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1st Lieutenant's Column

Gentlemen,

The month of June has come and gone. We have participated in the living history at Cold Harbor as well as the Blue/Gray Gettysburg event. Thank you to all who participated in these two events.

Cold Harbor turned out to be typical of the events there in the past. We had around a dozen people, counting the few from the 4th N.C. who came out to help. We did two demos on Saturday and one on Sunday. The only difference was that this year there was no candlelight tour. The mosquitoes had a pretty impressive turnout as well. It was like someone tipped them off that we were coming.

The Blue/Gray Gettysburg event offered something from both ends of the satisfaction spectrum. It was supposed to be an event for reenactors, by reenactors, but someone forgot to tell them that. The event seemed to me to be poorly organized, despite the amount of time that they had to get it together. Our boys got left out in the breeze on Friday morning and never got into battle. The Friday evening battle was exciting as we battled in the smoke filled woods. Saturday's debacle left a bit to be desired. We were marched all over God's green earth and left in the sun for over an hour before finally being marched into the muzzle of a just fired cannon. That was the last straw, and F Co. left the field. Unfortunately, I had to leave late Saturday evening, so I can't say how Sunday's action went.

It was nice to have such a large company at an event though, and to actually get to lead the company on the field at Gettysburg. It was good to have all of the guys from New England join us and to get to see Joe Pearson again. Sadly, Joe had to depart early on Friday afternoon due to some plumbing issues at home. Hopefully this won't be the last time we see Joe. I hope we can talk him into joining us again somewhere.

Due to falling numbers, the event at Williamsport had to be scrubbed. Those who were signed up are welcomed to add on to the event at Luray in September. Let the 1st Sgt. Know if you would like to be added to Luray. There is also going to be a day muster in the Fredericksburg

area in August. The musters are always a relaxing, good time. I hope to see everyone there. More info on that will be forthcoming.

Please keep in mind that if you have missed any paid events, please try to get your reimbursement to the company Treasurer.

Respectfully,
1st Lt. Gammon

Gentlemen,

The following article by Bill Crowder was taken from the “Our Daily Bread” daily devotional. It speaks of how a good leader will lead from the front, and compares it to the way Jesus leads us through life. If you would follow an officer into battle with death being the possible final prize, how much easier should it be for us to follow Jesus with everlasting life as the prize?

Enjoy,
1st Lt. Gammon

Leading From The Front
June 6, 2013 — *by Bill Crowder*

Read: [Psalm 23](#)

He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. —[Psalm 23:2-3](#)

Stephen Ambrose’s book *Band of Brothers* follows the US Army’s Easy Company from training in Georgia through the Normandy Invasion of D-Day (June 6, 1944) and ultimately to the end of World War II in Europe. For the bulk of that time, Easy Company was led by Richard Winters. Winters was an especially good officer because he led from the front. The most commonly heard words from Winters in combat were, “Follow me!” Other officers may have sought the safety of the rear areas, but if Winters’ men were going into combat, he was going to lead them.

Jesus is the one true Leader of His children. He knows what we need and where we are most vulnerable. His leading is part of what makes Psalm 23 the most beloved song in the Bible’s hymnal. In verse 2, David says that the Shepherd “leads me beside the still waters,” and in verse 3 he adds, “He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” These twin ideas reveal why His care is so complete. Whether it is times of refreshing and strengthening (“still waters”) or seasons of doing what pleases Him (“paths of righteousness”), we can follow Him. As the old song says, “My Lord knows the way through the wilderness; all I have to do is follow.”

My Lord knows the way through the wilderness;
All I have to do is follow.
Strength for today is mine always
And all that I need for tomorrow. —Cox

Jesus knows the way—follow Him!

1st Sergeant's Report

Gents,

As for the month of August, we have the F. Co. Annual Muster on the 24th. To my understanding, we are still trying to get somewhat of a head count for this so please let me know if you plan on attending. Details for this opportunity may be found further down in this newsletter.

The next reenactment will be at Luray on September 7th-8th. The following list is registered for the event:

D. Gammon, M. Gammon, N. Pate, T. Clements, J. Butler, M. Guillen, D. Gunter, B. Kiser, M. Kulikowski, R. Ladd, T. Stafford, B. Ward, S. Wilson

This event will be pretty standard by comparison. There will be two battles for the weekend, one Saturday and one Sunday. My recommendation is to bring 70-80 rounds, I would rather you have too many, than potentially miss out on a great scenario.

Meals will be as usual. You are responsible for your own food. It has always been that most people snack throughout the day, and we venture out as a group on Saturday night in search of food. As of late, some have been bringing food to cook in camp. My recommendation, be prepared for both, or just make your decision ahead of time and be a trend setter. Lastly, I would assume there will be food vendors at this event, the operative word being "assume."

For those of you planning to go Friday evening, have a blast, try to be settled in before dark. For those coming Saturday morning, please try to be in camp by 800am. I have had difficulties finding a solid schedule, so that info may change.

This particular article is coming to you very early, you will most likely see it again in the September Newsletter, PLEASE BE ADVISED>>> be sure that no information has changed. The above contents are what I know now, that is subject to change.

Respectfully submitted,
1st Sgt M. Gammon

Fredericksburg Muster Saturday, 24 August 2013

F Co. will be having its now customary Aug Muster in Fredericksburg, VA to explore and tour the battlefield, and the town of Fredericksburg (Dec 1862). The tour will begin at 9:00AM at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center, NPS site in downtown Fredericksburg on Lafayette Blvd. Everyone needs to arrive at that site by **8:45AM** so we can attend the NPS interpretive movie which starts at 9:00AM w/an admission fee of **\$2.00**. We'll then explore the NPS museum on the lower level as well as the Sunken Road and Marye's Heights actions. From here we'll car caravan, consolidating our numbers in as few vehicles as possible, thru the park to the Union breakthrough/CS counterattack point of Jackson's line (21st VA in Taliaferro's Division) as well as Prospect Hill w/a probable walk to Hamilton Crossing on the railroad which is critical in the CS defense.

Lunch will be scheduled for around 1:00PM to 2:00PM at a local restaurant to be selected, but it will likely be the Colonial Tavern or a local Irish pub which will be a sit down meal w/beer being available, and a chance for everyone to refresh and socialize. Following our meal we'll journey just north of town to the White Oak Civil War Museum. This museum created by local CW relic hunters (\$4.00 admission fee) has an excellent collection of dug relics of the battlefield areas as well as a very good interpretation of a winter hut encampment. This will conclude our

tour, but hopefully we can adjourn to Karl's, a well known local Fredericksburg ice cream emporium, for those interested. We'll plan to conclude the tour between 5-6:00PM.

You're strongly encouraged to wear your F Co t-shirts and hats to the muster in order to let the NPS know that reenactors are making use of their battlefield for historical military study, and for local Fredericksburg merchant's awareness that reenactors are spending money in their town. These points are important for F Co's image.

Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center
1013 Lafayette Boulevard
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Take exit 130A from I-95.

Drive east on Route 3 for approximately 2 miles.

Turn left at the traffic light at Lafayette Boulevard (US 1 Business).

Proceed approximately 1/2 mile.

The visitor center is on the left.

Ode to Joe

