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Captain's Column

Gentleman,

It is Memorial Day Weekend, and we have the privilege to spend time relaxing and eating thanks to the sacrifices of many of our ancestors who gave up their families, their youth and their lives so that most of America can get a day off and eat too much. Probably the vast majority of people have their parties and forget the reason they have the day off. I hope we do not, in fact I know we do not and that makes me proud to be part of F. Co. We understand it is important to remember our history and ancestors, no matter when and where they lived. I had a Great Uncle killed at Anzio, another killed at the Chosun Reservoir, and I try to think of them, and with even more respect on this weekend.

I never served in the Military, but so many past and current F. Co members have. Thank you for all your efforts on this country's behalf even if most civilians tend to forget more often than not that we even have a Military. It is a difficult and usually dangerous occupation not to be taken lightly and takes more commitment than most people are willing to give. Again, Thank You!

The weekend of June 12-13th sees our first "live" event in well more than a year. We have a living history scheduled for Kernstown Battlefield! Hurrraaay! I have been in contact with Larry Turner, and it is acceptable to camp out on Friday night, as well as Sat.

His message to me was

Travis,

The concrete pad to build fires on is north of the Pritchard House about 50 feet, in the grassy area between the two cedar trees and the large tree grove.

Larry

So, if you plan on camping Friday night, please find the concrete pad as I believe they want to keep the grass green. As for wood I have mentioned it to him twice but he has not actually answered my question so I would assume they do not have any wood for us. I have some for Sat night but will not be there till Sat morning. Tony is going to say with me in Fishersville, Friday night to break up his drive so we will be there Sat morning. If anyone else is coming from a distance (south, east) they are welcome to join us.

From my messages with Larry, we should have at least 4 demonstrations, a 5th will be a possibility so please bring at least 20 rounds and a few extra caps. There is going to be a historian who wrote a book on 2nd Kernstown giving walking tours, so the plan is to coordinate with the ending of his tours, so the exact times are a bit fluid at this point. They are to run 10-2 on Sat and supposedly 45 minutes long. So, I expect that we will catch the end of the first group and beginning of the second group. Then the third group. The tours are on Sat and Sun and then on Sunday the SCV has a picnic in the battlefield meeting room so our last demo will be for them about 4:00 on Sunday. That should make 5 demos. I am hoping that with all the visitors more interested in the war than the average Joe, we may pick up a recruit or two. You never know.

Please arrive by 9:00 on Sat, as that will give us at least an hour to get organized and ready for the first demo. Earlier is fine, but no later please.

The rumor mill has it Cedar Creek is a go. Please think about that as we will need to get registered.

I should mention that on May 13th the company was able to get together, and we have fixed the pier on the bridge. It was rotten and Ray Hanson and helpers were able to dig away the rot, cut a treated 6x6 to replace it with so the bridge is again level. We also moved the firewood and Ray and Chuck cut a few more trees. We did find that the pile of Railroad ties that we were given 10+ years ago are rottener than at least I had imagined. As I am writing this my thought is if anyone wants to take some ties for landscape timbers that is fine with me. They are still good for that, but doubtful as bridge material anymore so getting rid of them someday will have to be found and we might as well get some use out of them as a company body. If anyone wants any let me know and I will check with the Jack, Mike and the 1st Sgt. to see if there are any objections.

I believe that covers it for this month. Again, enjoy or I hope you enjoyed Memorial Day, and see you in June.

Respectfully,

Capt. Travis Clements

1st Sergeant's Column

Gentleman,

Thank you for all that helped with the bridge repair last month. It was a success and I am pleased at how well the repair turned out. I am also pleased that we were able to move the fresh firewood into the fort so thank you to Tony and Jack for that. We also have three bales of hay ready for the next event. I am looking forward to the Kernstown event and get back into the public eye again.

1st Sergeant Alexander

Fort Work Day 2021



Construction Gang



Before



After

Ode to Joe

