

# The Swamp Hog Gazette

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## Mess Night 2004 by Ken Callaway

This year Company A is returning to Nashville, Indiana for our formal dinner on March 27, 2004. Dinner will be served at the Brown County Inn in Nashville. The cost for this wonderful meal is \$25 per person or \$50.00 per couple, please mail treasurer James DuMond the cost of your meal. His address is James DuMond, 3021 Kyle Ct, Indianapolis, IN 46235. Receipt of your money by Jim IS your reservation and must be received by him by March 8th. Mess Night is a great chance to reunite with our comrades ,meet the new members and have a fun time in general.

Captain Wilcoxon has secured a block of 25 rooms at the Brown County Inn at the cost of \$80 per night. Each room has two double beds. To secure a room call 1-800-772-5249 and be sure to tell them you are a member of the 19th Indiana. The block of rooms will be held until February 27th, after that date the rooms will be open to all and you may have to stay apart from the company so get those reservations in quick.

Among the many enjoyable activities that happen is the presentation of door prizes.

We are looking for donations of door prizes for this year's party. Possible donations can include but are not limited to gift certificates, CD's, DVD's, shirts(t-shirt and otherwise), hats. Another option is, if you would like, you may make a cash donation from which the prize coordinator will buy additional appropriate prizes. The prize coordinator for this year is Ken Callaway. You may send checks payable to

Ken Callaway  
912 Fox Point Drive  
Chesterton, IN 46304

Lee Dunn will send out an informational mailing that includes a reservation form. Please carefully check the form and return to Lee. Other Mess Night information is included in this newsletter.

## Officer/ NCO Meeting By Ken Callaway

Captain Wilcoxon requests that all officers and noncommissioned officers report to his home in Nineveh, Indiana on the weekend of February 22 and 23. The Captain plans on having the Saturday meeting from 2 PM E.S.T to 6 PM, after the meeting the group will adjourn for dinner. Officers and NCO's are

encouraged to bring their sleeping bag and teddy bear and plan to stay the night. Captain Wilcoxon believes that the Sunday morning meeting will last until 11 AM. Captain Dave requests that all Officers and NCO's contact him to let him know to you are coming and if you can stay the night.

## Got Dues?

by Ken Callaway

If you have not paid your dues and intend to fall in with us during the upcoming season you need to remit your \$30 in dues payable to 19th Indiana Co. A. and send to

James DuMond

3021 Kyle Ct

Indianapolis, IN 46235

as soon as possible.

Members who have not paid by February 15th will be stricken from the rolls and will have to pay new member rate of \$45.00 to rejoin. So save yourself \$15 and send in your dues, oil your rifle, grease up your brogans and get ready for what looks like a great season to come. We would love to see all of our members out on the field this year as much as possible for the fun and frivolity that only company A can have.

## Company A 19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry 2004 Schedule

February

7 Indianapolis, Indiana-Guard Detail  
for President and Mrs. Lincoln

POC Dave Wilcoxon

21s&22 Nineveh, IN – Officer &  
NCO meeting – POC Dave Wilcoxon

March

27 Nashville, IN - 10th Annual Mess  
Night - POC James DuMond

April

16-18 Ft. Delaware, DE – Musicians  
School – POC James DuMond

May

1&2 Fort Wayne, IN – Reenactment –  
POC Jeff Loucks – MAX - G

14-16 Gettysburg, PA – Living History  
w/24th MI – POC Tom Hessian - C

29-31 Dearborn, MI - Living History at  
greenfield Village - G - POC Lee Dunn

June

12-13 Rockville, IN – Reenactment –  
Steve Bouldin – MAX - G

July

3-4 Anderson, IN – Midnight Parade –  
POC Lee Dunn - MAX

August

28&29 Jackson, MI – Reenactment –  
POC Jerry Smith - C

September

4-6 Plymouth, IN – Blueberryfest  
LH/Parade – G

17-19 Atlanta, GA – Reenactment – POC  
James DuMond - C

October

1-3 Springhill, TN – Reenactment –  
POC Dave Wilcoxon – NAT'L – MAX –  
C

8-10 Hartford City, IN –  
Reenactment/company potluck mess–  
POC Ken Callaway - G

November

6 Indianapolis, IN – LH & Election –  
POC Dave Wilcoxon

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

## Campaign or Garrison by Ken Callaway

At the January meeting there arose some confusion about the campaign/garrison designations we apply to the events we are going to. To help alleviate that confusion I have included the original definitions we agreed to last year.

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

## 19th Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment

### Formal Dinner

### **RULES OF THE MESS\***

- A. Forbidden topics of conversation at the reception:
  - Reference to the 21st Century.
  - Sex
  - Money
- B. A call will be made (the ringing of a bell by Mr. Vice) 15 minutes prior to being seated. This will be your last opportunity to utilize the facilities for quite some time!
- C. Once in the dining area, you will need permission from the President of the Mess to leave.
- D. Never toast with an empty glass (or with water-suitable beverage will be provided for non-drinkers).
- E. Request to address the Mess through Mr. Vice.
- F. No fighting or dueling.
- G. No messages from outside the Mess will be permitted.
- H. Proper Dress
  - A. Military uniforms will be complete for the period 1861-1865.  
Hardee Hat (brass polished), frock/sack coat (brass polished), trousers according to grade (no creases), waist belt (well blackened) (brass polished), brogans (well blackened), and white gloves.
  - B. Male civilians – coat and tie
  - C. Women – dress of the period or as appropriate (cocktail dress)
- I. No member of the Mess will depart before the Guest of Honor
- J. Smoking in the Mess area by permission of the President only.
- K. Ladies chewing tobacco will refrain from spitting on the floor.

**\*VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND OUR SUBJECT TO FINES.**

## TOASTING

### TOASTING WILL BE DONE IN TWO PARTS:

#### A. Formal Toasting:

Designated members will request to address the Mess through Mr. Vice.

(Member) “Mr. Vice, I propose a toast.”

(Mr. Vice) “The Mess recognizes . . . .”

(President of the Mess) “Sir/Madam, what is your toast?”

At this point the toast is given in free form. The toast should be as eloquent as possible since a person or institution is being honored.

The last statement made by the person should disclose the identity of the toast. (Example) To a man that . . . ., Ladies and Gentlemen, I propose a toast to the Secretary of War.”

(Mr. Vice){stands and raises his glass} “Ladies and Gentlemen of the Mess. To Edwin M. Stanton.”

(Members of the Mess){standing} “To Edwin M. Stanton.”

The last formal toast is to FALLEN COMRADES.

THIS IS THE ONLY TOAST THAT REQUIRES “BOTTOMS UP”.

#### B. Informal Toasting:

After the toast “To Fallen Comrades”, informal toasts will be presented. These may be given by any member of the Mess on any subject, person, institution, etc. ---let your imagination be your guide.

January 11, 2004

## Minutes of Meeting

I. Meeting called to order at 11:00, Capt. Wilcoxon.

II. Introductions.

A. All members introduced themselves with a brief history of their involvement with our unit.

III. General business.

A. Donna Schmink from the Indiana Civil War Museum has requested a color guard to escort President and Mrs. Lincoln from 1100 – 1400 at the Monument Circle on Feb. 7. Those interested should contact Cpt. Wilcoxon. Dinner afterward.

B. Todd Newman volunteered to be the company photographer and to organize a photo presentation for next year's mess night.

IV. 2004 Schedule.

A. March.

1. 27 March

a. Mess night at the Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN. The cost for the dinner is \$25.00 per person payable to QM Sgt. DuMond before March 8. A block of 25 rooms has been reserved at the Inn at \$80.00 per night. One Suite is also available at \$125.00. Call 1-800-772-5249 before Feb. 27 for reservations. Lee Dunn will be Mr. Vice, so bring plenty of \$ for fines! Gold or silver dollars if possible. The rules of the mess will be mailed later.

b. Ken Callaway is the gift coordinator. Members should contact him about their donations for the raffle.

B. April.

1. 16-18 April.

a. Field music school at Ft. Delaware, Delaware. Only serious musicians and their parents should consider going. If interested, contact Jim DuMond.

C. May.

1. 1-2 May.

a. Shoaf Park, Ft. Wayne, IN. Voted as a Maximum effort event and as a garrison campaign. POC, Jeff Louks and Jerry Smith.

2. 15-16 May.

- a. Gettysburg, PA. Living history with 24th Michigan near the Pennsylvania Monument, Gettysburg National Military Park. Voted as campaign style. POC, Tom Hession.

3. 15-16 May.

- a. Possible Black Hat Btn. Drill at Joliet, Ill. The exact date has not been set. Those who cannot go to Gettysburg may consider this drill if it is held on this date. Rick Keating will set the date at the Feb. 7 at the Black Hat Btn. Meeting.

4. 29-31 May.

- a. Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI. Voted as garrison style. POC, Lee Dunn.

D. June.

1. 11-13 June.

- a. Billie Creek Village, Rockville, IN. Voted as maximum effort and garrison style. Lee Dunn's 60th birthday is June 28. POC, Steve Bouldin

E. July.

1. 4 July.

- a. Fourth of July midnight parade, Anderson, IN. Voted as a maximum effort event. Meet at Holiday INN, off I-69 at 2200 to caravan to the assembly area. Bring 40-60 rounds of ammo. POC Lee Dunn.

2. 10-11 July.

- a. Waconda, IL Tentative Black Hat Btn. event. This is near Rockford, IL.

3. 24 July.

- a. Tentative live shoot, family day picnic at Ft. Tassinong, Kouts, IN. No POC assigned.

4. We will not attend the Hastings, MI event this year.

F. August.

1. 27-29 August.

- a. Jackson, MI. Voted as campaign style. Lt. Dunn will command. POC, Jerry Smith.

2. Galena, IL. Exact date not known. POC John Fraley.

3. Hartnut living history at Jackson County Horse Park, Camp Atterbury, IN. No parade and probably no firing, just a relaxing weekend. Exact date not known at time of meeting. POC Jim Williamson.

G. September.

## 1. 4-6 September.

- a. Blueberry Festival living history and parade, Plymouth, IN. The parade on Monday morning, Sep. 6 voted as a maximum effort event. The living history will be garrison style. POC, Mark Coutts.

## 2. 17-19 September.

- a. Atlanta, Ga. This is an optional event. Those interested should contact Jim DuMond. The registration fee is \$10.00 if paid by June 1, \$15.00 to August 15, and \$25.00 as a walk-on after August 15.

## H. October.

## 1. 2-3 October.

- a. Battle of Franklin, TN. At the Oak Hill Plantation, Springhill, TN. This was voted the unit's national event for 2004 and will be campaign style. POC, Dave Wilcoxon.

## 2. 9-10 October.

- a. Hartford City, IN. Voted as garrison style and everyone to bring a covered dish for the feast. The food situation will be discussed and coordinated at the Franklin, TN event. POC, Ken Callaway.

## I. November.

## 1. 6 November

- a. Living history/meeting, Monument Circle, Indianapolis, IN. Dinner at Acapulco Joes. POC, Dave Wilcoxon.

## V. Treasurers Report - submitted by James DuMond, treasurer

A. Transfer of funds to Indianapolis account at Union Federal Savings Bank	\$819.33
B. Expenses	\$132.74
1. The Forum	\$40.00
2. Jon Fraley RE: newsletter expenses	\$38.74
3. Linda Coutts RE: white gloves	\$54.00
C. Remaining Balance as of 1/11/04	\$657.50