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### Captain's Column

Fall is definitely here and the holidays are fast approaching. I hope no one was adversely affected by "Sandy". I know the farther north you live the worse it was. Before I forget I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. In spite of our/ your current circumstances I think we all have a lot to be thankful for.

During the month of October we had no regular event scheduled so we decided to make our own. At first we were going to have a work day at the fort but we decided to expand it to a Fall COI and a fort work day. Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, was the camp of instruction and Sunday, October 21<sup>th</sup>, was the fort work day. We had a pretty good turnout for both. Saturday morning after breakfast we did stationary drill, manual of arms, and firing positions. We then broke for lunch out of our haversacks. That was followed by an extensive musket cleaning class conducted by Nate Pate. The afternoon was taken up by bayonet drill conducted by our own bayonet expert, Eldridge Firth. That was followed by marching and skirmish drill. By then it was time for the supper meal followed by camp comradery. Several spent the night at camp and stayed over for the fort work day. I would like to thank everyone who attended the COI and especially those who stayed over for the work day. Your efforts were much appreciated and I think that the weekend was very productive. I would also like to thank David and Matt Gammon and Nate Pate whose idea it was to have the combined work day and COI in the first place.

Now as for November we have two events planned. We have a skeleton crew working the Civil War Show at RIR (the old fairgrounds) on the weekend of November 17<sup>th</sup>&18<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the unit will be going to the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg which is that same Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Lieutenant will be leading the company and I am sure he will have more to say concerning this. The parade is very nicely done and is in the friendliest Civil War town in America. You will be cheered regardless what color uniform you have on. Enjoy!

Our December event is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg. This is December 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Yes, I said December so it probably will be cold so plan accordingly. I will leave it to the First Sergeant to give you the particulars of the event. This is our last event of the season so let's make it a good one.

That's all for now. For those attending the parade have a great time and I will see you all at Fredericksburg.

With kindest regards,  
Captain Turley

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

I took this article from "The High Calling of Our Daily Work". It is written by Mark D. Roberts. Makes me take a second look at the tradition of Thanksgiving. Do we truly give thanks to our Lord and provider on this day of Thanksgiving, or is it just another chance to pig out and watch football? Give it some thought, and then truly give thanks to the Lord for all he has done for us.

1st Lt. Gammon

### **Starting Thanksgiving Early: Nonstop Gratitude**

by [Mark D. Roberts](#)

#### [Ephesians 1:15-16](#)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Today is Wednesday, November 7. In fifteen days, those of us who live in the United States will celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving. On this day, we convene with friends and family to offer thanks to God for personal and national blessings. Sometimes we gather together for organized worship services in which we offer gratitude to God. But, for the most part, our Thanksgiving celebrations focus around food and even football. We eat far more turkey (with all the trimmings) than is healthy and top it off by watching some of our favorite college and professional teams pummel each other with gratitude on the gridiron.

Now, I don't know about you, but I would have to admit that I need more than just Thanksgiving Day to express and experience the gratitude that God deserves and my soul needs. Don't get me wrong. I love the Thanksgiving holiday. But I just don't have much time on that actual day for intentional, thoughtful gratitude.

So, in the past few years, I have started thinking of November as a month for thanksgiving. I try to make time each day for deeper and wider gratitude than would ordinarily get included in my daily devotions. Perhaps you would like to join me in this tradition.

To begin, you might try imitating Paul's example of nonstop thanksgiving. When he says that he has "not stopped giving thanks," Paul does not mean that he is literally praying every moment. Rather, he's speaking of a thankful frame of mind that finds expression in consistent prayers of gratitude. Perhaps daily, or perhaps several times throughout the day, Paul briefly thanked the Lord for those believers who were faithfully living as God's people in the world.

I try to structure my life with regular times of gratitude each day, including morning devotions, praying before meals, and evening prayers. But, often my prayers of thanksgiving are brief and relatively predictable. How might my prayers be different, I wonder, if I spent a few additional

moments thinking about how God has blessed me? What would happen if I asked the Holy Spirit to bring to mind blessings I had never even considered before? What if I asked the Lord to help me live each day with a consistent sense of gratitude? What if I paid attention to each gift of the day, offering thanks to the Lord? How different my faith would be! How different my life would be!

**QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:** Let me encourage you to consider the questions I have just asked myself. How might you make the next two weeks before Thanksgiving Day truly a season of gratitude? What might you do by yourself? What might you do with family and/or friends?

**PRAYER:** Gracious God, thank you for the example of Paul in this passage, for his consistency in thanksgiving. Help me, Lord, to imitate this example in my own life. May I learn to thank you, not only in predictable times and ways, but also throughout the day. Help me to pay attention to the manifold gifts you shower upon me and to offer nonstop thanks for them. May these next two weeks be filled with gratitude to you. May they be a season of thanksgiving. *Amen.*

May God Bless You All,  
1st Lt. Gammon

### **Fredericksburg**

Information on Fredericksburg from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant will be e-mailed to the Company at a later date.

### **Gettysburg Parade**

The Gettysburg parade is going to be Saturday, November 17th. The parade forms at the school grounds on Lefever Street at noon. It steps off at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Please arrive early so we can get formed up and get in our position in line.

I have the following people going, Wes, Dustin, Jeff, Bill, Bill's son (Hunter), Scott, Joseph, Brett, Travis, Mike, Mike's friend (Mark), and myself. If you haven't signed up, you can still show up. If you did sign up, please be there.

I will be arriving early for a 9:30 meeting and I will try to find some place to park. We may have to park on the side streets in the neighborhood. I will keep my phone on me, so if you want to call me when you get close, I can give you an idea where I am. My number is 804-512-7711.

Please wear your F Company grey uniform. No jean cloth, please. We will be wearing kepis and not slouch hats. Wear your leathers and canteens. No haversacks should be carried. Have all uniform brass and gun brass polished bright. Have your shoes cleaned and preferably "annointed" with Hubard's shoe grease. Do not bring rounds or caps in your leathers.

1st Lt. Gammon

## From Richmond

		4. Merge onto <b>I-95 N</b> toward <b>I-64 W / Charlottesville / Washington</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>57.9 Mi</b> <i>58.5 Mi Total</i>	✕
		5. Merge onto <b>US-17 N</b> via <b>EXIT 133</b> toward <b>Warrenton</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>27.8 Mi</b> <i>86.3 Mi Total</i>	✕
		6. Turn <b>slight right</b> toward <b>Warrenton / Washington</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>0.1 Mi</b> <i>86.5 Mi Total</i>	✕
		7. Stay <b>straight</b> to go onto <b>James Madison Hwy / US-15 N / US-17 N / US-29 N</b> . Continue to follow <b>US-15 N / US-29 N</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>15.1 Mi</b> <i>101.5 Mi Total</i>	✕
		8. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>US-15 N / James Madison Hwy</b> . Continue to follow <b>US-15 N</b> . <a href="#">Map</a> <i>US-15 N is 0.3 miles past Cerro Gordo Rd</i> <i>If you reach Tyson Oaks Ct you've gone about 0.5 miles too far</i>	<b>13.4 Mi</b> <i>114.9 Mi Total</i>	✕
		9. Enter next roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto <b>James Monroe Hwy / US-15</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>0.3 Mi</b> <i>115.2 Mi Total</i>	✕
		10. Enter next roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto <b>US-15</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>10.4 Mi</b> <i>125.6 Mi Total</i>	✕
		11. Take the <b>VA-7 E / Leesburg Bypass</b> ramp toward <b>US-15 N / Alexandria / Frederick MD</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>0.2 Mi</b> <i>125.9 Mi Total</i>	✕
		12. Merge onto <b>US-15-BYP N / Leesburg Byp</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>4.1 Mi</b> <i>129.9 Mi Total</i>	✕
		13. <b>US-15-BYP N / Leesburg Byp</b> becomes <b>US-15 N</b> (Crossing into <b>Maryland</b> ). Pass through 1 roundabout. <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>21.7 Mi</b> <i>151.7 Mi Total</i>	✕
		14. Merge onto <b>US-15 N</b> via <b>EXIT 12B</b> toward <b>Gettysburg</b> (Crossing into <b>Pennsylvania</b> ). <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>34.3 Mi</b> <i>185.9 Mi Total</i>	✕
		15. Take the <b>PA-97</b> exit toward <b>Baltimore St</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>0.2 Mi</b> <i>186.1 Mi Total</i>	✕
		16. Turn <b>left</b> onto <b>Baltimore Pike</b> . <a href="#">Map</a> <i>China Garden Buffet is on the corner</i> <i>If you reach US-15 N you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>	<b>2.2 Mi</b> <i>188.3 Mi Total</i>	✕
		17. <b>Baltimore Pike</b> becomes <b>Baltimore St</b> . <a href="#">Map</a>	<b>0.7 Mi</b> <i>188.9 Mi Total</i>	✕
		18. Welcome to <b>GETTYSBURG, PA</b> . <a href="#">Map</a> <i>Your destination is just past E Middle St</i> <i>If you reach Lincoln Sq you've gone a little too far</i>		✕



**Gettysburg, PA**

Total Travel Estimate: **188.94 miles - about 3 hours 41 minutes**

Ode to Joe

