

Michigan in the Civil War

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This lecture and visual presentation was developed over a 5 year period by Al and Dave Eicher. More than 150 Michigan research centers such as Libraries, historical societies and individuals contributed information and photographs. The presentation includes visits to the many Historic sites relating to Civil War events in Michigan and old photos of places where the recruits joined the Union cause. The producer's television cameras also went to the Harper's Ferry Arsenal, Gettysburg Battle fields, the Battle of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, the crossing of the Rappahannock River, Petersburg, Bull Run and Fredericksburg. Michigan men and women were there!



Today, Michigan has many Civil War reenactment groups which each year set up camps at Old Fort Wayne, Caseville, Huron City, Port Austin and at Jackson, Michigan to name only a few locations. The Jackson event is the largest encampment next to Gettysburg. Nearly, 2,300 troops took part in various battles scenes and are featured in this lecture.

This presentation is unique in that it develops a month by month timeline of events in Michigan and at the Eastern battlefields. At the beginning of the war, in April of 1861, Michigan had about 1200 men and a few officers in the State Militia. By January of 1865 nearly 89,000 Michigan soldiers had served in the war. This program in 77 minutes tells true stories about Michigan people and Governor Blair's search for troops to meet Lincoln's request. The music and sounds created at the reenactment events make this a very special program relating to Michigan's role in the Civil War.

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