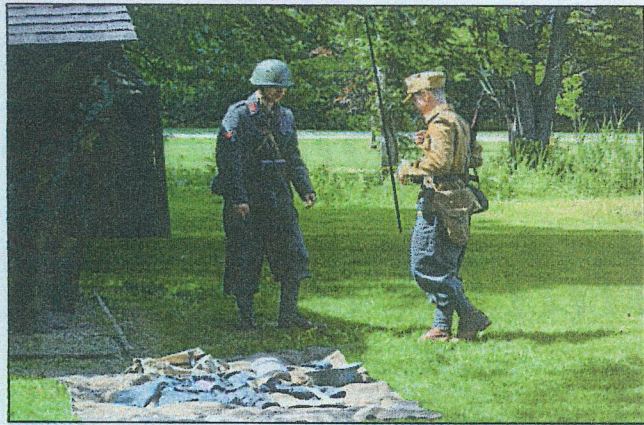


EVENT

History comes alive



Military reenactors set up their encampment.



Reenactors of different eras stop to chat during a recent history event in Chesterfield Township.

Reenactors offer glimpse into area's past

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Local history recently came to life in Chesterfield Township.

Military reenactors converged at the historical village for this year's History Alive: A Timeline of Historical Reenactors event on June 1 and 2. Living history encampments offered a glimpse into the past from the days of the early fur traders of 1750 to the 21st century. Displays and demonstrations ranged from cooking and broom making to military tools and weapons.

Groups that participated in this year's event included the Lac Ste. Claire Habitants et Voyageurs de Detroit, the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B.



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Local citizens learn about military history during a recent event at the Chesterfield Township Historical Village.

History enthusiasts can also look forward to a pair of upcoming reenactment events scheduled for this summer. Breakout: WWII Reenactment will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 14. The event will include displays and demonstrations depicting the World War II era. Fire-base Chesterfield is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 10 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 11. Vietnam

War displays and demonstrations are planned.

The trio of summer events is sponsored by the Chesterfield Township Historical Society and the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society.

The Chesterfield Township Historical Society was founded in 1993 for the purpose of preserving the community's history. Members work to discover, collect and preserve historic materials, buildings, monuments,

markers, sites, artifacts and publications. Its mission statement is "to preserve and educate the community of life in Chesterfield Township and the Anchor Bay areas of Michigan."

The Chesterfield Township Historical Village is located at 47275 Sugarbush Road, adjacent to the Chesterfield Township Municipal Offices. For more information, call 586-949-0400 or visit chesterfieldhistoricalsociety.org.



Broom making is demonstrated at the Chesterfield Township Historical Village.



A reenactor demonstrates cooking methods of the past.



Civil War reenactors from the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B, displayed historic weapons and other items at a recent event in Chesterfield Township.



The Lac Ste. Claire Habitants et Voyageurs de Detroit were among the groups participating in the event.