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### Captain's Column

Well, it has taken most of the year but F Company finally had it's first major event of the 2019 Reenactment Season. It was the weekend of 19&20 October at the Cedar Creek Battle Reenactment. Yes, the event is back after a one year hiatus and after the pipe bomb incident of 2017.

F Company actually had 11 members at the event and we were able to return to our former glory of being able to form up as our own unit and not have to fall in with anyone else. In fact, another unit fell in with us. That was a nice change. What a difference it makes when you can be your own company. You have a sense of pride and confidence and a degree of conduct that behooves a unit the caliber of F Company.

It was the typical Cedar Creek battle. We pushed the Yanks back until Sheridan made his appearance and rallied the Yanks at which point they began pushing us back until the battle was called. At the end of the battle the unit was dismissed in the area of the sutlers and vendors so we could visit, shop, and eat before going back to camp.

The evening was spent enjoying camp camaraderie but as the night wore on most of us (including myself) drifted to our "wagons" or other places of shelter to spend the night. Rain was in the forecast and it did materialize during the overnight and morning hours. Some of us used this as an excuse to leave the event (again, myself

included) so much so that there were only three of us left. They were the ones who stayed in camp, Steven Adams, Johnathan Alexander, and Jeremy Villanueva. I am sure that they did F Company proud during the Sunday battle.

This, however, shows the two choices F Company is faced with when we go to events. When we have the numbers we can be our own unit. When we don't we get absorbed by another unit. So we can be in charge of ourselves or let someone else be in charge of us. Which do you prefer? It has to do with the level of commitment to the unit. Saturday at Cedar Creek was awesome. While I am sure those of us that participated in Sunday's battle had a good time I am. also sure that they would have much more preferred to have the rest of F Company to fall in with. We need to have more events like Saturday's battle at Cedar Creek. Let's see if we can work on making that happen.

Now looking at November, we have two events scheduled. They are the Civil War Show, the 16th&17th, and the Gettysburg Parade, the 23rd. I will let 1st Sergeant Vice give you the particulars of each of those two events.

Again, thanks for Saturday at Cedar Creek!!! It was awesome

With kindest regards,  
Captain Turley

P.S.: Have a Happy Thanksgiving

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's Column

The company has two events for the month of November, the Capital of the Confederacy's Civil War Show (16-17 Nov) in Richmond, VA, and the Remembrance Day Parade (23 Nov) held in Gettysburg, PA. The CW Show is a major recruiting effort for the company which definitely needs your support given our low strength levels, while the Remembrance Day Parade is our continuing effort to honor our fighting Confederate ancestors. Please see the following information for needed coordination of your participation at either or both of these events.

**The Capital of the Confederacy's Civil War Show (Sat/Sun, 16-17 Nov)**- This is one of the premier and the oldest CW collector shows in the nation and is an opportunity not only to recruit for F Co, but to improve your knowledge of not only CW artifacts, but Confederate military history as well. The show will run from 9-5 on Sat, and 9-3 on Sun. Your uniform serves as your free admission to the show. Captain Turley definite needs your services in manning the F Co recruiting tables

during this two day show. The show is located at the Richmond Raceway Complex, Old Dominion Bldg., 600 E. Laburnum Ave, Richmond, VA.

**Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade (Sat, 23 Nov)**- This is one of the best American Civil War military parades held in this country! It's our opportunity to demonstrate our ability w/marching as well as turning out like well-dressed soldiers. We need at least 10 uniformed soldiers to make-up an effective marching contingent w/our own Confederate colors. So yes you need to make the effort to attend!

We will assemble at the Unity Park by one of the large oak trees. Unity Park is located at the corner of Baltimore and Lefever Streets in Gettysburg. You can't miss it as it's the center of all the parade activity. You need to be present by 1130 as the parade starts at 1300 hours so you'll have sufficient time to find suitable parking due to large crowd in town, and we need to have a short rehearsal of drill for our participation.

### **Specific Uniform Requirements for Parade**

- (1) Uniform- Kepi (NO slouch hats) w/cleaning matching uniform jacket and trousers w/accoutrements and canteen (filled!), but NO haversack. What is usually called "light marching order".
- (2) Accoutrements and Brogans- All leather items must be polished, that is, you need to clean and polish cartridge box, cap pouch, belt and bayonet scabbard plus cartridge box sling if you use one. Additionally, ALL brass must be polished including uniform and kepi buttons, belt plates and bayonet tips.
- (3) Reminder- This is a military parade, not a field event!!! You need to present an exceptional personal appearance which does honor both to yourself and our Confederate ancestors! This is how F Co, 21<sup>st</sup> VA demonstrates its support of both Southern history and America!

Most Respectfully,  
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## F Company Battle of Cedar Creek 2019 pictures



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