



Our Old Bookcase, September 14, 2017, Military Exhibit, Jay Co., & Civil War program, Delphos

Photo caption: Military Vehicle Exhibit will be at Jay County Fairgrounds on September 15-16. & Civil War Exhibit will be at the Canal Museum, 241 N. Main St., Delphos, Saturday, September 16

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By Joyce L. Alig, President, Mercer County Historical Society

Two great Military Exhibits will be held this Weekend of Friday and Saturday, September 15-16. Military Theme Exhibits are always popular in Ohio.

First, on Friday and Saturday, September 15 -16, the Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association and the Museum of the Soldier, will host a Military Vehicle Show & Swap Meet at the Jay County Fairground, 806 East Votaw St., Portland, Indiana. The donation for admission for the day is \$5.00. Current Military Personnel are free with ID.

For those of you who want to take your own Military Vehicles to exhibit at this Exhibit at Portland, you and your crew will have free passes. Vendors have already made their reservations for this show. For information, call Jim, 260-729-7017 or call Matt, 260-251-7770.

My husband Alvin and I have visited this Military Vehicle Exhibit for years. The Military Vehicles will be of interest to everyone. The Museum of the Soldier volunteers work throughout the year. Every year, this exhibit at the Jay County Fairground, presents rare collections of Vehicle Exhibits, with the Military accoutrements. Many of you visitors have also visited the Mercer County Historical Museum on the fourth Sunday of October, year after year, when the Volunteers of the Museum of the Soldier present a different Military exhibit from United States History.

Second, on Saturday, September 16, visit the Civil War Exhibit at the Canal Museum, Delphos, Ohio. I received the following notice from Mike Klinger, Albion, IN: "Mark Britton and I will be hosting a Q &

A (Question & Answer) on two Civil War Regiments that had many men from the surrounding area in them. The 99th O.V.I and the 118th O.V.I.. (Ohio Volunteer Infantry) both formed at Camp Lima in the late summer of 1862. We will be at the Canal Museum at 241 N. Main St., Delphos, Ohio, Saturday, September 16, from noon on. Men from your area served in both regiments. We will have artifacts, diaries, photos and letters from the units. We would like to meet anyone who is a descendant of or is interested in these units. They are encouraged to bring their information or artifacts to show.”

I checked the List of men of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry for 118th O.V.I., who entered at Lima Camp, in August 1862, in the 1882 “History of Van Wert and Mercer Counties, Ohio,” on page 335. Unit history is included. Family names which you will recognize on this list include Stone, Rhodes, Clum, McDaniel, Ellis, Johnston, Harrod, Bobenmeyer, Brown, Burk, Burkle, Circle, Clemants, Collins, Downens, Doner, Dunwoody, Fleighler, Garber, Hedrick, Hinton, Kelley, Kline, McGee, Martin, Meeks, Myers, Patton, Preston, Schroyer, Steen, Tebold, Crabtree, Stowell, Tawney, Frazer, Sullin, Lamond, Rice, Simson and Murlin. [First names & Company identification is available for each of these men, on page 335.]

I checked the list of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry for 99th O.V.I. on page 337, and found the following names; Adam Kuhn, W.B. Rolther, B.F. Roebuck.

You can go to Libraries in Mercer County, and ask to see this 1882 “Van Wert and Mercer Counties, Ohio,” book, and see the history of these O.V.I. Units.

The Civil War Exhibit at the Canal Museum at 241 N. Main St., Delphos will be an excellent opportunity for historians and for genealogists seeking information about their ancestors who served in the Civil War. Mike Clinger and Mark Britton will present an educational program about the 99th and 118th O.V.I.

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