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Greetings Friends:

The following is from the splash page of History.com - American Civil War.

In the spring of 1861, decades of simmering tensions between the northern and southern United States over issues including states' rights versus federal authority, westward expansion and slavery exploded into the American Civil War (1861-65). The election of the anti-slavery Republican Abraham Lincoln as president in 1860 caused seven southern states to secede from the Union to form the Confederate States of America; four more joined them after the first shots of the Civil War were fired. Four years of brutal conflict were marked by historic battles at Bull Run (Manassas), Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Vicksburg, among others. The War Between the States, as the Civil War was also known, pitted neighbor against neighbor and in some cases, brother against brother. By the time it ended in Confederate surrender in 1865, the Civil War proved to be the costliest war ever fought on American soil, with some 620,000 of 2.4 million soldiers killed, millions more injured and the population and territory of the South devastated.

Here in Michigan, nearly 150 years after the guns at Charleston Harbor (SC) were fired upon Fort Sumter, we are ready to kick-off our commemoration of the war.

On behalf of the Civil War History Partners, we hope that each of you will find something of interest in this circular.

Sincerely,

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Civil War Sesquicentennial Opening Ceremony

Please circle Saturday, April 16, 2011 on your calendar as that will be the opening ceremony for the State of Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration.

The event will take place at the State of Michigan Library and Historical Center located at 702 West Kalamazoo Ave., Lansing, MI 48915.

There will be activities both inside and outside of the museum. All events are open to the public.

Outside, in the green space to the west of the museum, reenactors and living historians will have both Union and Confederate camps set up. (Camp set up will begin on Friday (April 15, 2011) after 3:00 in the afternoon.)

Possible demonstrations include a recruiting scenario, infantry drill, firing exhibitions by infantry and artillery units, and surgical care of the wounded. Other exhibitions could include a fashion presentation, cooking, music, and political debate or discussion.

Inside, groups and organizations will be able to set up one (1) table for display purposes and literature distribution.

Spectator hours are from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Saturday April 16, 2011.

If you are a reenactor/unit or living historian and you wish to participate, please contact [Tom Emerick](#) of the 7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B for more information.

If you are a museum, library, or other organization and you wish to set up a table inside the museum, please contact [Bruce Butgereit](#) for more information.

Note: Only those organizations publicizing their Civil War collection or an upcoming Civil War program will be permitted to set up a table. There is room for about 15 tables and they will be issued on a first come basis.

Website for Civil War History Partners

Another History Partner, the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Co. B reenactor group, has provided a website to support the various events and other activities taking place across the state.

Unlike the Civil War 150th site on Seeking Michigan, this website does not provide an interactive opportunity for you to upload or post information. However, you can submit information about your event and it will be posted within a short time.



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Other information includes -

[Michigan's 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial Events](#)

Over 80 events and growing. Share your program!

[State Civil War Sesquicentennial Website](#)

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[State Civil War Sesquicentennial Kick-off Event](#)

Have a Civil War presentation or character you portray? You can have your contact information listed in our Speakers Bureau. This Sesquicentennial commemoration provides us a great opportunity to reach a whole new generation of people (youth) who may not know much about the Civil War and Michigan's role in that war.

Please be sure to [post your event](#) on the Seeking Michigan site as well.

The New York Times

The Civil War Day-by-Day

For those of you with a little extra time on your hands (I know you're saying to yourself; "Who's he kidding?") or if you would just like to learn more about the Civil War in general, the New York Times newspaper is highlighting certain [day-by-day events](#) in the war at their website. Additional commentary is also on that page and if you click on the "Related Articles" or "Times Topics." you will find

even more detailed information and a blog you can participate in.

History.com
The Civil War

[This website](#) includes a "This Day in History" section and an abundance of information on the Civil War.

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