Art.
- Robinson's Battery
- 3rd Battery, 1st Michigan, Lt. Art.

The Medical. They are always there when you need them the most. Moira Foster organized and commanded the 8th Michigan Medical, Battery D Medical, and all of the other volunteers throughout the weekend. The military load was lighter due to the water, ice, liquids and modern medical care dispensed by these "Angels of the Battlefield."

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Scenes from "Jacksonburgh" The Mourning House (below & at R); Dressmaker Shop (at R); Steve Morgan, tinsmith (below L) Photos by Elyn Painter



The Battles. As mentioned before I had scripted out the battles for both days but had to abandon these plans due to extenuating circumstances (the over abundance of artillery). My obvious shortcoming (to the spectators and re-enactors alike) this year was packing too much military action in too limited a time slot. Everyone still appreciated the split battles each day with the “half-time” resurrection. We just came up short in the duration of the battle scenarios.

The two Saturday battles were hard fought but for only 15 and 20 minutes respectively. I learned my lesson and worked with Col. McIntosh and Major Newkirk to stretch things out a bit more on Sunday. Saturday we recreated the 11th Corps rout at Chancellorsville and The Battle of Salem Church. For the 11th Corps rout we pre-staged individual Union companies along the road bisecting the battlefield only to have them overwhelmed in echelon by the Rebels. For Salem Church we marched the entire Union Army into a three-sided box of Rebel troops and engaged in a fighting retreat from the battlefield. Col. McIntosh and the Rebel Army were more than willing to inflict massive casualties on us to recreate the losses actually sustained by the Union troops. In fact, we left almost three quarters of the US army on the field either wounded or dying. The comments we overheard from the Secesh is they had never seen so many dead bluebellies on this battlefield before.

Sunday's battles were my favorites but, then again, the Union Army was the final victor. We had originally planned to recreate the Wheatfield and the Peach Orchard battles. Col. McIntosh offered to replace the Peach Orchard with Pickett's Charge for the second scenario. The Confederates were ecstatic about the carpet of Union dead we left behind during the Saturday battles and wished to repay us in kind. I wholeheartedly accepted the offer to recreate the battle in which the 7th Michigan was in the thick of the fighting on Cemetery Ridge 150 years ago.

The 4th Texas (CS) and the 4th Michigan (US) have built up a reputation for recreating hand-to-hand fighting at events. We took advantage of that acquired “talent” by having them climax the Wheatfield scenario with hand-to-hand fighting, the capture of the 4th Michigan flag, and the death of Col. Jeffords (as played by Dennis Whiting). The crowd loved it and no military were injured during the melee.

For the Pickett's Charge scenario, we employed Major Newkirk's suggestion and recreated the cannonading preceding the actual attack. As long as we had an over abundance of cannon we were going to put them to good use. We charged the Color Company with carrying the 7th Michigan regimental colors to honor the men who stemmed the Rebel tide at the wall 150 years ago. Then, someone had an epiphany and suggested climaxing Pickett's Charge with hand-to-hand fighting at the Angle. The 4th Michigan and 4th Texas “volunteered” (you really cannot hold these guys back) to recreate the hand-to-hand melee again. The remainder of the Union troops recreated (ok, we came close) the flanking maneuvers and fire of the 8th Ohio and the Vermont Brigade at the very end of Pickett's Charge. After the final battle and before anyone resurrected, Mark Heath carefully walked to the center of the battlefield to blow Taps. I could not understand why it was taking Mark so long to get there until I stepped out past the Angle portion of the fighting. To my utter surprise there was a carpet of Confederate dead stretching the entire length of the battlefield from where the charge originated. When Mark played Taps you could feel the sanctity of the moment realized by both re-enactors and spectators. This was a stark reminder of why most of my comrades recreate history for the public.

Every year there are many, many people who deserve credit for making Jackson the great event it is. I know it is not proper but I have to single out Jeff Verstraete (7th Michigan Chairperson) for his dedication and sacrifice before, during, and after the event. Jeff, without your efforts Jackson would not be the fantastic event it has grown to be.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant
Tom Emerick (Colonel, soon to be a buck private)

September 7-8 – Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster – Holland, MI

Report by Tom Emerick

Hopefully the newsletter will reach you in advance of the last **Club maximum-effort event** of the 2013 year. We need to field a good sized company in support of our friends in the 3rd Michigan. Lt. Jim MacKinnon will have command of the Company as I will be serving as a buck private. The event hosts are providing a free meal, Saturday evening dance and other amenities for registered attendees. We always have 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 Slayton or Tom Emerick when you register so we can keep track of our military participants.

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September 19-22 - 150th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga - Walker County, GA

Report by Tom Emerick

The 17th Michigan, 21st Michigan, and 30th Indiana units have expressed interest in attending the event as a combined company. Online registration is currently \$20/person and children under 14 years of age are free. The event is being held at Mountain Cove Farms located at 994 Dougherty Gap Rd, Chickamauga, GA 30707. Website is at <http://www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com/>. Registration link is at <http://www.cleburnes-division.com/registration.aspx?EventID=10>. I cannot attend the event due to work and family commitments. I have included the email addresses for the contacts in each unit should you decide to participate:

17 th Michigan	Doug Nosbisch	mailto:nosbich@yahoo.com
21 st Michigan	J.R. Schroeder	mailto:gjwandkids@netzero.net
30 th Indiana	Steve Gelfius	mailto:sgelf@comcast.net

October 20, 2013 – 7th Michigan Military Elections – Eaton Rapids, Michigan

In conjunction with the Club's annual meeting, the Military will be voting for officers and NCOs for the 2014 season. Please notify Dave Slayton or I if you wish to serve (and in what capacity) or would like to honor another member with a nomination to serve in the Officer or NCO ranks. The more "volunteers" we have to pick from, the better served will be the Company. Please do not shy from submitting your name or someone else's you may consider deserving of the rank. We will be discussing/voting on other topics at the meeting too.

Officer/NCO elections
Joining an "Umbrella" organization
2014 potential events
Other...

Great Lakes Battalion
Report by Tom Emerick

In the last newsletter we spoke of the possible formation of a new umbrella organization (aka Wolverine Battalion) to encompass Michigan Civil War re-enacting units. Much to my surprise, at Jackson I was invited to attend the meeting of representatives of the Great Lakes Battalion. The GLB has been in existence for several years now and is composed of our long-time friends from the 4th Michigan, Co. A, 14th Michigan, 16th Michigan, Co. D, 102nd USCT, 114th Pennsylvania, 1st US (Berdan's) Sharpshooters, Co. B, and USS Michigan Marine Guard. The GLB extended a warm welcome for the 7th Michigan to join their organization. These are comrades we have fought side by side with for almost two decades. We will be voting on the prospect of joining their group at the Annual Meeting.

Most Respectfully, Your Obedient Servants

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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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Scene from 150th Gettysburg – July 4-7, 2013, Gettysburg, PA . Photo submitted by Tom Emerick.

September 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 168 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2013 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website (<http://www.micw150.us/> it "_top), there are 15 events listed for September. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to September 2013 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

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6 - 8. North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA) Skirmish (Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club, 8545 Garrison Road, Laingsburg, Michigan). Friday from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM, Saturday from 10:00 AM to Noon. Website: <http://www.NWtskirmisher.com>. Contact: Keith Davis at kgdavis1@cinci.rr.com.

7 - 8. Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster (Northwest corner of 24th Street and Country Club Road with entrances off of 16th Street, 24th Street, and Country Club). Contact: Wendy VanWoerkom: wvanwoerkom@hollandmuseum.org or by Telephone at 616-796-3324.

9. Presentation: 13th Michigan Memorial (American Legion Post 29, 3200 Lansing Ave, Jackson, Michigan) 7:00 PM. Contact: Robert Greggs at misucw7@gmail.com

11. Presentation: Post Civil War Organizations and the Sesquicentennial. (Ingham Township Hall, 1420 Johnson St., Dansville, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Contact: Leanne M. Meyer at leanne.meyer@att.net.

12. Presentation: The Un-Civil War: True Crime in the Civil War (Ellis Library and Reference Center, 3700 South Custer, Monroe, Michigan). 7:00 PM. Contact Charmaine Wawrzyniec at Charmaine.Wawrzyniec@monroe.lib.mi.us.

14 - 15. Civil War Days (Historic Fort Wayne 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Website: <http://historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html>.

18. Presentation: Lincoln's Funeral Train (Lily Theater, Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana). 7:30 PM. Contact Paul Watson at pwatson001@indy.rr.com.

19 - 22. 150th Anniversary Battle of Chickamauga (Mountain Cove Farms, Walker County, Georgia). The Blue Gray Alliance is partnering with Walker County, Georgia in order to present the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. Registration website: <http://www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com/registration.html>.

21. Marine City Heritage Day (Historic City Hall grounds, 300 Broadway Street, Marine City, Michigan). 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Contact: Friends of City Hall at 810-765-8421.

20 - 22. 9th Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster (Deerfield Nature Park, Mt Pleasant, Michigan). Website: <http://www.tenthmichiganinfantry.com>.

26. Grand Opening: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Contact: Deb Malewski, Board Secretary, at debmalewski@sbcglobal.net.

27 - 29. River of Time Living History Encampment (South end of Veterans Park, 800 John Kennedy Drive, Bay City, Michigan). Website: <http://www.riveroftime.org>.

27 - 29. Angola Civil War Days (Commons Park, Angola, Indiana). Contact: Cara Macknick at 260-668-3943.

29. Livonia Cemetery Walk (Clarenceville Cemetery, 8 Mile and Brentwood Road, Livonia, Michigan) 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Contact and Advanced tickets are available at Greenmead: 248-477-7375.

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



The Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners is composed of over 1,000 Civil War reenactors and living history historians; patriotic and hereditary organizations; scholars and educators, 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. Each year the History Partners hosts the annual Reenactors' Conference in November and creates the statewide Reenactors' Events Calendar.

Annual Autumn Ladies' Retreat --

October 4 - 6



To Ladies of the 7th

We have the Girl Scout Camp – Mill Run for October 4,5,& 6 – The club has paid for the rental so there will be little cost for you for the week-end.

We haven't decided what to do about the meals yet, will let you know a little later.

Friday night dinner is on your own, we have breakfast, lunch and dinner on Sat. Breakfast on Sun. and usually leftovers for lunch. We ask you to bring your own drinks and snacks to share.

Just for a refresher or information for the new ones, you can arrive any time after 5:00 pm on Friday and we have the camp till 5:00 pm on Sunday. If you can only come out for Saturday – that's fine too come and join us we have a good time.

It has a Fridge, Stove, microwave, pots and pans, dishes, two bathrooms – no shower. There are tables we set up for eating, sewing etc. The upstairs now has bunk beds with mattresses but you will need to bring sleeping bag/sheets/blankets etc. For some of the new ones you can bring anything to work on, such as sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, or just can come sit, talk and watch movies.

Katie will have a large selection of chick flicks, if there is something you want to see and you don't have it just ask Katie may have. If you have something you would like to bring that's fine we try to keep to PG/PG-13 movies (DVD only) and no sad endings.

There are some trails you can walk and if you forget anything there is an old county store down the road. There are some rules: no smoking, no pets and no alcohol (if you are discreet you can bring beer, wine, wine coolers etc.). This is because we have had to call the ranger to fix the water heater.

We will need to 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.

Any questions or concerns please

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517 393-3475 or at my work below

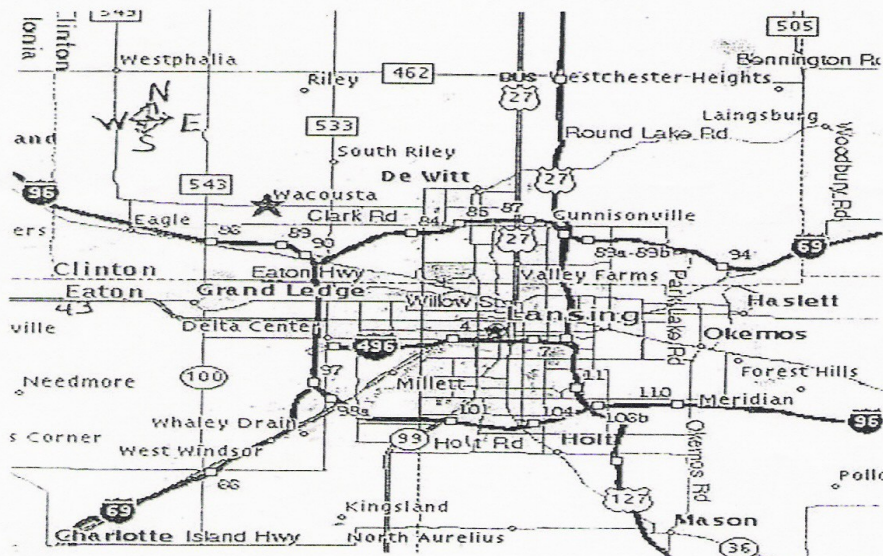
Hope to see you there.

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Map to Wacousta Girl Scout Camp

Take I-96 west toward Flint/Grand Rapids take the Grand River Ave Exit #90 turn left onto Grand River Hwy (Business-I-96) continue to follow Grand River Hwy west Turn right onto Wacousta Rd. Follow Wacousta Rd south until you cross a bridge (the 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.



Mill Run Girl Scout Camp, 9155 Looking Glass Brook Road,
Wacousta, MI 517 626-6937