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## Captain's Column

Gentleman

Twenty-thirteen is upon us. Time waits for no one. I hope everyone made it through the holidays okay. While it is a joyous time it can also be frenzied, hurried, and hectic. Hope you were able to get everything done and still enjoy this very special and blessed time of the year.

Before moving forward, I have just a few comments on our December event, the Battle of Fredericksburg. If you weren't there you missed one of the best reenactments of all time (at least from a Confederate perspective). While we did get pushed back through the streets of Fredericksburg Saturday morning, we did get our revenge that afternoon at the Battle of Maury's Heights. It was awesome. We mowed the Yankees down. They actually took hits, massive hooks. At the end of the battle the field was covered with Yankee bodies. It was thrilling to see them go down as they did. There will probably never be another "Confederate victory" reenactment of this caliber ever again. If you did not experience it for whatever reason, I'm sorry you missed it and it is your loss. For the rest of us, we will carry it in our memories for the rest of our lives.

Now looking ahead we do have some important dates coming up that you need to remember. First of all there is our Annual Business Meeting. This will be Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be at David and Matt Gammon's church, the Ashland Church of God. We have had it there for the last couple of years. Directions will follow. It will begin at 9 o'clock sharp so please be on time. We only do this once a year so plan accordingly.

The next major event after the annual meeting is our Camp of Instruction. This is set for the weekend of March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at our fort in Amelia. And when I say set I do mean set as in locked in for that weekend regardless of the weather. We have special guests coming a long way from New England. They had to arrange for this time off so there will be no last minute change of weekends due to foul weather. So let's all pray for good weather.

We are in the third year of the sesquicentennial. The major event for this year is of course, Gettysburg. To secure our spot at this event and some others we need to register early. Another

early event is a spring tactical somewhere outside Fredericksburg the weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. If you did not respond to the email concerning either of these two events, shame on you. You may be out of luck and on your own. As of this writing, the registration for the tactical is being sent in to be followed shortly thereafter by the Gettysburg registration. Please, when you are contacted by email and the email requires a response please respond in a timely manner. We are all adults (at least most of us) and no one is going to hold your hand. So be responsible and act accordingly.

Our break is almost over. It is time to gear up and get ready. We have at least two new members with a couple of more thinking about it. We will all meet on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and get set for the year. See you all there.

Your obedient servant,  
Captain Turley

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant's Column

### Time Out

January 5, 2013 — by [David C. McCasland](#)

Read: [Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3](#)

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. —[Acts 13:3](#)

El Bulli restaurant, 2 hours north of Barcelona, is so popular that customers must reserve a table 6 months in advance. But noted Spanish chef Ferran Adrià decided to close the doors of his award-winning restaurant for 2 years so he and his staff could have time to think, plan, and innovate. Adrià told *Hemispheres Magazine*, "If we are winning all the prizes, why change? Working 15 hours a day leaves us very little time to create." In the midst of great success, they took time out for what is most important to them.

The first-century church in Antioch experienced a time of exciting growth when "a great number believed and turned to the Lord" (Acts 11:21). As a result, Barnabas and Saul came to teach the new believers (vv.25-26). But along with the hard work, they took time to seek the Lord through prayer and fasting (13:2-3). Through this, God revealed His plan for taking the gospel into Asia.

Few people can take 2 years off to think and plan. But all of us can build time into our schedule to seek the Lord earnestly through prayer. As we open our hearts and minds to God, He will be faithful to reveal the steps of life and service that honor Him.

There is a blessed calm at eventide  
That calls me from a world of toil and care;  
How restful, then, to seek some quiet nook  
Where I can spend a little time in prayer. —Bullock

Prayer is as important as breathing.

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The preceding passage was taken from "Our Daily Bread".

Prayer is as important to the spiritual life as breathing is to the life of the body. Please find time each day to pray and read God's word. Everyone can make time somewhere in the day. Humble

yourself and seek God's guidance every day and you can't go wrong. Don't pray repetitive prayers or fancy poetic masterpieces. Talk to your heavenly Father as you would your earthly father, or your brother, or a close friend. God wants a close personal relationship with each one of us. Diligently seek Him and he will honor your effort.

May God Bless You All,  
1st Lt. Gammon

## **1st Sergeant's Report**

Gentleman

That time of year is closing in fast. A new season is upon us. Our annual meeting is right around the corner. Please take this off-season period to look over your gear and make necessary repairs and/or replacements.

The annual meeting is going to be on Saturday, February 16th at the Ashland Church of God at 407 Myrtle Street in beautiful downtown Ashland, Va. The zip code for Ashland is 23005. The meeting will be in the family life center which is located behind the church; there will be F Co. signs on the door. On the off chance that something prevents us from using this building, the meeting will be held directly across Myrtle Street in the youth building. Last year there was a death in the church and the family needed the life center for a gathering. The meeting will begin PROMPTLY at 9:00 A.M. so be there on time. For those members who serve on the executive committee, there will be an executive committee meeting on Friday, February 15th at 6:00 P.M. at the church. Directions to the church will follow in this newsletter.

The treasurer will be accepting dues for the 2013 season at the meeting, so please come prepared to pay your dues. Please don't make the unit wait until the March 15th deadline to know if you plan to join.

The camp of instruction will be held at the fort in Amelia, Va. on the weekend of March 22nd - 24th. We do not have the option of another weekend as a weather backup plan because we have several guests coming from a great distance to train with us in preparation for the big Gettysburg event. Camp will have to go this weekend and if there are weather issues, we will get through them together. Details about the camp of instruction will come in the March newsletter.

I have sent the registration list for the April 5th - 7th tactical event called "Hooker's Rear" to Jack for submission. Here is the list as it stands right now. (Tony Turley, David Gammon, Matt Gammon, Travis Clements, Jack Alexander, Johnathan Alexander, Matthew Guillen, Joseph Houston, Michael Kulikowski, Ricky Ladd, Mike Vice, and Bill Ward.)

I have also sent the registration list for the 150th Gettysburg event in late June to Jack for submission. Here is that list as it stands right now. (Tony Turley, David Gammon, Matt Gammon, Eldridge Firth, Travis Clements, Jack Alexander, Johnathan Alexander, Jay Butler, Matthew Guillen, Dustin Gunter, Joseph Houston, Michael Kulikowski, Blaine Kiser, Ricky Ladd, Jeff Pennise, Tom Stafford, Mike Vice, Bill Ward, Brett Weidman, and Scott Wilson.)

I appreciate the responses from those of you kind enough to do so. For those who have chosen not to respond, well it will be your loss. Anyone that wants to go but did not respond will need to contact Jack to see if you can still be added. The entire reenacting world has been waiting for the 150th Gettysburg, so I can't imagine what would make someone not want to at least be registered for it.

Respectfully,  
1st Sgt. Gammon

## Fort Workday Report

Gentleman

I will be hosting our annual Fort Work day to prepare the Fort for Camp of Instruction. The work day will be held on March 2nd at 0900. If you are traveling from afar, then a later arrival time is sufficient. Please bring food and water. If you wish to bring tools or equipment please do so and a list is provided below. If you have questions please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Gloves, Rake, Pruners, Ax, Hatchet, Machete, Broom, Plastic Tarps, Splitting Maul, Shovel

Your humble servant  
Cpl. Pate

**Fort Directions**  
**Nate 804-512-5882**

### **Coming from the North via I-95**

I-95 South

Take the I-295 exit, EXIT 84B, toward CHARLOTTESVILLE. 0.4 mi

Take the US-1 S exit on the LEFT toward RICHMOND. 0.2 mi

Merge onto I-295 N via the exit on the LEFT toward I-64 W/CHARLOTTESVILLE. 8.5 mi

Merge onto I-64 W via EXIT 53A toward CHARLOTTESVILLE. 2.5 mi

Merge onto VA-288 S/WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY via EXIT 175 toward CHESTERFIELD. 12 mi

Merge onto US-60 W toward POWHATAN. 8.5 mi

Turn LEFT onto DORSET RD. 1.6 mi

DORSET RD. becomes SCHROEDER RD. 3.3 mi

SCHROEDER RD. becomes GENITO RD. 3.6 mi

GENITO RD. becomes VA-604/CHULA RD. Continue to follow CHULA RD. 1.8 mi

Turn LEFT onto COVERLY RD.

Beginning at the corner of Chula Rd and Coverly Rd follow the F Co. signs.

### **Coming from the South via I-95**

I-95 N

Merge onto VA-288 N/WORLD WAR II VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY via EXIT 62 toward CHESTERFIELD/POWHITE PKWY. 14 mi

Merge onto US-360 W toward AMELIA. 18 mi

Turn RIGHT onto CHULA RD. 3.0 mi

Turn RIGHT onto COVERLY RD.

Beginning at the corner of Chula Rd and Coverly Rd follow the F Co. signs.

## Directions to the Annual Meeting

February 16 at 9:00 AM

Ashland Church of God

407 Myrtle Street

Ashland, VA. 23005

### From Points West of Richmond:

Take I-64 East toward RICHMOND

Merge onto I-295 South via EXIT 177 toward AIRPORT/WASHINGTON/NORFOLK

Take the I-95/US-1 exit, EXIT 43, toward RICHMOND/WASHINGTON

Take the US-1 North exit, EXIT 43C, on the LEFT toward ASHLAND

Merge onto I-95 North via the exit on the LEFT toward WASHINGTON

Merge onto VA-54 West via EXIT 92B toward ASHLAND

Turn LEFT onto US-1/South WASHINGTON HWY

Turn RIGHT onto MYRTLE ST

407 MYRTLE ST is on the LEFT

### From Points East Of Richmond:

Take I-64 West toward WILLIAMSBURG/RICHMOND

Merge onto I-295 North via EXIT 200 toward WASHINGTON

Merge onto I-95 North via EXIT 43A on the LEFT toward WASHINGTON

Merge onto VA-54 West via EXIT 92B toward ASHLAND

Turn LEFT onto US-1/South WASHINGTON HWY

Turn RIGHT onto MYRTLE ST

407 MYRTLE ST is on the LEFT

### From Points North Of Richmond:

Take I-95 South toward RICHMOND.

Merge onto VA-54 West /ENGLAND ST via EXIT 92 toward ASHLAND

Turn LEFT onto US-1/South WASHINGTON HWY

Turn RIGHT onto MYRTLE ST

407 MYRTLE ST is on the LEFT

### From Points South Of Richmond:

Take I-95 North toward Richmond.

Merge onto VA-54 West via EXIT 92B toward ASHLAND

Turn LEFT onto US-1/South WASHINGTON HWY

Turn RIGHT onto MYRTLE ST

407 MYRTLE ST is on the LEFT

Ode to Joe

