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## Captain's Column

Gentlemen, F. Co, 21st VA

June is almost over, and July is upon us. Happy July 4th! I very much like to remember my ancestors on Memorial Day but have somewhat more conflicted thoughts about July 4th. It is "Independence Day" from the British, yet the very reason we are taught that they wanted independence "taxation without representation" sure seems like it has been forgotten. Anyway, enjoy your weekend and fireworks.

On June 12-13th the company had its first uniformed event in over a year, and it was fabulous. For anyone that missed it, the weather was nice, the location great, the visitors interested, and the hosts seemed pleased with our presentation. I would estimate that we had 15-20 on each demo average and we did 5 including for the SCV group so we met a fair number of people. It was not huge, but it got us out and doing something. In attendance were the Alexanders, Ray Hanson and Tony Turly as well as myself. I spoke to Larry Turner at the end and he seemed pleased so I hope we can make it a regular event in the future. It is not a "battle" but the location is close for some members, and a comfortable spot to camp. On Sat eve the group went out to a "dine in" movie theater which was an adventure in itself. Sorry if you missed it.

As for the next few months there are events on the calendar and please take note of them as we do need to register and get a head count for at least some of them as soon as possible. First up we will have another fort work day on August 14th. We cut some trees down on the May bridge work day and they should have lost their leaves by now so we can get those cut up and a few more cut down. We also want to figure out what to do about the outhouse foundation and plan for it's renovation. It will not be a long day, 9-1 should easily do it.

Second, please put Sept 11-12th on your calendar for the Muster. It will again be in the Valley and we will start this time on Sat morning at my house 1115 Barren Ridge Rd Fishersville, VA at 9:00 on the 11th. Anyone - Tony? who would like to come up on Friday is welcome but officially we will start by going out for the day on Sat and back to my house where we will have dinner and spend the night as we did last year. Sunday we will get up, have breakfast and spend the morning touring with an end time about 1:00. I need a basic head count for food so please send word to me if you are or are not coming. If things change for you there is plenty of food and space but at least I can get an idea.

Third. Cedar Creek is on this year! It will be Oct 15th-17th. We need to get registered as soon and on the company's radar so that we can have a good turnout. Please let the Corporal and 1st Sgt know you are coming as soon as possible.

Fourth, the Gettysburg Parade is on for this year Nov. 20th, and it is my favorite event of the year in it's own way. Yes, it is only a few hours, no it is not a battle or sitting around a campfire, but I so very much enjoy marching with the colors and remembering our history. If you have never done it, I think you will enjoy it and if you have you will enjoy getting out, looking smart and hearing the cheers of the crowd! Huzzah for F. Co! Another bonus is all the people who cheer (heckle?) Mike Vice. He is famous in his own way too!

From not having anything for a year we now seem to have a pretty full plate for the fall. Cedar Creek will be the battle highlight. Next year we will get back to having some more living histories and another battle of two hopefully. I hope everyone is having a good summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the muster and the fall events.

Obediently,

Capt, Travis Clements F. Co. 21st VA.

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

Gentlemen,

With the new list of events out and no white board to keep track of participation, I need the members to be in close contact with Cpl Hanson. He will be keeping the Captain and I briefed on who is attending what and if there are any changes to someone's attendance. The registration for Cedar Creek is not due till the end of August so you gentlemen have some time to think about, check your schedules, and plan accordingly.

1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Alexander



## Last Months Picture has been renamed......

"The Shining meets the Texas Chainsaw Massacre"

Kernstown Event 2021



"Remember The Alamo"



"The Captain and his Mom"



"Nice Fire – Nice Tents – Nice Flags"

Ode to Joe

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