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Captain's Column

Gentleman

The best kept secret of Civil War Reenacting is the Battle of Buchanan. While it is by no means a large or even a medium size event (it's small, maybe even tiny) in every other way it's perfect. To borrow a line from Goldilocks, It's just right!"

Parking is awesome, right next to our campsite. General Lee is there. He asked us to be his guard unit. We are fed Saturday evening and it's a good meal worth the five dollar registration fee. There is a dance/ball on Saturday night and with no deference to Scott Wilson, but if he can dance any of us can. Alan Farley of Re-enactor's Missions for Jesus Christ preached the Sunday morning Church service. The battles, despite the event's small numbers, were done in an orderly and deliberate manner with none of the confusion and disorder that so often accompany larger events.

F Company was able to muster nine soldiers for this event. Overall it was very nicely done with enough down time to be relaxing but also enough structure and competence to display one's ability as a re-enactor or as a re-enacting unit. Great event!

Now coming up for the month of May is the Spotsylvania Event on the weekend of the 19th and 20th. I will defer to the Lieutenant and/or 1st Sergeant to fill you in on this one. But the year has gotten off to a great start so let's keep it going. See you at Spotsylvania.

With kindest regards,
Captain Turley

1st Lieutenant's Column

"FISHERS OF MEN"

I'm sure many of you who have done it would attest that it takes a cunning person to be a good fisherman. You have to know the fish you're after. You have to know where they like to hang out, the best time of year to catch them, what makes them tick, what they like to eat and so on. All of these things are slightly different from one fish to another. If you want to be successful, you'll have to study each one and it's characteristics.

Jesus made a fishing comparison in Matthew chapter 4, verse 19 when he said "follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". His followers have been fishing ever since, filling God's boat with souls headed for Heaven. We must be careful though, because Jesus' followers aren't the only cunning fishermen out to reel in your soul. Satan is quite the angler also. He has done his homework and he knows each one of us and what makes us tick. He knows what catches our eye and he has a tackle box full of lures and tricks. He has alcohol, gambling, pornography, greed, adultery, pride, prejudice, gossip, foul language, lust, and so on, and that's just one end of the top tray. He knows exactly which ones to use on you and which ones to use on me. Don't let the devil lure you away with something that we know is not good for us. Read God's word daily so you can recognize Satan's lures. (Ephesians 6 : 11 - "Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.")

Think of it this way. Who's live well would you rather spend eternity in? The water is going to be a lot cooler and more refreshing in Jesus' live well. Satan keeps his at a constant boil.

God Bless You All,
1st Lt. Gammon

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentlemen,

Our Next event will be Spotsylvania, on May 18- 20. For directions and site maps, please see further entries in this newsletter. The following listed are those who are signed up for Spotsylvania: Capt. Turley, 1st Lt. Gammon, 1st Sgt. Gammon, 1st Cpl. Pate, T. Clements, M. Guillen, D. Gunter, J. Houston.

I will say, if you have issues that will prevent you from attending, please let me know AS SOON AS YOU KNOW.

Please understand, the website is quite vague and does not divulge much information. I would be prepared for two battles, which means roughly 70-80 rounds to be on the safe side.

If you choose to come Friday night, that is fine, but if you come Saturday morning, please be IN camp by 8:00 am. I would ask that you not show up at eight but please be in camp, if at all possible, by 8:00. As far as meals, be prepared to fend for yourselves on all meals. I do not see any indication of meals being provided, so please be prepared.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Keep in mind, this event has been registered for, so if you bow out, you will have to reimburse the company.

With highest Regard,
1st. Sgt. M. Gammon

Use and care of the Jefferson Bootee

So now you own a pair of pegged sole Jefferson Bootee's and need to know how to take care of them. On the Missouri Boot and Shoe website, under care instructions, they list 5 things to do to care for your shoes after an event.

1. If your shoes are wet or damp let them dry out naturally and do not heat them in any way. The heat will cause the soles to become brittle.

2. Clean the shoes. Use saddle soap (Fugawee suggests using Lexol) to clean the uppers as directed on the container. If you put wax or grease on your shoes without them being cleaned it will trap all the dirt and barnyard acids on the shoe leather and damage your shoes.

3. Replenish the natural oils and grease by working in Hubbard's shoe grease and allow to dry.

4. After the grease is dried, use Lincoln Stain Wax or regular shoe and boot wax and apply liberally to protect the leather.

5. Use a horse hair brush and buff the shoes to a shine.

The shoes you own are pegged with small wooden pegs holding the soles to the uppers. The soles need to be wetted two days before an event to swell the wooden pegs so as not to fall out causing a separation of the sole and upper. It is our custom to put the shoes in a dry dark place after an event for a month or so and pull them out the day of the event and march for several miles not giving the pegs time to swell.

When applying the Hubbard's shoe grease in step #3 above, I suggest putting a generous amount of grease in the crease between the sole and upper to seal the space and make them more water resistant.

In the morning of an event after walking through the dew laden grass and getting your shoes wet resist placing your shoes next to the fire. If you heat your shoes at a fire enough to create steam, damage will occur to the leather of your shoes.

The key is to take care of the upper leather of your shoes. Once the upper leather is damaged, you will have to replace your shoes. If instead you take care of the uppers, you can re-sole and re-heel your shoes at a fraction of the price of new shoes.

Respectfully submitted by:
Scott Wilson

Spotsylvania

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There will be a drive-thru registration at the Market Square and then you will drive over a new gravel road to the campsite and Parking will be over at the Judicial Center, they have volunteers to help with this.

9019 Old Battlefield Blvd
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

From Interstate I95 exit 126, to Southbound Rt 1

Stay in the far right lane take the first right, this is Southpoint Parkway.

Follow this road until you reach Courthouse Road (Rt 208)

Turn left at the stoplight, go approximately 4 miles to the flashing yellow light.

Turn left onto Old Battlefield.

Registration signs will direct you to the registration tent, just off of Heath's Salient.

Ode to Joe

