

# THE UNION VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, CO. B, INC.

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Members of the restored "Old Farts Mess" - L to R: Al Baerren, Jim Kirschensteiner, Barry Stuler, Bob Smith.  
Photo by Celeste Hude

## Notice of Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting for the  
7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Vol. Inf., Co. B

Will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2014

1:00 pm at Robbins UMC

Eaton Rapids, MI

(See map, page 12)

All members are strongly encouraged to attend, since we will, as always, be voting on the new club leadership positions for the coming year.

Be sure to  
Catch up  
on all the  
news of  
the area in the  
"Jacksonburg  
Bugle"

(pages 13-14)

## Upcoming Events:

**Next club meeting-**

**Sun. Sept. 28**

1:00pm – Robbins UMC  
(please note change from 9/21 due to VanRaalte event that weekend)

**Ladies' Annual Retreat**  
**Sept. 26-28** (pg 8 for details)

**Annual Harvest Ball**  
**Oct. 11** (pg 10 for details)



# President's Report

As I began to write I realized this will be my second to last report to the club as president. I remain so very honored to have been given the opportunity to serve you these past 4 years.

Jackson: Despite early forecasts No rain! 5 for 5, Jeff. If anyone even questions how hard our friend Jeff works over the weekend I watched him fall asleep sitting straight up in the gator while watching the ball. He is a dear friend and I know we all appreciate the hard work he does over the 4 days of the event.

Numbers were down as you all saw. I spoke with many reenactors and opinions varied: "People went to 150th nationals", "there's just less of us" "Threat of rain scared people away" "Humidity". The event has seen a gradual drop over the past 5 years or so but this year it was quite noticeable. That said, we were still larger than any event I attended this year.

We will adjust if this is the new norm. Going forward we will be making some changes, to reflect the new realities of reenacting and manpower. If you saw or participated in our town scenarios you know they were a big hit. More "small things" with military/civilian participation are needed.

I would like to personally thank Tom Emerick who has announced he will not be in overall Union command at Jackson after this year. We fought the "old guard" to make the change. It wasn't easy but I would do it all over again. You will not find a more knowledgeable man in the hobby. Thanks Tom.

Dave Slayton, our Captain, led the men magnificently all weekend. Thanks for listening to my thoughts and suggestions and just being the fine man that you are.

It was good to see "the old farts mess", Tom Berriman, and Jimmy Hayner. I loved seeing the event through both the eyes of our newest and longest established members.

To Anson, Lorrie, and the crew: Your hard work is so appreciated. The men love the meals and recognize the effort it takes.

I came to the ball to announce that there would be no period dance instruction; I found Linda there with a crowd of reenactors and spectators, whispering instructions to them.

Thanks to my son Andrew for staying until almost 8 pm Sunday to help deliver and unload buildings.

Glenn Morningstar I thank for bringing the dancers to the band in appreciation and his kind words and arm around my shoulder.

Oh: You'll find a copy of the Jackson Bugle in the newsletter. Thanks for being such good sports; it's more fun when we can tease (and pour ice cold water on people or even bottled water.)

So many more examples I should give but space is limited. As always if you weren't mentioned by name it doesn't mean you weren't appreciated.

Neither we, nor the Cascades people knew about the helicopter. When we tracked it all down and I contacted the photographer his curt reply was that he didn't need permission and followed FAA guidelines. I responded that just because something was legal it doesn't make it right. I would encourage you to not purchase anything from Dale Fisher Studios, and feel free to make your displeasure known.

The Jarretts made an appearance on Sunday and Bill remained long after the event helping with buildings and such. When we thanked him he said this: "We're the 7<sup>th</sup>, that's what we do."

That sums it up. I want us to continue Jackson. It's important. We can work out Cascades issues, Parks issues and reenactor issues. We provide a valuable service to the reenactment community with this event. Please support it even as other events drop away.

Also, please support our friends the 3<sup>rd</sup> F at Van Raalte. They have been stellar supporters of our event and we need to return that to them. Thanks to all.

I remain your most obedient servant,

**Doug**



## 2014 Leadership

### New Member co-Chairs:

Jeff Verstraete (military)

[jbvisme@gmail.com](mailto:jbvisme@gmail.com)

Heather Jarrett (civilian)

[princessh15@live.com](mailto:princessh15@live.com)

President: Doug McComas

Vice President: Anson Roland

Secretary: Bill Jarrett

Treasurer: Don Everett

Military: Dave Slayton, Captain

Civilian Coordinator: Katie Everett

Board Members-at-Large:

Marie Searles, 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](http://www.7thmichigan.us)

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted info for this month's issue.

Deadline date for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please have all reports, articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form. I am able to accept documents in most of the usual word processing programs or formats. If accompanying maps or images are needed, **please** include (in jpg format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain that any items coming from another source are properly credited, or have obtained reprint permission. Personal news items are welcomed and encouraged, or photos of special events. Original articles (800-1000 word limit) pertaining to Civil War or reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:


[7thminewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7thminewsletter@gmail.com)

Or mail to:

736 Gettysburg Ave.

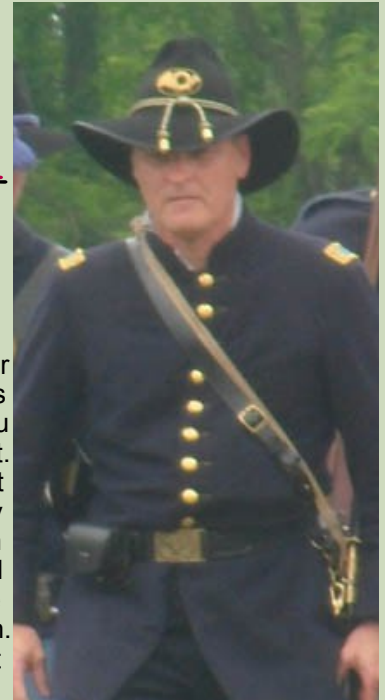
Jackson, MI 49203

Thank-you.

  
Ellyn Painter, Editor

Captain: Dave Slayton  
Lieutenant: Jim MacKinnon  
1st Sergeant: Doug McComas  
Sergeants: Dan Conklin, Rob Stone  
Corporals: Tom Edwards, Andrew  
McComas, Dennis Zank,  
Bill Jarrett  
Chief Bugler: Mark Heath

# Military Minutes — August 2014



## **Jackson 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Civil War Muster - Capt. Slayton**

Another Jackson Muster is over, with good weather again (no rain) and good times with our pardons. I want to give special thanks to all those in the 7<sup>th</sup> that plan and work hard for this Event to take place. My friends in the 7<sup>th</sup>, you make it all worthwhile for so many, and you have our gratitude. We had 23 in our company this year which is an excellent turn-out. Included in that number was at least four of the "Old Farts Mess" that came out to fill out the company and provide the Captain with sage advice and instruction. That was timely since we were asked to do skirmish drill which the Captain is still learning. It was an honor to have those gentlemen fall in with us. The 7<sup>th</sup> soldiers worked hard at drill, and performed extremely well in all the maneuvers, marching and fighting during the battle Scenarios. We hit our marks routinely and efficiently thanks to the quality of our men. Thank you all for a job well done, especially when you did what the Captain wanted, not what he said!

The battles were well scripted and fun to participate in. As Color Company a couple of times, we had the honor of carrying the 7<sup>th</sup>'s Regimental and National flags as we fought the rebels, sometimes to victory and sometimes to less than victory. We fought behind some works, alongside the cannon and followed orders to move all around the battle field. So a special thanks is due Colonel Tom Emerick, the overall Union Commander who picked the battles to recreate, decided how to best reenact them given the terrain, collaborated with the Confederate commanders and worked the artillery to present battles enjoyed by all. Our deep appreciation goes to Tom for the years of service, knowledge and excellent service to the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan and the hobby in general.

One high point was a scenario where we raided the Sesech village of Jacksonburg, looking for supplies, contraband and Copperheads. Vegetables were foraged (conveniently found in baskets), new shirts obtained, rations left unattended pilloined and some china plates sent to glory in smaller pieces than is their norm. And based on a picture in the local paper, we were able to identify the supposed mayor or barber or blood-letter, a Mr. Everett who was the head of the local Copperheads. Not without a fight I must say, that scallywag was given his train ticket to eternal rest in a pistol duel with Captain Slayton supported by a couple of soldiers. It seemed like the man had a dozen pistols hidden and handy. None the less, the illegal stash of cookies was confiscated. Then a Rebel patrol chased us out of town and we ran like rabbits. That is, to fight another day.

The next day our part in the drama was to drive out the Rebels who were raiding a Union town. While the larger part of our company engaged the raiders, we surprised them by a flank attack during their heinous act with a squad led by our Chief Bugler, temporarily breveted to Corporal or something or other. Having chased the Rebs out of town, we did note upon our departure that one of ours that was no longer extant, had his boots and other belongings stripped from him by some poor ladies, left destitute by the raid. There was some heated discussion as to whose property he was dispatched on and a certain amount of tussle, verbal or otherwise, ensued. Discretion, being the better part of valor, we let them sort it out.

Thank you again, men of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan. You made your family and friends proud, the Captain look good and the event a success. God bless you all, both civilian and military members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan. In your service, Captain Dave Slayton.

## Upcoming Events

The last reenactment of the year is not far off. We are looking for a good turn-out to end the year well. The event is hosted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Infantry, who has faithfully supported our event at Jackson. We need to return the favor and bring as many as we can from the 7<sup>th</sup> to encourage the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan in supporting Jackson. So please attend if you can September 20-21<sup>st</sup>. The website is: <http://hollandmuseum.org/muster/>. You can also register online, or I will do that for you. Either way, please let me know that you plan to attend.

- September 20-21: Van Raalte Farm, Holland
- October: Harvest Ball, Lansing

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. In your service,  
Dave Slayton, Captain  
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HELLO EVERYONE!!!!

My personal thanks to everyone who made this another great year ... this group is AMAZING.... I really don't know what else to say but... I CANT WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR... even with the small crowd of reenactors and spectators this was a great year... besides the helicopter, I've heard nothing but great things from everyone. The list of people I need to say thank you to is immense and I'd probably miss someone.. so again A HUGE THANKS TO THE ENTIRE 7th who helped with this year's event.

JEFF

*This is probably the very last official photo we shall ever see of our departing President McComas - I must say it is an image of great dignity befitting a great and dignified leader! (Did I mention that Doug is dignified?) Below, Don Everett, Mayor of Jacksonburg (L), and Jeff Verstraete, 7<sup>th</sup> MI Muster Host Committee Chair & Coordinator in Charge of Everything (R), also "take the dump". (Photos this page by Jack Kirschensteiner, courtesy of Jim & Gloria Kirschensteiner.*

To get this special anniversary year started off right, three of our 7<sup>th</sup> MI Muster leaders were "baptized" Friday evening, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, into the esteemed membership of the ICE CHALLENGE, in the Cascades Park fountain pool. The Challenge is a fund-raiser for ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), or Lou Gehrig's disease.

The ice bath in the Cascades Park fountain pool was actually taken willingly by the three, who were each "challenged" by a fellow Jackson Muster leader.

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Here is what my source (Gloria Kirschensteiner) told me as to the way it works:

"When it all started, the idea was to either donate to the cause OR dump a bucket of ice water over your head. But now it seems, everyone wants to dump the water in addition to making a donation. Oh, and the way it works, someone has to call you out, or challenge you to do the ice bucket dump or donate. And you have 24 hours to complete it after you're nominated. And when you do the dump, or have someone dump the ice water on you, you have to call out to three people to also take the challenge, within the 24 hour time-frame, of course! So it all started with Mark Heath. He did the challenge and posted it to Facebook. He was wearing his full uniform and was blowing his bugle when he got dumped on. He said he was on his way to the Jackson event. He called out Doug McComas, Kim Conant {President of Jackson Civil War Society -formerly Cascades, Inc.} and Chris Cox {the man on Left in the photo showing Doug. Chris is a Cascades, Inc board member, and heads the Jackson Civil War Sites Bus Tour during the Muster}. When Doug did the dump, he called out Jeff Verstraete and two others that I can't remember. Jeff did his dump right after those three and called out Don Everett and two others. So then Don got in the fountain, and did the challenge. What was fun was that the three, Doug, Kim and Chris, all changed into the 'Don' t-shirts right before getting in the fountain."

ALS, which is rare, and therefore not considered worth spending tax dollars on for research, gradually eats away at the nervous system, killing the sufferer in 2-5 years. It was a victim of the disease who started the campaign, which is now raising a lot of money for research.

---The Editor

## CONFESSIONS OF A JACKSON "NAYSAYER"

by Bob Smith

Well, the 30th Jackson Civil War Muster is history now. It was a big enough deal to actually draw me out of military retirement and back into ranks for the weekend. The weather was relatively kind to us, as Jackson events go, and other than that pesky helicopter, things appeared to go pretty well as far as I could see.

Seeing the 30th Jackson come and go with plans for future Jackson events may seem rather unremarkable to those who are relatively new to the club and it may come as a surprise to some that, ten years ago, right after the 20th Muster, there was considerable sentiment to drop the event...call it quits.

The event had gotten very large and required lots of manpower. We were partnered with two Confederate groups at the time and one was struggling (and ultimately disbanded). That put extra weight on our club and, to be frank, some in our club were willing to enjoy the event and let the same core of overworked members work multiple shifts to make it happen. Those core members were experiencing "burnout". On top of that we had experienced some years of disappointing cooperation on the part of the county parks and even Cascades Inc. Things just didn't happen. Commitments weren't kept. It was frustrating to say the least. So, a group of us said, "Why don't we quit Jackson, find a new location and sponsor a smaller, more manageable event that our club could handle adequately with the manpower we have." The spokesperson, leading the charge for that group was none other than yours truly. We even had a slogan, "Twenty and Out".

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Top: Bob & Carol Smith; Below: Coletta Crews.  
Photos by E. Painter

Scenes

At

Jackson

2014



Celeste Hude, Ellyn Painter doing a clothing demo. Photo courtesy of C. Hude.



Top: Cindi & Christina Carlson; Below: Joy Henderson, Katie Everett. Photos by E. Painter



Not everyone felt this way, however, and those opposed to dropping the event said, "Yes, there are problems, but the Jackson Event is too important to the reenacting community to let it go. We just need to work out the problems." They proposed bringing in additional units as partners and continuing our efforts to redefine our relationship with the Parks and Cascades Inc. to insure that we were supported. The spokesperson for that group was none other than Doug McComas.

There were spirited, but respectful, debates at a couple of Club meetings and finally it was put to a vote. The result, Jackson would go on another year while we tried out the suggestions made by the pro-Jackson members. For the following year we added Battery D as a partner and, due in part to the debate, our membership was stirred to be more participative in the work to be done. There was definite improvement! The event continued on and the rest is history.

And so, now for the "confession part". I was wrong...not about the problems...they were real...I was wrong about the club's ability to react to and deal with those problems. Over the years the 7th Michigan has shown an amazing ability to pull together and not become divisive even on issues passionately felt. Those who voted in favor of dropping Jackson didn't run off and form a new unit after the vote went the other way. They rolled up their sleeves and went back to work along side those who wanted Jackson. But then, it's always been characteristic of the 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan to be tolerant, accepting and willing to work for the overall good of the club. It's really what defines us as a club and it's the main reason we're still a major unit while so many others have come and gone. May the Jackson Civil War Muster and the 7th Michigan Vol. Infantry, Co. B see many, many more successful years."



Photos left & center by Celeste Hude

Photo by Gloria Kirschensteiner

## News From **Jacksonburg**

We had a hot time in our young town of Jacksonburg during the weekend of Aug. 23-24. Several exciting events occurred, among them an invasion of Rebel troops who surged through our quiet village, pillaging and frightening everyone. Two of our citizens, Mr. Anson Roland, and Mr. Timothy Cunningham, were arrested by the enemy soldiers for attempting to defend the town, then before the horrified eyes of our citizens, were shot by a firing squad! Mayor Everett appeared briefly to be on his way to the same fate, (though it was not clear to this observer why he was being held by the enemy) but managed to escape the clutches of the Rebel soldiers. Mr. Roland was only wounded, and taking advantage of the poor aim of the shooters, continued to lay on the ground feigning death, until



Above photo by Celeste Hude.





the evildoers departed town. Mr. Cunningham was wounded much more gravely, and unfortunately did not survive. Later, Union troops amassed just outside of town, resting, and awaiting their orders to march to battle, presumably to avenge our ravaged village.

Something of a disturbance was aroused on Saturday morning when several ladies got into a quarrel with the female proprietors of a newly established business in town, which deals in used clothing for ladies and gentlemen of diminished means. Such a shop is, of course, welcome in our community, as the current Troubles have caused many to be in need of aid of various sorts. It is rumored, however—nay, strongly suspected on good evidence!—that the women operating this new establishment come by their merchandise by nefarious means. Later in the day, the rumors were proved true when, following a skirmish between our Union boys and the enemy, these wicked women were found gloating over the body of a dead soldier as they robbed him of his boots, and other items of his clothing and possessions. Mrs. Vonda Warren, a well respected matron of Jacksonburg, afterwards attempted to drag the poor boy's body from the street, to be protected until such time as his company commander might send his comrades in arms to collect him.



On a brighter note, the Courthouse was the scene of a happy wedding. Reverend David Downing presided. The bride was given away by Mr. Ken Giorlando, of our fair town. {In fact, it was a mock wedding, but according to my source, the couple had actually married earlier in the month in Copper Harbor, and came down to the Jackson event in order to stage their nuptials again for our pleasure.}

The Editor



Photos this page by Ellyn Painter

## Civilian Report

Hello all! Well another Jackson is behind us and I want to thank all of you who helped to make

our 30<sup>th</sup> year special! We gave out over 400 items to people who visited our tent that weekend. Parents and children were very excited to make rosettes and church babies and play with the toys. If you missed it Vonda was able to turn graces into a competitive sport. Thanks to everyone who helped, we all had a great time! Now to decide what we want to try next year.

There are only a few more events left for the season and our winter meeting will be starting soon. We will be having sewing parties the Saturday before our club meetings. If you would like to host a sewing party please let me know. If there is anything you would like to discuss at our breakout sessions during the meetings please let me know as well.

It's that time of the year again...time for our annual ladies retreat weekend. The dates for this year are Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> at Mill Run camp. Please see additional article in newsletter for more information. If you have any questions you can contact me by email or phone. I hope everyone had a great season and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings!

Katie Everett  
Civilian Chair

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Ladies'  
Retreat  
Info on  
next page

"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."

William Jarrett, Club Secretary  
bjjarrett@aol.com

# Ladies' Retreat Weekend – Wacousta, MI

To Ladies of the 7<sup>th</sup>

The Club has paid for the week-end for members. The dates are **Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>**.

Just for a refresher or information for the new ones, you can arrive anytime after 4:00 pm on Friday and we have the camp till 4:00 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 is open for sleeping, there are bunk beds with mattresses to sleep on 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 and sit, talk and watch movies.

Katie will have a large selection of movies, if there is something you want to see and you don't have it just ask Katie may have. If you have something you would like to bring that's fine we try to keep to PG/PG-13 movies (DVD or Blu-Ray).

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. 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, remove everything from the Fridge.

You will need to bring a dish to pass for Saturday lunch also whatever you want to drink for the week-end and snacks (to share). Breakfast for Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday night are still TBD (Katie is planning on cooking again if she has the time off), you are on your own for Friday night – you can bring your dinner out with you or cook something there.

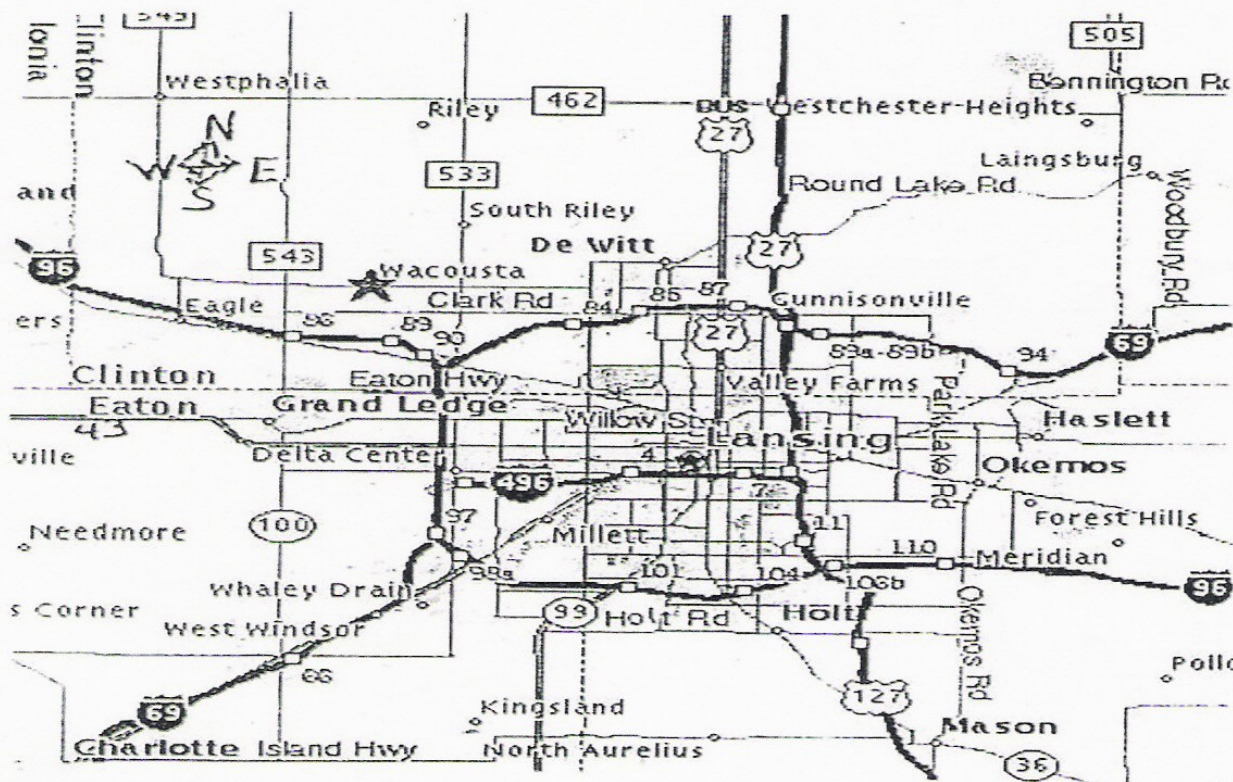
Any questions or concerns please e-mail or call me at home. <mailto:djkeverett@comcast.net> or my work one below – Home phone :

517 393-3475

Hope to see you there.

Julie Everett

I have attached a map – Mill Run Girl Scout Camp, 9155 Looking Glass Brook Road, Wacousta, MI 517 626-6937



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



# More Jackson Muster Photos....



All photos this page by Steve Hainstock.

Abpve: "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"  
Far left:

Ellyn the Dressmaker  
Below left :

Anson & little one – Are they looking at the helicopter?



## American Civil War Years: The Michigan Experience (The Reenactors' Telling)



This is the book showcased last month; it's available now from Amazon.com for \$23.39 Or from [imichiganproductions.org](http://imichiganproductions.org) for \$25.99. (trade paperback) It is written from a reenactor perspective and among its many photos contains a number of sightings of 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan members and events.

iMichigan Productions is also currently producing "American Civil War Years", a TV miniseries that will air on Michigan PBS stations starting with Episodes 1 and 2 which aired in May; Episodes 3 and 4 are in post-production and committed to air on or around November 11th, Veterans Day. iMP interviews current Michigan National Guard soldiers who help complete the loop and answer the question of why citizen soldiers go to war to defend our country.

will be Sat. October 11, 2014, and we need Help!

Please call or email to volunteer for one or more work schedule items.

Linda Williams (517) 484-2496 [lansinglinda@comcast.net](mailto:lansinglinda@comcast.net)

# The Harvest Ball

## Job Descriptions for 2014 Harvest Ball

Chairpersons: Linda Williams, Don Everett

Printing Manager: Linda Williams

Refreshment Coordinator: Arrive 3:00

Decoration Coordinator: Arrive 3:00

Men needed to set up tables, chairs, decorations: Arrive 3:00

Assistants for refreshment/decoration coordinators: Arrive 3:00

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

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

Workers to pack food: 9:30 – 10:00

Ticket collector/heel plate inspector: Arrive 6:15

Announcer: 6:30 – 7:00

Floor manager:

Doormen: 6:30 – 7:00

Hospitality Host and Hostess: 6:30 – 10:00

Linda Williams and Don Everett

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

Gentleman Floor Manager: 7:00 – 10:00

Workers to take down tables/put chairs away

Donations:

clear plastic cups:

paper plates:

napkins:



The Ball will be held as in past years at

**Central United Methodist Church  
in Lansing**

But please note the date is earlier than usual. Linda reports that the church is so constantly booked up that it becomes harder each year to secure us a date. Thank-you, Linda, for all your hard work!

I am ever so apologetic that I am getting this issue of the newsletter out so late! Between recovering from carpal tunnel surgery, and waiting while several date conflicts for club events got worked out, I have kept you all hovering in suspense. Well, you may return to earth now, and hopefully, enjoy this, the September issue.  
Thank you all for your patience.



# September 2014 Civil War Sesquicentennial Report

Of the 127 Sesquicentennial events already listed on the Reenactors' Civil War Sesquicentennial Calendar for 2014 on the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners' website ([www.micw150.us](http://www.micw150.us)), nine have been reported for September. Additional information on each of these events may be obtained by going to [www.micw150.us/2014events.htm](http://www.micw150.us/2014events.htm) and clicking on the month in question. Michigan events and events of interest to Michigan for 2014 can be added anytime by contacting [pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net). Last year a total of 174 events were listed, which was a little less than the 180 in 2012, but a little more than the 163 in 2011.

## --September 2014--

**3 & 10. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum** (224 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan). 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The Museum is opened the first two Wednesdays each month, most patriotic days, special events, and by appointment. Admission is free. Website: <http://garmuseum.com/>.

**6 - 7. Frontier Days Civil War Reenactment and Muzzle Loader Event** (The Olde World Village, 13215 M 96, Augusta, Michigan). Website: <http://www.oldeworldvillage.com>.

**13 - 14. Civil War Days** (Historic Fort Wayne 6325 West Jefferson, Detroit, Michigan). Contact: Tom Berlucchi at [Tberlucchi@yahoo.com](mailto:Tberlucchi@yahoo.com) or by Telephone at 248-840-5234. Website: <http://historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html>.

**17 - 21. Reenactment: 150th Anniversary Battle of the Atlanta Campaign** (Nash Farm Battlefield, 100 Babbs Mill Rd, Hampton, Georgia). Reenactor registration for both 2014 is now open. The registration fee for 2014 is \$20.00 per person until September 1, 2014. After September 1st, the walk on fee is \$25.00. Registration website: <http://www.atlantacampaign.com/reenactors.html>. Contact: Earl Zeckman (Military Department of Mississippi) at [ezeckman@bellsouth.net](mailto:ezeckman@bellsouth.net).

**19 - 21. 10th Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster** (Deerfield Nature Park, 2425 W. Remus Road (M-20), Mt Pleasant, Michigan). Website: <http://www.tenthmichiganinfantry.com>. Contact: Email at [tenthmich@yahoo.com](mailto:tenthmich@yahoo.com).

**20 - 21. Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster** (Historic Van Raalte Farm Park, 1076 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Holland, Michigan). Website: <http://www.hollandmuseum.org>, Contact: Wendy VanWoerkom: [wvanwoerkom@hollandmuseum.org](mailto:wvanwoerkom@hollandmuseum.org).

**20 - 21. Marine City Heritage Day** (Historic City Hall grounds, 300 Broadway Street, Marine City, Michigan). Contact: Friends of City Hall at 810-765-8421.

**20 - 21. Yankees in Falmouth and Some Confederates too** (Historic Port of Falmouth Park and Moncure Conway House, 401 River Road, Falmouth, Virginia). Contact: Norman Schools at [Small47@aol.com](mailto:Small47@aol.com).

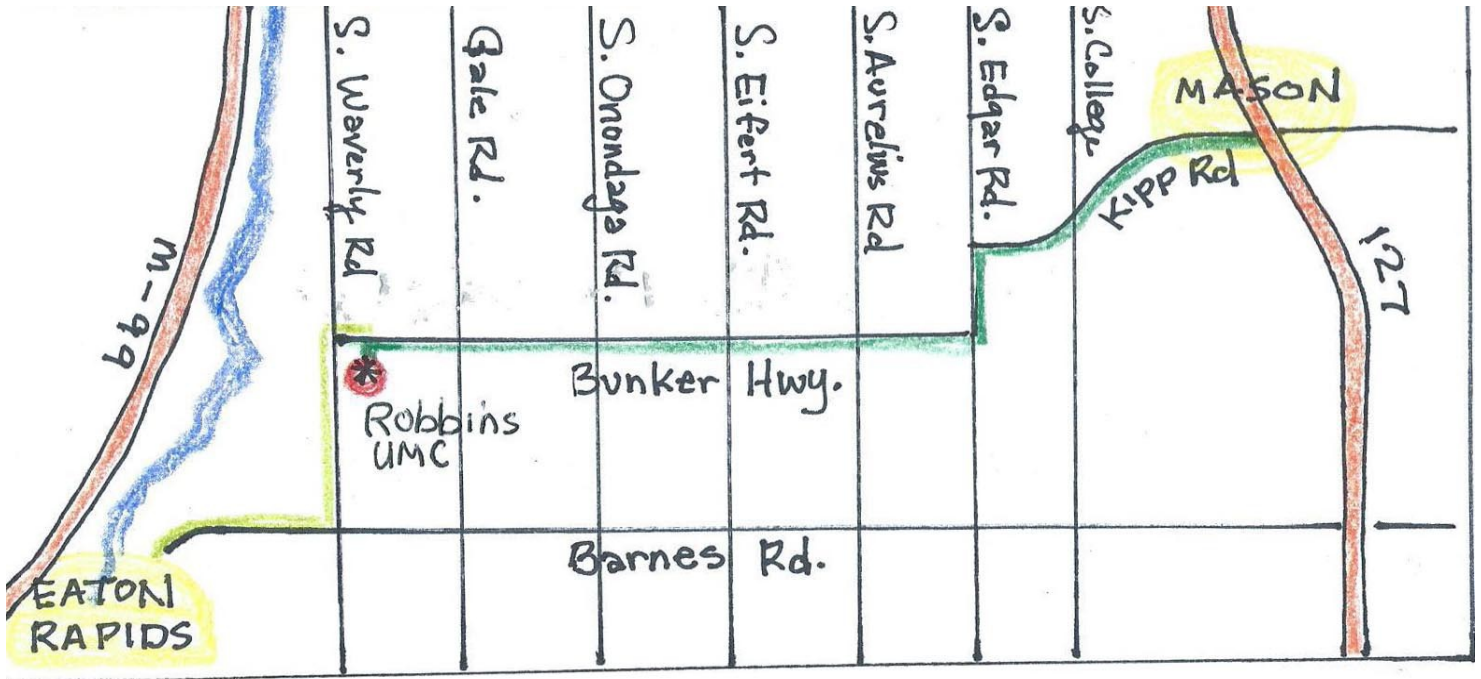
**26 - 28. 8th Angola Civil War Days** (Commons Park, Angola, Indiana). This is a time line event with emphasis on Civil War Battle). Website: <http://www.angolacivilwardays.com>.

**26 - 28. River of Time Living History Encampment** (South end of Veterans Park, 800 John Kennedy Drive, Bay City, Michigan). School Program also on 9-28. Website: <http://www.riveroftime.org>. Civil War contact: Paul Davis at [pdmarcomm@aol.com](mailto:pdmarcomm@aol.com).

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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.





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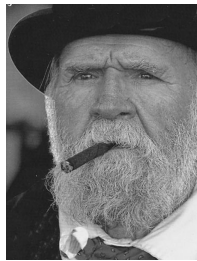
*"EVERYBODY LOVES THE LITTLE BUGLER"*

AUGUST 23, 1864

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## Local Mayor a Copperhead Turncoat

Local Mayor and Barber Don Everett has long been suspected of lining his pockets at the expense of the brave boys fighting to preserve the Union. He has, through bribery, threats and intimidation, thus far escaped justice. Just one month ago, when meeting with Confederate agents, Everett narrowly escaped from Pinkerton men when known Confederates came to his aid during a shootout in an attempt to bring him to justice. We have been told that this character has returned to Jacksonburg where, through threats and bribery, he has remained safe from prosecution. We implore Governor Blair to send troops to arrest this man who has been accused of accosting the fair women of our town, excessive drunkenness, shoddy contracts for supplying of the troops, and more horrific crimes too evil to mention.



The knave is known to be armed and has been known to shoot unarmed men or lure them in to his barbershop and do away with unsuspecting customers for both profit and his own enjoyment. He can be stopped! We have received word that there are troops in our vicinity who can root out this scoundrel and the suspected rebels he has collaborated with. We call on the local citizenry to arm themselves and assist in rooting out this horrible character from our fair town.

## Local 1812 Vets Now in Fight

As we have feared, a group of local greybeards have left for the war. Barry Stuler, Bob Smith, and Jim Kirschensteiner, veterans of the fight against the British so many years ago, have arrived in VA. After hearing of old John Burns at Gettysburg, they have vowed to fight. Despite their advanced age, the men insist they are up to the task and have passed their physicals. Upon their arrival at camp the amazed young men of the company christened the group "The Old Farts' Mess." We pray for the old gents.

**A Formal Ball Will Take Place in the Meadow Just Outside of Town This Saturday in Honor of Capt. Slayton**

## Bugler Faces Court-Martial For Pig Theft

Local farmer Steve Hainstock's quick thinking saved his prize pig "Little Donny" from the clutches of Mark Heath, Regimental Bugler for the 7<sup>th</sup> MI Vol. I. The troops camping nearby have been well supplied and well treated by the local citizenry and Heath's attempted crime was surely not one of need. His Colonel reports that Heath has had "a peculiar fascination with swine." Hainstock heard a commotion in the sty and coming armed found the bugler with the prize porker slung over his back. Col. Emerick assures us that the attempted theft will be dealt with most severely.

## Wedding Banns

Brittney Jarrett Heather Jarrett Janessa Slayton

## Conklin Family Marches Off to War

The Conklin clan of Jonesville and Hanover are well known in these parts. Pete and Ed have joined the Bully 7<sup>th</sup>. The boys have wanted to join for some time but duties on the farm have prevailed – Until Now. The boys received word by telegram that their dear friend Woody Mannequin has been hung by the Rebels in Kentucky. A courier for the Federal cause, he was found in civilian clothes with Union orders, and executed as a spy. The boys vow to avenge Woodrow.

## McComas and Verstraete to Be Hanged

Two noted criminals will be hung until dead outside the courthouse Thursday next. These two men, having robbed the Michigan Central Railroad on its way to Grand Rapids, were surprised by members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Company F heading home for leave. Despite being heavily intoxicated, the troops captured the thieves after a shootout. The pair have been known for fights and rude behavior in this town for the past 10 years and will not be missed by most. The Emerald Peacock especially had been plagued by these two roustabouts. Mike the barkeep is offering free drinks after the execution.

## News From the War

Capt. Schroeder of the 21<sup>st</sup> MI Vol. Infantry has resigned his commission in order to become a surgeon. The good Captain has been responsible for creating many a patient in his career and now plans to right the wrong.

Corporal William Jarrett 7<sup>th</sup> MI Co. B has gone missing after receiving letters from both of his beloved daughters stating their intention of marrying only two days apart. Jarrett was last seen a week ago after receiving the second letter, babbling and sobbing. Corporal Zank attempted to console him but Jarrett threatened him with his rifle. "He was truly mad with grief," said Zank.

Sergeant Rob Stone of Ann Arbor has sworn off gambling and liquor after 30 days in confinement. He was reported to have, on a drunken spree, spent nearly an hour one evening behind the Colonel's tent making noises of some great prehistoric beast. The Col. was not amused.

The Searles boys have contracted measles; both are hoped to survive.

Tom Berriman has escaped from Carolina and found his way back to the Bully 7<sup>th</sup>! Many tales to tell and great rejoicing among the men.

**Battery D News:** Chaplain Jim Newkirk has once again promised it will not rain during the current campaign. We question either his hearing or his pull with the Almighty.

**The U.S. Marine Guard** was recently in a hot fight with the rebels from the 12<sup>th</sup> South Carolina. The rebs were overrun and their captain, a man by the name of Cwayna, was captured with several others. The good Captain, a barrister before the war, he has threatened to sue the Marines for false imprisonment, much to the amusement of his captors.

It has been reported that a young private from Detroit, a Scot long thought to be mute, has actually spoken. He was neglected at guard duty for almost a day when he finally screamed for help and relief. When asked why he had not spoken for nearly 3 years of campaigning, he said, "Things was fair until then."

Corporal McComas has been receiving letters from home. The confirmed bachelor has been the subject of much teasing as he had previously been toughest on the boys who had sweethearts back home for pining away, but now he spends hours composing soft words and rereading the notes from home, much to the delight of his pard.

Lt. MacKinnon has fallen off the wagon. A good man but nary a Scot can avoid the "water of life" as they call it in the Highlands.

## Around the Area

Lansing:

Miss Katie Everett has traveled to City Point. She is a baker and is offering her services to provide bread for the boys.

Rev. Dave Downing has been busy with weddings and funerals of late, so busy that on a day of two weddings and 3 funerals he mixed up his notes. The good Reverend was chagrined after starting into his address to the young couple when he absently read "and like all good men who are lost too young to tragedy, the pain of their suffering is all the more sorrowful." After a gasp from the bride and a chuckle from the groom, the holy man profusely apologized.

Summit:

Ellyn Painter, seamstress, has sent a great care package of socks to the boys. She had worked all winter and spring to provide for the entire company.

Grand Rapids:

Miss Heather Jarrett, having run off to marry and hearing of her father's response outlined in this paper, was heard to say, "I'm sure father will turn up; he loves cake."

Brooklyn:

Darius Health sends word to his family that he is well and reports of his capture were untrue.

Adrian:

The family of Russ Paul reports he has been promoted to Captain, a good and true man who has shown himself worthy in a fight, rising from private to his current standing.

Hastings:

A certain undertaker is under investigation by the government for false promises of embalming. His assistant, a Mr. Mudge, has informed on him after the spoils were no longer evenly divided.

Carleton:

Joan, the lovely and faithful wife of Col. Emerick, has went visiting to Monroe. She has gone to Saint Mary's after a dream that her dear husband was attacked by a huge, ugly creature while in the field. The Sisters have allowed her a time for prayer at the convent to get over this horrible premonition.

**Miss Conant is seeking women to join the Michigan Christian Commission. Women must be of good character, and single. Inquiries can be sent to her at 1 Cascades Drive, Falls, MI**