

## For Immediate Release

On May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Civil War Reenactors from across the state of Michigan will converge on Historic Walker Tavern in Brooklyn, Michigan for a **Civil War Reenactment and Living History** demonstrations.

Step back in time! **Hear the roar of cannons.** Smell the smoke! Hear the sounds of battle as Confederate and Union forces exchange musket fire and clash in battles on both Saturday and Sunday.

**Be sure to visit the civilian camps** and displays. Experience what life was like back in the 1860s during the Victorian era. The fun will include a pie auction, quilt show, and cast iron skillet throwing competition.

Come and enjoy the sights and activities for the entire family. Special period games are planned for the youngsters. There will be a **North vs South Tug-of-War**. Living History portrayals will be on-going all weekend as well as Artillery and Infantry demonstrations at scheduled times.

The smells of slow cooked barbeque, authentic kettlecorn, and home-made biscuits and gravy will fill the air. Food may be purchased from Biscuit Babes, Soul Stops Here and Walker's Kettlecorn. The Friends of Walker Tavern will be selling the tavern's own famous root beer by the bottle.

**Shop the Sutler's Row** and the Walker Mercantile for unique items that would have been found in 19<sup>th</sup> century shops.

**Friday, May 14**, the encampment will host a special school day presentation. If your school group is interested in attending the Friday presentation, please contact: Belinda Grier at 313.928.1932 for details.

**Gate admission** on Saturday and Sunday is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 6 to 12 years of age and free for children 5 and under.

The Walker Tavern Civil War event is sponsored by the 5<sup>th</sup> Texas, Company E, the USS Michigan Marine Guard, and Walker Tavern Historic Site, a part of the Michigan Historical Museum System.

**Hours of operation** are from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am until 4:00 pm on Sunday.

**Walker Tavern is located at 13220 M-50** at the corner of US-12 in Brooklyn, Michigan. Visit the Walker Tavern website at: [www.michigan.gov/walkertavern](http://www.michigan.gov/walkertavern) or ....

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