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Captain's Column

The 2011 reenactment season is now fully under way having already done one living history program and one battle reenactment. The living history event was supposed to bring attention to the digitalizing of Civil War and other historical documents by the Library of Virginia. It was originally going to be at the J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College Campus in Goochland but was moved to the Grace Episcopal Church in order for F Company to be able to fire its muskets. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. It rained all day forcing us inside and diminishing the expected turnout for the event. In spite of the rain we were able to do some drilling in the fellowship hall/banquet room of the church. It had a really high ceiling enabling us to drill with fixed bayonets inside. We did have a few visitors and everyone benefited from the drill especially the newer recruits.

The next reenactment was the Buchanan Civil War History weekend, April 29, 30 and May 1st. This was a very small event some what similar to the old Bedford event we use to go to. Buchanan is a very small town just down the road from Lexington. Despite its small size it was a very enjoyable event. There were lots of other activities besides the battle to keep one's interest. David Palmer, aka General Robert E. Lee, was camped across the street from us. F Company served as the General's staff for the weekend. There was random street fighting and/or camp fighting throughout the day for those who wanted to participate in that kind of thing. Saturday evening we went to the movies. A film about the Battle of Lynchburg was playing. It was produced by Greg Starbuck (F Company's own kepi supplier): In the movie they referenced a quote by F Company's John Worsham. He was identified as being from F Company of the 21st Virginia. Saturday night there was a period dance that some of the members attended mostly just watching but some did a little dancing too.

Sunday morning we attended church service. The afternoon battle was scheduled for 2 p.m. and was going to be a rehash of Saturday's battle. The weather, contrary to the forecast, was cloudy and threatening with intermittent rain. With the rain and little desire to do Saturday's battle over again F Company decided to make an early exit. However it was a good event and everyone had a good time.

On a sad note, we recently learned that one of our long-time members, Ron Lawrence, passed away from a heart attack. His funeral was Friday, April 29th, in Floyd, Virginia. It had been a while since Ron had fallen in with us but he was planning to be at Manassas later this

summer. Just goes to show that you never know when your time will come so make sure you are ready to go spiritually when it happens. Please keep Ron's family in your prayers.

Coming up really soon, May 14th, & 15th is the New Market Reenactment. We have eleven people signed up for this one. Directions will be later in the newsletter. Hope to see you there. Try to car pool with someone if you can.

With Kind Regards
Captain Turley

1st Sergeant's Report

Coming up in May, we have New Market on the 14th and 15th. Please arrive by 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning. There will be battles on both days, so bring enough rounds and caps for both. (75 - 80) You will be on your own for meals, however, I believe there may be an expedition to Dan's steak house on Saturday evening. There are usually several food vendors there as well for those who don't want to pack a bunch of food. There will be directions and a site map to follow in the newsletter. Our usual campsite will be marked on the site map.

I have the following people signed up: (Turley, Gammon, Alexander Jack, Alexander Johnathan, Clements, Guillen, Gunter, Kiser, Ward, and Wilson)

On June 4th and 5th, we will be doing our annual living history event at Cold Harbor. We will be doing several demos during the day and the candlelight tour on Saturday evening. This is normally a well attended event as far as the public is concerned. Please arrive by 8:30 A.M. on Saturday morning and bring 30 rounds and caps in a bag with your name on it. You will not be able to have rounds and caps in your cartridge boxes or cap pouches. The rounds will be issued back to you before each demo. You will also be on your own for meals for the weekend. Directions will follow in the newsletter.

I have the following people signed up: (Turley, Gammon D., Firth, Gammon M., Alexander Johnathan, Catlett, Clements, Guillen, Gunter, and Weidman)

If anyone will need to borrow any gear for either of these events, please let me know far enough in advance to allow me time to get the things together. If you wait until the last minute, you may be out of luck.

Your Obedient Servant,
1st SGT. Gammon

Inventory Report

There is new equipment now in the inventory. Please contact Johnathan Alexander for more information. Johnathan will be at New Market, so if you are attending the event, and need inventory items, please let him know ASAP, so he can be prepared to bring them with him. New members, you will have preferential treatment with regards to first access to the items. If you need anything tell Johnathan immediately.

Thank you
The office of the First Sergeant

Directions to New Market Reenactment

From Interstate 81:

Take **Exit 264** onto Rt. 211 West.

Take immediate **Right** onto Rt. 305 (George Collins Parkway).

Continue **one mile** until you see the circular, distinctive **Hall of Valor**.



Directions to Cold Harbor Living History

(Once on I-295 South, look for the Brown signs on the side of the road for Cold Harbor.)

From the *North* or *West*: Take **I-95 South** toward Richmond, Take **I-295 South** toward Norfolk.

Take the **second Creighton Road Exit 34 A**.

From the *East* and *South*: Get on **I-295 North** toward Washington.

Take the **1st Creighton Road exit 34 A**.

Proceed to the **first** stoplight (Cold Harbor Road).

Take a **right**. Go about **3 miles** and the park will be on the **left**.

You will clearly see the small visitor's center building.

The designated parking area changes slightly from year to year, but it is always down by the visitor's center, usually by the fence on the left (as you come in).

Ode to Joe

