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1st Lieutenant's Column

Gentlemen,

Since our last newsletter, the unit has done the civil war show in Richmond and the parade in Gettysburg. I worked the show on Saturday along with Jack Alexander, Mike Vice, Mike Kulikowski, Jay Butler, and Bill Ward. We were able to sign up one new member. His name is Chris Martin and he lives in Mechanicsville, Virginia. Welcome to F Company, Chris. On Sunday, Dustin Gunter, Ricky Ladd, Eldridge Firth, Jay Butler and Bob Baird worked the tables. Ricky believes that one of his friends that visited is going to join. I also have an application out to another gentleman that contacted the website. A big thank you to everyone that helped out with this effort.

The following Saturday, we marched in the Remembrance Day parade in Gettysburg. It was cold and breezy but we had a great time. I was joined by Mike Vice, his friend Mark Reimer, Jack Alexander, Jeff Pennise, Wes Catlett, Mike Kulikowski, Travis Clements, and Joe Pearson. I appreciate all of you coming out for this.

Christmas is right around the corner, so I would like to take this opportunity to wish each one of you and your families a very merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Looking ahead to next season, there are a few dates that I would like for you all to mark on your calendar. The annual meeting is being planned for Saturday, February 22nd. The executive committee meeting will be Friday night, February 21st. The times will be finalized and appear in newsletters to come. I am going to try to secure our Church building for these meetings again. Confirmation on that will be forthcoming as well. The C.O.I. is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 21st – Sunday, March 23rd. Please mark these dates and try to keep your schedules open for them.

Hopefully during the offseason, your Corporals will be in touch with you all. If you have any needs or need questions answered or help with anything, please communicate with your Corporals. Also if you would, please communicate your intentions for next season to your Corporals. Whether you intend to continue your membership with the unit or not, let them know. Platoon assignments need to be adjusted every year and if they know what your intentions are, it makes the process easier. I do hope all of you will continue to support the unit. We have all of the gear, we might as well put it to use.

I am looking forward to next season and to seeing everyone at the annual meeting.

Respectfully,
1st Lt. Gammon

Chaplain's Corner

The Reason for the Season

Luke 2

- 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.
- 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
- 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
- 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Please take the time this Christmas season to spend some time with family and friends. Love and appreciate them all as if there was not going to be a tomorrow. Never take any of them for granted, because we never know which moment may be our last.

Please give and/or receive the greatest gift the world has ever known. The gift of eternal life that comes from a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. If you know

Him, share the gift with someone who doesn't. If you don't know Him, receive Him from someone who does.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year.
1ST Lt. Gammon

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

First off, I hope this Newsletter Article finds you all well and appropriately stuffed after Thanksgiving, and wish you all well as the Christmas Season rapidly approaches. Remember, don't get too tangled up in the craziness that can be the Christmas Season, remember to take time to observe and appreciate the things that REALLY matter. With that said, Merry Christmas.

If you happened to miss it, please read carefully the Lt's Article, as there were many tentative dates that you all need to be aware of. Please go back, if you missed them, and make note.

Now that the 2013 season has come to a close, we are already busy planning our 2014 season. Keep in mind, there is no bad time to recruit and there is still plenty of time to get new recruits on the field for next year. I want to give a shout out to our crew that worked the Civil War Show, and for the new recruit gained from that opportunity (which you may also read about in the LT's article).

A few points as we move into 2014:

1. Please take time to inspect ALL gear and determine what needs to be replaced or refurbished or whatever the case may be. Do not let faulty equipment sneak up on you at the beginning of next season. Spending a few bucks here and there when necessary, will be easier than many small purchases made at the same time. So please, plan ahead.
2. Look for information from your corporals/chain of command. If we have pertinent information we need to get out, we will use those avenues, so please help us help you to stay in the "know"
3. Stay fresh on the drill, even if it is simply doing mental repetitions at home when you have nothing else to do. Try not to let too much rust build up.
4. As always, please reach out to me or anyone else if you need help finding an item or anything you may need related to the hobby or not, please don't hesitate.

In closing, I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing offseason and you will be hearing from me periodically through emails and future newsletters this offseason, but until then, take care.

Respectfully,
1st Sgt. M. Gammon

A message from the Treasurer and information on the Website and Inventory

Below is a copy of the note that went out to all members in February 2013.

Dear F Company Supporter,

After more than 10 years our F Company website needs to be re-constructed and reset using updated software and technology, that meets today's technical standards, makes the site functional, easier to manage, as well as accessible to mobile and standard devices. Over the past years, our website has provided F Company with a professional platform resulting in many potential member contacts, donators and Civil War interested parties. The job however requires expertise that our current membership does not possess. Therefore, we need to hire experts to complete this task. After a concentrated effort of interviewing several firms and receiving many proposals, we are currently estimating between \$600 and \$800 will be needed for the initial set up. The executive committee has approved a contract with a professional firm and now we must find a way to pay for this service. We are asking our members and supporters to consider supporting this effort by making a tax deductible donation of \$30 or more. We hope you will support F Company in this effort. The membership of F Company thanks you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Committee

Today: December 2013

Re: Website

I am pleased to report that the website has been a great success and remains up and functioning. Results: We have received more than 1300 hits in less than 12 months, at least 1 new member has joined because of the website, as well as numerous other inquires for membership. We have received many positive comments from people doing ancestor research or just checking us out, including other Civil War groups. However, we have fallen short in our effort to pay for the site. Year to date we have received only \$300 of the \$800 needed to cover our investment. If you have made a donation we thank you, if not please consider making a tax-deductible donation before the end of the year.

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Ode to Joe

