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Captain's Column

I want to thank everyone who attended F Co's Annual Meeting for 2018. This time it was held at Richmond's National Park Service Chimborazo Medical Museum on East Broad Street. This is a very historic area. The museum itself is just a few blocks from St. John's Church which is where Patrick Henry gave his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech.

The meeting room was not as spacious as that of the Ft. Harrison location where we have had the meeting in the past. But it served its purpose well and we appreciate Richmond National Battlefield Park letting us have the meeting there and specially the efforts of Bert Dunkerly and Ed Sanders.

The meeting was well attended with thirteen members and three guests present. Fortunately, and happily, all three of the guest decided to join F Company. So, we have three more new recruits. They are James Green, coming to us through the efforts of now veteran Steven Adams. Chris Marshall, who is originally from Savannah Georgia and found us via our website. And Daniel Villanueva, son of now veteran Jeremy Villanueva. I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome them to F Company.

The meeting went well, and all business was done in a productive and timely manner. Dues were set (same as last year), officers elected (same as last year), and

the schedule is being determined from our sign-up sheets. Thanks to everyone for their participation and cooperation.

Speaking of sign-up sheets, the first two events on that sheet are already upon us. The first outdoor activity of 2018 is a fort work day on Saturday March 3rd, which is immediately upon us. In case you don't know, F Co. has access to an actual (for real) Civil War fort. It was really used during the war. This is where we have our Camp of Instruction each year. The fort work day is to get the site ready for that camp. I will let 1st Sergeant Vice address the work day as he has already to some extent in his email.

The second event will be three weeks later, more specifically 23-25 March, and it is the said Camp of Instruction. As it has been for the last several years, the COI will be at our Civil War fort. We call it Fort Harvie after the land owner, Mr. Taylor Harvie.

The COI is probably the most important event of the year. This is where the groundwork is laid for a successful reenacting season both personally and as a company. It is essential that you be there. We will be drilling and drilling and doing more drilling. This is where we learn how to conduct ourselves on the battlefield. This makes you a real Civil War soldier reenactor. You can get the uniform, you can acquire the accouterments and the equipment, but without knowing what to do with the stuff you only look the part. We don't just want to look the part. We want to "do" and "act" the part. As it is said you can "talk the talk" but if you don't "walk the walk" it means nothing. You won't know what you are doing. This is where we will learn how to "walk the walk". It's a refresher for the veterans and a required "Intro to Reenacting 101" for the new recruits. I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone to be there.

We do many activities at this event that we don't do or either can't do at any other time. We will actually live fire our muskets. We will have a company mess, cooking over a campfire. We will be drilling together. So incessant, we will be living with each other for almost two whole days and we will begin to mesh together as a unit. So please, please, please make every effort to be at this very important event. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

God bless!

With kindest regards,
Captain Turley

1st Sergeant's Column

F Company has already kicked off the 2018 campaign season as you will see from the information below. The key event for March is the annual Camp of Instruction (23-25 Mar 2018) being held at Fort Harvie in Amelia County, Virginia. Please read the information that follows on this key F Co event to insure your sufficiently ready for the encampment.

7th Annual Reenactor's Recruiting Fair (10 Feb 18)- This event sponsored by the Army History and Heritage Center at Carlisle Barracks, PA, proved to be another successful program w/the public for F Company! Jack Alexander and myself set up a recruiting table for F Co and engaged in a great deal of educational interaction w/the public. Groups all the way from the Viking period to the Korean War were represented at this highly colorful and well attended event. We came away w/a possible father-son recruitment.

Annual Membership Meeting (17 Feb 18)- Our meeting proved very successful especially w/support from the Richmond National Battlefield Park, NPS, in providing us w/meeting space at Chimborazo on East Broad St. in Richmond. We had a total of 14 attendees including three new recruits, who all joined the company which portends well for the 2018 campaign season. Please see attached minutes of annual meeting.

Note that your annual dues must be must paid by 15 March 2018!!! This is a requirement of the

F Co Bylaws, so NO you cannot wait until the COI to pay these dues! Send check in the amount of \$85.00 to Jack Alexander, Treasurer, 6346 Bannister Dive, Frederick, MD 21701. Additionally, if you missed a paid event you registered for in 2017 then you must pay that money in order to maintain yourself as a member in good standing w/F Company. Contact Treasurer for specific amount owed.

Upcoming Camp of Instruction (23-25 Mar 18)- Please note the following key pieces of information concerning this upcoming major F Co training program:

(1) Mess Operations- Our usual company cook, Mark Riemer, will not be able to participate at this year's COI, however, we are going to take advantage of this seeming problem and utilize it for training purposes as well as feeding ourselves. On Sat morning of the COI, we will form Soldier Messes (4 men per mess) and be issued rations for the period of the COI, that is, for two hot breakfast meals and one hot evening meal. Each mess group will receive rations for four men plus needed mid-19th century cooking utensils- mess cooking pot, coffee pot, skillet, plus large cooking fork and spoon which are the bare necessary items a CS mess group

would have carried on campaign. You will feed yourself from your own haversack for the two noon meals at the COI.

(2) Mess Fees- Each soldier attending the COI will pay a mess fee of \$15.00 for the three hot meals. You need to bring either \$15.00 cash (correct cash) or a cheque in the correct amount to the COI which will be collected on Sat AM.

(3) Directions to COI- For GPS purposes the address for Fort site is 12901 Coverly Road, Amelia CH, VA 23002. General Directions from I-95 South

Take I-295 exit. Exit 84B toward Charlottesville
Take US-1S exit on the left toward Richmond
Merge onto I-295N via exit on the left toward I-64 W/Charlottesville
Merge onto I-64W via exit 53A toward Charlottesville
Merge onto VA-288S via exit 175 toward Chesterfield
Merge onto US-60W toward Powhatan
Turn left onto Dorset Rd.
Dorset Rd. becomes Schroder Rd.
Schroder Rd. becomes Genito Rd.
Genito Rd. becomes VA604 Chula Rd. Continue to follow Chula Rd.
Turn left onto Coverly Rd.
As you cross railroad tracks look for F Co directional signs

(4) Training Schedule- This document is not complete at this time but will be published shortly. It is recommended you arrive at Fort on Fri afternoon/evening (23 Feb 18), but at the latest 0630-0700 on Sat, 24 Feb 18.

**Meeting Minutes
F Co, 21st VA Annual Membership Meeting
17 February 2018**

The meeting was formally called to order by the Captain/President at 1009 hours followed by invocation and pledge of allegiance. The Captain then introduced Executive Committee members and F Co NCO's. Recognition then followed of three potential recruits at the meeting: James Green, Chris Marshall, and Daniel Villanueva.

The 2017 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were approved by the membership.

Committee reports were then provided the general membership. The Treasurer gave a verbal explanation of his written report to the membership dealing w/his last quarter 2017 report and recommended 2018 annual budget. In particular, the Treasurer noted the very sound financial condition of the company as it entered the 2018 campaign season. The Chairman of the Uniform and Equipage Committee provided a general verbal report along w/his written report w/particular emphasis on the membership making sure that they utilized company inventory for new or replacement pieces of need equipment as well as only using recommended sources provided by committee chairman. The verbal Membership and Recruiting status by the Treasurer and Member-at-Large noted 27 serious website contacts over the last year for serious potential recruits w/needed follow-ups. A general discussion then followed noting the potential better utilization of

Facebook and its likes as a means of creating a positive recruiting environment thru this electronic medium. The Treasurer passed out a supply of company business cards to those needing them for future recruiting purposes.

The Captain provided introductory remarks on the Militia impression along w/showing physical examples of available militia uniforms and headgear that were available for membership use at special militia themed events.

With all 2017 Old Business being concluded a break was taken for company picture out of doors at the front of the Chimborazo Medical Museum which doubles as headquarters for Richmond National Battlefield, NPS. Following the photo an outdoor sale of company inventory and Honest Mike's Sutlery was held which showed a brisk business being conducted by both establishments. An outdoor sale was needed due to tight meeting space at Chimborazo. Additionally, hot coffee, Crispy Cream donuts, and bottled water were provided by the Captain and Treasurer for the general membership. Additionally, regular members paid dues as three potential recruits filled out membership applications plus paying their dues as new company members.

The meeting resumed at 1126 hours w/New Business for 2018. The Captain lead w/remarks about the future leadership needs of the company, noting in particular that himself along w/1st SGT were making plans within the next three-four years for potential retirement from their respective positions and that membership needed to start formulating their potential replacements, but most especially the membership needed to start stepping up to needed leadership and administrative responsibilities to prepare for that change of leadership.

The Treasurer recommended that annual dues for 2018 be set at \$85.00 which was approved by the membership. The Treasurer as liaison to Fort Harvie provided a report on general status of fort along w/supplemental information from 1st SGT on planned 3 Mar (Sat) 2018 Fort Work Day to prepared site for upcoming Camp of Instruction (Fri-Sun) 23-25 Mar 2018.

This was followed by platoon meetings w/Corporals while Captain and 1st SGT meet w/three new recruits to provide a general orientation on the activities and goals of F Company. Meeting formally resumed w/1st SGT covering planned 2018 events calendar w/explanation of each potential event which showed a full schedule of events for 2018. Following this presentation, members wrote up their participation preferences on the provided white board as well as filling out event sign-up sheets.

The election of officers saw the slate recommended by the Executive Committee elected to office as follows:

Captain/President- Tony Turley
1st LT/Vice-President- Vacant for 2018
1st SGT/Secretary- Mike Vice
Treasurer- Jack Alexander
Member-at-Large- Greg Hanson

There being no other New Business, a benediction followed w/adjournment of the meeting at 1240 hours.

Michael L. Vice
1st SGT/Secretary

It's Tax Time

It's Tax time again. Remember much of what we do should be tax deductible as F Company is a 501(c) 3 corporation. Always check with your tax man, if you need our tax id # just let me know.

Treasurer (with no rank)



Check out pictures below



Civil War Recruiting Day in Pennsylvania



(Possible New Recruits)

Annual F Company Meeting



Meet Our Newest Members



Daniel



Chris



James

Ode to Joe

