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New Exhibit Opening on Michigan Women and the Civil War

Lansing, MI –A new history exhibit will open on Saturday, September 24 at the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame. "Not Just a Man's War: Michigan Women and the Civil War" explores the roles Michigan women played and the impact the war had on their lives. Enactors and interpreters in historical costume will be present to talk with visitors and to conduct presentations during the opening reception on Saturday, September 24, 12-4 pm. The event is free and for visitors of all ages.

Special presentations and demonstrations are scheduled throughout the afternoon for the opening reception. At 1 pm visitors have the opportunity to meet Civil War soldier Private Franklin Thompson (a.k.a. Sarah Emma Edmonds) brought to life through Marie Papciak's one-woman show. At 2 pm discover what women wore and see how they dressed in the demonstration "Dressing for the Day 1860s Style" by Maryanne Greketis. And at 3 pm meet Civil War nurse Annie Ethridge and learn her story from historian Bruce Butgereit and his daughter Bernadette Butgereit.

The mission of the Michigan Women's Historical Center is to inspire and engage adults and children by celebrating Michigan women's history, promoting educational opportunities, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women. The Michigan Women's Historical Center is home to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame featuring over 250 honorees past and present, changing history exhibits, the Belen Art Gallery featuring Michigan women artists, and a unique and sassy gift shop. The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame is operated by the Michigan Women's Studies Association, a non-profit 501c3 organization.