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### Captain's Column

Gentlemen,

I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the annual meeting on Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout and we were able to conduct our business in a timely manner. I would like to welcome two new members to the unit. They are Karl Bunch from Suffolk and Dustin Gunter from Richmond. Karl discovered us at the civil war show last November and Dustin is brought to us by last year's rookie of the year Matthew Guillen. Welcome to the unit guys!

If you were not at the meeting you were missed. Announcements from the meeting include the following:

- Nate Pate was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal.
- Wes Catlett was elected to the Member at Large position on the Executive Committee.
- Tom Stafford decided to step down from the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant position due to family obligations. He will be taking a hiatus from the hobby for a while. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant position is being left open for the moment. Eldridge Firth has agreed to fill in as needed. At some events he may be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant. At some events he may be the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. We appreciate his willingness to help us out in this regard.

By the time you get this news letter the fort work day will have come and gone. I hear we have a good number signed up to help out. Thank you in advance for your help.

Now we need to get ready for the Camp of Instruction. It will be March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Friday evening through mid-day Sunday. Please! Make every effort to be there. See the COI schedule later in this newsletter. This is the time to shake out the cobwebs and get back in gear, mentally, physically, and accouterment wise. Heed the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's recommendations. Meals will be provided for Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. Bring extra food for lunch and snacks. Hopefully the weather will be nice but bring whatever you think you will need to keep warm. This will be our first opportunity to get together for a weekend and rekindle old friendships, develop new ones, and just enjoy camp comradery. I will see you all there.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Captain Turley

# 1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

I will begin by reminding everyone that if you have not turned in an event sheet, I need it immediately. I have some early registrations to turn in and if I don't have a sheet from you, I cannot include you. Dues must also be in to Jack by March 15th if you want to remain in good standing with the unit.

Camp of instruction will be Friday, March 25th - Sunday, March 27th. Please try to arrive on Friday afternoon to give yourself enough time to set up camp. If you must arrive on Saturday morning, please be in camp no later than 6:30 A.M.. More than likely, a group of people will be going into town on Friday evening for dinner.

The company will be cooking breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings and dinner on Saturday evening. We will be chipping in to cover the cost of the three meals, so bring some dollar bills. It usually works out to about \$8 - \$10 each for the weekend meals. Any other food you need for the weekend will be your own responsibility.

There will be a live firing competition on Saturday afternoon. There will be an individual category as well as a platoon, or team category. Results will be announced Saturday evening around the campfire.

You are allowed to bring sleeping bags and other modern items to keep warm with at night, but I do ask that you make every effort to keep these modern items hidden in your tent or shelter to keep them out of sight and photographs. If you will be needing to borrow any equipment, modern or period, please let someone know far enough in advance so we can work it out.

Please bring about 20 blank rounds and enough caps for firing practice. There will also be a full equipment layout and inspection on Sunday morning. I will have copies of the appropriate layout sheet for those that need them. If anyone has any extra equipment that you don't mind lending out, please bring it along. We are going to have three new recruits at camp this year and they will not have time to get everything they will need before camp.

There will be directions to the fort later in this newsletter. It is vital that you make every effort to attend camp. You play like you practice, and if we don't practice it will show at the events. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Your Obedient Servant,  
1<sup>st</sup> SGT. Gammon

## Fort Update

Gentlemen,

I would like to express my great appreciation to those who were able to contribute to the fort readiness day in preparation for C.O.I. The following gentleman gave up their Saturday for the Company. Jack Alexander, Johnathan Alexander, Bob Baird, Wes Catlett, Eldridge Firth, Matthew Gammon, Dave Gammon, Matthew Guillen, Dustin Gunter, Nate Pate, Tony Turley, Bill Ward, Bret Weidman. Due to the wonderful turn out the following tasks were accomplished.

- Remove saplings and undergrowth
- Remove sticks & debris from inside and outside of fort
- Cleaned out / rake areas for tents
- Cleaned Fire Pit
- Cut, split, move and stacked fire wood
- Sweep and cleaned off bridge
- Inspected bridge
- Stack R&R ties
- Mowed overgrowth
- Built a Southern Flying Squirrel nest box
- Relocated the squirrels from the outhouse to the nest box

- Clean outhouse
- Whittled a Captain's chair

Thank you all for your willingness to support the Company's Fort, because of your efforts C.O.I. will be much more pleasant for all.

Your Humble Servant  
2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal Pate

## Organizational Announcement

From the Desk of the 1st Sgt.

As you know, Captain Turley has been managing the duties of Quartermaster for the last couple of years. He will continue in this capacity, keeping the inventory here in the Richmond area. Beginning immediately, Johnathan Alexander will be assisting the Captain with the administrative portion of the office.

If you need to purchase anything from our inventory, please contact Johnathan to purchase the item and you will need to contact Captain Turley to pick up the item. If you have a new item that you would like the company to consider for the inventory, or an improvement idea for an existing item, you will need to contact Johnathan. I would like to thank Johnathan for stepping up to help us out with this.

Thank you  
1<sup>st</sup> SGT. Gammon

## 2011 Annual Meeting Minuets

- Toney opened the meeting with prayer
- Tony led the pledge of allegiance
- Tony did the welcome and introductions
- Scott Wilson made a motion to forego the reading of the minutes from the last meeting Johnathan Alexander seconded. (Motion passed)
- Jack Alexander gave the Treasury Report
  - Discussed paid events and how the dues work to cover them
  - Discussed the recruiting brochures
  - Discussed the inventory and general funds and their balances
- Tony gave the uniform and inventory committee reports
  - We have 159 yards of material on hand
  - Richmond Depot's prices remain the same this year
  - We are out of wooden canteens and ground cloths
  - Phil Cavanaugh is still willing to supply F Co.
  - Jack reviewed the uniform ordering process
- Tony gave the membership and recruiting reports
  - Discussed roster and total number of members
  - Discussed recruiting styles (word of mouth, website, shows)
- Tony Discussed the Company's Militia Impression.
  - The impression is optional after you get the wartime gear
  - Jack explained the Company's inventory of Militia gear
- Break for a group photo session & snacks and/or restroom
- Jack reviewed the 2011 dues proposal

- Recommended dues remain the same
- Reminded those who owe reimbursements to pay before end of meeting
- Bob motioned to accept dues proposal – Bill seconded (motion passed)
- Travis and Nate gave the presentation of the F Company recruiting video and the fort restoration project
- David reviewed the event schedule for 2011
  - Jack explained the muster
- Tony reviewed the C.O.I schedule
- Election of Officers
- Tony put out a call for people to help with behind the scenes work
- Tony announced nominating Wes Catlett for Member at Large
  - Tony motioned, Bill seconded the nomination
  - Jack motioned, Bill seconded Closing nominations (motion passed)
- Tony announced that Tom Stafford is stepping down as 1<sup>st</sup> LT.
  - Announced that Eldridge will be interim 1<sup>st</sup> LT.
  - Will table the nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> LT.
- Nate motioned, Scott seconded keeping the remaining positions the same. (motion passed)
- Tony gave an update on the condition of Carroll Perry
- Tony Closed with prayer

## F Company, 21<sup>st</sup> Virginia Camp of Instruction 2011

### Friday 25 March

Time	Activity	Director
Afternoon/ Evening	Arrivals As individual schedules permit. It is recommended that one arrive before dark. All supplies and equipment in camp. Camp setup: Determine Company Street Erect Tents Dig Fire Pit Supper In Camp or in Town ---Your Choice--- Camp Comradery	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt
2300	All Quiet in Camp	

### Saturday, 26 March

Time	Activity	Director
0645	Everyone in Camp	
0700 – 0715	Reveille Formation. Orders for the Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt
0715 – 0800	Prepare and serve breakfast meal – 1 <sup>st</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Cpl
0730 – 0830	Inventory Sale	Quartermaster
0800 – 0830	Kitchen Police – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cpl

0830 – 0900	Company Philosophy and Purpose	Officers and NCO's
0900 – 1100	Drill for New Members	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt
0900 – 1100	Drill for Veterans	Captain and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt
0900 – 1000	Stationary Drill Position of Soldier Manual of Arms Stacking, Inspection	
1000 – 1100	Firing Drill Load in Ten Time Fire by Company, Obliques Fire Kneeling, Lying Down	
1100 – 1200	Company Drill	Captain and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1200 – 1230	Lunch from Haversack	
1230 – 1400	Marching Drill Form Company Facings, Wheels Skirmish Drill	Captain and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1400 – 1430	Target Setup	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt
1430 – 1500	Safety Practices + Procedures Musket Cleaning Techniques	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt
1500 – 1600	Musket Live Firing	Captain and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1600 – 1630	Target take down	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1600	Begin Supper preparation – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cpl
1630 – 1700	Clean Weapons	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt
1700 – 1730	Serve Supper – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cpl
1730 – 1800	Kitchen Police – 1 <sup>st</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Cpl
1800 – 1830	Results of Live Firing	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1830 – 2230	Camp Comradery	
2230	All Quiet in Camp	

Sunday, 27 March

Time	Activity	Director
0700 – 0715	Reveille, Orders for the Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt
0715 – 0815	Prepare and Serve hot breakfast – 1 <sup>st</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 1 <sup>st</sup> Cpl
0815 – 0845	Kitchen Police – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Platoon	1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cpl
0845 – 0915	Church Call	Captain
0915 – 1015	Inspection – Full Equipment Layout	Uniform Committee
1015 – 1100	Field Practices / Helpful Hints	Various
1100 – 1030	Bayonet Drill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt
1130 – 1215	Marching, Skirmish Drill	Captain and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1215 – 1230	Haversack Lunch	
1230 – 1330	Refresher Drill	Captain and 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt
1330 – 1400	Strike Camp / police area	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt
1400	Final Formation / Departure	Captain
1400		

## COI 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.

Ode to Joe

