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### Captain's Column

Gentleman

If you were not at the 2013 Camp of Instruction, you missed one of the best COI's that we have ever had. It was held at the fort as usual, this time on the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Our numbers were a little higher than normal since we had a New England contingent brought in by Mike Vice. We had to make some adjustments in the schedule due to some anticipated foul weather expected to come in on Sunday.

For the most part, I thought everything went very well from the Saturday morning drill to the live fire that afternoon. The inspections that evening were not as thorough as I had hoped with no written report but that was due to the schedule change. But that's okay. We will get to that next time.

For Saturday night's entertainment, Matthew Guillen had asked a couple of friends to come by to provide some musical entertainment via the guitar but Jack kind of stole the show with his own style of musical sing-a-long. It was a good time and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Sunday morning after church we broke camp down early in anticipation of the bad weather. We drilled until about noon when it began to sleet and snow. All in all, it was a great weekend.

Moving on; due to technical difficulties the much anticipated April tactical did not take place. To fill the gap some of us elected to go to Endview. This was our first time there. Since I was a late arrival due to a prior commitment I will let someone else tell you about the event with its own Saturday night tactical.

Coming up in May, we have the 150<sup>th</sup> Battle Reenactment of Chancellorsville. This will be May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. I will let the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. give you the particulars of this event. This is a 150<sup>th</sup> so it should be big and it should be good.

Also in May' we have a program at the Museum of the Confederacy. This is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be aware that this is also Mother's Day so plan accordingly. We will be serving as guards to protect the flag that draped the coffin of General Stonewall Jackson. It will be on display and we are to make sure that no one touches it, not even ourselves. We will be there all day from

opening to close (10AM to 5PM). If we have enough people, we should be able to do this in shifts so that no one has to stay the entire time. I will let you know.

Coming up in June we have Cold Harbor (candlelight tour still undecided) and the really big one, the reenactment to end all reenactments, the 150<sup>th</sup> of Gettysburg. It's almost here.

I hope to see everyone at all of these events. That's it for now. Take care!

With kindest regards,  
Captain Turley

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant's Column

God is everywhere and his glory is on display in all of His creations, especially mankind. Anyone that can look at the complexities of the human body, and the magnificence of this beautiful planet that we live on and say that it is anything other than a miraculous creation of God, is blind. I have thought about this a lot recently after watching my daughter carry our grandson for nine months and finally seeing him born. What an absolute miracle! The human body is the perfect machine. Every part works in conjunction with the next to support life. We truly are fearfully and wonderfully made.

The following article by Bill Crowder from "Our Daily Bread" devotional touches on this same topic.

### Wonderfully Made

April 20, 2013 — by Bill Crowder

Read: Psalm 139:13-18

Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. —Psalm 139:14

While getting an eye exam recently, my doctor hauled out a piece of equipment that I hadn't seen before. I asked him what the device was, and he responded, "I'm using it to take a picture of the inside of the back of your eye."

I was impressed that someone had invented a camera that could do that. But I was even more impressed by what my doctor could learn from that picture. He said, "We can gather a lot of details about your current general health simply by looking at the back of your eye."

My doctor's comment amazed me. It is remarkable that a person's overall health can be measured by the health of the eye. What care the Lord has taken to place these details in the bodies He has created! It immediately brings to my mind the words of David, the psalmist, who reveled in God's creativity: "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well" (Ps. 139:14).

The enormous complexities of our bodies reflect the genius and wisdom of our great Creator. The wonder of His design is more than breathtaking—it gives us countless reasons to worship Him!

Lord, we are in awe of You! Thank You that You  
created us with such complexity and care  
and that You know us with such intimacy.  
We love You and trust You with our lives.

All life is created by God and bears His autograph.

May God Bless You All,  
1st Lt. Gammon

## **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant's Column Part II**

This is just a reminder to use your Corporals when you have a need. If you need to borrow equipment for an event, or you have a question about anything, please contact your Corporals and give them a chance to solve your dilemma. Keep them up to date as well on your intentions for attendance at events. This way, they are aware of things and they don't get left out of the loop. If you bypass them, then they can't help you. Now if you attempt to contact them and get no response, then you have no choice but to move to the next person up the line. Some of the newer members may also have a mentor. Feel free to contact your mentor if the need arises, but try to keep your Corporal in the loop. If you do not know who your Corporal or your mentor is, let me know.

Thank you,  
1st Lt. Gammon

## **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant's Column Part III**

### **Endview**

The Endview event was held on the weekend of April 12th - 14th. Thanks to Captain Turley, 2nd Sgt. Firth, Corporal Pate, and Privates Butler, Guillen, Kulikowski, Ladd, and Pennise for joining me to do this one. We have been trying to do this event for years. It is literally in the 2nd Sgt.'s back yard. The 2nd Sgt. stepped up to fill the 1st Sgt.'s shoes for the weekend and did a fabulous job. There were battles both days and an after dark tactical of sorts. There were pickets set out to protect the Confederate camp as our best intelligence had informed us that the Federals were up to some sort of underhanded infiltration attempt. There was even a secret password being used that had something to do with apple cobbler, which just made most of us hungry. Turns out there was no cobbler, but private Guillen brought an apple pie, so all was not lost. It was quite exciting as F Co. joined in to avert a Yankee sneak attack through the woods.

The weather was perfect and the weekend was well worth the wait. There was some much needed Battalion drill, as well as some company drill. The firewood supply left a bit to be desired, in fact it looked like it was left over from several years ago. F Co., however, managed to scrounge up the necessary ingredients for the fire pit. Kudos to Private Guillen as well for saving F Co.'s own "fresh fish" from the ever embarrassing Corps "fresh fish" initiation.

All in all, it was a very nice weekend and I hope we can attend Endview again in the future.

1st Lt. Gammon

## 1st Sergeant's Report

Our next event is the 150th Chancellorsville on May 3rd-5th. The following are registered: Turley, Gammon, Gammon, Clements, Butler, Guillen, Gunter, Kiser, Kulikowski, Ladd, Pennise, Vice and Ward.

The 1st Lt. will be arriving at camp on Friday evening. As for myself, I may be able to arrive Friday but no later than early Saturday morning, I will have to see what my work schedule looks like. As for the rest of you, please be there NO LATER than 800am Saturday morning. I am sure we will have some sort of Dress Parade on Saturday morning, usually around 900am, so do not be late, it is a poor reflection on the entire unit.

There will be one battle Saturday at 130pm (Jackson's Flank Attack), and two battles on Sunday, 1000am (Battle of Hazel Grove) and 200pm (Battle of Salem Church). Please plan to bring between 80 -100 rounds for all three battles.

There will be NO camp mess. YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR FOOD. I'm sure we will use the vendors for dinner on Friday and Saturday night. There are supposed to be quite a few vendors there.

There are to be no dug fire pits, so if you are the first to arrive, do not dig a fire pit!

Lastly, there will be directions and site maps included later in the newsletter.

Very humbly and respectfully,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. M. Gammon

# The Kulikowski Chronicles

First impressions of a new recruit to F Company

Hello Gents,

This is my impression of my first few months as a member of F 'co, and my 1<sup>st</sup> event. First off I just want to say that everyone I have met thus far has been more than helpful and accommodating to me. I truly enjoy the company of all the folks involved, all of whom really good people. I did find the acquisition of all the initial equipment to be more of a chore than I expected but that seems to be more of the delay of waiting on outside vendors. I recommend any new member be a little more informed of this just to avoid frustration. Once you have all your equipment, that's when the fun can begin. The camp of instruction was extremely fun, the fort is amazing (except for all the wild animals lurking that want to eat you acc. to Cpl Pate). I had never slept out like that before which probably helped out with the freezing conditions because I didn't know any better. Next year I will be better prepared but, with my luck, it will be 80 degrees instead of 20. I think I took to the instruction part pretty well learning basic drill, I say this because when we went to our first event I felt well prepared to keep up with others who were more experienced so kudos to our officers and NCOs on that. After the camp I was extremely excited to put what I learned into practice on the field and still am. I would have to

say that I am addicted to this hobby and contribute a good amount of that to the company, all the veterans and just the general nature of the people involved.

The 1<sup>st</sup> event was Endview plantation. This was a smaller event but still extremely fun. Being part of Longstreets Corp seems to be a good match for us thus far. I really liked the enthusiasm they had towards the event and the pride in which they conducted themselves. I have to say even though it was unexpected, the night attack was awesome. I have to say I got pretty jacked up chasing yanks thru the woods with my comrades. I was a little disappointed that Ricky and I along with a few others that made the final push back into the union camp could not present our prisoner to the provost, but we are just maggot privates who had to get back on picket duty. I can't wait for the next event at Chancellorsville. I have scoped it out being 5 min from my house and they already have a ton of firewood for us! Those of you at Endview will understand why this is exciting. All in all, I couldn't be happier with the unit I have joined and thankful that I stopped at that particular port o potty at Fredericksburg and spoke to you fellas. It is an unusual recruitment story but it worked. I look forward to doing this for many years to come and can't wait for the bigger events!!! Thank you all for the great time thus far.

Pvt. Kulikowski

## Chancellorsville Update

Gentlemen,

With three weeks to go before the 150th anniversary reenactment of Chancellorsville at Spotsylvania Court House, I thought it might be useful to let you know that planning and logistics are in full gear. Wood is now being delivered and placed in the camps. Spectator areas are being laid out and fenced off. We have a huge amount of mulch to cover roads in and out of camp. Directional and electronic event signs will bring you in to Registration and to your assigned camp sites.. The current plan is for All Cav will register and be checked in together at a nearby horse farm (on 20 prior to moving into your respective USA/CSA camp. Given the cancellation of "in Hooker's Rear" walk-ons are being accepted. We expect to have about 4500 reenactors. Registration lists are being posted. Remember too that this is a unique venue that time almost forgot; it is all original battlefield and the Confederates are using the town itself as a camp site. We are planning for 10-12,000 spectators per day Saturday and Sunday.

We have a full line of activities planned. Commanders may arrive on Tuesday. Battalion commanders may arrive on Wednesday, Troops are requested to arrive on Thursday but may arrive Friday - the problem with coming in Friday afternoon will be traffic congestion all along I-95, Rt. 3 at Chancellorsville and Rt. 208 to Spotsylvania Court-House, as well as local road closures. On the other hand, if you get in early can enjoy the reenactment site and easy access to the NPS Wilderness Battlefield Park site Thurs and Friday morning. On Friday am there will be over 1,000 school children on site from all over VA. Come on over and help make this a special experience. There will be a reenactors only reenactment on Friday afternoon of Hooker meets Lee. On Saturday, Jackson's Flank Attack is scheduled for 1:30pm. On Sunday we will do Hazel Grove and Salem Church. There will be reenactor shuttles to from camps, activity areas and reenactor parking.

Dave Childs  
Reenactor Coordinator.

**Chancellorsville**  
**9019 Old Battlefield Blvd**  
**Spotsylvania, VA 22553**

All Battle of Chancellorsville events will take place near the Spotsylvania Courthouse at the intersection of Brock Road and the Courthouse Bypass, on the W. J. Vakos Companies property:

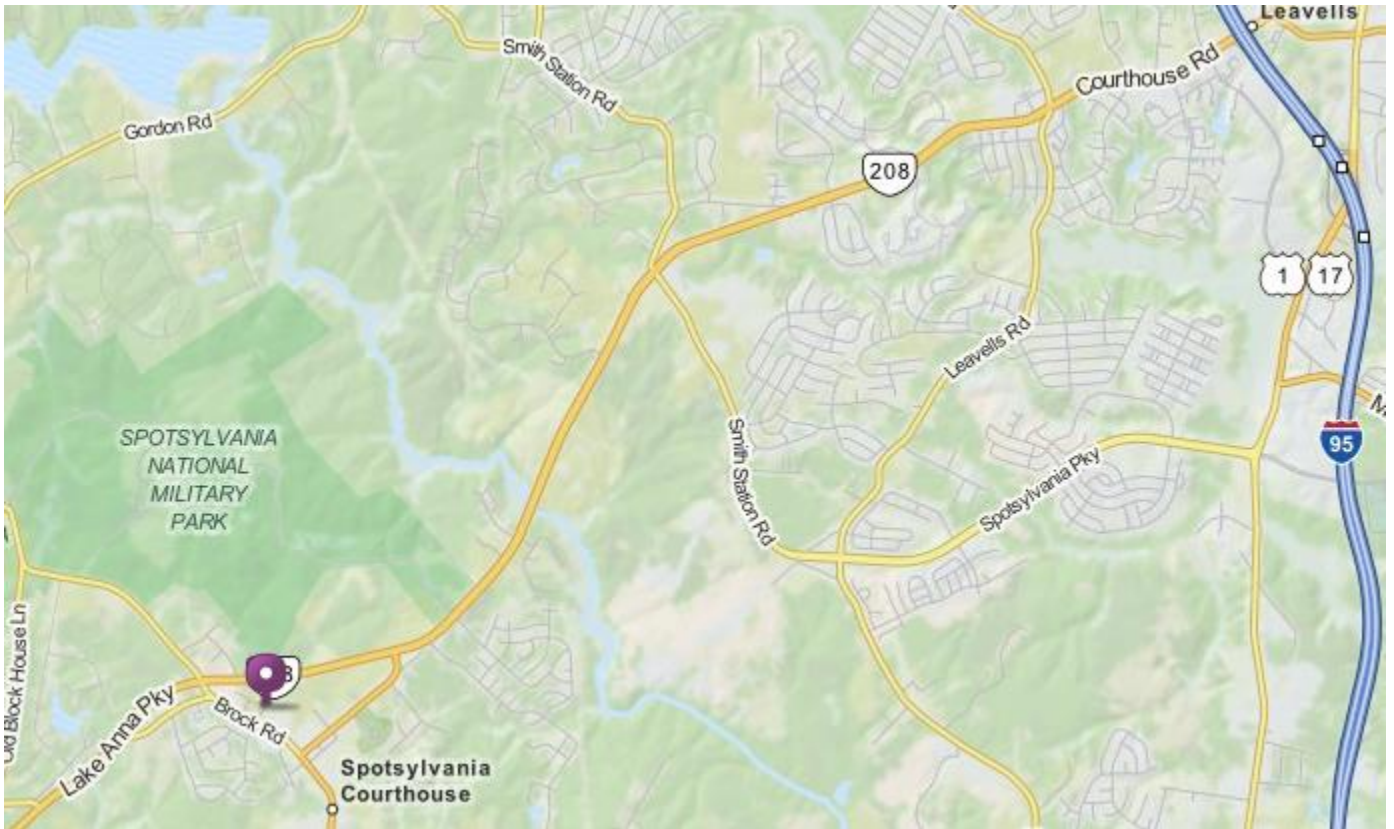
From I-95: Exit 126

Southbound Rt 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway). Travel south approximately 1/4 mile.

Turn right onto Southpoint Parkway. Travel approximately 1 mile.

Turn left onto Rt 208 (Courthouse Road). Proceed approximately 5 miles.

Old Battlefield Blvd is on the left. Follow signs as appropriate.



**Ode to Joe**

