

**Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Opening Ceremony Update**

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## History Remembered, Inc. A Civil War History Partner

Press Release

### The Michigan Historical Center Announces:

#### Longer Hours and More Tables -

On **Saturday, April 16, 2011**, the Michigan Historical Center will be open to the public at **9 AM**, one-hour earlier than their regular hours and as previously announced for the Sesquicentennial opening ceremony. The closing time remains 4 PM.

There will also be **24 six-foot tables** available to organizations wishing to share information on their Civil War collections or upcoming Civil War-related events. Those wishing to set up a table can do so starting at 8 AM.

Reservations for tables are on a first come basis and thirteen have been spoken for. For more information and/or to reserve a table, please contact Bruce B. Butgereit at [civil-war@comcast.net](mailto:civil-war@comcast.net)

The Michigan Historical Center is located at:

702 W. Kalamazoo St.  
Lansing, MI 48915  
(517) 373-3559

[Location & Parking](#)

#### Outside the Historical Center

Visitors to the Michigan Historical Center will have a great view to the past in the living history encampment. Currently planned activities include camp life, cooking, music, political debate and conversation and more. You'll be able to learn more about fashions of the time period through an



interesting clothing presentation.

Demonstrations of military drill and tactics will take place in addition to the use of firearms.

Units and presenters include:

7th Michigan Infantry, Co. B / 3rd Michigan Infantry, Co. F / 15th Michigan Infantry, Co. B  
5th Michigan Regimental Band / Bugle Calls Demonstration by Mark Heath  
Robinson's Battery  
Michigan Governor Blair as portrayed by Carl Moss  
President Abraham Lincoln as portrayed by Fred Priebe  
Cooking demonstrations by the Roland & Searles families

The tentative schedule of events for the living history camp is:

#### AM

1. 9:00 Reveille
2. 9:15 Morning parade / Flag raising ceremony / Cannon salute
3. 9:30 Infantry drill and firing demonstrations
4. 10:00 Artillery drill and firing demonstrations
5. 10:00 Cooking demonstrations (until noon)
6. 10:30 President Lincoln's speech
7. 11:00 Infantry drill and firing demonstrations
8. 11:30 Small arms of the Civil War lecture

#### PM

1. 12:00 Dinner for living history participants (not open to the public)
2. 12:00 Brass band concert
3. 12:30 Artillery drill and firing demonstrations
4. 1:00 Infantry drill and firing demonstrations
5. 1:30 Governor Austin Blair speech
6. 2:00 Civilian fashion presentation
7. 2:30 Artillery / Infantry tactics demonstration
8. 3:15 Bugle calls demonstrations and lecture
9. 4:00 Retreat / Flag lowering ceremony / Cannon salute

For more information or to sign up as a participant in the living history camp, please contact:

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#### **Inside the Historical Center**

Visitors to the Michigan Historical Center will have an opportunity to see some of the flags used by Michigan troops during the Civil War that are in the "Save the Flags" program. Be sure to inquire how you or your organization can help preserve and care for these historic flags by sponsoring a flag for \$250.

For more information, please visit:

<http://seekingmichigan.myshopify.com/collections/michigan-civil-war-battle-flags>

**More Inside the Historical Center**

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.

The new exhibit will open on April 16, 2011. Admission is free.

**Table Displays Inside the Historical Center**

Inside the Historical Center, you will find various organizations set up to share the work they do in connection with the Sesquicentennial or with information about their Civil War collections and/or upcoming events.

Be sure to stop by and visit with some of the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Their database of Civil War soldiers buried in Michigan cemeteries has over 60,000 names. If you know of a Civil War soldier buried in Michigan, please make sure he is on the database and if not, maybe you could provide them the needed information.

**Promote Your Event(s)**

Have an event scheduled? Putting your Civil War collection on exhibit? You can share news of such events on the [Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners Events Listing](#). There are over 90 events currently listed.

To add your event, please send an email to:

Keith G. Harrison  
[pcinc@prodigy.net](mailto:pcinc@prodigy.net)



You should consider adding your event to the state's Civil War Sesquicentennial website:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war>

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