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Captain's Column

Gentlemen,

The major event of the year is upon us! Manassas is here! My article this month will be very short. I will defer to the 1st Sergeant who has all the important information about 1st Manassas. Please pay close attention to the details especially printing out your waiver and medical forms, the times that registration will be open (remember that we are registered as part of the 47th VA.) and the early battles on Saturday and Sunday.

This is early war. If you have a militia uniform, wear it. If you don't, wear your war time impression, but we will probably go into battle in just our blouses. If you have a battle shirt bring it for backup. It will be hot, so be prepared.

I also want to thank those who helped with the Cold Harbor and Gaines Mill events. Your efforts are appreciated. I will see everyone at Manassas!

With Kind Regards
Captain Turley

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

The 150th First Manassas event is coming up on July 23rd and 24th. In this newsletter you will find directions and a schedule of events. Please note that registration appears to only be open from Wednesday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M. It looks like you will need to be signed in by Friday evening to participate. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE REGISTERED AS COMPANY "I", 47TH VA, OF LONGSTREET'S CORPS. The battles will be at 9:30 A.M. on both Saturday and Sunday. I cannot guarantee how far away the parking will be, so I would recommend packing light. I am told there is to be a shuttle running to and from parking. Please bring about 80 rounds for the weekend. You will be responsible for your own food for the weekend.

You will also find copies of the two forms that you will need to have filled out for the event. The waiver form will need to be turned in at registration and the medical form will need to be carried in your cartridge box. The suggested attire for the event should be either the militia impression, or battle shirts. For those who have neither, I believe shirts will be acceptable. Shell jackets will not be period correct. If you need militia uniform items, the company has some available for loan. Jack has already fitted some of you for these items, so you will need to contact him to set up the loan.

I have the following people signed up. (Turley, Gammon D., Firth, Gammon M., Pate, Alexander Jack, Alexander Johnathan, Catlett, Guillen, Gunter, Kiser, Kisner [in place of Ron Lawrence], Ward, Weidman, and Wilson). I look forward to seeing everyone there.

With Kind Regards
1st Sgt. Gammon

Website News Update

Gentlemen,

As many of you are aware our Website is under going changes. The executive committee realizes the importance of our website and is doing our best to continue a first class product. Our many thanks go to our long time webmaster, John Parks who is stepping down due to job demands and Huzzah to Matt Guillen who has volunteered to handle this chore in the future. John will be assisting Matt during the transition and will continue to screen and forward emails. Please be patient as we are having to rebuild the site from the ground up, the software that established our site is more than 10yrs old (equal to about a million years ago in tech time). In the meantime, Johnathan has setup a Facebook page which will help during the transition stage. The page contains some of the basic information and provides a platform for pictures and such; it should be much easier to get them on the Facebook page and save space for our final website. If anyone has any suggestions, pictures or can provide additional web support please let Matt or I know.

With Kind Regards
Jack Alexander



150TH COMMEMORATION REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF 1ST MANASSAS/BULL RUN MEDICAL FORM

Print this form. Complete it and place it in your cartridge box.

First name	Last name	Street address
Town	State	Zip
Email	Phone	Date of birth

List allergies & sensitivities

Health problems & surgeries

Medications

In case of an emergency		
Name	Relationship	Phone
Physician's name	Physician's phone	

Place this printed form in your cartridge box.



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JULY 23 AND 24, 2011 AT PAGELAND FARM

REENACTORS' RELEASE FORM & WAIVER OF RIGHTS

**MAIL WITH \$20 PAYMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY/MANASSAS CVB
ATTN. 150TH REENACTMENT 10611 BALLS FORD RD.
SUITE 110 MANASSAS, VA 20109**

In order to register you must also complete the 'Reenactor/Waiver Form.

Each registrant (military and civilian) must be listed. Any registrant that has not signed the waiver form sent in with registration will be required to sign such a form at reenactor Check -in on-site.

Please read this carefully as you are waiving certain legal rights by signing this Reenactors' Release Form.

See the rules for 150th Commemoration Reenactment of the Battle of 1st Manassas/Bull Run posted on the Web Site.

By attending and participating in this reenactment, I recognize that there are risks attendant to this activity, including, but not limited to, open campfires, handling and use of black powder, discharge of small arms and cannons, the risk of injury attendant to movement of large groups of people, the presence and use of horses and/or other animals and risks associated with primitive camping.

I hereby assume any and all risks of danger occasioned by my presence and participation in any and all activities in any way related to the reenactment.

I further agree to release and hold harmless Prince William County/Manassas Convention & Visitors Bureau, their agents, assigns, employees, directors and officers, and members of the Mason-Dixon Alliance from any and all claims for property damage or personal injury of any kind, no matter how incurred, sustained during my presence at the reenactment or while on their properties.

I hereby grant to the Prince William County/Manassas Convention & Visitors Bureau, their licensees, successors, and assigns the rights to make use of my appearance, actions, voice, sounds and other attributes (collectively "Appearance") and any part of them comprising or related to my attendance of or participation in 1st Manassas Battlefield reenactment(s), related activities (e.g., camp activities, the dances, etc.) and visits to sites or facilities in the Prince William county area.

This grant shall be effective everywhere, perpetual, for an unlimited number of times, and shall include the rights to photograph, film, depict, reproduce, distribute, record, transmit, store, display, make derivative and edited works during the period July 19 – 25, 2011.



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Please read this carefully as you are waiving certain legal rights by signing this Release Form.

See the rules posted on the Registration Web Site.

☐ CSA UNIT NAME _____
☐ USA

☐ Civilian ☐ Child ☐ Military

RANK FIRST NAME LAST NAME SIGNATURE DATE

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Contact Info of Participant Submitting Form:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

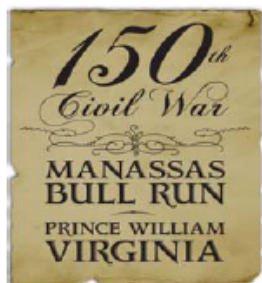
Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

MAIL WITH \$20.00 PAYMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY/MANASSAS CVB
ATTN. 150TH REENACTMENT 10611 BALLS FORD RD.
SUITE 110 MANASSAS, VA 20109
FAX: (703) 396-7160 EMAIL: info@visitpwc.com (remember email is not secure).



Battle of First Manassas/Bull Run Reenactment
July 23 & 24, 2011
Gainesville, VA
Important Registration Information

1. Registration Hours at Catharpin Park. 4805 Sudley Road. Catharpin. VA 20143:

Wednesday, July 20, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 21, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday, July 22, 2011	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

2. To avoid traffic congestion and delays the following routes are strongly recommended. During check- in directions will be given to the reenactment site and reenactor parking which is within 2 ½ miles.

From I-66 (East or West):

- Take exit 40, US-15 N/James Madison Hwy, toward Leesburg
- Turn right onto VA-234 S/Sudley Rd.
- Check in will be 4 miles on your Left

From I-95 (North or South):

- Take exit 152B, VA-234 N/Dumfries Rd, toward Manassas
- Continue straight onto Prince William Parkway, follow signs for I-66 W/Front Royal
- Merge onto I-66 W
- Take exit 40, US-15 N/James Madison Hwy, toward Leesburg
- Turn right onto VA-234 S/Sudley Rd.
- Check in will be 4 miles on your Left

3. All vehicles must be out of camps by 11:30 p.m. Friday, July 22nd. No re-entry until 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24th.

4. Be advised that Pageland Lane will be closed to all traffic (personal vehicles, horse trailers, etc.) on Saturday, July 23 from 5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, July 24 from 5:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Vehicle access to Reenactor Parking will be restricted during this time.

5. Please confirm your registration information is correct by visiting www.ManassasBullRun.com. For corrections, please send an email to Reenactor@visitpwc.com. Please email all corrections prior to July 10th.

6. To receive regular news and updates by email, visit www.ManassasBullRun.com and provide your email address in the section "ENLIST HERE". (don't forget to check off 'Being a Reenactor' when you provide your information)



150TH COMMEMORATION REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF 1ST MANASSAS/BULL RUN

JULY 23 AND 24, 2011 AT PAGELAND FARM

Safety, Rules, Authenticity and Scenario Enforcement

Overview

We expect to have closely scripted, historically accurate, time and command managed battle scenarios. Unlike any reenactment of this scale in the past, we are prepared to re-wind the movements on the field, if necessary, to get it right.

With this in mind, reenactors are advised of the following:

1. Every reenactor and/or living historian shall affiliate, as a part of their registration, with an established Civil War reenactment unit. That unit must then, in turn, be a recognized part of an established Civil War reenactment umbrella organization. As a safety and as a command and control issue it is the individual's responsibility to affiliate and if no recognized unit is found, the individual will not be able to participate.

Affiliation means that the unit or individual will be under the control of, camp with, be safety inspected by and fall in for battle with that recognized unit. Individuals must join or affiliate with a unit to register. The event Commanders and organizers will make the final determination if a registration is accepted.
2. There will be no walk-ons
Within the requirements noted above, reenactor (Military and Civilian) registration will be on a first come first served basis. Specialty impressions – to include generals - are by invitation only.
3. The event organizers begin with the assumption that the vast majority of reenactors care deeply about our American heritage and have already spent considerable time, effort, and resources in assembling an accurate portrayal of a civil war soldier -- from their dress and equipment to their understandings of the School of the Soldier and School of the Battalion. We also assume that each reenactor and living historian is prepared to take personal responsibility for their own health and safety and the safety of others in camp and on the field.
4. No person shall carry the non-commissioned rank of Sgt/Major or the commissioned field grade rank of major or above without approval of Army command (Federal or C.S.A.). No General Officers will be allowed on the field without prior approval of Army command.
5. Army commands will work with the Event organizers and staffs to enforce impression and safety standards. Shortcomings will be reported to Army, Division or Regimental command and, if necessary, to event staff, as appropriate.
6. Safety and Scenario violations will be immediately corrected. Army, Division and Regimental commanders will be held responsible for noted safety violations and for their correction. Depending on the severity of a safety violation the Commander may be relieved of command by the Commanding Army General or by the event staff.

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Impression Standards

The 150th Commemoration Reenactment of the Battle of 1st Manassas/Bull Run offers reenactors a rare opportunity to portray a wide variety of military and civilian impressions. We encourage all well-researched impressions including battle-shirts, pre-war militia uniforms, commutation jackets, combinations of military and civilian garments, and the like that can be linked to the event and history at the reenactor, Company or greater level, e.g., 15 or more common impressions. We are not interested in and will not permit military impressions of two or three individuals – even if authentic - on the field.

Please do your best to educate the public and respect your fellow reenactors by heeding the following:

1. All clothing must accurately represent the fashion and style of 1861: e.g., natural fibers, period cut and color.
2. Modern plastic glasses frames are not to be permitted
3. Modern footwear is permitted in leather boots and in black only. No shoes and no sneakers (we should not need to have this discussion).
4. No specialty impressions without the approval of the Event. This includes portrayals of Lee, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant, Clara Barton, Siamese war elephants, etc. etc. If you have any doubts, ask.
5. Women portraying soldiers in the ranks should make every reasonable effort to hide their gender. Hundreds if not thousands of women passed themselves off as men in order to serve as soldiers during the war – on both sides – and we will never know exactly how many did so because they were good at it. Honor them. If any Army or event volunteer (as above) determines the female gender at not less than 15 feet that individual will be asked to leave the field/ranks. Ponytails on men aren't a great idea, either, nor are mohawks or gelled spikes. It's 1861.
6. As a compromise to modern safety, a minimum number of period Ice Angels (2-3) will be permitted for each authorized Battalion. Each Ice Angel must be at least 12 years of age and must be accompanied and under the direct supervision of an adult.
7. Do not wear any uniforms or insignia that would not have appeared at First Manassas/Bull Run in 1861. This includes, but is by no means limited to:
 - a. Corps badges.
 - b. Confederate sharpshooter badges.
 - c. Bucktails or Berdons uniforms.
 - d. "RD II" and Tate jackets.
 - e. Veteran Reserve Corps jackets.
8. The classic "campaigner" impression is wrong for this event. Raggedy impressions will be asked to leave the ranks/field.
9. FYI, no soldier at the First Manassas/ Bull Run had brass that hadn't been shined for that battle.
10. A dirty musket is rarely if ever appropriate and may in fact constitute a safety violation.
11. All anachronisms (cots, coolers, sweat pants, etc.) must be hidden away inside tents at all times.
12. Tobacco use shall be confined to period products – pipes, cigars, snuff, chew, or in rare cases filterless cigarettes.
13. No pets will be allowed on the grounds.
14. The use of metal detectors is strictly prohibited.

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Safety

The following is a brief summary of Event Safety Rules. More detailed discussions may be viewed at:

<http://www.usvolunteers.org/docs/safe04.pdf>

<http://www.usvolunteers.org/Docs/artillery-danger.pdf>

http://www.bonnieblue.net/Departments/safety_regulations.htm

Special Event Safety Requirements.

1. Only a senior non-com may pull a ramrod in the field and only if 20 paces behind the firing line. No exceptions. A violation of this rule can result in the private and the senior non-com being thrown out of the event.
2. You can fix bayonets for inspections and to stack arms while staging for battle scenarios, as directed by commanders. You will not fix bayonets or ram cartridges in battle.
3. There will be no hand-to-hand combat except as provided by the scripted scenario. You will be told in advance if you are a participant. Anyone who touches another participant, their gear or any colors -- if not previously arranged - will be arrested, ejected and prosecuted.
4. During battle scenarios, do not come within 50 yards of the muzzle of an artillery piece. Each artillery commander will place safety stakes to mark the 50 yard safety line.
5. No firing of small arms within 40 yards. Never aim directly at anyone at any range.
6. Only period smoking on the field.
7. No bare feet on the field. You may be willing to run the risk, but we don't want to send medics for you when someone may be having a more serious problem elsewhere.
8. NO black powder weapons of any kind will be carried or fired by any participant less than 16 years of age. Participants 16-18 years old must have parental or signed guardian supervision. Children under age 16 are not permitted on the field during the reenactments. Exceptions will be made for functional musicians (boys 11 or older who can actually play a drum, a fife or a bugle) and trained signal party youths age 12 or above. These youths will be assigned one on one with an adult signal man. Violation of these rules can lead to ejection of the child, responsible adult and/or unit commander.
9. NO projectiles, bullets, musket balls, or loading blocks will be carried at any time.
10. Gun drill will be in accordance with CWRAA certification standards.
11. Cartridge paper will not be placed in the barrel and NO wadding or ramming will be permitted except in the use of handguns. (Absolutely NO wonder wads, Cream of Wheat recommended). Multiple loading is not permitted.
12. Infantry cartridges will not be carried anywhere on the person except in a hard cartridge box.
13. Infantry black powder will only be carried in the form of cartridges.
14. Straw must be kept inside the tent.
15. ALL campfires shall have, at a minimum, one full bucket or other container of water /fire extinguisher close at hand. Event staff will inspect for this and may cancel your fire permit.
16. We encourage battalions to mount guards.
17. It will be hot and summer in Virginia – hydrate and limit your consumption of alcoholic beverages. Excessive drinking is a safety issue and can lead to your ejection.

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18. Lights out means lights out and quiet time. We know you're happy to be with your friends but people need their sleep before they go out on a hot summer day and handle black powder weapons.
19. Due to congestion and the number of participants, Cars in camp – for 45 minutes – to unload when permitted.
20. Cars will not enter / re-enter camp from Friday noon until Sunday after the battle.

Weapons

1. 3 band muskets preferred; correct 2 banders and flint locks allowed only by prior written approval from the Army commanding General subject to supporting historical documentation and must be restricted to use in the front rank only.
2. Flintlocks must have a flash guard shield.
3. NO non-period weapons.
4. NO civilian weapons.
5. Side arms carried ONLY by officers and cavalry troopers.
6. NO sheath knives will be carried on the field.
7. POWDER CHARGES limited to a maximum of 70 grains for .54-.58 caliber and 90 grains for .69 caliber, 60 grains for carbines; 14 and 30 grains for .36 and .44 caliber pistols respectively.
8. No live ammunition is allowed on the reenactment site.
9. No tompons may be taken to the field.
10. No "Wonder wads" are to be used in any weapon.

Artillery/Cavalry

1. Artillery is by the invitation of the Federal and Confederate Artillery Commander only.
2. Cavalry is by invitation of the Federal and Confederate Cavalry Commander only.
3. These limitations reflect the complexity of the scenarios for these two services.

Thanks very much for your cooperation. If you have any questions about these or the full set of safety regulations, please contact us: reenactor@visitpwc.com.

Reenactor Schedule – Battle of 1st Manassas/Bull Run

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

8:00 am Registration Check-in/Site Open – Reenactors
5:00 pm Battalion Commanders' Meeting at Activity Tent
10:00 pm Registration Closes
Midnight All vehicles out of camps.

Thursday, July 21, 2011

6:00 am Reveille
8:00 am Registration Check-in/Site Open
1:00 pm Battalion Drill
8:00 pm Battalion Commanders' Meeting at Activity Tent
10:00 pm Registration Closes
Midnight All vehicles out of camps.

Friday, July 22, 2011

6:00 am Reveille
8:00 am Registration Open
10:00 am City of Manassas Military Parade
4:00 pm Battalion Commanders' Meeting at Activity Tent
9:00 pm Battalion/Regimental Commanders' Meeting at Activity Tent
10:00 pm Registration Closes
11:30 pm All vehicles out of camps. No entry, no re-entry until after Sunday's Battle

Note: Due to morning Battle schedules – spectator traffic is expected to begin early Saturday am **Saturday July 23, 2011**

6:00 am Spectator Parking Opens
6:00 am Reveille
6:30 am Reenactment Site Opens to the Public
8:00 am Activity Tent 1 To Be Announced
Activity Tent 2 To Be Announced
8:30 am Artillery and Cav Demonstrations on Battlefield
9:00 am Infantry forms/Inspection – CSA to Battlefield
9:30 am Battle of First Manassas
12:00 pm Activity Tent 1 To Be Announced
Activity Tent 2 To Be Announced
1:00 pm Battlefield US/CS S Signal Corps Demonstration
1:00 pm Activity Tent 1 To Be Announced
Activity Tent 2 To Be Announced
2:00 pm Reenactment Site Closes to Public
8:00 pm Civil War Ball at Activity Tent A
8:00 pm Battalion Commanders' Meeting at Activity Tent
Midnight All quiet in camps.

Sunday, July 24, 2011

6:00 am Spectator Parking Opens
6:00 am Reveille
6:30 am Reenactment Site Opens to the Public
8:30 am Church Services - Catholic Service in Activity Tent 1
Protestant service in Activity Tent 2
9:00 am Artillery and Cav Demonstrations
9:30 am Battle of First Manassas
12:00 pm Activity Tent 1 To Be Announced
Activity Tent 2 To Be Announced
1:00 pm Activity Tent 1 To Be Announced
Activity Tent 2 To Be Announced
2:00 pm End of Reenactment, Site Closes to the Public

