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Michigan Remembers the Civil War -

Let me say right up front that this issue is going to have some important information regarding your Sesquicentennial calendar.

For those of you wondering if you missed the June issue of the Circular, you didn't as I never found the time to publish it. I'm aiming to complete this July issue by midnight here on the 31st.

I cannot remember the last time I wasn't busy. Whether it is my regular 40-hour a week job or a research project or some ceremony to coordinate; there is always something to do and never enough time to get it done. This was definitely the situation these past nine months which must rank as my busiest ever.

Projects brought to a successful conclusion included dedicating a new veterans memorial in

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Byron (Center) Township and a restored bronze tablet in Grand Rapids. The two Memorial Day services I conducted as the Memorials Officer of the Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War respectfully honored the tradition of the first Memorial Day.

The final plans for the rehabilitation of Monument Park in Grand Rapids, the location of the Kent County Civil War monument, have been completed after nearly a year of meetings and then sub-committee meetings of the design team. The work began this week to improve the first park in Grand Rapids and the one most dear to us.

June 15 found some of the members of History Remembered in Grand Haven to help clean the 123-year-old Weatherwax G.A.R. Post No. 75 monument. **For more on this effort, please read the story about D/2 Biological Solution in this Circular.** July 13 found us back in Grand Haven to rededicate the clean monument.

And while some of you may have gone to Gettysburg in early July to commemorate or participate in the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg; I went the other way. Traveling to Kearney, Nebraska, I gave a presentation titled "Lincoln Memorialized" at the national Lincoln Highway Association centennial conference on July 3. A future issue of this Circular will have more information on that historic road.

I also know a busy, hectic schedule is nothing new to most of you and your story could read a lot like mine. Kudos to each of you for all you do.

Thank you for commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Please feel free to use the Forwarding function at the bottom to



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Respectfully,

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

The Detroit Grand Army of the Republic Building -

Attention members of the Department of
Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil
War and other interested parties:

**The rededication ceremony planned for
Saturday, November 16 will not occur as
previously planned.**

We've all heard the old saying that Rome wasn't
built in a day. In fact, neither was the G.A.R.
Building in Detroit - that took just under two
years. We now know the restoration efforts will
take a little longer as well.

For some time now, work to restore this
magnificent building has been moving forward
with an anticipated completion date of
November of this year. However, several delays
have pushed that completion date to sometime in
the spring of 2014.

Historically, this building has faced many
challenges. Its first challenge was getting
enough support just to get it constructed. After
raising the funds necessary and getting the plans
drawn, Julius Hess, the architect who designed
the building passed away at the age of fifty-eight;
leaving his partner Richard Raseman to finish the
project.

Of note is the fact that Hess served in the 1st New York Engineers during the Civil War.

The Detroit News ran a great story on the building and some of its history in June. It includes a great tribute to Celestine Hollings, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865 and her fight to save the building. Just under the photo at the beginning of this story, you'll find access to fifty-three photos of the building.

[Dusting Off Detroit's Grand Old Castle](#)

For more updates on the building, visit these links -

[The G.A.R. Building Detroit](#)

[Curbed Detroit](#)

In spite of the negative news that Detroit has been getting, there are those who refuse to be deterred in their efforts to return the city to its former glory and that includes David and Tom Carleton and their partner Sean Emery.

Read more -

[Time Magazine](#)

Stay tuned for more updates in future circulars.

Michigan Remembers Gettysburg -

Nearly everyone knows the Battle of Gettysburg took place July 1-3, 1863. Almost as many know that President Lincoln gave one of the greatest speeches ever made at the dedication of the national cemetery at Gettysburg later that year.

What isn't as well known is the annual event referred to as Remembrance Day, held on the Saturday closest to November 19, the date of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Each November, several thousand re-enactors, living history historians, and members of fraternal organizations such as the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War converge on Gettysburg to honor the past.



This year, we will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the national cemetery in a special event titled -

Michigan Remembers Gettysburg

Saturday, November 23, 2013

Conducting the event will be the Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial History Partners. Other organizations providing support include the Michigan Historical Commission, Historic Fort Wayne, and the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic to name a few.

Camps of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are currently collecting a small amount of Michigan soil from

the counties where these soldiers had once lived.

For the 173 Michigan men buried in the National Cemetery who never returned home, our ceremony will bring a little bit of home to them.

For information on how you can help with collecting the soil or with research or photographs, please contact:

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Click on the link below to download a flyer of the event that includes the schedule of activities. Although most hotel rooms in Gettysburg are already reserved, you can find rooms available in nearby Hagerstown, MD, Chambersburg, PA and other nearby locales.

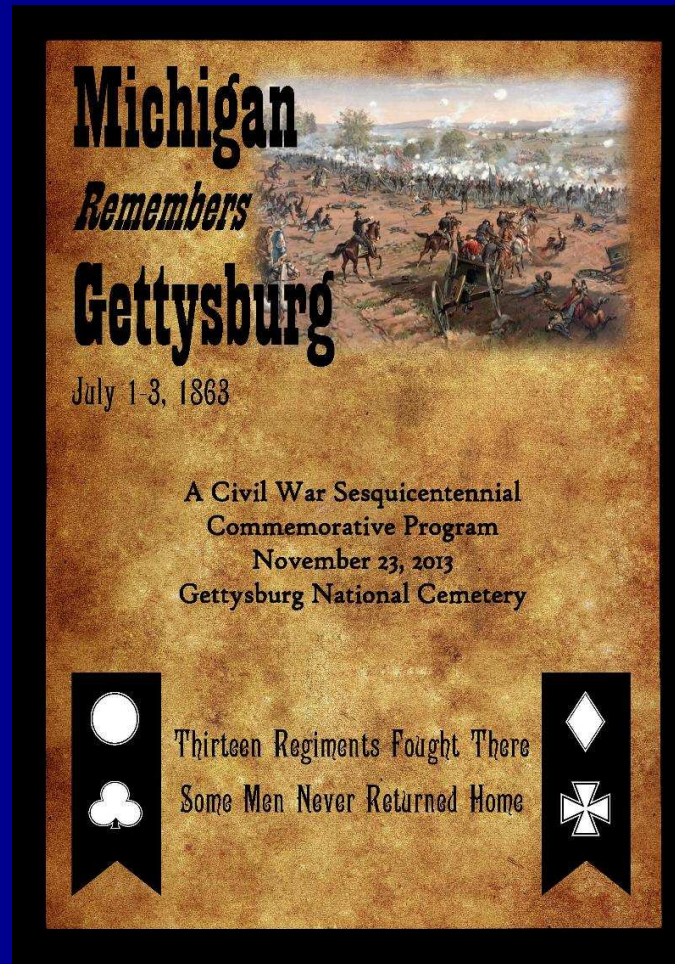
[Gettysburg Flyer](#)

Commemorative Program for the Gettysburg Event -

for Gettysburg Event -

The History Partners believe that such an event as the one planned for the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg, deserves proper treatment and respect.

With this in mind, a special commemorative booklet will be published. For those attending the event, they will receive a complimentary copy of the program. For those wishing additional copies and for those unable to attend, copies will be available for purchase.



The contents of this program will include -

- Michigan in the Civil War
- Regiments at Gettysburg
- Those Who Never Returned Home
- The Monuments
- Sponsored Tributes

The cost of this coil bound program will be determined by the amount of the content.

Gettysburg Sponsorship Opportunities -

As many of you know, special programs often require many hours of planning, communication, and program handout design. There are always financial costs involved too.

To help cover the cost of the printed program, participant ribbons, and floral tributes for this Michigan Remembers Gettysburg event, funds will be raised through the sale of sponsorships.

More information can be found on this document:

[Sponsorships](#)

A sample tribute:

[Annie Etheridge](#)

D/2 Biological Solution -

How many of you have a Civil War monument or memorial or headstones in your community that are in good condition but need to be cleaned? Would you know how? A power washer is not the answer.

What you need is a product called D/2 Biological Solution, a medium to soft nylon brush, water and a few good people willing to get a little wet, a little dirty, to help scrub.

I have used this product for a few years. It is used by the National Park Service.

For a number of years, as the Civil War Memorials Officer for the Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I have wanted to clean the Weatherwax G.A.R. Post No. 75 monument in Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven. Before learning

about D/2, the task would have been nearly impossible without damaging the 123-year-old marble and limestone.

Click [HERE](#) to view a three-page PDF that shows the before and after images of the monument and some headstones.

For more information -

[D/2](#)

For some stories about how a few residents made a big difference, check out these newspaper stories.

MLive
[Monument to be Cleaned](#)

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[Renovated Monument to be Rededicated](#)

Grand Haven Tribune
[Dedication Ceremony Photos](#)

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[Dedication Ceremony and Tour](#)

As stated in the Before and After document, I do not receive any remuneration from the makers of the D/2 product. I only share this with you because of the amazing results you can achieve with just a little elbow grease and some dedicated members of your organization or community.

The New York City Draft Riots of 1863 -

On July 13, 1863, the United States witnessed the worst riot to date in our nations history.

Although a little lengthy, this link gives a detailed look at the events that became known as simply the Civil War Draft Riots.

[The New York City Draft Riots of 1863](#)

In July and August, the 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 26th Michigan Infantry Regiments had been sent to various cities in New York to help quell the riots.

Another article from the American Legion with images from period publications.

[Draft Riots](#)

Upcoming Events -

August 24-25 -
29th annual Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster. (Cascade Falls Park, 1401 South Brown St., Jackson, MI). Free to the public but donations appreciated. Battles Saturday (Chancellorsville) and Sunday (Gettysburg). Military Ball Saturday night. Night artillery firing. Special impression area.
civilwarmuster.org

Future Events -

Although several months away, please mark your calendar for the



Michigan
CIVIL WAR
Reenactor Conference



scheduled for

Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM

**November 9, 2013
Michigan Historical Center
Lansing**

Contact:
[Keith Harrison](#)

and yes, the same day

**Metro Detroit Veterans Coalition
Veterans Day Parade**

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Contact:
[Rick Danes](#)

Is your event listed?

[Calendar of Events](#)

Please remember to send your information via email to Keith Harrison who maintains our website and calendar:

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Interesting Websites -

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Civil War Trust:

[The Civil War In4](#)

The Museum of Civil War Medicine:

[Gettysburg Medicine](#)

	<p>This is a cool one from the Detroit Historical Society:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Detroit Decides</u></p> <p>Washington Post:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Civil War Casualties</u></p>
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