

The SW Michigan Civil War Round Table



The 12th Michigan

Civil War Round Table of SW Michigan is an educational and historical group focused on the American Civil War.

This Round Table meets on the second Tuesday of the month from September through May except December. The meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) of the First Congregational Church at 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI at 6:30 pm.



The 7th Arkansas Infantry, Co. E

The 7th Arkansas was mustered into State service on June 16, 1861 at Smithville in Lawrence County, Arkansas. The unit was inducted into Confederate Service in July 1861 at Camp Shaver, near Pocahontas, Arkansas. This weekend's actors flying Arkansas' flag is currently known as Southwest Territory of Michigan. Under the command of Captain Bob Fragala, they are a newly formed group.

The 17th South Carolina

The 17th South Carolina Company C was mustered into service in 1861 in York



County, South Carolina. the company made it all through the War and had many different commanders.

However, it was Brigadier General Nathan George "Shanks" Evans who originated this brigade known as the "Tramp Brigade", who marched to all their campaign's in which the 17th participated.

We are a southern Michigan based reenacting unit that came together in 2005 with reenactors from other units to portray the 17th South Carolina Infantry.



Texas!

The 31 Companies of Texans that became the TEXAS BRIGADE travelled on their own hook to Richmond, where they were mustered into regiments and accepted into Confederate service. The 1st, 4th, and 5th Texas Infantry (and late the 3rd Arkansas) were the only units from west of the Mississippi in Lee's army. The 5th Texas earned the nickname of "The Bloody Fifth" at 2nd Manassas.

As reenactors we try to offer an impression of western troops, and camp in "campaign" style, with an absence of tents.

**Your Civil War Weekend Organizer
Kathleen Avery Alton**



A descendant of Three Oaks early settlers, Daniel and Angeline Reese Zeiger, member and current Regent of the Rebecca Dewey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tent 58. Her

Union veteran ancestors are Pvt. William H. Avery, 5th MI; Pvt. John J. Zeiger, 57th IN; Pvt. Richard N. Parr, 118th OH; Pvt. Jasper N. Cook, 38th IN; and Pvt. Peter E. Alger, 5th MI.

It is with pleasure that Kathy organized this two day event to bring you a sample of life in Three Oaks during and after the American Civil War.



Civil War Weekend

August 18th & 19th, 2017

**Visit the
Civilian Encampment
Union Camp
and
Confederate Camp**

Dewey Cannon Park
north of the tracks!

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 18th

- 9am Encampment Opens|
Camp
- 10am Musket Demonstration
Camp
- Noon Reenactment
- 3 pm CW Memorial Service
Gazebo
- 4 pm Reenactment
- 7 pm Final Call
Forest Lawn Cemetery

Saturday, August 19th

- 9am Encampment Opens
- 10am Musket Demonstration
Camp
- 11am Presentation
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Michigan's 12th
A&E Building
- Noon Reenactment
- 1:30pm Meet General Custer
A & E Building
- 3pm Meet General Lee
A & E Building
- 4:30pm Reenactment
- 6:30pm Music in the Park
Gazebo



Tom Peacock as General George Armstrong Custer

Tom has been portraying General Custer for 18 years. A combat wounded Vietnam vet, and a retired postal service worker, Tom has also owned a chimney sweep business. He has been married to wife, Roxe Anne for 40 years



Paul Wood as General Robert E Lee

Living in Wheaton, Illinois, Paul is one of the founders of "Grant, Lee, Custer and Company" a first person troupe consisting of 14 famous civil war generals. This troupe has been doing presentations since 1999 with a mission to teach the American public their American history in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Paul performs as General Robert E. Lee the most beloved general in American history. Sainted by the south and respected by the north.



Today's Tenth Michigan Infantry is a state-wide organization of Civil War reenactors and living historians. It was founded in 1976 for the U.S. Bicentennial and remains one of the oldest reenactment units in continuous existence in Michigan having participated in over 450 events across the United States throughout our long history. It is patterned after the original Tenth Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry which served throughout the American Civil War from November 1861 to August of 1865.

The Tenth Michigan Infantry of today provides various types of Civil War events for the general public. Battle reenactments are held several times a year and are part of a larger encampment or muster type program that usually includes ladies' events, a dance, and living history demonstrations. Living History programs are wide and diverse and may center around a specific topic or scenario. This can also include the "First Person" concept in which the "soldier" speaks and acts as those the current year is during the Civil War. The goal is to make history come alive for the audience. Period dances are held several times each year. Some are more formal than others. The dances may be part of the larger encampment program or may be on their own for any evening's enjoyment. They are held with period music and refreshments. Educational and Memorial programs are designed to inform and invite discussion from an audience. Such programs have been held for schools or universities across the state as well as service group presentations and open public events.