

September 2010

# Monroe County Civil War Round Table

S P O N S O R E D B Y T H E F R I E N D S O F E L L I S

## AMONG THE ENEMY

### Upcoming Programs

March 10 – Among the Enemy

March 31 – Paging through the Civil War

April 14 – CSA Alabama

May 12 – Gettysburg’s Ironman

May 26 - Paging through the Civil War

July 28 - Paging through the Civil War

September 8 – Remembering Michigan Civil War Soldiers

All Round Table programs begin at 7 pm and are held at the Ellis Library and Reference Center, 3700 South Custer, Monroe, MI

Drawing primarily upon the diary of a Michigan soldier in the Engineers and Mechanics, Mark Hoffman's presentation focuses on the complexities of the relationships between Union soldiers and civilians in occupied Middle Tennessee and northern Alabama. As the war progressed, and the toll grew on both sides, the conflict between the two groups became more bitter and the violence more random. Please join us on **Thursday, March 10 at 7 pm** for this presentation.

Mark Hoffman currently serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Previously to the DNR, Hoffman was deputy director of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries and also on the staff of the Michigan Bureau of State Lottery and the Michigan House of Representatives. A life-long student of the American Civil War, he is the author of *Among the Enemy: A Michigan Soldier's Civil War Journal* and *My Brave Mechanics: The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War* – both published by Wayne State University Press.

**Paging through the Civil War Book Club** will meet Thursday, January 28 at 7 pm. This month’s book is ***Embattled Rebel*** by James McPherson. Please contact Charmaine for more information or to reserve a book (734-241-5277).

### Monroe County Civil War Week

Tuesday, April 26 – 7 pm - Loomis Battery, Monroe County Historical Museum

Wednesday, April 27 – 7pm – Film: *Created Equal*, Monroe County Historical Museum

Thursday, April 28 – 7 pm – Civil War Road Show, Ellis Library and Reference Center

Saturday, April 30 – 1 pm – Antietam, Monroe County Historical Museum

-7 pm Film: *Created Equal*, Monroe County Historical Museum

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Check out these books available from the Monroe County Library System.....

***Remembering Michigan's Civil War Soldiers*** by David Finney Jr. and Judith McIntosh. When the 1st Michigan Volunteer Infantry regiment arrived in Washington, DC, President Lincoln exclaimed: "Thank God for Michigan!" The state raised more than 90,000 men to serve during the Civil War, and 69 of them received the Medal of Honor. Notable Michiganders include Gens. Israel Richardson, Orlando Poe, Alpheus Williams, Orlando Willcox, and George Hartsuff, as well as The Boy General, George Armstrong Custer, and Officer Norman Hall, who was stationed at Fort Sumter when the war began. Featuring images of the 4th Michigan Cavalry, which captured Confederate president Jefferson Davis at the war's end, and never-before-published photographs of Wolverine soldiers, *Images of America: Remembering Michigan's Civil War Soldiers* highlights hundreds of Michiganders who were committed to preserving the Union. (Amazon)

***After the Civil War: The Heroes, Villains, Soldiers and Civilians who Changed America*** by James Robertson. Returning to the turbulent days of a nation divided, best-selling author and acclaimed historian James Robertson explores 70 fascinating figures who shaped America during Reconstruction and beyond. Relentless politicians, intrepid fighters, cunning innovators—the times called for bold moves, and this resilient generation would not disappoint. From William Tecumseh Sherman, a fierce leader who would revolutionize modern warfare, to Thomas Nast, whose undefeatable weapon was his stirring cartoons, these are the people who weathered the turmoil to see a nation reborn. Following these extraordinary legends from the battle lines to the White House, from budding metropolises to the wooly west, we re-discover the foundation of this great country. (Amazon)

**Soldiers Absent from the Army**

*The following appeared in the Monroe Monitor on February 18, 1863:*

We have once before referred to the very large number of officers and Soldiers in our streets, and who have been doing nothing but reporting themselves occasionally, signing the pay roll and having a general good time of it. It is quite time these men were ordered to their Regiments or compelled to resign. We have them here from the Col. of the 15<sup>th</sup>. all along down- and they have been here some of them for many months. We love the good faithful patriotic Soldier who stands up and does battle for his country-we depend upon them to sustain our Government and her institutions, in the dreadful crisis through which we are now passing, but when we see it estimated that there are 180,000 of this same kind scattered all over the Towns and Villages of our land, generally serving their Country in the same way they are doing here, we cease to wonder that Richmond is not taken or that Vicksburg or Port Hudson still remain impregnable, and it is not a matter of surprise to us that the poor men with large families of helpless children who have lately been drafted should complain. We hope those whose business it is, will attend to this and stop the public clamor in this respect. Com.

**Civil War Trivia Question:** What were "Sherman's neckties"? (Lang 299)

**Answer to December's Trivia:** Sam Houston, Governor of Texas, was forced out of office because he opposed his state's entry into the Confederacy.

**Book Sale!** Our Round Table is hosting a monthly book sale. All proceeds will benefit Civil War preservation projects....Civil War hardcovers-\$5.00 and paperbacks-\$2.00.