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Captain's Column

I would like to begin by thanking Travis Clements and Bill Ward for helping with guard duty in conjunction with the flag that draped Stonewall Jackson's coffin. It was on display at the Museum of the Confederacy on Sunday, May 12, which was also Mother's Day. The flag is of the second national design and is in excellent condition seeing how it is normally stored at the Museum. Also, it is huge. It almost measures 8' by 12'. It was presented to the Museum by Mrs. Jackson, herself, upon the Museum's opening in 1896 and the Museum has been in possession of it ever since. It was a treat to get to see it displayed. Thanks Bill and Travis.

From all reports, it sounds like Chancellorsville was a good event and turned out well. Sorry I missed it. I will let those who were actually there comment on the event. For June we have two activities scheduled. The first is the living history program at Cold Harbor on June 1st & 2nd. The second is the reenactment to end all reenactments, the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, June 27th – 30th. I will let the Lieutenant and 1st Sergeant give you the particulars of these two events.

On a personal note; I do want to let everyone know what is currently going on in my life as it is affecting my participation level with the unit. One of my brothers has been recently diagnosed with both prostate and bladder cancer. If that is not bad enough he was also the primary caregiver for my aged and ailing father. The date of my brother's surgery is yet to be determined but should be soon. I pray that he will survive the surgery and have a speedy recovery. I am now my father's caregiver and I have no problem with that. I believe it is my responsibility to do so. That being said it is very high maintenance and very time consuming. While he is not an invalid he cannot be left along for long periods of time. If I am not at events, that will be the reason why, but if that turns out to be the case I will do what needs to be done for the best interest of F Company. Please keep us in your prayers.

With kindest regards,
Captain Turley

1st Lieutenant's Column

Gentlemen,

The lambs sacrificed in the Old Testament had to be perfect, spotless lambs, without fault or defect to be an acceptable sacrifice unto the Lord. How fitting then that the Lamb that God would eventually send in the New Testament to save us all from our sins would also be perfect, spotless and without blemish? Thank God for Jesus, God's perfect Lamb, who came to take our sins with Him to the cross to be sacrificed there.

1st Lt. Gammon

The following article comes from Kevin Williams with the RBC Ministries.

Behold the Lamb!

And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God! (John 1:36)

In the days of the temple, Jerusalem bustled as hundreds of thousands of worshipers poured into the city to purchase Passover lambs. God's instructions were specific – the animals had to be without blemish (Deut. 17:1). So a few days prior to Passover, lambs were herded into the city for Levites to examine for defects or disease. The priests separated the spotless lambs from the unsuitable ones so that the Lord's commandment could be honored.

At the Temple Mount, each family patriarch discussed with a priest how many would share his Passover table. The Levite priest then surveyed the flock to find one young sheep suitable for each man's need. When he had found the right one, he would point and proclaim, "Behold the lamb!"

In the fullness of time, God sent His own spotless Lamb, and a Levite named John the Baptist made a wondrous proclamation not for one man's family, but for all mankind. He saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

This remarkable portrait of salvation, as Israel passed over from bondage to redemption, is made more meaningful through the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus the Messiah. A Lamb without blemish has been chosen for you.

Behold the Lamb!

1st Lt. Gammon

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

The Cold Harbor living history program will be June 1st and 2nd. I have the following people signed up. (Turley, Gammon D., Firth, Clements, Butler, Catlett, Guillen, Gunter, Kulikowski, Ladd, Stafford, and Vice. I also have it on good authority that Houston and Pate will be attending as well. Remember, this is not a registered event, so you can come out even if you didn't sign up.

There will be three demos each day. We normally do two of them on Saturday and one on Sunday, although, the Yankees usually end up scrambling early and we end up doing a second one on Sunday. If previous years are any indication, you will need five rounds per demo, so if you bring thirty rounds, you would be able to do all of the demos if necessary. There will be no rounds or caps allowed in the cartridge boxes, so bring your rounds and caps in a bag with your name on it. They will have to be turned in to the Park Service and issued out to you for each demo. There will not be a candle light tour on Saturday evening as in years past, so that should give us plenty of camp time.

You will be on your own for food for the weekend. I have heard from four people that say they will be camping there on Friday evening. I must assume that everyone else will be arriving on Saturday morning. Please be in camp by 8:30 A.M. Directions will follow in the newsletter.

The Gettysburg event will be held on June 27th – 30th. The following list is the people that I have attending: T. Turley, D. Gammon, M. Gammon, E. Firth, T. Clements, Ja. Alexander, Jo. Alexander, J. Butler, M. Guillen, D. Gunter, J. Houston, B. Kiser, M. Kulikowski, R. Ladd, J. Pennise, T. Stafford, M. Vice, B. Ward, B. Weidman, K. Weidman, S. Wilson, J. Pearson. I have included in this article directions to the site, a schedule of events, and some frequently asked questions about the event. There will be multiple battles happening all over the site throughout the weekend, so bring a lot more rounds than you normally bring. I would not hesitate to bring 200 – 250 rounds or even more. You will also be on your own for food for the weekend. I am sure there will be many sutlers and food vendors, but I can't promise how close we will be camped to them.

The 1st Lt. is heading up early Friday morning. I can't speak for anyone else. Below are some of the details that I spoke of.

“Blue Gray Alliance 150th Gettysburg Reenactment Frequently Asked Questions” The 150th Commemoration and Reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg is nearing and many reenactors from near and far are making plans to attend. Here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions we hope will help people to plan and prepare for a smooth arrival and enjoyable weekend.

Question: When can I arrive onsite?

Answer: 8am Wednesday registration will open.

Question: What will the hours be for registration?

Answer: Registration will be open 8am to midnight Wednesday and Thursday, and 8am to 10pm on Friday

Question: How long can I stay onsite after the event?

Answer: Reenactors must depart by 5pm Tuesday.

Question: When will cars be stopped from entering camps and when do cars need to be out of camps?

Answer: Cars will be stopped from entering Federal camps at noon on Friday and will need to be out of Federal camps by 12:30 on Friday. Cars will be stopped from entering Confederate camps at 4:30pm on Friday and will need to be out of Confederate camps by 6pm on Friday.

Question: When will cars be allowed back into the camps?

Answer: Cars will need to remain out of camps until after the battle on Sunday. Anyone needing to set up late or leave early will have the assistance of a shuttle to carry out their gear.

Question: Are there activities on Thursday?

Answer: The event will be held over four days June 27-30, 2013. Thursday is meant to be a set up day as the first battle of McPherson's Ridge is at 8:30am Friday morning. Reenactors are advised to arrive early, keep traffic flow moving by dropping off gear, parking, and then coming back to set up.

Question: Will shuttles be provided?

Answer: Shuttles will be provided to the parking, sutler, and camping areas. Due to the large volume of traffic expected and to maintain the privacy of adjoining properties not included in the reenactment, reenactors will be required to ride shuttles from the site to the parking areas. Individuals found walking on pavement on any of the surrounding roads may be ticketed and subject to being asked to leave the event.

Question: Can I dig a firepit?

Answer: Yes. Firepits should be used and at least 1 bucket of water should be kept by the firepit. Upon leaving, fill in the firepit, avoid burying trash, and place rocks near trees.

Question: When will the sutlers open?

Answer: Sutlers will begin opening Wednesday although all of them may not be open until Thursday.

Question: What do I do if I have a medical emergency?

Answer: Contact your unit commander immediately and he will notify emergency personnel. Your unit leader will have instructions on how to handle the situation.

Question: What if I have a family emergency and have to leave the event?

Answer: An emergency number where friends and family may contact the event in case of any emergency at home will be provided. In case you have to leave the event, a shuttle will come to your camp, and will transport you and your belongings to your car in the parking lot.

Question: Is there a map of the event site?

Answer: The site map is being finalized and will be posted to the website shortly.

Question: Will ice be delivered to the camps?

Answer: Ice will be delivered to camps at least once a day on a prearranged schedule and will be available to pick up at any time in the sutler area. 8 lb. bags will cost \$2 and all proceeds will go toward event expenses.

150th Gettysburg Schedule of Events

Friday

8:30-11:30am The Battle Begins, Buford's Stand, The Railroad Cut, McPherson's Ridge

Noon - Civil War Music Performance: Unreconstructed String Band

1pm - Dressed for Work: Women's Wear in the 1860s

2pm - Surgeon Steinbach "Medicine at Gettysburg"

3pm - General Buford Living Historian "Buford's Tactics at Gettysburg"

4pm - Civilian Activity "Make and Take Collar and Cuffs"

5pm - General Lee Living Historian Talk

6pm - Author Talk

7pm - Civil War Music/Meet the Living Historians

7pm-9pm - Battle of Culp's Hill and East Cemetery Ridge

Saturday

9am - Dr. Bradley Gottfried "Maps of Gettysburg"

10am - Fashion Show/Ladies Tea

10-11am - Hanover Cavalry Battle

Noon - General Lee Living Historian Talk

1pm - Dr. Mike McGough "Leadership Lessons of Gettysburg Generals"

2pm - Author Talk

2pm-6pm - Devil's Den Battle, Little Round Top Battle, Wheatfield Battle, Peach Orchard Battle

3pm - Kate Eakman "Discovering the Story of Your Civil War Ancestor"

4pm - "Enlist Now!" Interactive Children's Program

5pm - General Buford Living Historian "Federal Cavalry at Gettysburg"

6pm-7:30pm - Civil War Music Performance

8pm - Civil War Ball: Unreconstructed String Band

Sunday

9am - General Pickett Living Historian "From West Point to Gettysburg"

10am - Father Corby "The Irish at Gettysburg and in America"

10am-noon - East Cavalry Field Cavalry Battle

11am - Dressed for Work: Women's Wear in the 1860s

12:30pm - Battle - Pickett, Pettigrew, Trimble Charge

Event Directions

Cold Harbor Battlefield and Visitor Center
5515 Anderson-Wright Drive
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Directions to the 150th Gettysburg

Event Location: 1845 Pumping Station Road, Gettysburg, PA

From Gettysburg: Take Emmitsburg Road south 6 miles to Bull Frog Road. Turn right. Go 2 ¼ miles to Pumping Station Road. Turn right. Follow signs to parking areas.

From Frederick and Points South:

Take Hwy 15 North. Exit at Hwy Bus. 15/Emmitsburg Road. Turn left off the ramp and cross over the freeway. Take immediate left onto Bullfrog Road. Go 2 1/4 miles to Pumping Station Road. Turn right. Follow signs to parking areas.

From Harrisonburg and Points North:

Take Hwy 15 South. Exit at Hwy Bus. 15/Emmitsburg Road. Bear right off ramp onto Emmitsburg Road. Take immediate left onto Bullfrog Road. Go 2 ¼ miles to Pumping Station Road. Turn right. Follow signs to parking areas.

Ode to Joe

