

## 2015 Heritage Alliance Meeting

The Macomb County Heritage Alliance (MCHA) is a consortium of local historical and genealogical organizations located with Macomb County. MCHA was organized in 1996 by Madeline Page and Patricia Hallman.

This year's annual Alliance meeting was hosted by the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society (MIMTHS), 16600 Stephens, Eastpointe, Michigan on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. MIMTHS is open Saturdays and Sundays. Check out their website for more information about admission costs, hours of operation and upcoming events by clicking [here](#).



The historical and genealogical groups browsed the displays of information for the various organizations in attendance, listened to the program conducted by Amy Smolski, Commonwealth Administrator for the Macomb County Community Mental Health. Amy provided handouts and information on her program to the attendees. MCHA also held their annual business meeting and caught up with activities and events for the other organizations in attendance. Approximately 40 people attended, representing the historical/genealogical organizations in Macomb County. Lunch was served utilizing a Military chow line, except for the two vegetarians in the group who were served MREs.



In recognition of those who have and continue to contribute to preserving the history of Macomb County, MCHA recognizes individuals and organizations for their many hours of volunteer work by presenting the Alexander Macomb Historical Award on an annual basis. This year's deserving individual award was presented to Madeline Page. Madeline is a current board member of the Macomb County Historical Society and was a co-founder and organizer of MCHA. Madeline's volunteer activities over the years include collecting material for Macomb County Historical Society's Vertical File, creating and maintaining a Surname File that is kept at the Mount Clemens Public Library, and collecting obituaries of locals and keeping them on file.



The Macomb County Genealogy Group was recognized as the Alexander Macomb Historical Organization Awardee. Kim Parr, President of MCHA, presented the award to Ann Faulkner, a volunteer at the Mount Clemens Public Library. The Macomb County Genealogy Group is sponsored by the Mount Clemens Public Library and has met regularly since its beginning in 1973. This group is just one of many within the metro-Detroit area that works consistently to learn about their chosen hobby, share their experiences, help each other, and give back to the genealogical community. They meet every other Friday at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the library. The MCHA Annual Meeting for 2016 is tentatively scheduled to be hosted by the Sterling Heights Historical Commission at the Sterling Heights Public Library with a tour of The Upton House.

