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**Michigan Remembers the Civil War -**

On September 17, 1862, in the small town of Sharpsburg, Maryland, a cornfield would forever be known as "The Cornfield"...a farmers lane, sunken into the ground from years of use would forever be remembered as "Bloody Lane"...and a beautiful stone bridge over Antietam Creek became known as "Burnside Bridge," named after the Union general with probably the most recognizable facial hair, Major General Ambrose Burnside.



The approximate battle numbers are staggering -

Union numbers present 75,000  
Confederate engaged 38,000

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Killed:

Union 2,100  
Confederate 1,550 **Total 3,650**

**Total deaths on September 11, 2001: 2,753**

Wounded:

Union 9,550  
Confederate 7,750 **Total 17,300**

Missing/Captured:

Union 750  
Confederate 1,020 **Total 1,770**

Although not a Union victory, it was a welcome change to the repeated losses suffered by the Union army in 1862 leading up to this campaign.

As the weather begins to change and events move indoors, please remember to send us your scheduled programs.

Thank you for your support in commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

Bruce B. Butgereit, Executive Director  
History Remembered, Inc.  
Grand Rapids, MI

### Michigan at Antietam -



The Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg, MD) took place on September 17, 1862. Michigan regiments present that day included: 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th, 16th, and



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17th Michigan Infantry and the Michigan Sharpshooters, Brady's Company.

Last month, on Sunday, August 26th, the Michigan Historical Commission, the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners and others participated in a special commemoration event -

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### Scheduled Events -

Our website currently has 146 events posted for 2012.

For upcoming events, please visit the:

[History Partners Website](#)

### **The Gettysburg Cyclorama -**

As some of you may know, when the National Park Service at Gettysburg opened the new visitor center in 2008, it included the famous Cyclorama painting of Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg.

The building, which originally housed the painting has stood empty since the move, and has been scheduled for demolition by the NPS as part of their effort to return the landscape of the battlefield to as close to how it looked in 1863 as possible.

In my opinion, and I am a preservationist, a misguided lawsuit against the Park has demanded unnecessarily that environmental assessments be made (the [Final Report](#) is over 220 pages and can be downloaded for future reading) and that a determination be made that include several options: 1) keeping the building in its current site and "mothballing" it; 2) reusing the building in its current site; 3) relocating the building to a new site; and 4) demolishing the building to return the area to its appearance at the time of the fighting of this pivotal Civil War battle in July 1863.

As with any preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, or renovation project, there has to be a determination made as to "at what point of time in history" are you going to look at this. Given that the ground on which the building stands was used during the battle, it would seem logical to either demolish or dismantle and relocate the building (built in 1958-1962)

elsewhere.

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While the ground under the old building has been permanently disturbed, that doesn't mean that the area can't be restored and treated as another sacred spot on the battlefield.

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**The Detroit G.A.R. Building -**

Sometimes even the little details are worthy of a second look. A recent post on the two sites below share some woodworking details and quality craftsmanship.

You can see for yourself by visiting their [Facebook](#) or at their [Posterous](#) page.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**Following the Detroit Veterans Day Parade on  
Saturday, November 3**

**there will be a special flag raising ceremony at  
the G.A.R. Building**

**(1942 Grand River Ave. at Cass Ave.)  
at 1:30 PM.**

**You don't want to miss this!**

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