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## Captain's Column

Alright gentlemen, our time in Winter Quarters is quickly coming to a close. It will officially end 22 February 2020. That is the date of our Annual Meeting which traditionally gets our reenactment season underway. It takes care of all the business and organizational aspects of running the unit before we actually take the field. This year the meeting will be back at the Chimborazo Medical Museum which is part of Richmond National Battlefield Park. The actual address is 3215 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA. 23223. The meeting will get underway at 10:00 AM. Please be on time.

This will be a very important meeting for the unit. We must make plans for the future as both the current Captain (yours truly) and the 1st Sergeant plan on retiring very soon. We are in very difficult and troubling times as far as reenacting is concerned. All things "Confederate" are deemed evil and racist. It is very difficult to find recruits genuinely interested in participating in this hobby. So if you want F Company to continue to be a viable unit in Civil War reenacting I strongly urge you all to be at this meeting. Hopefully, I will see everyone there.

With kindest regards, Captain Turley

## 1st Sergeant's Column

You've read the Company Commander's column which deals w/both F Co's specific issue and w/the larger problem of doing CW reenacting and living history in the world of today since we are Confederates. As a personal comment you need to attend the Annual Membership meeting to re-affirm your support of the company and in a larger context to demonstrate that all of us that compose F company have a right to pursue our interest in both American and Southern history and heritage, and more especially to educate the American public as to the sacrifices that Confederate soldiers made in defense of their beliefs and ideals.

If there was ever a time to bring a potential recruit to the meeting then this is it! F Company is in fact an exceptional unit not just when it comes to uniforms and equipment, but as a motivated, disciplined military body w/strong leadership. If you've someone whose been holding back as a recruit or just can't quite decide to make the plunge then you need to get in touch w/them, and bring them to the meeting so they can see what and how F Company successfully pursues its objectives.

Reference our upcoming Annual Meeting see the attached voting procedure which will be followed at the meeting. The Executive Committee will not be presenting a recommended slate of officers, that is, nominations for each position on the Executive Committee will be only taken from the floor at the meeting.

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## Outline for Executive Committee Nomination and Voting Procedure For 22 Feb 2020 Annual Membership meeting

1. Take individual nominations for each office of the Executive Committee beginning w/Commander in descending order down to Member-at-Large. Under the revised Robert's Rules of Order, an individual member may nomination themselves for office, or a member may nominate another F Co member for an office.

A member nominating another F Co member for office must insure <u>prior</u> to the meeting that individual will accept the nomination and serve in that office. This must be done in order to prevent the confusion of individuals turning down a nomination because they do not wish to serve in that position in order to move the nominating and voting procedure along in an orderly, organized manner. Additionally, the member nominated for office <u>must be present</u> at the meeting.

It must be noted that if elected to office individual must  $\underline{\text{immediately}}$  assume their duties per F Co,  $21^{\text{st}}$  VA Bylaws following the Annual Membership meeting.

- 2. Voting should be done on each position by secret ballot to insure all voting individuals have voted for the individual member they honestly want to hold office, and thus are not indirectly coerced into voting for someone they do not truly support.
- 3. A secret ballot will be distributed to individual F Co members who are eligible to vote at the Annual Membership meeting. Secretary will tally vote and give returns to Commander who will announce the person selected following the voting for each individual position of the Executive Committee.



Annual Meeting Location February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Ode to Joe