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**Michigan Remembers the Civil War -**

As I put this circular together each month I search the Internet for stories based upon the events of that particular month 150 years ago. I must say February 1863 was a rather quiet month in terms of any battles but some interesting events did occur -

Napoleon III of France proposes mediation between the North and the South - Lincoln and Seward decline.

"So far from being about to end, we believe that the war is about to assume a shape more terrible that it has ever yet presented." Richmond Daily Dispatch, February 18, 1863. (Gettysburg is less than five months away.)

Grant's Vicksburg Campaign continues - "The Battle for the Mississippi" - Work on Grant's

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Canal continues - Yazoo Pass Expedition- Middle Tennessee Operations begin - Battle of Dover/Second Battle of Fort Donaldson

U.S. Congress - Thaddeus Stevens' "Negro Soldier Bill" passes allowing for: - "the enlistment of any number of negroes, not over 300,000" - "to be paid \$10 a month" - "to be armed and equipped as other soldiers" - "officered by white men" - Gov. Andrews of Massachusetts authorizes "the enlistment of colored men as United States soldiers" - Will later be organized as the Massachusetts 54th featured in the 1989 film "Glory."

Here in Michigan, the 1st Michigan Colored Volunteer Infantry Regiment would form on February 23, They would later become known as the 102nd United States Colored Troops (USCT) regiment.

Continued debate about the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Supreme Court hears evidence to determine whether the Government is engaged in a war or a civil rebellion, and whether the blockade is legal under a rebellion.

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

Respectfully,

Bruce B. Butgereit, Executive Director  
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### United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan -

On March 11, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed Solomon L. Withey the first judge in the new Western District of Michigan in Grand Rapids.

On March 12, 2013, the Western District Historical Society will host a program commemorating this event from 150 years ago. You are invited to share in what promises to be a grand evening complete with Civil War uniforms, regimental colors, hoop skirts, President Lincoln, the 5th Michigan Regimental Band and more.

For ticket information, click [here](#).

For more history, click [here](#) for a very informative piece written by the Western District Historical Society President, attorney David J. Gass.

The Historical Society website is: [here](#)

### Michigan at Gettysburg 2013 -

The Michigan at Gettysburg commemoration events will take part in conjunction with the Gettysburg Remembrance Day events scheduled on -

**Saturday,  
November 23, 2013**

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan on joining us. To download a flyer, please click on

the link below:

[Michigan at Gettysburg 2013](#)

Questions about the program:

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It is recommended that you reserve your lodging as soon as possible.

### **Upcoming Events -**

Sunfield

February 26, 2013

FREE Sesquicentennial Civil War Seminar - Little Known Facts about the Lincolns and the Civil War

Sunfield United Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43) in Sunfield, Michigan.  
7:00 PM.

Each year, the Lansing/Sunfield, Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War sponsor a series of FREE Civil War History Seminars. The presenter will be Mr. Rick Brown. Rick is a noted Lincoln Scholar and has spent over 40-years conducting research regarding Abraham Lincoln, his family and period newspapers chronicling his tenure as president and his subsequent assassination. Also on display that evening will be his Traveling Lincoln Assassination Museum. It is 24-running feet in length and contains over 50 original relics including newspapers, broadsides, engravings, and a mourning ribbon worn at Lincoln's funeral in Philadelphia. In addition, the diary of a resident of Washington,

D.C written during the time of the assassination will be on display, as will sheet music, stereo views, CDVs and other photos, booklets, and letters. All relics were produced between April and July 1865. . Contact: Paul David Arnold at

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Kalamazoo  
March 16-17, 2013  
38th Annual Kalamazoo Living History (Black Powder) Gun Show

[Kalamazoo Living History Show](#)

In 2011, we had 169 events on our calendar followed by 180 events in 2012. To date, there are 89 events listed for 2013.

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