

This month on **MONDAY, JUNE 27**, the Michigan Regimental will feature **SHOW & TELL NIGHT**. It's been a few years since we've had this type of program, but it remains one of our most popular evenings. Everyone can participate and the rules are simple. Just bring in a Civil War related item that you are willing to share and talk about to the audience, and try to stay within a five minute time limit so that the other folks have enough time. Relics in past presentations have included items belonging to famous Civil War personalities—Russell Alger's engraved pocket watch, Joseph Hooker's sword, and Edward Baker's bowie knife and scabbard taken from his dead body at the Battle of Ball's Bluff. But your relic doesn't have to have belonged to anyone famous. It could be an item that was owned or used by a Civil War relative. Or, it could simply be something you've dug up (a bullet, a canister ball, a piece of exploded shell), or an item you've purchased—anything that is related to the War Between the States.

So, simply show up with your favorite relic and plan on having some fun. Remember, it's **MONDAY, JUNE 27**.

The MRRT extends a special thank you to last month's speaker, our own Gary Pike for his excellent program, *"Getting' Ready For War."* Gary showed up in uniform (Rebel, of course) and brought along various weapons and accoutrements for explanation and display. Great job, Gary!

QUIZ: Civil War Hodgepodge.....

1. Which person held three Confederate cabinet posts?
2. And, which positions did he hold?
3. Who was serving as governor of Virginia during John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry in October of 1859?
4. And, during the war which two Union Generals defeated this ex-governor at Kanawha Valley and Roanoke Island, North Carolina?
5. Where did Stonewall Jackson suffer his only defeat in the war on March 23, 1862? And, which of his own generals did Jackson blame for the loss?
6. At the outbreak of the Civil War, who did Jefferson Davis proclaim "the greatest soldier, the ablest man, civil or military, Confederate or Federal"? And, who called Jeb Stuart "the greatest cavalry officer ever foaled in America"?
7. In October of 1862, who said, "Jefferson Davis and other leaders of the South have made an army; they are making, it appears, a navy, and they have made what is more than either; they have made a nation"? And, which European called Abraham Lincoln "the single-minded son of the working class"?
8. After which battle did Lincoln say, "If there is a worse place than Hell, I am in it"? And, after which battle did Lincoln lament, "My God, my God, What will the country say"?
9. Prior to the Battle of Fredericksburg, Ambrose Burnside divided the Army of the Potomac into three Grand Divisions. Name his three leaders.
10. Which two generals opposed one another at the Battle of Pea Ridge?





Saturday, May 2, 1863, Chancellorsville. It was late afternoon with not much daylight left. Precious minutes slipped by, minutes which might mark the difference between victory and defeat. Stonewall Jackson sat Little Sorrel, eyes ablaze now, anxious to be at it. Everything had been done to ensure secrecy, and although it seemed that Joseph Hooker ought to have some advance notice, secrecy appeared to have been preserved. Reaching into a pocket beneath his coat, Jackson took out his watch and gazed at it intently. Quietly and without emotion, Jackson asked Brigadier General Robert Rodes if he were ready. With the response of “*Yes Sir,*” from Rodes, Stonewall calmly ordered, “*You can go forward then.*” It was 5:15 P.M.

Rodes’ eyes swept his line and he nodded his blond head. A bugler straightened, inhaled. Other bugles took up the call. A moment of tense silence as the chilling notes floated over the army. Men gripped their rifles, bayonets fixed, and watched the skirmishers dash through the brush. Slowly at first, then with gathering speed, the massive lines moved forward. Faster, until at last the men were running, crashing, tearing through the trees and scrubs. Ahead of them startled deer, rabbits, and other animals fled in terror toward the Union Army. Out of a belt of woods at last, into relatively open ground, straight at the stacked arms of lazing boys in blue. A feeble scattering of shots, then the enemy ran.

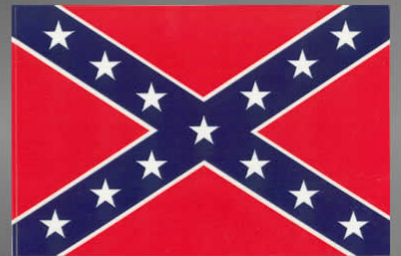
Still that endless, ragged, incredibly tattered streak of gray came on, bearing down on the few Federals who tried to form a line. Fiercely now the Rebels charged, and as they saw the Yankees waver they began that eerie, spine-tingling Rebel yell. A mad headlong rout of the XI U.S. Army Corps began. No longer was there any doubt about who those wildly screaming, savage skeletons were—Stonewall Jackson’s men! Jackson was behind the Union Army, he was in their midst, he was ruining them. Hooker’s right and rear melted rapidly away. The charge rolled on, resistless, inexorable.

As he rode close behind his swiftly advancing forces, Jackson would call to every officer he encountered, “*Press forward! Press forward!*” When Jackson came upon Major Robert Beckham, whose horse artillery battery was blazing away with canister, Jackson leaned down to shake the hand of the startled Beckham and tell him, “*Young man, I congratulate you!*” Robert E. Wilbourn, Jackson’s signal officer, later wrote: “*[Jackson] was in unusually fine spirits and every time he heard the cheering of ourselves which was the signal of victory he raised his right hand a few seconds as if in acknowledgment of the blessing and to return thanks to God for the victory.*” Jackson might well give thanks. In just an hour and a half his surprise attack had flanked and overwhelmed the Eleventh Corps and driven it a mile and a quarter and routed it from its last feasible defensive position. The sun was down now, however, with perhaps forty minutes of evening twilight remaining.

Within little less than an hour Stonewall Jackson would lay mortally wounded.

QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Judah P. Benjamin
2. Attorney General, Secretary of War, Secretary of State
3. Henry A. Wise
4. Jacob D. Cox and Ambrose Burnside
5. Kernstown and Richard Garnett
6. Albert Sidney Johnston and John Sedgwick
7. Prime Minister William Gladstone of Great Britain and Karl Marx
8. Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville
9. Edwin Vose Sumner (Right GD), William Buel Franklin (Left GD), Joseph Hooker (Center GD)
10. Samuel S. Curtis (Union) and Sterling Price (Confederate)



The **FALL FIELD TRIP** to Springfield, Illinois is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, October 22-23. For this year's trip the MRRT will visit Springfield and become immersed in all things Abraham Lincoln. Our tour guide will be Justin Blanford, Director of the Old Court House/Law Office. The trip itinerary includes visits to:

- Lincoln's Home
- Old State Capitol
- Lincoln-Herdon Law Offices
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Museum
- Oak Ridge Cemetery
- New Salem
- Illinois State Military Museum

Arrangements have been made with the Hilton Springfield which is located conveniently in the historic downtown area. The negotiated rate is \$92 single/double or \$15 additional for each person over a double occupancy. The room charge includes an American buffet breakfast for each registered occupant. Mention that you are with the MRRT, group code MRR.

Hilton Springfield
700 East Adams Street
Springfield, IL
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The Saturday evening group dinner will be at Maldaner's Restaurant. The meal charge will be \$35 per person and includes meal, dessert and tip.

Be sure to attend this month's meeting and if you haven't already, sign-up for what's sure to be an outstanding field trip.

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Remember that our meeting this month will be on **MONDAY, JUNE 27**. It's **SHOW & TELL NIGHT**, so don't forget to bring along your relic. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. at the Farmington Public Library (Grand River and Farmington Road).

Also try our website: <http://www.farmlib.org/mrrt/>

Old Sarge