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Michigan Remembers the Civil War -

The leaves are changing, the temperature is dropping, and the daylight hours are growing less. Typically, the Fall season brings some apprehension as to what we know is just a few short months away - winter in Michigan. However, following the summer we just experienced, the beauty of the Fall foliage and the cooler temperatures are a welcome sight.

Of course Fall means it's time to start planning for next year's events. More information is shared in this circular but please Mark the Date!

**Michigan Civil War
Sesquicentennial Conference
Saturday, November 10, 2012 - 10 AM to 4 PM
Michigan Historical Center in Lansing**

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Respectfully,

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Flag Raising at the G.A.R. Building -

1942 Grand River Ave. at Cass Ave.
1:30 PM.

While this event is scheduled for the afternoon on Saturday, November 3, 2012, after the Detroit Veterans Day parade, I am highlighting it before the morning events on that day as an extra incentive or reason to visit Detroit that day.

With the restoration of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Building in Detroit well underway by the Mindfield and NewGAR, LLC team, nothing says "we are here to stay" or "this is ours" like planting a flag or in this case, raising the United States flag above the G.A.R. Building. Especially when no flag has flown over the building in over fifty years!

Everyone is invited and bring a friend. Our friends at Historic Fort Wayne are organizing reenactment units to attend and fire a military salute.

For more on this historic event,
please click [here](#).

If you would like more information, please send me an email at civil-war@comcast.net

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Veterans Day Parade in Detroit -

The [Metro Detroit Veterans Coalition](#) is once again hosting the Veterans Day parade in Detroit.

The Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic and reenactors will participate in this colorful and meaningful way to say "Thank You" to our military veterans.

(Remember, Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May, honors those currently serving and Memorial Day (traditional day May 30) is set aside to remember and honor our military men and women who have died.)

Staging begins at 8 AM at the Vietnam Veterans of America building at 2951 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201. Special programming is scheduled for 9 AM with the parade stepping off at 10 AM.

For people wishing to stay overnight on the 2nd, arrangements have been made with the Historic Fort Wayne Coalition for them to stay at Historic Fort Wayne in the barracks. Last year, over 56 members from 24 local SUVCW Camps from all over Michigan and Civil War reenactment organizations marched in the parade. The parade is sponsored by the Metro Detroit Veteran's Coalition and is considered an official Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Event. This is a chance to help honor our Civil War Veterans along side of the veterans of America's other conflict.

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Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference -

Michigan's Third Annual Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference

**Michigan Historical Center,
702 West Kalamazoo,
Lansing, Michigan
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

In addition to bringing together representatives of all the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners, the Conference will be used to look at the events being planned for 2013. As with previous conferences, the purpose of the meeting is to help promote Civil War-related events across Michigan and Civil War events of significance to Michigan. Individuals and communities sponsoring events are encouraged to bring fliers and other promotional items about their event to the Conference.

We also want to hear from Historical Societies, Living Historians, Libraries, Museums and more for what you have planned.

The event is again being sponsored and hosted by the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Michigan Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Friends of Michigan History, Inc., Michigan Historical Center, Historic Fort Wayne Coalition, and History Remembered, Inc.

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Civil War and Hockey -

The first reaction most people have when I say Civil War and hockey is a very puzzled look on their face.

In June, I was approached by Mr. Phil Sweeney, coach of the Davenport University hockey team with a question of whether there was a way to connect a series of hockey games with the history of the Civil War. The reason for his question was based upon the fact that his team plays a three game series against the team from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

My first challenge was trying to be respectful of the fact that the Civil War was just that, a war, with young men fighting and dying for what they believed right and a hockey game is, well, just a game. As much as there might be a spirited rivalry with intensely played games, there could be no comparison between the two. However, as in life, the Civil War does provide examples which we can apply to these games.

It goes without saying that we have North vs. South...Blue vs. Gray...Michigan vs. Virginia but we also can apply the character values that once applied to the soldiers from Blue and Gray. They served with Valor out of a sense of Duty (hockey is rough sport). They experienced Esprit de Corps (camaraderie and teamwork). And in the end, both sides eventually put the past behind them and shook hands in Brotherhood (hockey players shake hands at the end of a game).

So based upon this, the Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States will sponsor a trophy, the Blue and Gray Cup, to be awarded annually to the team that wins



two of the three games. A ribbon of blue or gray will be tied to the handle to signify the victor.



On the base of the trophy is not only the name of the trophy and why it is awarded, but it also includes some regimental history of the Third Michigan Infantry, Sixth Michigan Cavalry and the Seventh Michigan Cavalry who mustered in from Grand Rapids.

The histories of the Eleventh Virginia Infantry and the Second Virginia Cavalry from Lynchburg, VA, are also displayed. These units at times faced each other on the battlefield and other times they were at the same battle but at different locations on the field.

With historical research provided by Mr. Steve Soper, historian of the [Third Michigan Infantry Regiment](#), Mr. Steve Hawks at [Stone Sentinels](#), and Mr. Kevin Shroyer of the [Eleventh Virginia Infantry](#), I have put together a [publication](#) with photos and historical data from each regiment and have already spoken to the young men on the Davenport team about the comparisons and examples of character the Civil War has provided.

At the two games in Lynchburg this month, the Eleventh Virginia re-enactors will partner with the local Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp to provide a Blue and Gray color guard. At the game in Grand Rapids in November, we will do something similar with the Third Michigan Infantry, Co. F re-enactment group and some Confederate re-enactors.

Go Davenport!

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