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Captain's Corner Captain Greg Walz



With the January meeting now history we can look start looking forward to the 2003 season. We will no longer designate any event as a "Max Even". Members will do what they always did and attend those events that fit their reenacting goals

and personal schedules. It is my hope that the things we are planning and the approach we are taking to move Company forward in its skills and its authenticity will stimulate member loyalty and pride and this will be reflected in enthusiastic attendance and recruiting success.

Each event will be designated either a "C" (Campaign) or "G" (Garrison) event. The "C" events will emphasize the "one trip standard,". Simply, if you can't carry everything into camp in one trip you are bringing too much. No A-tents, no heavy cookware, no furniture. The "G:" events will portray a more long-term encampment and accordingly will allow some of the less portable period correct items. I believe this will allow us to avoid being painted as one dimensional.

While many in the hobby are starting to look at their camp and equipment authenticity few have shown any movement to improve the way we "act" in the field. For years I have heard the

complaints about "not taking enough hits" and little is ever done to involve the public in what is going on. We should never forget that if the public loses interest most events will not happen again and those that we portray will be forgotten by all but a few scholars and a some "hardcore" hiding in a woods somewhere.

Company A now has designated our 2nd Sgt. as the "casualty coordinator". He will determine that timing, type, and rate of casualties appropriate to our position on the field and the scenario we are portraying. In addition, every Company A man taking the field will carry a medical impression on his person. Bloody bandages, fake wounds, etc. will be applied using our musicians and file closers to create a realistic depiction.

Have fun and be safe.

The British are Coming! By Lt. Jim Williamson

For those of you that missed the Jan. meeting, I had an announcement that 14 members of the 19th Indiana Company A reenactors from the United Kingdom were joining us for Gettysburg this year. Greg Walz and I have been working with there spokes person Alison Radcliffe. There will 10 under arms and a drummer. The rest will be in the civilian camps.

In order for them to participate in the event and make traveling a little more convenient they have asked us to provide Muskets and Tentage. To that end I am proud to say that to date I have had committed to the promised of seven muskets with bayonets and Scabbards, and 3 A-tents with tents and poles. We are still short some dog tents and

would appreciate 2 or 3 more to accommodate the English.

Also the issue of powder has been raised. For some reason traveling with black powder on airlines is frowned upon. To that end, Greg Walz has suggested that we all take on an "Adopt-a-Brit" policy. So far 11 people at the meeting have volunteered to roll and load 200 rounds and have them in armory packs for our British pals to use at Gettysburg. The only request is that they reimburse the roller for the powder only. This should only take about 2 pounds of powder and be around than a \$20.00 investment. Please no parade loads. Just 65 grains of powder.

Lastly, I am asking the membership to provide some "Camp Warming" items for our English Pards. Little things they may not have brought with them to help with in camp. These will be presented to them as an icebreaker and get to know session. Probably on Thursday night before the event. Some of the items I am looking for are, Gallon of Musket Elixir, "Apple Pie", Snake Venom Remedies (Sour Mash variety), candles or anything else that could be useful. I already have commitments for rolls of toilet paper, Coffee Pot and a packets of musket patches. Feel free to be as inventive as possible. Even make up a humorous presentation that matched the item.

If you have anything to offer up that could help please contact me as soon as possible. Below is a list of those who have volunteered items. The only thing I have asked of our visitors is that they not only take the responsibility to return the borrow items to the borrower after the event, but to carry it the borrowed goods to their respective cars (especially the tents) and that NO ONE galvanize for Pickets Charge.

Muskets with Bayonets and Scabbards: Greg Walz, Dave Wilcoxin, Steve Bouldin, Jim

Williamson, Jerry Smith, Jon Fraley, plus the Unit loaner.

A-Tents with poles and stakes: Greg Walz, Dave Wilcoxin, and Lee Dunn.

Powder and Rounds: Greg Walz, Steve Bouldin, Jim Williamson, Jerry Smith, Jon Fraley, Ron Cole, Bill Hendricks, Jim Dumond, Bill Hemmick, Lee Dunn, and Kenny Calloway,

Camp items: Lee Dunn and Jim Williamson

January Meeting Minutes

Ken Callaway

On January 19th members of Company A met in Marion at the YMCA. Ten members were present at the roll call taken by 1st Sgt. Fraley.

Before the meeting began it was announced that Brad Hemmick was offered acceptance to the United States Military Academy. A round of hurrahs and applause was given for Brad and the hard work he put forth to get into West Point. Best of luck to Brad.

First, Mess Night was chosen as the official cutoff date for dues. After Mess Night members will be dropped from the roster. Delinquent members may rejoin as new members and be subject to all that a new member must do to stay in good standing

Second, Bill Hendricks was chosen to head the Prize and Award Committee for Mess Night. Contact Bill to arrange your donation of gifts and awards. Ph7" and awards can include many things such as gift certificates, new equipment used equipment, and books.

Third, Bill Hendricks and Lee Dunn volunteered to coordinate the viewing of Gods and Generals as groups on Friday, February 21st.

Fourth, Jim Williamson updated the group of the 19th JIndiana coming from the U.K.- Some

members agreed to adopt a visitor and see to their ammunition needs Three muskets are still needed for those from across the pond. It was also suggested that all of us make a few extra arsenal packs to donate as well. If you have any questions or want to help out contact Jim Williamson.

Fifth, it was agreed that events would be categorized as either campaign or garrison events. The categories are as follows-

Campaign: No tents or dog tents only (A tent possible for officers), minimal camp equipment (no tables, stools, lanterns, cooking iron) Rule of thumb, if you can't carry it all in on one trip you are bringing too much

Garrison: A tents are allowed in addition to dog tents, more leeway in camp equipment

Sixth, the rise of West Nile Virus and our exposure to mosquitoes was discussed. It was agreed that two cans of yard guard would be purchased at company expense for every event to combat mosquitoes.

Seventh, a discussion was carried on over the subject of creating more realistic casualty coordinators for the company. All men will be required to carry a bloody bandage for application during "battle".

The final discussion was held on the campaign calendar for the 2003 season. Please see the new schedule elsewhere in the SHG.

The meeting was ended and the company dismissed to drill



Mess Night Day Drill by order of Captain Walz

With the new season upon us Captain Walz has decided to shake the cobwebs loose early. Our second drill session of the

year shall be held on Saturday
March 8, from 2 to 4 PM In
Nashville

All military members are to bring
light marching order (gun, leathers,
haversacks, canteen)

Mess Night Prizes

Bill Hendricks

Among the many fun activities on Mess Night one of the newer ones are the door prizes. This years bounty already includes gift certificates, CD's, a medium shim and a Clearwater made Dress Hat. More contributions are desired to make this the best bunch of prizes yet. Bill Hendricks is the leader of the prize patrol for this years Festivities and you can contact him at WHendricks@nationalsteel.com to inform him of prizes you wish to donate. Another option is, if you would like to, you may make a cash donation from which Bill will buy additional appropriate prizes for Ladies and Gentlemen. You may send checks payable to

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Mess Night is Coming on the Double Quick

1st Lt. Dave Wilcoxon

On March 8 we shall gather again in Nashville, Indiana at the Brown County hm, to share time with our comrades and their families. Mess night is our first event of the year and an excellent chance to get reacquainted with our chums and to meet the fresh fish that have jumped into our barrel and is always a good time.

In the past we have had many great memories: The "Chia Private", dance instruction, honorable toasts, gold coated potatoes, the Army Bean Song Apple Pie, QMSGT DuMond and his Apple Pie, honorable toasts, gracious guests of honor, the Dirty Shirt contest, a photographic tour through a season of port-o-potties and much, much more Everyone that attends walks away with their own happy memories of Mess Night and this year will be no different.

Make sure to make your arrangements to kick off the season right with your pards in Nashville, Indiana. Lt Wilcoxon has worked long and hard to make this as memorable a Mess Night as we have had in the past. With a great setting in Nashville, a good meal, and our own brand of merry making we will have as good a howl as ever. See you around the punch bowl.

Contact Information:
Meal- \$2 5.00 a person
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Brown County Inn
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2003 SCHEDULE

February

8th: Indianapolis, Ind, Honor Guard Monument Circle

March

8th: Nashville, Ind, Ninth Annual Unit Mess Night

April

19th: Crown Point, Ind, Living History - Crown Point Middle School

May

9th-10th: Columbus, Ind, Living History - Student Day

16th Mishawaka, Ind, Living History Penn Library

17th-I 8th: Joliet, Ill., Black Battalion Drill Weekend

June

14th-15th: Culver, Ind, Black Battalion/Cumberland Guard Drill
Weekend(C)

July

4th-5th-6th: Gettysburg, Pa., 140th Re-enactment - National(C)

19th-20th: Hastings, Mich Re-enactment @- BHB Event(C)

August

9th-10th : Galena, /I/, Re-enactment(G)

23rd-24th: Jackson, Mich, Re-enactment -. CG Event(C)

30th-31st-. Plymouth, Ind, Living History - Recruiting - Blueberry
Festival(G)

September

1st: Plymouth, Ind, Parade - Blueberry Festival

6th: Westville, Ind, Parade - Popcorn Festival

27th-28th: Greenbush, Wisc., Re-enactment(G)

October

11th- 1 2th: Hartford City, Ind, Re-enactment - CG Event(G)

18th-19th: Moshier, Tenn., Re-enactment(C)

November

9th: Indianapolis, Ind, Living History - Eli Lilly Museum

C= Campaign G= Garrison