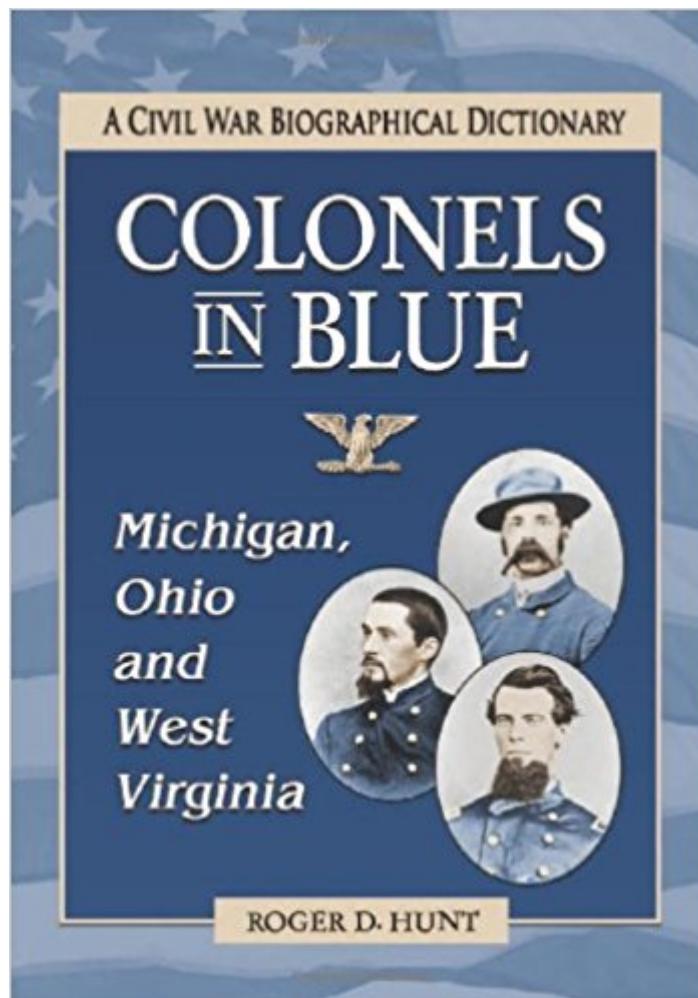




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At the start of the Civil War, Union governors often appointed prominent local citizens as commanders for their states' rapidly-growing army regiments. Often possessing more patriotism than military competence, many of these men never rose beyond the rank of colonel and so have remained mere footnotes to history. This valuable volume catalogs the Union army colonels who commanded regiments from Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia, giving special attention to those who failed to win promotion to brigadier general or brevet brigadier general, and therefore are less likely to have attracted scholarly attention. Arranged by state, each section includes a comprehensive list by regiment of every colonel who led regiments from that state followed by brief biographical sketches summarizing the Civil War service and life history of those who never advanced. Impressively researched and organized, this welcome reference work will aid and entertain Civil War scholars and enthusiasts alike.

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I'm just a dedicated fan where these books are concerned. I don't work in the field professionally or as a hobbyist. I messed with collecting some things years ago, but I just wasn't able or willing to invest my time and energy to something this complicated. If you go back to Brigadier Generals in Blue, this is the 5th Book and 4th Publisher involved in this mission to identify by word and image Senior grades down to Regimental command in the Union Army. This McFarland & Co. book is half the size of the previous books; and I believe is only being issued in paperback. There is more data in this book than in the past. The effort to find photos went off better than I had anticipated, given that the availability of photographers diminishes somewhat going westwards. There are at least two more volumes to go in this process. Don't know if Mr Hunt and I have enough time left to see it thru: Got my fingers crossed. This is a priceless collection.

needed this one also to add to his collection.

A great amount of work goes into Mr. Hunt's books and they are wonderful, quick references. I highly recommend this one and each of his other volumes.

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