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Captain's Column

Gentleman,

On Feb. 5th we held the F. Co annual meeting at the Mechanicsville VA Library with 7 in attendance. The 1st Sgt took detailed minutes, but the short version is Johnathan Alexander, and I will continue as 1st Sgt and Captain, Jack Alexander as Treasurer, Greg Hanson as Member at Large, and with Ray Hanson as Corporal. We discussed last year's events, and my discussions with the Kernstown and Richmond Battlefield organizers about what they are hoping to do this year. We have a decently full schedule and if you have not contacted the Corporal or 1st Sgt about what events you plan to attend, please do so as soon as possible. Also, yearly membership dues are \$75 this year so if you have not paid, get that to Jack. With 7 in attendance, we need a few more commitments to truly have a company on the field for the two large battles we have penciled in, McDowell in May and of course Cedar Creek in October. McDowell should be fun, it is a small town, and they usually go all out for their reenactment as it is usually every 5 years, so they get excited. If you can possibly make it, please do. Please let the 1st and Corporal know as soon as possible as we do have to pay for McDowell. In addition to that we will be at Kernstown at the end of April and Cold Harbor the first weekend in June. That will get us through the spring and get us back into the field. It is a bit of a dense schedule, but it is the best time of the year - usually - weather wise and we should be looking forward to getting on the field so I hope more people will sign up.

Our next scheduled event is the Fort Work Day on March 19th. Jack Alexander was at the fort back in January. Mr. Harvie has timbered the property and so removed a lot of trees and Jack says it looks very different. He says you can see the RR much better, and the tree line that borders the field we drive along is cleaned out.

Our work day should be the usual clean up. It is early enough that we should not have too much in the way of vines to clean up but there is always brush to work on and branches to get piled up. Please bring the usual chainsaws, shovels, etc. that you always do. The outhouse was repaired last fall but if you have some materials in your collections that might be useful for that bring it and we might see what we can do. I have some bricks that I will bring since if we can get it up off the dirt it would cut back on the rot. We may not be able to do anything but at least we can inventory.

Camp of Instruction will be April 8-10th so keep that on your calendar's. Greg Hanson and Chuck Arrington are going to handle breakfasts and dinner this year and if their ideas at the meeting pan out we should eat well.

I believe that covers the news for now, please be handing out cards and drumming up some new recruits. This hobby is more fun the more people we have.

See you in March and Thank You,

Travis Clements Capt. F. Co, 21st VA

1st Sergeants Column

Gentleman,

As the Captain stated we had the annual meeting on February 5th. In this newsletter is included a signup sheet of the events for the year. For those that were not in attendance of the meeting please review the events and let me know the ones you are signing up for. Dues are 75 dollars and need to be into the treasurer by March 15th. At the meeting it was discussed in the future to possibly host a virtual meeting for anyone who cannot attend in the future so be on the lookout for that. Pvt. Chapman has also taken over the duties as the Facebook liaison so we should be seeing more activity coming to the Facebook page in the near future. Pvt. G. Hanson and Pvt. Arrington have volunteered to be the cooks for the COI weekend. If anyone has any food concerns, I request that you touch base with them and let them know so they know how much food they will need to supply the company.

Also remember that the company equipment will be available at the COI so if you need anything I suggest you discuss with the captain to be sure it's available for purchase from the company inventory. I'm eager to see how the fort looks now with many of the trees cut back. See you all at the workday.

1st Sgt. Alexander

Facebook Update

Big thanks to Kendall who has agreed to be our new editor, our Facebook page is up and running again, please take advantage and post your pictures both recent and from years past. If you have any questions or problems, please let Kendall know. Be on the lookout for event announcements and activities will be posted on Facebook. Any suggestions to improve our outreach and search for new members, please let Kendall know. Thanks again, Kendall.

Respectfully,

Jack Alexander



Come out and see the Next Phase of Fort Harvie, Saturday March 19th

Ode to Joe

