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### Captain's Column

Everyone knows by now that the Camp of Instruction scheduled for 23-25 March was postponed. This was due to weather circumstances during the week prior to the scheduled camp and the weather predicted for that weekend at the time the decision was made. It was also done due to concerns for the conditions for the grounds and property and out of respect for the landowner. The event has been rescheduled for the weekend of 13-15 April. Everything will be the same with members arriving on Friday evening/ night or very early Saturday morning. It will culminate early Sunday afternoon. The schedule for the camp is contained later in this newsletter. The consequences of canceling and rescheduling the camp may cause some members to have scheduling problems or issues of their own. Some who were originally planning to attend may now not be able to do so. That is unfortunate if that is your case. I just ask that those of you who can to please reshuffle your schedule if at all possible. The Camp of Instruction is probably the most important and best event of the reenacting season. It actually kicks off the year and gets us in the proper mindset and gives us the preparation we need for an enjoyable and successful season. So please try to make it happen. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

With kindest regards,

Captain Turley

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

Camp of Instruction (13-15 Apr 2018)- The major F Co training event for 2018 had to be rescheduled due to continuing projected adverse weather on the originally planned date to the date shown above. When your contacted by your platoon corporal you need to reply promptly as to whether or not your attending as rations will be purchased in the quantities needed based on your response as well as water, firewood, and hay being hauled to the site by co members in order to support the needed training. The Executive Committee understands that some co members who were committed to the original training date won't be able to attend on the rescheduled dates, however, it was felt that marching and drilling, sleeping and driving in the mud and snow just wasn't conducive to a positive training experience.

See the attached training schedule so you can make your plans for needed tentage and equipment you will need for this event. Friday afternoon or evening arrival is highly recommended so you're ready to go first thing on Sat morning.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Vice, 1<sup>st</sup> SGT

### **F Company, 21<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry Camp of Instruction 13-15 April 2018**

Time	Activity	Instructor(s)
<b><u>Friday, 13 April 2018</u></b>		
1500-2300	Set-up Camp Start Warming Fires Erect HQ Tent and Individual Tents Supper Meal in Town or Camp	Captain and 1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
2300	Quiet in Camp	

**Saturday, 14 April 2018**

0630	All Troops in Camp	Captain
0650	First Call	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
0700-0720	Reveille Formation Form Mess Groups	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
0720-0815	Prepare and Serve Breakfast Meal	Mess Groups
0815-0830	Kitchen Police	Mess Groups
0830-0900	Inventory Sales	Quartermaster and Sutler
0900-0930	Company Philosophy and Purpose	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
0930-1100	Full Field Layout and Inspection- All Pvt's And Cpl's	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
1100-1145	School of the Soldier Stationary Drill, Form Co, Manual of Arms, Stacking and Inspection	Captain 1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
1145-1300	Firing Drill Load in 10 Times Fire by Company	Captain 1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
1300-1330	Noon Meal from Haversack	
1330-1400	Musket Firing and Safety Procedures/ Musket Cleaning	Safety Officer
1400-1430	Target Set-Up	2 <sup>nd</sup> SGT
1430-1600	Musket Live Firing	Safety Officer
1600-1630	Target Removal and Musket Cleaning	2 <sup>nd</sup> SGT

1630-1800	Prepare and Serve Evening Meal	Mess Groups
1800-1830	Kitchen Police	Mess Groups
1830-1845	Musket Firing Results	Captain
1845-2200	Soldier Time	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
2200	Quiet in Camp	

**Sunday, 15 April 2018**

0650	First Call	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
0700-0710	Reveille Formation	1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
0710-0800	Prepare and Serve Breakfast Meal	Mess Groups
0800-0815	Kitchen Police	Mess Groups
0815-0845	Church Call	Captain
0845-1100	Company Drill Marching in Formation Facings and Wheels Column and Flank Movements	Captain 1 <sup>st</sup> SGT
1100-1200	Review of all Previous Drill	Captain
1200-1230	Noon Meal from Haversack	
1230-1330	Skirmish Drill	Captain
1330-1400	Final Formation Strike the Camp Loadout and Police the Fort	Captain 1 <sup>st</sup> SGT

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