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Captain's Column, March 2016

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting. It was held at the Maintenance Facility Building at Fort Harrison in Varina. Thanks to Ed Sanders and Bert Dunkersley of the National Park Service for helping to make this possible. We had a good turnout with twelve people in attendance . I especially want to thank those who had to travel considerable distant to attend, which is most of the unit.

I want to welcome three new members. They include Bob Gorgone and Mark Riemer. They have already been associated with the company for quite some time but have decided to make it official. They both live in Connecticut.so they are really long distance members. The third new recruit is Ray Hanson. He is the younger brother of Greg Hanson. Welcome gentlemen!

Business was conducted in an orderly, efficient, and timely manner. We went over a proposed schedule of events. In that regard, please get your sign-up sheet back to the 1st Sergeant ASAP. Also in like manner, if you didn't do so at the meeting please pay your dues ASAP

Our first event/ activity coming up is the fort work day. That is set for 12 March. We had eight people indicate that they would be there to help.. Please refer to emails already sent out as to planned projects or activities and needed equipment.. More info may be forth coming as this date gets closer.

Results of the elections were as follows:

Greg Hanson is the new Member-at-Large

Jack Alexander is once again Treasurer.

Mike Vice is once again 1st Sergeant.

Yours truly, Tony Turley, is Captain.

The position of Lieutenant will be left vacant for this year

I would like to thank the members of the unit for having enough confidence in me to once again bestow upon me the honor of being Captain of F Company. I will try to be up to the task.

So our year has began. I would like to see as many as possible at the fort work day and subsequently at the Camp of Instruction coming up in April. Let's make this our best year ever!

With kindest regards,

Captain Turley



1st Sergeant's Column

Reenactor Recruiting Fair (20 Feb 2016)- For the second year F Co attended the Recruiting Fair held at the Army History and Heritage Center held at Carlisle Barracks, PA. This excellent indoor facility saw all periods of American and European military history being represented from the Colonial Period to the Vietnam Era. Members manning the F Co recruiting table included Jack Alexander, Mike Vice and the Weidman Brothers. While there were no hot prospects for F Co members, a great deal of education was provided to the visiting public on Confederate military history as well as numerous F Co business cards being passed out to potential recruit prospects. All in all a good effort which will be repeated again for next year.

Annual Membership Meeting (27 Feb 2016)- While this meeting is best covered by meeting minutes elsewhere in this newsletter, nevertheless, some key points should be noted. The new meeting spot was comfortable, well lighted, and conducive to a good meeting. The meeting was well attended w/ input from the membership along w/a brand new recruit, Ray Hanson. Additionally, Bob Gorgone and Mark Riemer drove all the way from Connecticut to attend this meeting, which demonstrates a more than positive attitude about membership in F Company! All in all a very good start to the campaign season!

Key Dates for Your Planning:

12 Mar 2016- Fort Clean-up Day. Everyone needs to turnout w/tools and other items noted in the previous email message sent out to the membership to insure a successful Camp of Instruction.

15 Mar 2016- **Dues**- Per F Co. By-Laws dues must be paid by that date. Dues for this year are \$80.00. Send cheque payable to F Co, 21st VA to Jack Alexander, 6346 Bannister Dr., Frederick, MD 21701.

Event Sign-up Sheet- Return event sign-up sheet either w/electronic information or hard copy to me as 1st SGT at 197 Plank Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 or email at michaelvice_16@msn.com.

It's your obligation as individual F Co. members to meet this suspense date w/payment of dues and event sign-up sheet.

8-10 Apr 2016- Camp of Instruction at Fort Harvie in Amelia County, VA. The very best way of starting off the campaign season w/all your soldier skills honed again for maximum benefit to yourself and your company! Training Schedule will be provided in late March to membership.

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

Meeting Minutes
F Co, 21st VA Annual Membership Meeting
27 February 2016

Meeting called to order at 1007 hours by the Acting Chairman Mike Vice followed by invocation. This was followed by Introduction of all Executive Committee members; Welcome by NPS Ranger Bert Dunkerly to Fort Harrison meeting site; and introduction of potential recruit Ray Hanson. It should be noted that the NPS had provided the company w/an excellent meeting facility at the Fort Harrison Maintenance Shops including audio visual support capability.

2015 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were approved by the membership.

Committee Reports were provided w/overall Treasurer verbal explanation and written financial report dealing w/last quarter 2015 and recommended 2016 budget. The Chairman of the Uniform and Equipage Committee provided a general verbal synopsis of his written report noting that the inventory supply was in very good condition and that the QM Tony Turley was providing excellent service to the membership. The verbal Membership and Recruiting status noted the presence of two new recruits, Bob Gorgone and Mark Riemer, attending the annual meeting, and that our website and Facebook were good recruiting venues, but that personal contacts still were the best method of getting new members into our ranks. Additionally, Kyle Weidman noted the good use of co. flyers at a local CW bookstore while Greg Hanson brought up his activities w/the Williamsburg, VA Civil War Round Table. Travis Clements talked of a recent library experience he had had when a local reenactor in the Shenandoah Valley did an evening series on becoming a reenactor. This whole discussion served to demonstrate the various ways that could be utilized in reaching potential F Co recruits.

Jack Alexander provided an update on Militia impression w/Tony Turley providing physical examples of available militia uniforms along w/shakos which are available for membership use at special militia themed events.

The planned break then followed w/a company picture being taken of all members attending the meeting. The break included refreshments being provided by the company including hot coffee, soft drinks, water along w/ice, and that great Southern favorite Crispy Cream Donuts as well. Sales from inventory were brisk w/several members taking advantage of needed resupply.

With the meeting resumption, the Treasurer Jack Alexander provided additional information on F Company's financial status including the recommendation of 2016 dues in the amount of \$80.00 for 2016. Following membership discussion, the dues amount of \$80.00 was approved for 2016. It was noted by the Acting Chairman that dues were payable by 15 March per F Co. By-Laws.

The Fort Harvie Presentation and Update by Jack Alexander and Mike Vice included screen photos of Fort noting both summer and winter photos of site w/special emphasis on condition of the foot bridge. It was stressed that the Fort Clean-Up Day on 12 Mar 2016 was a key co. activity as 40 plank boards on the bridge had to be replaced for safety reasons along w/re-attachment of flagpole lanyard and outhouse pull string latch in order to properly support the needed 8-10 Apr 2016 Camp of Instruction.

It was noted by the Acting Chairman that the Camp of Instruction would include Bayonet training by the 2nd Sergeant and Skirmish Drill by the Co. Commander. Additionally, a bivouac

mess would be provided w/Mark Riemer serving again as Co Cook w/kitchen police being provided by respective platoons.

The Acting Chairman provided a lengthy analysis and discussion of the very full 2016 Co. Events Schedule w/verbal summary of events being recommended, and questions being taken from general membership on particular events. A Schedule of Events sign-up sheet was provided to all attending members w/request that these be filled out and returned to the 1st SGT/Secretary by the end of the meeting. A show of hands was utilized to note those attending Fort Clean-Up Day and Battle of New Market in order to obtain best registration fee.

The Election of Officers saw the slate recommend by the Executive Committee elected to office as follows:

Captain/President- Tony Turley
1st LT/Vice-President- Vacant for 2016
1st SGT/Secretary- Mike Vice
Treasurer- Jack Alexander
Member-at-Large- Greg Hanson

There being no other New Business, a benediction followed w/adjournment of the meeting at 1314 hours.

Following adjournment the bulk of the attending members drove to Carter's Pig Pen in Mechanicsville, VA, for excellent BBQ dinners and sandwiches plus good fellowship prior to everyone departing for their homes.

Michael L. Vice
1st SGT/Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Well it's that time again, April 15th is only 45 days away. Remember much of what we do is as a non-profit and should qualify as a deduction. Be sure to let your tax man know what monies you have spent to maximize your deductions.

Respectfully,
Jack Alexander
Treasurer

Ode to Joe

