

## **PRESS RELEASE**

Announcing the Monroe County Historical Museums programs in conjunction with Custer Week 2009: We will be hosting historical presentations on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Also participating both days at the museum will be Sandy Barnard of Wake Forest, North Carolina with his large collection of Custer oriented books for purchase, and Rick Berry from the Michigan Toy Soldier Shop displaying and selling Civil War and Indian War miniatures.

### **Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> programs:**

- 1:00-2:00 p.m.      “*Custer Battlefield: Then and Now*”, by renowned Custer author Sandy Barnard. Sandy will also be selling and autographing his book, “*Where Custer Fell*”.
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.      The annual Southeast Michigan Civil War Roundtable will present various subjects concerning General Custer. Speakers include Civil War Historian David Finney on “*Custer at Gettysburg in Paintings*”, and Robert Robards, formerly Captain of the Michigan Cavalry Brigade, on “*The 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalryman’s Equipment at the Little Big Horn.*”
- 4:30-5:00 p.m.      The very entertaining panel discussion on Custer related topics, based on questions from the audience.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m.      Dinner at the VFW Post, 1138 Jones Ave. in Monroe. After dinner presentation by Steve Alexander as General Custer on “*Custer at Appomattox Court House and the Surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia.*” (Reservations required, \$15 per person, contact Dave Ingall at 734-240-7782).

### **Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> programs:**

- 1:00-3:00 p.m.      Our head-lining program will be “*Hump & Crazy Horse at the Little Bighorn and Major Events in Lakota History*” by Native American author and Educational Director of the Crazy Horse Memorial, Donovin Sprague. Mr. Sprague will be visiting us from South Dakota and is a descendant of Crazy Horse and Hump. He has written four books on Native American Reservations and will be releasing his latest book, “*Crazy Horse & Hump*”, by University of Oklahoma Press next year. After the presentation, Donovin will be taking questions and signing his books for purchase.

Please join us for an enjoyable weekend of interesting presentations and fun at the Monroe County Historical Museum in downtown Monroe at 126 South Monroe Street.

For more information on the museum’s programs or to make reservations for the VFW Post dinner on Saturday, contact Dave Ingall at the Monroe County Historical Museum at 734-240-7782, or go to [www.co.monroe.mi.us/museum](http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/museum), [www.monroescuster2009.blog.com](http://www.monroescuster2009.blog.com).