

New Book

“Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State’s Sacrifice on America’s Bloodiest Day” Honors Michigan’s Role in Historic Battle

Proceeds go toward first-ever monument at Antietam National Battlefield Park in Sharpsburg, Maryland dedicated to Michigan soldiers

Ann Arbor, Mich. (September 17, 2015) – Discover Michigan’s role in the single bloodiest day in United States history inside *Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State’s Sacrifice on America’s Bloodiest Day*, a new book co-authored by Jack Dempsey and Brian James Egen. Now available through major booksellers, all author proceeds from the book go toward the first-ever monument built dedicated to Michigan’s gallant soldiers who fought that day inside Antietam National Battlefield Park in Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Michigan at Antietam reveals the Wolverine state’s connections to the Lost Order, one of the Civil War’s greatest mysteries, never-told stories about the combat role of staff orderly George A. Custer, and the amazing involvement of two Michiganders in the famous “Lee’s Lost Order” mystery. Readers will learn more about Michigan soldiers’ monument-worthy contributions, the heroism of the 17th Michigan “Stonewall Regiment” at the Battle of South Mountain and the bloody sacrifice of the 7th Michigan Infantry at the epicenter of the battleground. At the centerpiece of the book is the tale of the state’s vital role in making possible the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

As Michigan Historical Commissioners, Dempsey and Egen provide research and analysis that shed new insights on the role of Michigan soldiers and civilians during the epic struggle. Michigan’s sacrifice during the Civil War was indeed great and the Battle of Antietam is no exception. Currently Michigan does not have a monument on the Antietam Battlefield. To honor and remember Michigan’s sacrifice during the single bloodiest day in American history, the authors will dedicate all proceeds for the creation and installation of a new monument to the Wolverine State.

Copies of “*Michigan at Antietam: The Wolverine State’s Sacrifice on America’s Bloodiest Day*” can be obtained through the Michigan Civil War Association for \$30 (includes shipping). Donations beyond \$30 to this 501c3 entity will be considered a donation toward the Michigan Monument at Antietam project. Autographed copies of the book can be requested. Please make checks payable to the “Michigan Civil War Association.” The book is also available through major booksellers, Amazon.com and the book’s publisher *The History Process*.

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— Remembering —
*Michigan at the battle
that changed the course
of the Civil War*

America's single bloodiest day was at the Battle of Antietam, and Michigan played a prominent role. Discover the state's connections to the Lost Order, one of the Civil War's greatest mysteries. Explore George A. Custer's role as staff officer in combat. Mourn the extraordinary losses Michiganders suffered, including one regiment losing nearly half its strength at the epicenter of the battle. The Wolverine State's contributions to secure the Union and enable the Emancipation Proclamation inspired a monument on the battlefield. Authors Jack Dempsey and Brian James Egen provide research and analysis that shed new insights on the role of Michigan soldiers and civilians during the epic struggle.

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