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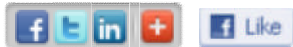
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Michigan Remembers the Civil War -

By June of 1861, the 1st (90-day regiment), and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Michigan Infantry Regiments (3-year regiments) had been mustered into service. Several more regiments would be formed in the months ahead.

One of the reasons we are promoting the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War is for a simple reason - the men (and women) that made up these regiments were Michiganders and we are proud of their record of service in the preservation of the Union. Their story is one that deserves told.

The response by the State to President Abraham Lincoln's call for troops was swift. Although not as wealthy a state as its neighbors, Michigan sent its men to the front ready for action.

From *Michigan in the War* by John Roberston; 1880 -

The Cleveland Plain Dealer says of the First Regiment:

A great many of our citizens visited them and expressed admiration of the men and the very admirable manner in which they had been armed and equipped for service by their State. The comparison between the action of Michigan and that of Ohio was not at all flattering.

The Baltimore American said:

The Michigan Regiment attracted general attention and commendation by their solid appearance and well disciplined movements, a la Hardee. It was composed almost entirely of young, steady and intelligent looking men, and it appeared to be capitally officered. They were exceedingly well equipped, thanks to the liberality of the State of Michigan, which had furnished them with an entire outfit from head to foot, and were armed with new Minie guns.

A correspondent of the N. Y. Post writing from Washington under the date of May 17th, says:

The Michigan Rifle Regiment came into town about 10 o'clock last night, marching from the depot up the Avenue to Eleventh Street. They were preceded by a splendid band of music, which soon aroused our citizens and long before they had reached the quarters assigned them hundreds of people were out to give them welcome. The enthusiasm of the crowd was Irrepressible, for this was the first western regiment which had arrived at the Capital.

The regiment reached Washington at a critical time, when confederate troops flaunted their flag on Arlington Heights, claiming defiantly equality with the old banner of freedom floating from the National Capitol, when rebel pickets patrolled the banks of the Potomac and bivouacked under the old trees that shade the grave of Washington. Being the first western regiment to reach Washington, its presence gave much encouragement to those in authority, and aided much in establishing confidence regarding the safety of the Capital, while the cheers of the loyal thousands greeted them as American patriots, and as friends in a time of great need. President Lincoln received them amid an immense and interested concourse of people, and while he praised them for soldier-like appearance, he complimented the State for patriotism and through them thanked it for so prompt a response.

The fine appearance of the Fourth while passing through Cleveland brought from the Leader of that city the following general notice of Michigan troops:

When we see the splendidly armed and equipped regiments from Michigan pass through here on their way to the seat of war, and compare their appearance with that of the regiments which recently left camp Cleveland, it makes us almost ashamed of Ohio and inclines us to inquire in the mildest and most collected

manner, why is it that Michigan in the same length of time, sends regiments to the field prepared for service, while Ohio, who boasts of her enterprise and patriotism, sends from her camps, as regiments, mere mobs of men, half uniformed, unarmed, and wholly without drill.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

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A Civil War Treasure Hunt

The commemorations we are engaged in from 2011-2015 are really nothing new...one only has to look around their community, library, historical society, schools, and more to realize that.

However, how many residents in your own community are unaware of your local Civil War memorial or collection of letters from a soldier in the war at the library? How many students just walk past bronze tablet in their high school that pays tribute to John A. Logan's Memorial Day Order No. 11 or the Gettysburg Address?

So with that in mind, and as a way to make history more fun, the Civil War History Partners is asking you to submit to us any information you might have on a Civil War memorial, a collection of books or images in your library or historical society archives - if it's Civil War, we are interested.

For more information, click this link to view the [History Partners Civil War Treasure Hunt](#) flyer.

Civil War History Partners Website:

Over 140 events and growing. Share your program!

[Historical Tablet](#)

In Grand Rapids last Saturday, June 11, an event was held to rededicate a memorial boulder and a new historical tablet at Cantonment Anderson, the Civil War training grounds of the Third Michigan Infantry.

For the story and images in the Grand Rapids Press, click the link below:

[Cantonment Anderson](#)

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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.

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