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MICHIGAN'S GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL HALL AND MUSEUM

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MUSEUM HOURS

The museum is open the first two Wednesdays of each month from 10am-5pm; patriotic holidays, special events, and by appointment.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our second inaugural newsletter! I say "second", since we have had a lengthy hiatus since we last published our electronic newsletter. We are now looking to publish this once every quarter.

We are currently into our 5th year of operation. Many hours by many individuals have gone into getting Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Memorial Hall and Museum up and running. When the museum was launched in September 2013, our overall goal was to create the single largest and most extensive museum dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic in the state. We have come a long way in attaining this goal. Each year, we have been averaging between 600-750 visitors. As a result, the museum now has over 4,000 artifacts and records and continues to attract additional artifact donations.

Speaking of donations, all our staff are volunteers and we exist totally on annual sponsorships, donations and, occasionally, grants. The annual sponsorships and other donations are fully tax deductible. Consequently, we hope that you will consider becoming an annual sponsor to help us continue to ensure that the memory and accomplishments of the Grand Army of the Republic and its' Civil War Veteran members in Michigan are not forgotten.

Keith G. Harrison

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Michigan's G.A.R Museum Showcase:

May 22, 2018 7pm

"Civil War Journal from the 2nd Michigan Infantry"

Presentation by award-winning journalist & bestselling author, Patricia Camburn Zick.

Free Admission* *Museum Tours

WHATS NEW FOR THE MUSEUM!

The Board of Directors is working with the Eaton Rapids Am Vets organization to assist with the annual Memorial Day parade. The parade is held on Memorial Day in downtown Eaton Rapids. Anyone wishing to volunteer to march in the parade, please contact Keith Harrison at (517) 694-9394 or GARMichigan@gmail.com.

There are many events planned for the summer, including:

- **July 4th**-Civil War Living History Camp at Island Park in Eaton Rapids-will include demonstrations on Civil War era military Camp Life, Drills, Musket firing, equipment explanations, Civilian Life & Medical Practices of the day.
- **July 17th**- Presentation: *Gettysburg: Behind the Scenes*-by Brian James Egen who will talk about his experience on the set of the filming of the motion picture.
- **August 15th**- Fourth Annual Civil War Discovery Camp- 8-14-year-olds will learn about the Civil War manual of arms with wooden muskets, how to march, how the Civil War soldier lived and much more!

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SPECIAL THANKS!

Thank you to all who have toured the museum and who generously gave a donation or became a sponsor~

We appreciate your support!!