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FULL-COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK CAPTURES MICHIGAN'S CIVIL WAR HISTORY

FLINT, MI-- EAST LANSING, MI—The American Civil War Years: The Michigan Experience (the reenactors' telling) has been independently published by iMichigan Productions of Flint, a 501(c)3 educational multi-media production company, to capture Michigan's rich Civil War history.

The beautiful 136-page book features full-color photographs of American Civil War reenactors as their actions tell the stories of going off to war, camp life, battles and surrender. The photography of Wayne Dabney of Ann Arbor and Leon C. Collins of Grand Blanc is featured.

The book focuses on Michigan's role in the Civil War and its many contributions to the war effort. It highlights African-Americans and Native Americans who fought for the Union cause along with the rest of Michigan 90,000 soldiers. It demonstrates the roles of women both in battle and in society, and covers the politics of the times. The photos throughout the book were taken in Michigan by Michigan photographers.

It also features a Foreword by noted Michigan historian John Gibney of Ann Arbor and Introduction and Epilogue by Flint-area author and broadcaster Michael J. Thorp. In addition, it offers a bounty of resources about Michigan's Civil War history to encourage learning activities and day trips for families and classrooms alike.

The book was edited by Donna Ullrich of Perrinton and designed by University of Michigan-Flint senior art major Shekinah Shazaam of Clio with a grant from the University's Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.

All proceeds of the book stay in Michigan, paying Michigan media artists and supporting iMP educational projects. It is available at Amazon.com for \$25.99 plus shipping and handling.



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The book evolved out of iMichigan Productions' (iMP) hour-long living history television special that aired throughout the state on public television stations in 2011 and 2012.

Produced and directed by Rodney W. Brown, the Emmy nominated show, *The Michigan Experience: The American Civil War Years*, highlights the significant contributions of Michigan to the Union effort including its 90,000 soldiers and specialized regiments of sharpshooters and engineers. At least 68 Michigan soldiers received the Medal of Honor for gallantry on the battlefield.

iMP's website, www.americancivilwaryears.com, features living historians' first person narratives from the period. The website is designed as a resource for teachers and students learning about the American Civil War.

Narratives from such notable figures as President Abraham Lincoln, General Robert E. Lee, General George A. Custer, and General Ulysses S. Grant are available as well as narrative from soldiers, citizens, and slaves of the era.

iMP's educational materials are also available at iTunes University.

The Michigan Experience DVD is available at Amazon.com at.

For more information about iMichigan Productions visit www.imichiganproductions.org.

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Editors: photographers, historians, and editors are available for phone or studio interviews. Call Donna Ullrich at 810-730-1590 to arrange, or contact at donna@imichiganproductions.org

Reenacting season is getting underway throughout the state. A calendar of events is available at: <http://www.micw150.us/2014events.htm>

The Amazon.com link to the book is: <https://www.createspace.com/4644614>

The Amazon.com link to the DVD is: <https://www.createspace.com/348975>

