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Captain's Column

Gentleman

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting last month. Welcome to new members Ricky Ladd, Mike Kulikowski, and Kyle Weidman, Brett's twin brother. Business was conducted in a timely manner. All elected positions remained the same. Minutes from the meeting should be contained in this newsletter.

Upcoming events include the Camp of Instruction and the April Tactical. The COI is set for March 22nd- 24th. The schedule is contained in this newsletter. It kicks off 7:00 AM Saturday morning. Don't be late. Pray for good weather. The tactical is April 5th-7th. Pertinent information about this event is also contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Well, it's almost that time! Get ready. See you all at the COI. It's going to be great!

Your obedient servant,
Captain Turley

1st Lieutenant's Column

I can't help but wonder sometimes, why we as humans always seem to want things that may not be in our best interest. Like Adam and Eve in the garden, who had everything that they could possibly need, but gambled it all to get what was forbidden. They didn't need the knowledge of good and evil that the fruit from the tree offered, but the fact that it was forbidden made the lure of it that much more appealing. We can get into trouble, more often than not, by longing for things we think we need instead of trusting God to know what is good for us. God knows the things we have need of, as it says in Matthew chapter 6. He will also supply all our needs, as in Philippians chapter 4, as you will see in the upcoming article taken from "Our Daily Bread". Let us attempt to be satisfied with God's provisions and not always think that we know what is best for us.

On The Fringe

March 7, 2013 — by [Julie Ackerman Link](#) Read: [Philippians 4:10-20](#)

God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. —[Philippians 4:19](#)

When butterflies hatch at Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan, they do so in an indoor tropical paradise perfectly suited to meet their every need. The temperature is perfect. The humidity is perfect. The food is a perfect balance of calories and nutrition to keep them healthy. No need to go elsewhere. Yet some butterflies see the bright blue sky outside the conservatory and spend their days fluttering near the glass ceiling far away from the plentiful food supply.

I want to say to those butterflies, “Don’t you know everything you need is inside? The outside is cold and harsh, and you will die within minutes if you get what you are longing to have.”

I wonder if that is the message God has for me. So I ask myself, Do I look longingly at things that would harm me? Do I use my energy to gain what I don’t need and shouldn’t have? Do I ignore God’s plentiful provision because I imagine that something just beyond my reach is better? Do I spend my time on the fringes of faith?

God supplies all our needs from His riches (Phil. 4:19). So instead of striving for what we don’t have, may we open our hearts to gratefully receive everything we’ve already been given by Him.

**All that I want is in Jesus;
He satisfies, joy He supplies;
Life would be worthless without Him,
All things in Jesus I find. —Loes**

Our needs will never exhaust God’s supply.

May God Bless You All,
1st Lt. Gammon

1st Sergeant’s Report

Gents,

It would appear that another season is rapidly approaching. We have many that are new to the unit, so I will take this time to be as thorough as I can, however, if I miss anything or fail to answer questions, let me know. PLEASE READ ENTIRE ARTICLE. I am trying a NEW itemized newsletter article, please let me know if this is an improvement, or if it makes matters worst. I’m leaving the decision up to you guys.

DATE AND TIMES: First off, F. Co. Annual Camp of Instruction is set for the weekend of March 22nd – March 24th. I will be arriving at camp anywhere between 1-2p on Friday afternoon, provided my work schedule permits. I would highly suggest you do the same, sometimes showing up Saturday morning can provide a bit of a rush. If at all possible, try to arrive before dark on Friday. For those of you planning to arrive on Saturday morning, please arrive NO LATER than 6:45am!!!

FOOD: The meals will be handled as they usually are. We will have a company mess for three of the meals, all food for these three meals will be brought by myself and the Lt. As usual, we will be collecting money from all those in attendance (That have not already paid). The USUAL cost is between \$8-\$10 dollars per man. We will be planning for what I believe to be a

record number at COI, so I am going to do the best I can to keep cost down. We will have Saturday breakfast, Saturday Dinner, and Sunday Breakfast. Both days, we will provide time to have lunch from your haversack. This means you are responsible for food for lunches. There may be some scattered leftovers from breakfast, but DO NOT count on that.

TO DO's: We have a busy schedule gents. We will divide the list of attendees into platoons. If your platoon is called on, please make yourself selflessly available to help. This will ensure that we stay on schedule and get through all that we have planned. With so many in attendance, we will be forced to run a tight ship, but as always, we will have a blast. We have a tentative schedule written up that is subject to change as deemed necessary and your flexibility is greatly appreciated. This is a busy time of year for everyone, including the executive committee, so this will FIRST AND FOREMOST, be a weekend to relax and get in tune with the hobby to ensure a great 2013 season.

WHAT TO BRING: For all you new guys, and those who may not be aware, this is the one weekend we allow you to bring the "comforts of home" if you will, within reason. Standing in camp, EVERYTHING must appear period to the eye. This means bring what you must to be comfortable, but it must remain hidden. Such equipment may include but is not limited to, flashlights, warm night wear, sleeping bags, pillows, food and water, just to throw out some ideas. (NOTE: While I have been at this only 10 years, these items will come in handy, add them to your list.) You will NOT need blank cartridges. We do not fire blanks at camp and that is not looking like it is going to change, however, live ammunition for our live firing demo WILL be provided, no need to bring your own.

HINTS AN TIPS: Your gear has been stored for many moons now, take it out, check it, clean it, organize, know what you need well in advance. In the event you do need something, let our quartermaster know, and have money ready to present to Jack. You can figure on paying before you get your requested gear. ***NEW GUYS*** if you need to borrow gear, you need to let me know no later than Saturday, March 16th. If you meet the deadline, I will do my best to get you fitted. Guys, please clean your muskets. As 1st Sgt it is my responsibility to handle misfires, the less we have the better and smoother things will go. PLEASE clean your weapons. If you are not comfortable with the cleaning process, please arrive to camp early enough on Friday and I will be happy to accommodate you.

VERY IMPORTANT: On March 16th, I will be moving into my new apartment. There will be a brief period that I will not have access to the internet. I will get back with you; it may take me a moment. My new contact info is attached in an email to membership. With my new Verizon cable/internet, I will receive a new email. I have not decided if I want to make that my primary or not. Continue using mrg008 until notified otherwise.

Guys, this has been a trying time of the year for me, however, I anticipate the best and most well attended season ever. I cannot express to you how excited I am for the 150th events this year, as well as the changes taking place in my life. I am getting married, juggling an ever changing work schedule, about to be an uncle, moving into a new apartment, acquiring new bills, and God help us all....I have a puppy. There will be times that I seem rogue/off the grid. I will make myself as accessible as possible, but if there are things that come up, I ask your forgiveness in advance and know that I plan to FULLY fulfill my role in this unit to the best of my ability. I will be stretched thin for a little while, but I would not commit myself to something that I did not think I could handle. With that said, your constant help and support is always greatly appreciated. Let's get this year off to a fantastic start.

As much planning as is necessary, we could not do any of this without you guys. For that I am eternally grateful.

Very humbly and respectfully,
1st Sgt. M. Gammon

F. Co. 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

02-23-13

- Official Start, 9:16am
- Tony opened with prayer
- Tony led Pledge of Allegiance
- Group photo to accommodate early dismissals
- Introductions of all in attendance, Executive committee and new recruits/old returners
- David Gammon made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting (Mike vice seconded) Motion Carried
- Jack gave treasury report
 - Discussed general expenses, and unforeseen expenses
 - Did not renew contract with welcome centers for distribution of brochures
 - Tony Turley made a motion to accept Treasury Report (Scott Wilson seconded) Motion carried
- Mike Vice gave the uniform and inventory report
 - Discussed current status of inventory
 - Discussed looking into restocking items we are low on
 - Discussed condition of Canteens (Made to order, not made in bulk, offering a challenge in finding canteens)
- Matt and David Gammon gave the current membership and recruiting report
 - Matt discussed 2012 attendance, membership status, paid event attendance and average attendance
 - David discussed shows, brochures, word of mouth and relationship with the parks service as viable recruiting tools, WOM seems to be the best, currently
 - David opened the floor for new recruiting ideas
 - Michael Kulikowski suggested opportunities with the parks service (namely in Fredericksburg and immediate vicinity)
 - Mike vice explained how attendance levels build rapport that produces opportunities
- Tony discussed the current status of Militia impression for F. Co.
 - Discussed gear involved and potential opportunities
- Old business was discussed
 - No old business discussed
- **BREAK** for sale of inventory
- Resumed at 10:45am
- Tony introduced new business, started with discussion on F. Co. affiliation with Longstreet's corps
 - Tony discussed pro's and con's associated with membership in Longstreet's Corps
 - Con's -> \$10 charge per man for dues and insurance (determined to be a minimal cost for such benefits)
 - Pro's -> provides a home for larger events, F. Co. moved from probationary member to full member, new overall commander for Longstreet's, communication and relationship of F. Co. executive committee with Longstreet's Command, more militaristic in impression
 - \$70 corps dues, \$5 per man for insurance
- Jack gave website update
 - New website now constructed and in trial run
 - New contract in place, outlining website maintenance and construction
 - Benefits of contract and donations for cost
 - Johnathan Alexander and Dustin Gunter are webmasters
 - Concerns for website discussed
- Dustin Gunter and Matthew Guillen gave Facebook presentation
 - Discussed recruiting opportunities and advantages of having Facebook page

- Dues discussion moved to after event discussion
- Nate Pate gave Fort Harvie Presentation
 - Plans for 2013
 - Area cleaned out for powder magazine, work outline for project discussed
 - Resurrection of rifle pits up to 50ft perimeter
 - Jack requested estimation of man hours
- Tony discussed event list for 2013 season
 - Mike Vice gave elaboration on April Tactical (Hooker's Rear) and Chancellorsville
 - Tony discussed Museum of the Confederacy event
- Jack discussed Dues for 2012
 - Proposed that dues be increased to \$85 to cover 150th events and Longstreet dues/insurance
 - Nate made a motion to accept dues proposal (Jeff Pennise seconded) Motion carried
 - Matt discussed medical waiver/history forms for Longstreet insurance
 - Tony discussed revision of Chain of Command
 - Tony appointed mentors for new recruits
- Tony began election of officers
 - Bill Ward made a motion to nominate all current members of elected committee (Matthew Guillen seconded) motion carried
- Tony Opened the floor for remaining business
 - no remaining business
- Tony delivered closing prayer, Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm

Treasurer's Report

At the annual meeting, the voted dues for 2013 are \$85 which includes the cost of all paid events, the Camp of instruction (less cost of food) and insurance/membership with Longstreet Corps. Reminder dues are to be paid by March 15th in order to be considered a member in good standing with all the rights and privileges thereof.

The following persons owe monies to the company for missed events last year, contact the treasurer for payment. Firth, and Worsham.

Tax season: Reminder, because F Company, 21st Virginia is a 501 (c) 3 organization, many of the expenses you incurred related to the Unit maybe tax deductible, as always you should consult your tax advisor.

Website I am glad to report that our website, www.21vafco.org/ has been overhauled and is up and running. It has several new features including a Google map with events calendar and a rotating banner. There is still some editing and updating of the information to be done. I would ask that each member visit the site and report any errors or needed corrections to our two (2) Web administrators: Johnathan Alexander and Dustin Gunter. Please be patient as we go forward. Our website is a vital part of our attempt to educate the public and preserve an accurate account of the American Civil War.

Donations needed As a result of the needed retooling of the website a large monetary expense was incurred by the Company which we would ask your support in raising the funds needed to cover those expenses. Please make your tax-deductible donations to:

F Company, 21st Virginia
P.O. Box 34296
Richmond, VA 23234

Respectfully submitted
Pvt. Jack Alexander, Treasurer

Tactical Event (5-7 April 2013)

2062 Germanna Highway Locust Grove, VA

<http://www.hookersrear.com/>

The company commander has asked me to do a short write up on the upcoming April tactical. This event sponsored by Rear Rank Productions and the Southern Division offers our company a real opportunity to experience real Civil War soldier life in the field. This is a judged tactical event rather than your usual battle re-enactment, which means it's not scripted and line judges will periodically be accessing our capabilities. To understand the philosophy of this event you need to access the event website at [hookersrear.com](http://www.hookersrear.com) which will provide you w/relevant event information, however, some key points for your personal planning:

Directions Go to website heading "Logistics" for specific directions to the event which is west of Fredericksburg. Additionally this heading will explain the support for firewood, water, and sanitation.

Rations You need to be prepared to feed yourself from your haversack for 36 hours. The website heading "Resources" has excellent information on formulation of your rations. Precooked rations would be an excellent idea, however, given that you want a hot meal on Sat evening then you need to work on assembling yourself a mess w/period cooking gear such as small pot, skillet, etc.

Ammunition Recommend you bring 80 rounds of blank ammo, w/40 rounds in your cartridge box and 40 rounds in your knapsack or blanket roll.

Bivouac You'll be sleeping in the field w/whatever you can carry, so tentage isn't really an option. Whether or not you'll have access to your vehicle for additional support is subjective, so make plans to live and subsist for 36 hours on your own which protection from the rain and other possible adverse weather, that is overhead cover, ground cloth, gum blanket, etc.

Arrival/Departure I'd strongly recommend that you arrive at the site on Fri afternoon or evening so that you'll really be ready to go first thing on Sat morning. Event should be concluded by Sun afternoon.

Prepared by Pvt. Michael L. Vice

**F Company, 21st Virginia
Camp of Instruction 2012**

Friday 22 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 st Lt and 1 st Sgt
2300	All Quiet in Camp	

Saturday, 23 March

Time	Activity	Director
0645	Everyone in Camp	
0700 – 0715	Reveille Formation. Orders for the Day	1 st Sgt
0715 – 0800	Prepare and serve breakfast meal – 1 st Platoon	1 st Sgt, 1 st Cpl
0730 – 0830	Inventory Sale	Quartermaster
0800 – 0830	Kitchen Police – 2 nd Platoon	1 st Sgt and 2 nd Cpl
0830 – 0900	Company Philosophy and Purpose	Officers and NCO's
0900 – 1100	Drill for New Members	1 st Lt and 1 st Sgt
0900 – 1100	Drill for Veterans	Captain and 2 nd Sgt
0900 – 1000	Stationary Drill, Form Company, Position of Soldier, Manual of Arms, Stacking and Inspection	
1000 – 1100	Firing Drill Load in Ten Time Fire by Company, Oblique firings Fire Kneeling, Lying Down	
1100 – 1200	Company Drill	Captain and 1 st Lt
1200 – 1230	Lunch from Haversack	

1230 – 1400	Marching Drill, Form Company Facings, Wheels, Skirmish Drill	Captain and 1 st Lt
1400 – 1430	Target Setup	Safety Officer
1430 – 1500	Safety Practices + Procedures Musket Cleaning Techniques	Safety Officer
1500 – 1600	Musket Live Firing	Safety Officer
1600 – 1630	Target take down	1 st Lt & 2 nd Sgt
1600	Begin Supper preparation – 2 nd Platoon	1 st Sgt and 1 st Cpl
1630 – 1700	Clean Weapons	2 nd Sgt
1700 – 1730	Serve Supper – 2 nd Platoon	1 st Sgt and 2 nd Cpl
1730 – 1800	Kitchen Police – 1 st Platoon	2 nd Sgt and 2 nd Cpl
1800 – 1830	Results of Live Firing	1 st Lt
1830 – 2230	Camp Comradery	
2230	All Quiet in Camp	

Sunday, 24 March

Time	Activity	Director
0700 – 0715	Reveille, Orders for the Day	1 st Sgt
0715 – 0815	Prepare and Serve hot breakfast – 1 st Platoon	2 nd Sgt and 1 st Cpl
0815 – 0845	Kitchen Police – 2 nd Platoon	2 nd Sgt and 2 nd Cpl
0845 – 0915	Church Call	1 st Lt
0915 – 1015	Training Classes: 1. Digging & Chopping in the ANV 2. Army Soldier Tinware	Chair. Uniform Committee
1015 - 1145	Inspection – Full equipment layout	Chair. Uniform Committee
1145 - 1215	Bayonet Drill	2 nd Sgt
1215 – 1230	Haversack Lunch	
1230 – 1330	Refresher Drill	Captain and 1 st Lt
1330 – 1400	Final Formation / Strike Camp / police area	Captain, Sgts & Cpls
1400	Departure	

PLEASE NOTE: Schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions and time constraints. Some activities may require more time, some less. The schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

C.O.I. Directions

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

