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### Captain's Column

Gentlemen,

Our 2014 C.O.I. is history. I want to send a big thank you to all who attended. The weekend went very smoothly and the weather was nice, even though we had to escape an hour or so early on Sunday to beat the rain. I would like to send many thanks as well to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Vice for keeping things organized and for the informative training classes. Also, my appreciation goes out to Mark Riemer for planning and master minding the cooking duties and meals for the weekend. That helped us stay on, or ahead of schedule all weekend.

Congratulations goes out to Mike Touart for shooting the high score of 49 on the individual competition as well as **2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon** for handily winning the platoon shooting competition.

We have the Endview event coming up on the weekend of April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. I will attempt to arrive on Friday afternoon. If you cannot arrive on Friday, please arrive early on Saturday so we don't miss anything. The site is relatively small, so it should not be difficult for us to locate each other. The directions and details will be later in the newsletter.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse event is coming up on the first weekend of May. (May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) This is a Longstreet's Corps event. I will also be arriving to that one on Friday afternoon. The early maps that I have seen show Longstreet's Corps camping in the same place as Chancellorsville last season. We will attempt to confirm that and get the map in the next newsletter if it is not in this one. You will probably see some details about this one in both the April and May newsletters.

Please pay close attention to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.'s column as you will find the details for the events and what is expected of you and when and where to arrive. If you signed up for these events, please

make every effort to attend. Others are counting on you to help make the unit and the season a success. If any of the new recruits are going to need to borrow anything to be able to participate, please let your Corporals know ASAP.

I want to thank the company membership for allowing me to serve as your Captain. I assure you that I will do everything in my power to be worthy of your trust. This is a learning period for me as I undertake a new chapter in my career in the hobby. I ask for your patience and understanding as we forge ahead. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next events.

Respectfully,

Captain Gammon

## Chaplain Corner

With Easter just around the corner, this excerpt seemed especially fitting. Think back to Easter Sunday's in the past. Some of you may have celebrated with a sunrise service at your childhood church, a church service with your entire family present, Easter baskets full of candy or even a special dinner with family. Regardless of your traditions, everyone can remember the happiness associated with Easter. There is a special joy that comes from knowing that all of your spiritual debt has been paid, this one day a year, reminds us all that there is salvation through Christ Jesus. I would urge you all, this time of year especially, to take comfort in the fact that all is forgiven, and let it be a constant, daily reminder that you were so abundantly precious, that God gave his only Son, so that no man should perish, but instead have everlasting life.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. M Gammon

## Easter Every Day - Cindy Hess Kasper

April 20, 2014 — *by Cindy Hess Kasper*

Read [Hebrews 10:11-18](#)

A friend of mine, who is a preschool teacher, overheard an animated conversation among her students. Little Maria threw out the question: "Who loves God?" All of them responded, "I do! I do! I do!" Billy said, "I love Jesus." Kelly protested, "But He died." Billy said, "Yeah, but every Easter He rises from the dead!"

Obviously, young Billy's understanding of the meaning of Easter is still developing. We know that Jesus died once for all (Rom. 6:10; Heb. 10:12) and, of course, rose from the dead once. Three days after paying the penalty of our sins on the cross, the sinless Jesus conquered death by rising from the grave and breaking the power of sin. It was this final sacrifice of blood that opened the only way for us to have a relationship with God now and a home with Him forevermore.

"Christ died for our sins, . . . He was buried, and . . . He rose again the third day" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). He has promised that He is preparing a place for us (John 14:1-4), and He will someday return. One day we will be with our risen Savior.

That's why every year at Eastertime—in fact, every day of the year—we have reason to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Ps. 34:1).

*Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me;  
Buried, He carried my sins far away;  
Rising, He justified freely forever:  
One day He's coming – O glorious day! - Chapman*

Christ's resurrection is cause for our celebration.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. M. Gammon

## F. Co. 21st VA Official Minutes: 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

Call to Order/Invocation (0910): David Gammon

Pledge of Allegiance: All

I. Welcome and Introduction: David

A. Executive Committee Member and NCO's

B. General Membership Introductions

- New/Former/Prospective members

II. Review and Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

A. Motion: Nate Pate, Second: Mike Vice

III. Media Update: Dustin Gunter

A. Current Status: website, renewal and update

- Bug Fixes: rotating photo banner, inventory page, links to social media

B. New Twitter Account

C. Addition of new vendors via social media

IV. Committee Reports

A. Treasury Report: Jack Alexander

- Addition of musket to company inventory

- Additional funds raised for website

- Fort fund established as subset of General Fund

B. Uniform and Equipage: Mike Vice

- Viable source found for wooden canteens (order placed)

- Seamstress at Richmond Depot cutting back workload, will continue to service F. Co

C. Inventory: Ricky Ladd

- Addition of new items to the inventory
- Be timely with orders from both vendors and quartermaster.

D. Membership and Recruiting: David

- Addition of three (3) new recruits
- Every member is a recruiting opportunity (Word of Mouth)

V. Militia Impression: Jack

- A. Several uniforms available in inventory to borrow
- B. Militia Uniform is secondary to regular wartime gear
- C. Soldier Handbook outlines required items vs. optional items

VI. Remaining Old Business

- A. Discussion about Luray and Tactical (2013) – return of funds paid

BREAK: 0957

COMMENCE: 1034

VII. New Business

A. Longstreet Corps: David

- Membership necessary due to change in corps bylaws (Mainly to include insurance coverage)
- Pros: Provided Insurance, parent organization, admission into larger events
- Cons: Sometimes get lost in larger numbers as campaigners
- Corps dues: \$70/company, Insurance: \$5/ man

VIII. Fort Harvie: Nate

A. Current Status

- Same as 2013 Annual Meeting, current focus is still to maintain

B. Plans for 2014

- Powder Magazine on 2014 scheduled plans, as well as general maintenance

C. Workday

- March 1, 2014- Man Power Needed, general maintenance and cleaning, clearing underbrush, collecting firewood etc

- D. Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Third Presbyterian Church “Talent Show,” money raised will be donated to F. Co. Fort Fund

IX. Schedule of Events: Matt Gammon

- A. Discussion for each event on 2014 schedule, outline details

X. Dues Proposal: Jack

A. Cost Analysis Breakdown

- B. Proposed dues to be set at \$100 for 2014

- Motion to accept proposal: Bob Baird, Second: Mike Vice
- C. Discussion of future Recruiting opportunities as related to dues and F. Co. Funding

#### XI. Election of Officers

- A. Explanation of Tony's situation to membership
- B. Executive Committee Recommends the following slate:
  - Captain/President: David Gammon
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant/Vice President: Matt Gammon
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt/Secretary: Mike Vice
  - Treasurer: Jack Alexander
  - Member at Large: Nate Pate
- C. Floor open to nomination
- D. Motion to End Nomination
  - Motion: Tom Stafford, Second: Eldridge Firth
- E. Motion to Accept Recommendations:
  - Motion: Tom Stafford
  - Second: Jay Butler

\*\*\* Presentation of gift from Travis Clements to Captain D. Gammon

#### XII. New business

- None

#### XIII. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt's Address: Mike Vice

Benediction/adjournment (1153): David Gammon

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

Gentlemen,

Well, everyone lived thru the Camp of Instruction, and I expect that most had a good time as well as learning or re-learning many varied skills! I appreciate everyone's cooperation and continued good humor throughout the COI. The new recruits are to be commended for continuing to soldier on despite at times almost being overwhelmed by all the new skills they had to master in a very compressed schedule. I want to cite three individuals for their particular assistance at the encampment- Nate Pate and Ricky Ladd for their logistical support w/water, firewood, hay, and company inventory. They got it to the Fort in a timely manner and always had it available for company use. Additionally, I want to commend the Cook Mark Riemer of our New England Contingent for his well organized, and nutritious period meals provided to the troops.

I want to note to every member of F Company what a unique opportunity we have in Fort Harvie being available to us for our use in training and supporting company activities. This surviving wartime Confederate earthen fortification being located so close to the center of our membership

makes a singular backdrop to our learning and appreciation of Civil War and Confederate military history. I would ask that all of you when called upon support the continued maintenance and historic preservation of this great piece of American history.

We have Endview Plantation (4-6 Apr 14) coming up. A special note, I'd recommend to everyone who has access to firewood that they bring some w/ them to the event as the site has very limited firewood, so you'll need it for camp cooking. See directions and event details in other portion of the newsletter. The weather has finally turned so everyone signed up for the event needs to be there to support the company!

## Endview Plantation Directions

From Richmond take I-64 East  
Take VA-143/US-238 exit, EXIT 247  
Toward Yorktown/Lee Hall  
Turn left onto Merrimac Trl/VA-143  
Continue to follow VA-143  
Turn sharp left onto Yorktown Rd/VA-238  
Endview Plantation is on the right/watch for signage

GPS/Map Quest Address: 362 Yorktown Road, Newport News, VA

## ENDVIEW PLANTATION REENACTMENT REGULATIONS

### *Registration*

1. Registration will be \$5.00 per person before March 21st, \$10.00 afterwards. Children 11 and under are free.
2. **Military reenactors not attending with their regular unit must have prearranged with an attending unit to fall in with them. No unattached reenactors will be allowed to participate for safety reasons.**
3. Artillery and Mounted Cavalry will be admitted free to the event. (Must be preregistered for planning purposes) The first 4 Artillery pieces will receive a bounty. (\$125 per field piece and \$75 for mountain howitzers or rifles) In order to receive a bounty, your unit must be set up in the city's vendor system and you must submit an invoice. (Staff members will assist you in filling out the paperwork)
4. Cavalry will receive hay free of charge if registered early. Anyone wishing to bring horses to the event must have their registration forms postmarked *no later than 3 weeks* before the first day of the event (Friday). Anyone with horses not preregistered must get prior approval from Endview staff. Straw may be purchased at registration for \$4.00 until it runs out.
5. All participants portraying specific individuals (such as generals or politicians) must get prior approval from the event staff. This is to ensure that these portrayals are appropriate for the scenario. These participants will not be allowed on the battlefield unless the respective Army commanders give permission.
6. Registration will open Friday at noon and remain open until 8pm. Registration will reopen Saturday morning at 8am and remain open until 10am. After that time, you will need to register at the office or the historic house. (Location will be clearly posted).

7. Set up camp where your unit or branch of service is assigned. Please respect the members of our host units' decisions in regard to camp areas.

## *Duties*

1. Unit commanders will:
  - a. Make sure unit members are properly registered for this event, and possess a valid participant pass as documentation of registration, before they enter into a combat scenario.
  - b. Make sure unit members are aware of these rules and regulations before entering any combat scenario.
  - c. Organize and supervise the execution of firearm safety inspections for all unit members before attending a combat scenario.
  - d. Cavalry commanders are responsible for checking "Coggins" certificates.
2. All event participants will:
  - a. Be familiar and comply with these rules and regulations.
  - b. Comply with the directions of Unit Commanders and Endview staff in matters pertaining to event rules and regulations.
  - c. Ensure they attend unit firearm inspections prior to taking part in any combat scenario.
  - d. Serve as adjunct safety officers during combat scenarios.

## *Weapons*

1. *No live ammunition* will be allowed in any camps, on the battlefield or at the tacticals.
2. Edged weapons and bayonets may be carried, but unsheathed only after prior approval of event host Commander. Ramrods may be carried but are *never* drawn except by approved ordinance personnel in the performance of their duties. Ramrods may be drawn during safety inspection of arms prior to the battles.
3. Only period weapons appropriate to that branch of service will be permitted. *Infantry*: 2- or 3-band rifles. NO repeating rifles. *Cavalry*: carbines, revolvers, 2-banders, and sabers. *Artillery*: no scale pieces.
4. Powder to be carried *only in pre-rolled cartridges*. No penny wrappers, staples, tape, or aluminum foil allowed for small arms.
5. Full safety inspections will occur before taking the field each day of battle - no exceptions. *No firing of weapons in camps*. See Event Commander ONLY for any exceptions.
6. No one under age 16 may carry a weapon onto the battlefield. No one under age 12 is permitted on the battlefield. Children ages 12 to 16 shall function as musicians.
7. Weapon blank charges are as follows:

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| .36 or .44 cal | 45 grains of FFF                                   |
| .54 or .58 cal | 65 grains of FFF                                   |
| .69 cal        | 100 grains of FFF                                  |
| Cannons        | 3 oz max. of F or FF (no flour) per inch bore size |

## *Camp Life*

1. No modern items should be in plain view of the spectators. Most spectators are trying to get an idea of what life was like for people during the Civil War. Leaving modern items out will give them a poor impression, and may discourage them from supporting reenactments and living histories again.

2. While in camp: the clothing, appearance, deportment and choice of language by men and women will follow the example of that used in the early 1860s. Both sexes will adhere to the modesty standards of that time, especially when the public is present.
3. Campgrounds are City property. Sod from fire pits must be rolled back on Friday, and then replaced after breaking camp on Sunday. Please leave them as when you arrived. Do not use fire pits as trash dumps.
4. Park only in the areas designated for participants. No reenactors should park in Endview's parking lot for any reason. That area is reserved for staff, volunteers and handicapped spectators. Vehicles that violate this rule may be ticketed and/or towed.
5. Portable toilets do not arrive until Friday. They will be cleaned Saturday night.
6. No illegal drugs, substances, or alcohol are allowed. Other beverages must be in period containers or cups. All quiet in Camp at midnight means just that. Noise must be kept to a minimum between midnight and reveille. Please act as Ladies and Gentlemen during these hours. Loud drunkenness will not be tolerated.
7. Any person acting in an unsafe manner or under the influence of an illegal substance, drugs, or alcohol will be removed from the premises without a refund. This includes officers, soldiers, civilians and sutlers. Park officers and/or City police will issue tickets to those in violation of these regulations.
8. Please place all garbage in the dumpster provided before you leave the site. Any recyclable material may be bagged separately and left next to the dumpster to be recycled.
9. Every Unit Commander is responsible for the conduct of unit members. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of Endview Plantation. It is in everyone's self interest to report all unsafe or illegal acts to his or her Unit Commander, a Staff member of the host unit, or an Endview employee.

## Miscellaneous

1. Children must be under adult supervision at all times.
2. An adult should remain in camp at all times for safety and security reasons.
3. Dogs must be on a leash and supervised by an adult at all times. If a dog injures a person, that dog's owner assumes full responsibility.
4. An ambulance will not be provided by the Civil War at Endview during the event. If an injured individual requests an ambulance, one will be summoned. All fees for emergency services will be the responsibility of the injured and not of the Civil War at Endview. The rescue squad is located less than three miles away from the site.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Endview staff. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you!

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**Ode to Joe**

