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Michigan's G.A.R. Museum Showcases *The Soldier's Clothing and Personal Equipment*

Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum in Eaton Rapids will be sponsoring a Free Civil War History Seminar on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Michigan's G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum located at 224 South Main Street in Eaton Rapids.** The topic of the presentation is entitled, *The Soldier's Clothing and Personal Equipment.* **The speaker will be Mr. Rob Stone.**



The American Civil War has captivated Rob Stone ever since, as an adolescent, he toured the Gettysburg battlefield in the summer of 1963. Rob's deeply rooted fascination with the war entered a new dimension when he discovered historical reenacting in 1992. Rob cut his teeth on the hobby during a stint as a background actor in the film, *Gettysburg*, Ted Turner's adaptation of Michael Shaara's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Killer Angels*. Soon afterwards he joined the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B, Inc., a mid-Michigan reenacting organization. Over the next quarter century, Rob traveled extensively, participating in living history events and reenactments large and small. Throughout those years, he deepened his knowledge of the war in general, being drawn in particular to the warp and woof of the common soldier's life.

Rob's interactions with the public convinced him that a significant portion of his fellow citizens had, at best, a foggy notion of the events that altered the course of the nation's history in the 1860s. He came to wonder: was there a way he could aid people in having a better understanding of that tumultuous era? Concluding that a series of talks touching upon the typical infantryman's experiences would be just the thing, in early 2018, Rob founded *Near as I Remember: Reflections of a Civil War Veteran* (www.nearasiremember.com). He elected to perform in the guise of an aging Union veteran addressing audiences in 1896. Remaining in first-person from the moment he arrives at a venue until he departs it adds a unique twist to his presentations.

There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. Additional information regarding the seminar may be obtained by going to Michigan's GAR Memorial Hall & Museum Face Book page at [GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum) or to our website at <https://garmuseum.com/>.