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From the Captains Flap by Captain Wilcoxon



First I would like to thank all of you who came to the company drill in Marion on Sunday the 18th. We all worked hard with a will to get done what needed to get done. Again, thank you all.

Next, I need replies from all of you who are planning to go to Gettysburg in May for the living history. Captain DeCrane from the 24th Michigan has asked for numbers of men who will attend. I need your answers as soon as possible.

Last of all, for the men in this unit who have been elected to officer or NCO positions, please let me know before each event if you will be attending that event. If the answer is no, I need to know. If not, I can brevet men to those positions that need to be filled. Each of you was elected by the men in this unit to those positions and I need to know if you are going to do

those jobs or not. An E-mail is not too much to ask of you before each event.

The years schedule is getting ready to start in earnest and we need to pull together to make this a successful season. I thank you all for your cooperation.

Take Care,
Captain Dave

Fort Wayne Event by Ken Callaway

When: May 1 & 2

Where: Shoaf Park, Fort Wayne ,
Indiana

Scenario: No designated scenario, so lets go historical and designate it May 1864. The 19th has been moved along with the rest of the Iron Brigade along with the 7th Indiana and 1st NY Battalion Sharpshooters into the 1st Brigade(Gen. Cutler) of the 4th Division(Gen. Wadsworth) of the 5th Corp.(Maj. Gen. Warren).

Uniform: Dress Hat, uniform coat or fatigue coat, no gaiters.

Tentage: A tents & dog tents

Amenities: Pottys, wood, straw, and water, Saturday Night Ball

Other: Jeff and Tina Loucks will be providing a Civil War Stew and Apple Crisp Saturday evening. This will be our Black Hat Battalion Drill and a great chance to get rid of the winter rust.

Directions: From I-469 exit onto Maplecrest Rd. North (Exit 29A if coming from the West, exit 29 if coming from the East) Turn left on St. Joe Rd. and go approximately 2.3 miles to Shoaf Park(on the right).

Black Hat Battalion News by Ken Callaway

The Fort Wayne event will be our first chance to drill with our comrades in the Black Hat Battalion. Co. A's own Steve Bouldin will serve as Major for the Battalion.

After polling the member groups Colonel Vogel has announced that by a unanimous vote of those that participated in the poll we will be joining the Western Brigade for the Franklin event.

Battle of Bonneyville

by Ken Callaway

A new event is occurring in Bristol, IN near Elkhart, In. It is being held in a very nice park and hosted in part by our friends in the 7th Indiana Light Artillery. A few local "swamp hogs" are planning on heading over to check this event out possibly for future seasons. If you would like to join in the foray please contact Ken Callaway or Jerry Smith.

When: May 21-23

Where: Bonneyville Mill Cnty Park
Bristol , Indiana

Uniform: Dress Hat or other, uniform coat or fatigue coat, no gaiters.

Tentage: A tents & dog tents

Amenities: Porta-Potties, wood, straw, and water, meal

Notice: This was a misprint in the regular issue of the SHG *Other: Jeff and Tina Loucks will be providing a Civil War Stew and Apple Crisp Saturday evening.*

Marion Drill

By Ken Callaway

and as usual had a good time. It is good to have the season starting again.

Providence provided a beautiful Spring day for the band of "Swamp Hogs" that gathered in Marion for the Sunday drill. We met at the Marion YMCA and caravanned to very nice park a short distance a way.

The drill began with practice in the School of the Soldier and some School of the Company maneuvers. After an hour of so of working up a sweat we broke ranks to take lunch in a grove of trees next to a brook. During the lunch break Lt. Dunn excused himself and returned later in his Model A Ford. The boys crowded around to see this interesting spectacle. One has to wonder what the other visitors were making of us and the odd mixture of time periods.

After lunch we reformed the company for another hour that included firing instruction and some more maneuvers. We took another break then reformed for another hour or so of School of the Company including a good deal of practice on oblique maneuvers. We ended the drill with the selling of gun powder to those in need. If you are in need of powder you should contact Captain Wilcoxon.

All said we got in some good practice, had a good light workout, caught some rays,