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Greetings Friends of History:

You are in receipt of this message because of your connection with a library, historical society, genealogical society and/or museum here in Michigan. My role is to facilitate communication, encourage the creation of programs, presentations and exhibits by your organization. A special website has been created to help you publicize these events.

Many of you probably received our first communication via regular mail. However, as you are well aware, the cost of printing and mailing can quickly drain our limited budgets and so we hope to be able to communicate more often and keep you informed about Michigan's participation in the 150th anniversary of the Civil War via this electronic tool. The frequency of this publication will vary and depend on how often news becomes available.

Below you will find more information about Michigan's first Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference to be held in Lansing on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

We hope you will join us as Michigan Remembers the Civil War.

Sincerely,

Bruce B. Butgereit, Executive Director,
History Remembered, Inc.

Commander,
Commandery of the State of Michigan,
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Past Department Commander,
Department of Michigan,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference



Michigan's first Civil War Sesquicentennial conference will take place on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48915. The event will run from 10 AM to 4 PM and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The agenda includes speakers from the Michigan Historical Commission, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and the Civil War History Partners Steering Group. The new Sesquicentennial interactive website will be introduced with information on how to use it.

Breakout sessions will follow for the various organizations involved in this effort.

Host & Sponsors

This conference is hosted by the Civil War History

Steering Group Subcommittees

The Steering Group is divided into several subcommittees, each focusing on the different types of historical-related organizations that exist across the State of Michigan.

The **Reenactments and Living History** committee is co-chaired by Tom Berlucchi (Chairman of the Historic Fort Wayne (Detroit) Coalition) and Dave Downing (Manager of the Lansing Community College Radio Station).

Museums & Roundtables is chaired by John Gibney (Director of Monroe County Historical Museums).

The **Libraries, Historical Societies and Genealogical Societies** committee is chaired by Bruce B. Butgereit (Executive Director, History

Keepers of History

As a library, museum, historical society, genealogical society, you bear a great responsibility as the keepers of our history. The past, and more importantly, the people of our past, come to life through the pages of your books, computer databases and the exhibits you share with the public. The speakers you invite to your meetings and presentations can create a "you are there" moment, simply by sharing their knowledge of the past.

The tagline for History Remembered, Inc. is - "We are the voices of those no longer with us." We often imagine what those from the past would say today.

You play an important role as we prepare to remember the service and sacrifice of all those in Michigan who lived during the Civil War. Through the creation of programs, presentations, and exhibits, we believe that, together, we can have an impact on the generation of today and beyond

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Partners of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission/Committee.

This conference is sponsored by the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Friends of Michigan History, Inc.; Michigan Historical Center; and History Remembered, Inc.

The Michigan Historical Commission Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee is chaired by Mr. Jack Dempsey. The Steering Group is chaired by Mr. Keith G. Harrison who is a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and current Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS). Mr. Harrison represents the interests of over 500 members of the Department of Michigan, SUVCW.

Remembered, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Grand Rapids.

150th Anniversary of the Civil War

On December 27, 2007, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm issued Executive Order 2007-52. The EO gives the Michigan Historical 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.

For more, please see: [Executive Order 2007-52](#)

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Michigan sent over 92,000 men to serve in the Civil War. Countless people back home volunteered to do their part as well. From 1861 until today, the Civil War is an important part of our State's heritage. We hope you'll join us in remembering that history.

I encourage you to respond to this communication with your attendance in Lansing on November 13. If you are unable to attend, I hope you will look for ways your organization can get involved. Nearly every community in Michigan has Civil War History Partners you can work with or who can help you in your programming.

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Thank you for your time and for what you do for history.

Bruce

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