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Final Meeting for 2011

Although attendance was sparse at our last meeting of 2011, the conversation was positive and focused on the Commandery's future.

In attendance were Companions Bruce Butgereit, Paul Davis, Keith Harrison, Jon Reed, Don Shaw and Fred Roberts. Guests Jan Davis and Jackie Beyer were present but not in attendance at our meeting.

During the meeting, the Commandery presented Past Commander-in-Chief Keith G. Harrison with a framed collage of images as a memento of his 2-year term as C-in-C and representative of Michigan.

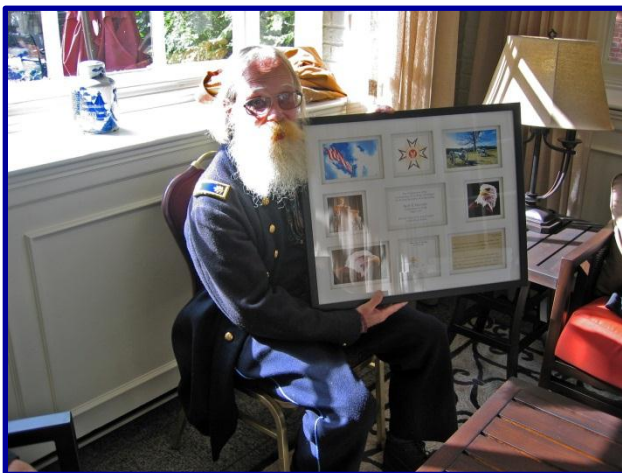


Figure 1:
PC-in-C Keith G. Harrison and the gift from the Commandery.

After Chaplain Reed led us in prayer, the discussion turned to growing the membership of the Commandery and thoughts about increasing attendance at our meetings.

I have been Commander since 2003 and have tried a number of things to encourage better attendance. This included moving the

meeting site to different locations so as to minimize travel for other Companions as it makes no difference to me to travel to Lansing or Detroit from Grand Rapids. (Thank you to those of you who acknowledge that.) I have also encouraged better attendance by presenting different programs.

In the end, I understand that age, interest, and other commitments can have an impact on attendance.

We have been having three (3) meetings per year. It was suggested that we have four (4) meetings per year with one in Grand Rapids. I am open to doing this but do not feel it right to have three or four Companions drive all the way to Grand Rapids just for a meeting.

Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2012

Mid-Winter

Saturday, March 24 at Historic Fort Wayne

Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, June 23 at The Whitney in Detroit

Late Summer Meeting

Saturday, September 22
at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans

Fall Meeting

Saturday, November 17 at HFW

I would like feedback about this proposed schedule as to whether it would work for you. I ask in an attempt to maximize attendance.

Please reply no later than January 15, 2012

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Dues for 2012

Annual dues for 2012 are due now.

Dues of \$25 should be sent to:

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Bruce B. Butgereit	Bruce Butgereit, II
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Michael Davis	Charles DuCharme
David Eaton	Jerald Everts
Nathan Harrison	E. Lou Hoos
Timothy Killam	Walter F. Roberts
Harlan Scribner	Don Shaw
Hal Smith	

Membership

Our Commandery membership stands at 27 Companions. Companion Sigmund Reckline recently requested a transfer to the Virginia Commandery due to an ailing mother and other obligations in the area. We also have a new Companion in Max Lee Waldrop, Jr. of Springfield, TN. Max is the current Commander General of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars.

Contributions

Over the years we have been blessed with contributions from Companions which permit us to conduct memorial ceremonies, educational events, print brochures and programs, and more. To those of you who send in \$25 or \$50 extra with your annual dues I say "Thank You."

Recently, the Commandery received a donation from Life Member William D. Dahling and his lovely wife Nena in the amount of \$4,000. Companion Dahling is a long-time member of the Commandery and his wife is a member of the Ohio Chapter, Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

The donation is to be used to "keep the flag flying" as we conduct the business of the Order. THANK YOU Companion Bill and Nena.

Civil War Sesquicentennial

The Commandery continues to serve as an active member of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners.

Other organizations that we partner with include the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Friends of Michigan History, Inc.; Michigan Historical Center; and History Remembered, Inc.

As a wrap-up to our first year of commemorating the Sesquicentennial, I put together a comprehensive report of the meetings, events, and other activities that took place in 2011. In total, there were 169 events conducted. At the time of this newsletter, we have 91 events posted to our website.

For more information, please visit:

www.7thmichigan.us/conference/MiCWSesquiHP.htm

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 -

"Civil War Sights & Sounds" at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. The program starts at 10 AM and runs until 3 PM. Visitors will be able to tour the Civil War exhibit "Thank God for Michigan" free with paid admission to the museum. There will be reenactors and displays of other organizations.

The Michigan Commandery will share tables with the General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Champlin Corps No. 41, Woman's Relief Corps; and History Remembered.

We will have our brochures and other information available.

Grand Rapids Public Museum
272 Pearl Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 -

“The Civil War in Person” at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing. The program runs from noon to 4:00 PM. In conjunction with the Civil War Sesquicentennial exhibit, Plowshares into Swords that runs through February 5, 2012, the Civil War exhibits will be brought to life through living history and interaction with the public. Special hands-on displays will demonstrate a detailed look at women’s clothing, children’s toys and games and the soldier’s uniform, personal items and food.

From 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, youngsters will be able to enlist in the Union Army, participate in a drill called The School of the Soldier, and then received a military discharge following their service.

As a special treat, President Lincoln also will be present to greet and talk with people. The Michigan Commandery and History Remembered will have displays set up.

This special program The Civil War in Person is free but the Museum now charges an admission fee. Individual admission charges for visitors to the Michigan Historical Museum are as follows: Adults (18+) - \$6 / Seniors (65+) - \$4 / Youth (6-17) - \$2 (optional) / Children up to 5 years - Free.

Michigan Historical Museum
702 West Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, Michigan

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 -

“In Their Words – the Story of Annie Etheridge, Civil War Nurse” at the Fremont Area District Library. The presentation will begin at 1 PM and runs about 1.5 hours. Annie will be portrayed by Bernadette Butgereit.

The Treasury

Balance Sheet Standard:		Jan 1 - Dec 29, 11
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Annual Dues		600.00
Application Fees		
State Application		40.00
Total Application Fees		40.00
Congress Income		485.11
Interest		1.19
Miscellaneous Income		
Donations		4,225.00
Grant Awards		500.00
Life Membership Rebate		50.00
Total Miscellaneous Income		4,775.00
Total Income		5,901.30
Expense		
Bank Service Fees		7.00
Fees		
Annual Dues		240.00
Total Fees		240.00
MCWS		
Printing & Reproduction		184.18
Total MCWS		184.18
Membership Dues		75.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		201.73
Monuments & Memorials		1,212.44
Printing & Reproduction		117.12
ROTC Medals		273.00
Shipping and Postage		7.45
Total Expense		2,317.92
Net Ordinary Income		3,583.38
Net Income		3,583.38

Profit and Loss Standard:		Dec 29, 11
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
United Bank (CD)		2,093.12
United Bank (Congress)		485.11
United Bank (Savings)		4,678.13
Total Checking/Savings		7,256.36
Total Current Assets		7,256.36
TOTAL ASSETS		7,256.36
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Opening Bal Equity		3,775.60
Unrestrict (retained earnings)		-102.62
Net Income		3,583.38
Total Equity		7,256.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		7,256.36

Curtis Z. Pratt

Allegan Littlejohn Light Guard
 Private, Co. G, 6th Michigan Infantry
 Cpl. 2nd, Co. G, 6th MI Heavy Artillery
 1st Lt., Co. H, 1st Regiment, Corps. d'Afrique
 2nd Lt., Co. H, 73rd Regiment, U.S.C.T.

Great Great Grandfather
 of
 Jon D. Reed

Curtis Z. Pratt was born 1837, near Wayland, Michigan, the year the new State of Michigan was admitted to the Union, and just two years after it as Michigan Territory. He grew up in the woods north of Allegan, and described his occupations before enlisting as "shoe-making, hoofing, clearing land, and hunting deer." He was undoubtedly a skilled woodsman and crack rifleman before enlisting in Allegan's Littlejohn Lightguard, August 9, 1861, for ninety days and, at age 24, mustered in Michigan's 6th Infantry, Company G, August 20.

He married Rohbie Burlingame, two years younger, just four days later, August 24. Michigan's 6th left Kalamazoo, August 30, 1861, six days after for Baltimore, Maryland, and Fort McKim United States Training Camp No. 8. Neither knew whether he would return, much less that it wouldn't be for more 3-1/2 years.

Nearing completion of training in the fall of 1861, the regiment was assigned to General Dix's Expedition to drive out Confederates fortifying points on Maryland's eastern shore. The Expedition was commanded by General H. H. Lockwood and included New York 165th Duryea Zouaves, 2nd Massachusetts Nims Battery, Massachusetts's 17th, Wisconsin's 4th, and Indiana's 21st regiments. The expedition totaling over 5,000 men boarded packet boats, transporting the length of the Chesapeake Bay, November 14, 1861, before disembarking at Unionville.

Final Thoughts

Included in this newsletter is a story submitted by Commandery Chaplain Jon Reed about his officer ancestor - Curtis Z. Pratt, 1st Lt. 73rd U.S.C.T. I hope to be able to make this a regular addition to our newsletter. Please share your story and photos with me.

Please see to sending your dues in at your earliest opportunity.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year!

Loyally,
Bruce B. Butgereit,
 Commander

Marching further south into Virginia, near Oak Hall they discovered CSA General Henry A. Wise's forces had abandoned their guns and supplies, and the state's northern coastal area. Dix's Federals began withdrawing November 30, and Michigan's 6th returned to McKim Hill on Baltimore's heights.

In February, 1862, rather than assignment with existing Union forces, the 6th was combined with two other regiments into a new Department of the Southwest. They transported by steamer *U.S.S. Adalaide* to Hampton Road's Fortress Monroe ten miles east of Newport News, Virginia. They embarked March 6, 1862, on the largest iron-plated steam-driven ship at the time, *U.S.S. Constitution*. With two other regiments, totaling over 3,000 men, it was the largest number of soldiers transporting on a single voyage into combat.

Upon departure, the *Constitution* narrowly avoided Confederate cannon fire from Sewell's Point and Craney Island batteries. Most shells fell short but two passed between the *Constitution's* smokestacks. The ship's early departure allowed a narrow escape at the hands of a new Confederate ironclad *C.S.S. Virginia*, the sunken and rebuilt U.S. warship *Merrimack* which entered Hampton Roads, March 8, 1862 and engaged the ironclad *U.S.S. Monitor*.

The *Constitution* continued a non-stop voyage down the Atlantic coast and around Florida to Ship Island, Mississippi, arriving March 12. The island is west of Mobile Bay, and was the Union's only base in the south. Intended as the Southwest Theatre of Operations base, it wasn't capable of garrisoning all U.S. Army's Department of the Gulf forces and water and supplies ran low.

A sudden hurricane caused significant damage and many men were injured or killed by lightning. With combat readiness suffering, the remainder departed Ship

Island. Since major amphibious landings were unknown at the time, they could only disembark at a major southern port or face annihilation from a waiting enemy.

Over 15,000 Union soldiers waited offshore in the Mississippi River's Southwest Passage in difficult conditions while Admiral David Farrugut opened the way to New Orleans by attacking Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip south of the city.

Farrugut was successful with the heaviest naval bombardment ever recorded. The forts surrendered and General Benjamin Butler's forces steamed upriver. Michigan's 6th regiment was the first Union regiment to enter Louisiana and occupy the city of New Orleans. In tribute to the New Orleans Expedition's daring, one nine-inch cannon, from Admiral Farrugut's flagship *U.S.S. Hartford*, was dedicated in Petosky, Michigan's City Park in 1905.

Private Pratt was promoted to Corporal, July 1, 1862, just prior to the Battle of Baton Rouge, August 5, 1862. CSA Major General John Breckinridge, former Vice President under President James Buchanan, led 15,000 Confederates against U.S. Brigadier General Williams and General Thomas's forces occupying the former State Capitol.

Union infantry was supported by U.S. Navy gunboats and the Battle of Baton Rouge resulted in Union victory. Reportedly, General Williams ran in front of his own batteries and was killed during the action. After the Confederates retreated, Federal forces withdrew to New Orleans.

Units of Michigan's 6th participated in successful in-country expeditions north of Lake Pontchartrain and Pontchitoula over winter of 1862-1863. During one foray, they discovered and burned the Confederate gunboat *C.S.S. Cotton*. Michigan was then ordered northward to assist in attacking the fortress at Port Hudson.

The Battle of Port Hudson lasted from May 21 through July 9, 1863, the longest period of attack and siege in the history of the United States. It involved 40,000 Union soldiers attacking 7,500 entrenched Confederates until the fortress surrendered after Vicksburg fell.

Curtis Pratt's grand-daughter wrote, "He was one of 20 men who volunteered to spy on the enemy from a dug-out ditch. His superior officer asked for 20 volunteers, saying that probably none of the men would come out alive, but if they did, they would be promoted. Only three came out alive." Corporal Pratt was one of the three.

As a result, Pratt was battlefield-commissioned to 1st Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment, Corps d'Afrique, forerunner of the United States Colored Troops. As a white officer leading black infantrymen into combat, his skills hunting deer in Michigan woods made him well-suited to leading company H in skirmishes deep into Louisiana's brush-country. He and his men were highly motivated. White officers captured while leading armed colored infantry were liable to immediate execution and their men likewise dealt with if they could not be returned to slavery.

The following spring, U.S. General Nathaniel Banks ordered his reorganized forces west of the Mississippi in an attempt to reach Shreveport. With the support of eighteen ironclad gunboats and transports commanded by Admiral Porter, the fateful Red River Campaign eventually comprised 40,000 Union soldiers, many of whom had participated at Port Hudson.

The campaign began well and Fort De Russey was taken March 14, 1864. On April 4, Curtis Pratt's 1st Regiment, Corps d'Afrique was re-designated 73rd Regiment United States Colored Troops. However, the Red River campaign stalled at the Battle of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, April 8, 1864 and Banks began withdrawing.

The Red River dropped more than expected and Union transports were trapped upriver. U.S. forces faced supply problems, loss of tactical advantage, and probably defeat. Forced into a long retreat, many gunboats were saved through ingenious temporary river dams constructed under the supervision of a former Wisconsin lumberman, Major Bailey, whose "Bailey Dams" raised water levels enough to float the ships over isolated river rapids.

Fleeing south after the Battles of Mansura and Yellow Bayou, General Bank's forces escaped further loss by crossing the Atchafalaya River on temporary bridges, again under the supervision of Major Bailey. The Union then crossed the Mississippi back to Port Hudson, and isolated Confederate forces west of the Mississippi for the remainder of the war.

Lieutenant Pratt fell seriously ill near the end of the campaign at Morganzia, and awakened one morning in four inches of flood waters. Unable to recuperate at the Officer's Hospital in New Orleans, he resigned his commission January 25, 1865. Returning to Michigan, he never regained his health.

Lieutenant Curtis Z. Pratt passed away October 2, 1895 and is buried in Novi, Michigan's cemetery. His Civil War headstone is marked "C.Z. Pratt 1st Lt. 73rd U.S.C.T."

Of interest regarding the section in the red box -

I am reading a book titled, *Civil War Blunders* by Clint Johnson. There is a chapter with the title of Brigadier General Thomas Williams Experiences Payback.

It states that Williams was so mean to his men that eventually the men took hold of his arms and held him in front of a cannon and then touched it off decapitating him.



**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION
OF THE UNITED STATES
MICHIGAN COMMANDERY**

NOTICE FOR DUES

Dues for 2012 are now due. The amount remains the same as in previous years at \$25.

Should you desire to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Michigan Commandery, please indicate the amount here \$ _____ and return this form with your check or money order.

Companion name: _____

Thank you!

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1-Jan-12

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Newsletter

Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners Annual Report for 2011

Compiled by Bruce B. Butgereit of History Remembered, Inc.

Michigan Remembers the Civil War:

The language in the Civil War Sesquicentennial Work Plan of the Michigan Historical Commission includes the following –

Introduction

Michigan's commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War will foster an inclusive sense of community, educate and elevate the citizenry, and increase economic development.

On December 27, 2007, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm issued Executive Order 2007-52. The EO gives the Commission responsibility for Michigan's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The EO did not set any inclusive dates, so programs may begin before 2011 and extend beyond 2015. Commission plans cover grassroots involvement, events and projects, education, heritage tourism, marketing, and funding.

Commissioner Jack Dempsey chairs the Commission's Civil War Committee; members are Commissioners Jim McConnell, Edward Surovell, and Tom Truscott and former Commissioner Judy Tappero. Sandra Clark, director, and Mary Patrick, commission liaison, of the Michigan Historical Center provide guidance, assistance, and resource support.

Executive Order 2007-52

The Commission's principal charge is to encourage, plan, and develop activities, events, programs, observances, and services appropriate to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Michigan. In doing so, the Commission is to enlist the support and participation of private citizens, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities in an observance that fosters authenticity and inclusion. The Commission is to encourage schools and cultural institutions in Michigan to participate in activities recognizing the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

The Commission is to serve as Michigan's participation link in national and international activities commemorating the Sesquicentennial and to facilitate communications with other states in the commemoration. It is to serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information about Sesquicentennial plans, events, programs, observances, and services.

The Commission's charge includes researching and promoting the development of cultural, historical, and economic development opportunities relating to the Civil War in connection with the Sesquicentennial and reviewing, planning, and recommending strategies to promote and preserve the history of Michigan's role in the Civil War.

The Executive Order can be summarized into four major components:

Foster authenticity

- Encourage, plan, and develop appropriate commemorative activities, events, programs, observances, and services
- Research and promote development of cultural, historical, and economic development opportunities relating to the Civil War in connection with the Sesquicentennial

- Review, plan, and recommend strategies to promote and preserve the history of Michigan's role in the Civil War

Foster inclusion

- Enlist support of private citizens, businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, schools, and cultural institutions

Serve as national/international liaison

- Encourage Michigan's participation with other states and in national and international activities

Provide information

- Serve as clearinghouse for collection and dissemination of information about plans, events, programs, observances, and services

Seeking public input, a series of meetings was conducted in 2009 by the MHC in Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City. At each of these locations, representatives from various fraternal educational organizations, including heritage groups and reenactors, spoke to the opportunity presented us in teaching an entirely new generation about the Civil War.

For more information on the Michigan Historical Commission please see:

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-54463_54465_52999---,00.html

For a list of accomplishments by the MHC Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, please see:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war-links/reveille/2011/09/14/michigan-civil-war-sesquicentennial-committee-accomplishments-august-2011>

Michigan's Civil War Sesquicentennial Logo:

The Michigan Historical Commission engaged the College of Creative Studies in Detroit, MI, for the purpose of having a student design the logo to be used for Michigan's efforts to commemorate the Sesquicentennial. The design created by student Ms. Nicky Intralan was chosen by the MHC.

An interview with Ms. Intralan by Mr. Jack Dempsey, Chair of the Michigan Historical Commission's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee can be found at: <http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war-links/reveille/2011/03/17/sesquicentennial-logo>

For more information: <http://seekingmichigan.org/copyright>

The Civil War History Partners – Our Beginning:

Two items in the Governor's Executive Order provided the impetus for the creation of the Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners –

1. Enlist support of private citizens, businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, schools, and cultural institutions
2. Research and promote development of cultural, historical, and economic development opportunities relating to the Civil War in connection with the Sesquicentennial

An additional factor was this Executive Order did not provide for any funding from the State of Michigan.

Given our emotional (as well as ancestral) connection to the Civil War, combined with the considerable knowledge we have of the history of the Civil War, it was suggested that the MHC consider partnering with the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Suggestions for other groups included reenactor units, Civil War roundtables, libraries, historical and genealogical societies and more.

After several conversations, on April 22, 2010, the Michigan Historical Commission unanimously adopted a motion that formally 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.

The Civil War History Partners – Who We Are and Our Primary Purpose:

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, and genealogical societies; local and statewide museums; and numerous local Michigan communities that sponsor special and annual historical programs related to the Civil War.

The History Partners are served by a volunteer committee –

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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.

A website of sesquicentennial events across the State of Michigan is maintained by Keith G. Harrison, Chair of the History Partners. In 2011, there were 169 events posted. At the time of this report (December 2011), there are 86 events scheduled for 2012. Other items of interest are on the History Partners website.

Please see: <http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/MiCWSesquiHP.htm>

All events listed on the History Partners website are also listed on the "Seeking Michigan" website: <http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war>

The History Partners – Communication:

The first attempt at communication was completed in April, 2010, with a letter of introduction being sent via the USPS to every Camp in the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to over 730 libraries and historical/genealogical societies across the state.

Since the cost to continue that mode of communication would be too great over a period of four-plus years, one of the History Partners named History Remembered, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) organization) volunteered to communicate via the email marketing tool Constant Contact at a cost of about \$350 per year. Remember, there is no money budgeted from the State for supporting the efforts to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

After announcing the First Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference in November 2010, Bruce B. Butgereit of HR, Inc. has created and delivered eleven Civil War Circulars or media release communications via email.

The list of contacts has been reduced from a high of 1,041 to our current number of 836 with 31 choosing not to receive it and 174 being dropped for incorrect or changed email addresses. The percent of those contacts that open or view the circular is at 33%, which may seem low but is actually substantially above the industry average (18%) for this type of communication.

Past circulars: <http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/circulars/circulars.htm>

Find us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Michigan-Civil-War-Sesquicentennial-History-Partners/125049474233463>

The History Partners – Conferences:

To introduce the Michigan Historical Commission's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and the Civil War History Partners to the public, the History Partners hosted Michigan's **First Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference** on **Saturday, November 12, 2010**. Director Sandra Clarke and the Michigan Historical Center were kind enough to allow our use of the facility.

Sponsors of the event included –

Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
Michigan Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Friends of Michigan History, Inc.
Michigan Historical Center
History Remembered, Inc.

Following the opening session, donuts and cider were served, courtesy of the Friends of Michigan History, Inc. Breakout sessions followed with four different groups – 1) Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; 2) Museums and Roundtables; 3) Reenactors; and 4) Libraries, and Historical and Genealogical Societies.

The **Second Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference** took place on **November 12, 2011** and was again hosted by the History Partners at the Michigan Historical Center. Sponsorship included the same organizations from 2010 with the addition of a new partner, iMichigan Productions.

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc. once again provided donuts and cider. There was just one session at this conference where everyone remained as a group.

The Opening Ceremonies:

In conjunction with the opening of the Civil War exhibit, “Plowshares Into Swords” at the Michigan Historical Center, the History Partners conducted a day-long event on **Saturday, April 16, 2011**, with a living history camp outside and table displays for other organizations inside.

The outside event included cooking demonstrations, fashion presentations, and small military scenarios with the 7th Michigan, Co. B and other units from across the state. Inside, over twenty organizations had displays set up to share their Civil War collections and upcoming events with visitors to the Michigan Historical Center. The attendance at the Center numbered around 1,200, making it an extremely successful event.

“Plowshares Into Swords”:

(Text from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website.)

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, the Michigan Historical Museum has created Plowshares Into Swords, a special exhibit exploring how the war changed Michiganians' lives.

When Michigan joined the Union in 1837, it was an agricultural state whose citizens were opposed to slavery. The decades leading up to the war saw Michiganians developing the copper, iron and timber resources around them, and strengthening their antislavery voice by founding the Republican Party.

Then, the firing on Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, tore the nation in two. In the first confusing and turbulent years of the war, Michigan faced issues of how to recruit, finance and equip soldiers. Meanwhile, communities and individuals responded to the call for people on the home front to join in the war effort.

Plowshares Into Swords features rich personal stories and period artifacts, including a changing array of rarely displayed Michigan Civil War flags. You will leave the exhibit with a better understanding of the experiences and feelings of real Michigan soldiers and families as the nation settled into the four-year-long war.

There will be special activities and programs throughout the run of Plowshares Into Swords. Be sure to bookmark our calendar of events. Visit the Michigan Historical Museum on Facebook for a

behind-the-scenes look at the making of the exhibit, artifact photos and photos from our April 16 Civil War encampment.

The MHC website: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-54463---,00.html>

The Michigan Experience – The American Civil War:

(Text from the iMichigan Productions website.)

The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years

Executive Producers: Rodney W. Brown, Leon Collins, and Donna Ullrich

Told by Michigan voices.

Written by Michigan authors.

Interpreted by Michigan living historians.

Portrayed by Michigan Civil War reenactors.

This four-part project comes on the verge of the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the American Civil War in 1861 and its content matches State approved curriculum. It includes (1) an open source free online e-Learning Center for students, teachers and life-long learners; and (2) a 4-part public television series.

- Meet Michigan's people on the eve of the war.
- Analyze Lincoln's military and political leadership and its Michigan implications.
- Examine Michigan's contributions and their effect on the outcome of the conflict.
- Investigate the character of the Civil War and its effect on Michigan and American society.
- Listen to the stories of Michigan's soldiers, leaders, and citizens of the time.
- Explore the role of blacks during the war, including the soldiers of the Michigan 102nd.

Their website: <http://www.imichiganproductions.org/index.html>

Reports from the History Partners Committees:

These reports are based upon what was posted on the History Partners website. It is understood that a number of events occurred that were not submitted for posting on the Event website which would have increased the number of events and percentages.

Annual Report from MOLLUS/SUVCW/Allied Orders Committee –

Of the 169 events listed on the History Partners website, 21 events were sponsored by members of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and/or Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or about 12% of all events.

February 2011

12. 202nd Birthday Commemoration of Abraham Lincoln (Washington, DC). Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

22. FREE Civil War Seminar - Austin Blair: Michigan's Civil War Governor (Sunfield, MI). Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

28. Presentation: Post Civil War Organizations and the Sesquicentennial (Lansing, MI). Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS

April 2011

12. Mayoral proclamation issued in recognition of Civil War Sesquicentennial (Grand Rapids, MI). Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS

16. 55th Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony (Springfield, Illinois). SUVCW and MOLLUS

16. Michigan Historical Center Civil War Sesquicentennial Opening Ceremonies (Lansing, MI). Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners

20. Presentation: Post Civil War Organizations and the Sesquicentennial (Charlotte, MI). Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS

26. FREE Civil War Seminar - Michigan Engineers & Mechanics (Sunfield, MI). Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, SUVCW

May 2011

7. Dedication Ceremony: Sign for Soldiers' Cemetery (Grand Rapids, MI). General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, SUVCW

7. Cemetery Program: Native American Soldiers to be Honored - Finally! (Boyer City, MI). Robert Finch Camp No. 14, SUVCW

21-22. Michigan Department of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic Annual Encampment (Convention) (Lansing, MI). Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic

28. Annual Mount Hope Cemetery Memorial Day Program (Lansing, MI). Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, SUVCW

29. Annual Memorial Day Program (Sunfield, MI). Helen Edwins Tent No. 30, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865

30. Memorial Day Program (Sunfield, MI). Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, SUVCW

30. Rededication Ceremony: Memorial Boulder and Bronze Tablet (Grand Rapids, MI). General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, SUVCW and the Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS

June 2011

7. FREE Civil War Seminar - First Person Presentation of the Military Career of 1st Sergeant George T. Patten, 6th Regiment Michigan Volunteer Cavalry (Sunfield, MI). Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17, SUVCW

11. Historical Sign Dedication: Cantonment Anderson - Civil War training area (Grand Rapids, MI). Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, SUVCW and Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS

11. Civil War Grave Rededication (St. Johns, MI). George W. Anderson Camp No. 58, SUVCW

September 2011

17. Commemoration Event: Camp Thomson, the Civil War Training Camp (Flint, MI). Governor Crapo Camp No. 145, SUVCW

October 2011

11. Presentation: Post Civil War Legions, Armies and Orders – A History of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Allied Orders (Grand Rapids, MI). Michigan Commandery, MOLLUS and Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, SUVCW

November 2011

12. Michigan's Second Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference (Lansing, MI). Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners

Annual Report from the Reenactments and Living History Committee –

Of the 169 events listed on the History Partners website, 30 events were sponsored by Civil War Reenactment Groups and Living Historians or about 18% of all events.

February 2011

19. Drill: School of Instruction for Officers and NCOs (Leslie, MI). 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B

26. Military Ball/Swap Meet (Lansing, MI). 8th Arkansas /22nd Michigan

March 2011

9. School Program: Birney K-8 School (Southfield, MI). 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B

12. Drill: School of the Company and Battalion (Leslie, MI). 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B

April 2011

14 - 17. Medich Battalion Drill (Detroit, MI). Historic Fort Wayne

30. Civil War Battle Flag Adoption (Detroit, MI). Historic Fort Wayne

30 - May 1. Fever of '61: Mustering the 1st Michigan (Detroit, MI). Historic Fort Wayne

May 2011

12. School Program: Ovid-Elsie School (Else, MI). 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B

27. School Program: Vicksburg Middle School (Vicksburg, MI). Battery D 1st Michigan Light Artillery

June 2011

3 - 5. Civil War Encampment (Lapeer, MI).

10 - 12. 3rd Annual 15th Michigan Muster (Lexington, MI). 15th Michigan, Co. B and 8th Arkansas

10 - 12. Infantry March (West Michigan). 3rd Michigan Infantry, Co. F

10 - 12. Paw Paw Civil War Muster (Paw Paw, MI).

July 2011

1 - 4. White Pine Village (Ludington, MI).

15 - 17. Charlton Park Civil War Muster (Hastings, MI). Multiple reenactment units

22 - 24. 150th Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) National Event (Manassas, VA).

29 - 31. Fort Wilkins State Park Civil War Encampment (Copper Harbor, MI). 1st Michigan Light Artillery Battery D

30 Concord Civil War Days (Concord, MI). City of Concord

August 2011

12 - 14. Milford Days Civil War Encampment (Milford, MI). 9th Kentucky

26, 27, & 28. 27th Annual Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster (Jackson, MI). 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B

September 2011

16 - 18. 7th Annual Mid-Michigan Civil War Muster (Mt. Pleasant, MI). 10th Michigan Infantry

16 - 18. Northville History Victorian Festival (Northville, MI).

16 - 18. Van Raalte Farm Civil War Muster (Holland, MI). Holland Historical Museum

23 - 25. River of Time Living History (Bay City, MI)

23 - 25. New Baltimore Civil War Muster (New Baltimore, MI). 15th Michigan Infantry

23 – 25. Pioneer Festival (Leslie, MI). 7th Michigan, Co. B

October 2011

1 - 2. Battle for Turkeyville (Marshall, MI). 17th South Carolina Infantry

7 - 10. Wolcott Mill 2011 (Ray Township). 4th Texas

22. 7th Michigan's Harvest Ball (Lansing, MI). 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B

November 2011

15. Royal Oak Parade (Royal Oak, MI).

Annual Report from the Museums and Roundtables Committee –

Of the 169 events listed on the History Partners website, 39 events were sponsored by Museums and Roundtables or about 23 of all events%.

January 2011

28 through October 23. Museum Exhibit: Rediscovering the Civil War (Plymouth, MI). Plymouth Historical Museum

March 2011

14. Presentation: The St. Albans Raid (Ann Arbor, MI). Ann Arbor Civil War Roundtable

15. Presentation: The Winter of Our Discontent: The Civil War Gets Started (Coloma, MI). North Berrien Historical Museum

17. Presentation: The Irish in the Civil War (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Museum

20. Presentation: Gen. George Custer Rides Again! (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Museum

20. Presentation and Book Signing: The Irish in the Civil War. Mr. Carlos Andrea published Mr. Alexander's book as a companion to his latest Custer figurine *Son of the Morning Star*. They will each tell how they became interested in the Old West and General Custer. Mr. Alexander's book, *G.A. Custer to the Little Big Horn* will be discussed (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Museum

29. Presentation: All Dressed Up, Which Way to the Fightin? (Rochester Hills, MI). Israel B. Richardson Civil War Roundtable

31. Presentation: The Michigan Soldier's Aid Society (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Museum

April 2011

6. Presentation: 4th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War (Dearborn, MI). Historical Museum, McFadden-Ross House

7. Presentation: American Ulysses: The Journey of General Grant (Grand Rapids, MI). Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and Library

9. Presentation: Raising of 24th Michigan (Plymouth, MI). Plymouth Historical Museum

12 - 2013. Exhibit: Michigan and the Civil War: the 150th Anniversary (Lansing, MI). Michigan State University Museum

12. Presentation: The Youngest Nurse at Annapolis; Fond Remembrances (Livonia, MI). Greenmead Museum and 17th Michigan

12 through February 5, 2012. Museum Civil War Exhibit: Plowshares into Swords (Lansing, MI). Michigan Historical Museum

14. Presentation: Sixteen Summer Days: General Custer Meets the Wolverines, June 28-July 14, 1863 (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Civil War Roundtable

20. Presentation: Leading to Civil War (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Historical Museum

21. Presentation: Harbor History Talk - Company K 1st Michigan Sharpshooters (Harbor Springs, MI). Harbor Springs Historical Museum

21 through September 5. Exhibit: Discovering the Civil War at Henry Ford Museum (Dearborn, MI). Henry Ford Museum

30. Fund Raising Dinner for a Proposed Monroe County Civil War Casualties Monument (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Historical Museum

30. Civil War Candlelight Tour (Troy, MI). Troy Museum and Historic Village

May 2011

13. School Program at Walker Civil War Reenactment (Brooklyn, MI). Walker Tavern Historic Site

13 - 15. Historic Walker Tavern Civil War Muster (Brooklyn, MI). Walker Tavern Historic Site

14. Presentation: Benefit for the Friends of Potter Cemetery (Monroe, MI) Monroe County Museum

20 - 22. School Program: Endeavor Middle School (Detroit, MI) Historic Fort Wayne

22. Presentation: The Zoauves – Fighting Men of the North and South (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Historical Museum

27 - 30. Greenfield Village Civil War Remembrance (Dearborn, MI). Greenfield Village

June 2011

20 - 22. Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln (Dearborn, MI). Henry Ford Museum

25 - 26. Civil War Train Raids at Hesston Steam Museum (LaPorte, IN). Hesston Steam Museum

July 2011

8 - 10. Civil War Days (Detroit, MI). Historic Fort Wayne

21. Presentation: The Origins of the American Civil War Flag Staff Eagle (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Museum

30. Presentation: Michigan Women in the Civil War (Lansing, MI). Michigan Historical Museum

August 2011

6. Musical Presentation: Dodworth Saxhorn Band (Birmingham, MI). Friends of the Birmingham Historical Museum

6. Presentation: Drums of the Civil War (Lansing, MI). Michigan Historical Museum

6 - 7. Civil War Days (Sanilac, MI). Sanilac County Historical Museum

12, 14, 19, 20, 21. Performance: Shenandoah (Monroe, MI) Henry Ford Museum

13 - 14. Civil War Exhibit (St. Johns, MI). Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum

September 2011

10. Presentation: Answering the Call to Duty. Visitors to the Michigan Historical Museum can meet Rick Liblong, author of the book, *Answering the Call to Duty: Saving Custer, Heroism at Gettysburg, POW's and Other Stories of Michigan's Small Town Soldiers in the Civil War* (Lansing, MI). Michigan Historical Museum

17. Civil War Day (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Historical Museum

October 2011

13. Presentation: Orlando M. Poe: Civil War General and Great Lakes Engineer (Monroe, MI). Monroe County Civil War Roundtable

Annual Report from the Libraries/Historical/Genealogical Societies Committee –

Of the 169 events listed on the History Partners website, 60 events were sponsored by Libraries & Historical and Genealogical Societies or about 36% of all events.

February 2011

1. Museum Exhibit: Rally Around the Flags (Ann Arbor, MI). Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

15. Michigan Authors - Part II. *Until Antietam: The Life and Letters of Major General Israel B. Richardson* by Jack C. Mason (Livonia, MI). Madonna University Library

15. Civil War Seminar and Dinner. Dr. Jeffrey Charnley of Michigan State University will be addressing the life and career of Michigan's Civil War Leader and Author: General Alpheus Starkey Williams (Monroe, MI). Algonquin Club International of Detroit and Windsor

17. Presentation: The Underground Railroad Movement in Michigan (Farmington, MI). Farmington Community Library

23. Presentation: The Underground Railroad in Farmington, Michigan (Farmington, MI). Farmington Community Library

26. Museum Exhibit: Detroit Historical Museum, Underground Railroad Symposium (Detroit, MI). Detroit Historical Society

28 - June 3. Museum Exhibit: Opening Guns of the Civil War (Ann Arbor, MI). William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan

March 2011

2. Presentation: From the Words of the Soldiers: The Story of Annie Etheridge, Civil War Nurse (Grand Rapids, MI). Grand Rapids Public Library

8. Presentation: 19th Century Blogging – What Period Newspapers Can Tell Us About Life Around Detroit During the Civil War (Livonia, MI). Greenmead Historic Village and 17th Michigan

10. Presentation: The Underground Railroad In Michigan (Southfield, MI). Southfield Public Library

15. Presentation: Remembering the Civil War – 1886, 1911, 1965 and Today (Lowell, MI). Lowell Historical Society

19 - 20. Kalamazoo Living History Show (Kalamazoo, MI). Yankee Doodle Muzzle Loaders

23. Presentation: The Underground Railroad Movement in Michigan (Flint, MI). Flint Public Library

April 2011

9. Presentation: The Civil War Begins – Paris Township Answers the Call (Kentwood, MI). Kentwood Branch Library, Kentwood Historic Preservation Commission & History Remembered

12. Presentation: Michigan in the Civil War (Sterling Heights, MI). Sterling Heights Public Library

12. Presentation: Northville in the Civil War: Co. D 5th Michigan Cavalry (Northville, MI). Northville Historical Society

12. Presentation: A Distant Thunder: Michigan in the Civil War (Livonia, MI). Madonna University Library

14. Presentation: The Spirit of Abolition in Southfield, Michigan - 1850-1865 (Southfield, MI). Southfield Public Library

14. Presentation: Considering Antietam with Hat in Hand (Grand Rapids, MI). Grand Rapids Historical Society

16. Presentation: Jackson and the Civil War (Jackson, MI). Jackson District Library

16 - 17. Allegan Civil War Weekend: Exhibit, Cemetery Grave Tour, and Concert (Allegan, MI). Allegan County Historical Society

21. Presentation: Civil War Sesquicentennial (Allendale, MI). Grand Valley State University Local History Roundtable

21. Presentation: Harbor History Talk - Company K 1st Michigan Sharpshooters (Harbor Springs, MI). Harbor Springs Area Historical Society

30 - May 1. Spring into the Past Living History (Portland, MI). Ionia County Historical Society

May 2011

1. Presentation: Civil War Musician-1865 (Northville, MI). Northville District Library

7. Exhibit and Presentation: The Civil War – A Sesquicentennial Exhibition. Bedrolls & Bonnets – Life in the Civil War (Cascade, MI). History Remembered

12. Presentation: The Michigan Experience (Southfield, MI). Southfield Public Library

12. Presentation: The Michigan Experience (Sunfield, MI). Sunfield Public Library

13. School Program: Brandywine Senior High School (Niles, MI) Brandywine H.S. History Club

13 - 15. 5th Brandywine Civil War Reenactment (Niles, MI) Brandywine H.S. History Club

22. Presentation: Bedrolls & Bonnets – Life in the Civil War (Ada, MI). Ada Historical Society

23. Presentation: Michigan in the Civil War (White Lake, MI). White Lake Township Library

24. Civil War Seminar - Michigan Engineers & Mechanics with Mr. Mark Hoffman and his book entitled, *Michigan Engineers and Mechanics in the Civil War* (Marshall, MI). Calhoun County Genealogical Society

June 2011

3. Sesquicentennial Civil War Concert - Dodworth Saxhorn Band (Lansing, MI). Friends of Michigan History

9. 102nd Regiment US Colored Troops Reenactors Encampment (Southfield, MI). Southfield Public Library

9. Presentation Save the Flags (slides and lecture) (Southfield, MI). Southfield Public Library

10 - 12. Days of the Civil War (Dexter, MI). Dexter Area Historical Society

17 - 19. Will Carleton's Poor House Civil War Days 2011 (Hillsdale, MI). Hillsdale Historical Society

21. Musical Presentation: Dodworth Saxhorn Brass Band at the Vicksburg, Michigan Historic Village (Vicksburg, MI). Vicksburg Historical Society

26. Log Cabin Day (Sodus, MI). Log Cabin Society of Michigan

July 2011

8. School Program: School of the Soldier (Grand Rapids, MI). Grand Rapids Public Library

30. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Metro Detroit (Detroit, MI). Hometown History Tours

31. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Monroe County and More (Monroe, MI). Hometown History Tours

August 2011

- 20. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Metro Detroit (Detroit, MI). Hometown History Tours
- 21. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Monroe County and More (Monroe, MI). Hometown History Tours

September 2011

- 8. Presentation: Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice (Monroe, MI). Ellis Library and Reference Center
- 15. Presentation: Civil War Letters of Michigan Women. Michigan State University Professor Emeritus Marilyn Culpepper will read letters from her book, *Trials and Triumphs: the Women of the Civil War and All Things Altered* (Lansing, MI). Capital Area District Library
- 17. Commemoration Event: White Swan Cemetery (Rockford, MI). Oakfield Pioneer Heritage Society
- 17. General Custer's Monroe Walking Tour (Monroe, MI). Hometown History Tours
- 17. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Metro Detroit (Detroit, MI). Hometown History Tours
- 18. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Monroe County and More (Monroe, MI). Hometown History Tours

October 2011

- 8. Romeo Cemetery Walk (Romeo, MI). Romeo Historical Society
- 8. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Metro Detroit (Detroit, MI). Hometown History Tours
- 9. Civil War Remembrance Tours: Monroe County and More (Monroe, MI). Hometown History Tours
- 10. Cemetery Walk: Northville in the Civil War (Northville, MI). Northville Historical Society
- 15. Bus Tour Oakland County in the Civil War (Pontiac, MI). Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society
- 22. Seminar: Eaton County Heritage Conference (Sunfield, MI). Eaton County Historical Commission

November 2011

- 1 - 23 Exhibition: Lincoln - The Constitution and the Civil War (Lansing, MI). Cooley Brennan Law Library
- 4 -5. Seminar: Tony Burroughs: Genealogy in Black & White and Blue & Gray (Grand Rapids, MI). West Michigan Genealogical Society
- 6. Veterans Day Massing of the Colors (Lansing, MI). Friends of Michigan History

Miscellaneous events –

Of the 169 events listed on the History Partners website, 19 events were sponsored by Universities, Colleges, and etc. or about 11% of all events.

January 2011

- 25. Classes: History of the Civil War and Tour. (Kellogg College, Battle Creek, Michigan)
- 27. Presentation: Democracy's Greatest Leaders: Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill (Hauenstein Center, Grand Rapids, Grand Valley State University)

March 2011

3. Presentation: Abraham Lincoln in Song (Grand Ledge, MI). Michigan Arts Council

April 2011

2. Civil War Trust Park Day (Detroit, MI). Historic Fort Wayne

7 - 9. Contest: National Civil War Student Challenge (USA). History Channel

May 2011

17. School Program: Pioneer Middle School (Plymouth, MI).

21. 102nd U.S. Colored Troops and U.S. Army Air Corps Dedication (Jackson, MI). Jackson County Airport

27 - 29. Coldwater Civil War Days (Coldwater, MI). Branch County 4H Fairgrounds

30. Woodland Township Annual Memorial Day Program (Sunfield, MI). Woodland Twp.

30. Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade (Royal Oak, MI).

June 2011

5 Annual Jackson Rose Parade (Jackson, MI).

25 -26. Huron Valley Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration (Milford, MI).

August 2011

19 - 20. Petoskey Stones Speak: 2011 Civil War History Tour (Petoskey, MI). Greenwood Cemetery

October 2011

19 - 21. Conference International UGRR Conference - Celebrating the River at Midnight -The Fluid Frontier: Slavery, War, Freedom and the Underground Railroad (Detroit, MI). Detroit River Project

22. Rededication and Commemoration Underground Railroad Memorial Monuments (Detroit, MI). University of Detroit Mercy

November 2011

5 Capital City Veterans Day Tribute (Lansing, MI). State of Michigan

5 Annual Detroit Veterans' Day Parade (Detroit, MI). Metro Detroit Veterans Coalition

11. Veterans Day Parade (Mason, MI). Jean R. Anderson VFW Post No. 7309

11 The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years (Lansing, MI). WKAR PBS TV

Other Contributions:

Michigan History Magazine –

Beginning with the January/February 2011 issue, the Michigan History magazine commemorated the sesquicentennial of the Civil War by publishing two Civil War-related articles in each issue.

January/February:

Perry Sanford: In and Out of Slavery (from an 1884 newspaper article)

A Prelude to War (Richard Bak)

March/April:

Austin Blair & His Adjutant General (Kerry Chartkoff)

Michigan's Men of War (Kim Crawford)

May/June:

Brothers in Arms: George Armstrong and Thomas Ward Custer (John Gibney – member of History Partners)

Victorious Valor: Michigan Troops in the Civil War's Greatest Battles (Jack Dempsey – Chair of Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee)

July/August:

Annie Etheridge: A Sergeant in Petticoats (Bruce and Marcia Butgereit – members of History Partners)

Michigan's Soldiers of Color: Their Bravery Knew No Bounds (Jeff O'Den and Raymond Herek)

September/October:

The Stonewall Regiment: "Seldom Equaled & Never Surpassed" (Ted Becker)

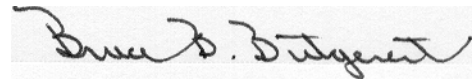
Michigan's Soldiers' Aid Societies: Heroines of the Homefront (Karen Turlay)

November/December:

The Later and Sometimes Illustrious Careers of 12 Civil War figures (Patricia Majher)

Revisiting the Relics of War (Eric Perkins)

Respectfully submitted to the Michigan Historical Commission, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee on behalf of the Civil War History Partners – Keith G. Harrison, Chair; Tom Berlucchi, John Gibney, Donna Ullrich and Bruce B. Butgereit.



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