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### Captain's Column

Welcome to 2016, I hope everyone survived the snow safely. January has been a challenge for all of us as your Executive Committee makes plans for the upcoming season.

Myself and the other members of the Executive Committee attended Longstreet's' annual planning meeting on the 16th. It looks like the Corps will be busy and we have several events to consider at our annual meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. These events include, New Market, Cross Keys and Cedar Creek. General Shelton was in good spirits as you can see from the photo below.



The committee had the opportunity to meet with Mr. A. Taylor Harvie (see photo), owner of the Fort, to review, update and re- affirm our usage of that site. I am happy to report that Mr. Harvie was a most amicable host as the meeting took place in his home, there on the property. Mr. Harvie made it clear that F Company could continue its use of the site, as we have in the past; including our Camp of Instruction in April and the associated clean up in March. The Executive Committee pledged to continue our preservation efforts for that site and thanked him for his continued support.



The Executive Committee then followed up that meeting with a walking tour of the Fort to clarify what tasks needed to be accomplished at the Fort Clean- Up Day. (details in 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's report)



I am asking everyone to make every effort to attend this year's Annual meeting, to be held at Fort Harrison (see 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's report) on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The National Park Service has made this meeting place available to F Company, at no cost, because of our past service. The Annual meeting is your opportunity to provide input, ask questions and generally participate in making the decisions for the upcoming season. Always remember, you are the best recruiter for this hobby, your friends and family maybe missing something because you haven't asked them. My door, as always, remains open; please don't hesitate to call or email. Hope to see you there as we plan for 2016.

Respectfully,  
Tony Turley,  
Acting Captain, 21<sup>st</sup> Virginia, Company F

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's Column**

This issue of the "Regimental Dispatch" will deal primarily w/our upcoming Annual Membership Meeting to be held at Richmond National Battlefield, Fort Harrison site. Despite the end of the 150th anniversary we've got a good selection of upcoming events for 2016. Additionally, we will be holding the critical election for the 2016 Executive Committee as well as selling company inventory for the new campaign season.

I don't want to hear any whining about the recent snow from anyone! I had a full 30 inches at my domicile in Gettysburg! For someone who started life in far South Texas this is more than

just a little awful! Took 4 hours to dig my truck out of the snow, as well as my landlord plowing w/his front end loader, but my real asset was having four wheel drive so I could get to the road. So like I said no whining as we are in winter quarters!

**Annual Membership Meeting** (Sat, 27 Feb 2016). This meeting will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Fort Harrison Maintenance training room at that site. See attached directions to the site from I-295 on north side of Richmond. Everyone needs to be prompt as we've got a great deal of business to deal with. We'll be inviting several potential recruits to the meeting. Committee Reports will be presented as well as dealing w/any Old Business. New Business will include Treasury and Budget Proposals including recommended dues; Uniform and Equipment needs; Fort Harvie Presentation; proposed 2016 Schedule of Events, and election of officers. Your Corporals will be calling you about your participation, so you need to respond promptly and make every effort to attend this meeting.

**Key Planning Dates** (Sat, 12 Mar 2016) - A Fort clean up day will be conducted on this date in order to prepare the site for the upcoming Camp of Instruction (8-10 Apr 2016). We'll need to replace approximately 40 planks on the bridge as well as reattaching the lanyard and pulley for the flag pole and out house string latch. Additionally, we'll be cutting up downed trees for firewood as well as getting the interior of the Fort ready for occupancy.

**Camp of Instruction** (8-10 Apr 2016) - Note this date on your calendar and start looking at your uniform, equipment and musket to insure you are ready to participate! Suggest you reference Gilham's Manual especially for skirmish drill.

Respectfully,  
Michael L. Vice  
1st SGT, F Co, 21st VA

Directions to the park Maintenance Area from I-295, which loops around the eastern side of Richmond.

- From I-295 take exit 22 and go West on Route 5. Go straight through a traffic light
- In about a mile, turn Left onto Mill Road.
- Turn Left onto Varina Road.
- Turn Right onto Picnic Drive (there is a sign here for Ft Harrison)
- Turn Left onto Battlefield Park Drive
- Turn Right at Maintenance Way, the sign says authorized vehicles only.

GPS: 1990 Maintenance Way, Richmond 23231

You can park in the gravel area on the left, and walk into the compound. I will be there by 9. If anyone has trouble they can call my cell, listed below

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Ode to Joe

