

**A Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Update**

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Greetings Friends:

On January 1, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln declared slavery in Confederate States unlawful. Shortly after, on January 9, the first hostility of the Civil War took place in Charleston (SC) Harbor when the civilian steamship *Star of the West* was fired on while trying to supply the garrison of Federal troops at Fort Sumter. The States of Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana joined South Carolina by seceding from the Union in January as well. The events of April 12 would not be far away.

It is the hope of the Civil War History Partners of the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and the Michigan Historical Commission that, together, as a collaboration of historically-minded organizations, we will do honor to those from Michigan who served, supported and sacrificed much in the Civil War, 1861-1865.

Sincerely,

Bruce B. Butgereit, Executive Director
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Conference Report

November Conference

Opening Ceremony

*It All Begins
April 16, 2011*

The first officially recognized event of the Civil War was the April 9 bombardment of Fort



The turnout for the first Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference was better than expected. After introductions of the Civil War History Partners and the members of the Michigan Historical Commission, Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, the above logo was officially introduced.

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Opening discussions centered on the goals of the History Partners and the Sesquicentennial Committee and the impact each historically-minded organization in Michigan can have on our commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Breakout sessions followed with open discussion for more personalized opportunities for Libraries, Historical and Genealogical Societies; Museums and Roundtables; Reenactors; and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).

Refreshments were provided

Michigan Sesquicentennial Website

The Michigan & the Civil War, Sesquicentennial 2011-2015 website can be found at:

[Sesquicentennial Website](#)

This interactive website is designed to provide you with a free opportunity to promote your Sesquicentennial activities in the *Events & Dates* calendar.

You can even share your interest in the Civil War or a short story about your last or best visit to a Civil War site under the *Reveille* section.

Events Listing

Another source for a list of events can be found at:

[Event Listing](#)

This site is maintained by the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B., Inc.

Although this site is updated often, it is the desire of the History Partners that you post all your events on the Michigan & the Civil War, Sesquicentennial 2011-2015 website *Events & Dates* calendar. (You will not have access to post your own events on the 7th Michigan website.)

Sumter in 1861.

Union and Confederate Reenactors, Living Historians, genealogy groups, Civil War roundtable organizations, historical societies and museum staff are cordially invited to the State of Michigan's Civil War Sesquicentennial kick-off event scheduled for April 16, 2011.

The Reenactor/Living Historian portion of the program is to be held on a 1-1/2 city block size green space just west of the state of Michigan Library/Museum.

Union and Confederate military units may bring and display their colors. Artillery, cavalry, and infantry will be conducting firing demonstrations throughout the day using blank rounds. Set-up will begin on Friday (April 15, 2011) after 3:00 in the afternoon. Spectator hours are from 9:00 - 4:00 on Saturday April 16, 2011. Amenities include porta-johns, porta-water, bottled water (for drinking/cooking purposes), and firewood. The Michigan Historical Center indoor facilities will be available for use up to Friday at 5:00 and during spectator hours on Saturday.

The Michigan Historical Center is located at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan 48915

More information on this event in the February circular.

by the Friends of Michigan History. A special thank you was given to the Michigan Historical Center for inviting us to use the auditorium and other meeting rooms for the breakout sessions.

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