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Captain's Column

Gentleman

I would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to the Cedar Creek Reenactment. The weather was awesome (a little cool on Saturday night) and the event was well attended. The battles were believable with the Confederates getting the best of the Yanks on Saturday and vice versa on Sunday. First Sergeant/Chaplain Gammon gave us an excellent church service on Sunday morning. It was a very nice, laid-back event with enough down time to kick back and relax. Thanks to Johnathan Alexander for coming to the event to pick up some inventory items even though he was incapacitated with a back injury. Hope you are better, Johnathan.

The only thing left on our schedule for this year is the two filming weekends later this month. I will let the 1st Sergeant handle the details since he is the contact person with the filming company. If you can, please support the unit with your presence at one or both of the filming weekends. I will be at the first one but family obligations will prevent me from going to the second. However, since the second filming weekend coincides with the Richmond Civil War Show, I will be doing that instead.

I do want to get back to the Longstreet issue I introduced in the last newsletter. At Cedar Creek last month we fell in with Bill Russell's 47th Virginia Infantry. At Luray in September we fell in with Terry Shelton's 1st Kentucky Volunteers. At Manassas in July we fell in with the 47th VA. At Buchanan in May we fell in with the 1st Kentucky. Notice any pattern here. These units are part of Longstreet's Corp. We fall in with Longstreet's Corp quite often. At the Luray event Captain Shelton invited us to become part of the Longstreet organization as I said in the last newsletter. I have not gotten much feedback from the unit concerning this matter.

Since that time another issue has arisen that may have a bearing on our decision. It seems that event organizers have become very concerned about liability insurance for reenactors as in requiring them to have it. That is why sometimes they restrict registration to only large organizations like Longstreet. Because of this insurance issue, starting next year Longstreet's Corp will not allow non-member units to fall in with them. That means if things stay as they are

we will not be able to fall in with them or to use them for registration purposes as we have in the past. I do not believe this is being done in any way so as to coerce us into joining Longstreet. They have 49 units already. I think Terry Shelton was just being nice when he invited us to join the Corp.

So we have a decision to make. Do we join Longstreet or do we remain independent and be relegated to doing just small events and living histories which there is absolutely nothing wrong with if that is what we want to do. We have attended some very fine and enjoyable small events. Oh! By the way, we do have other options out there. We are being courted by the resurgent IVR headed by Mike Hendricks and a relatively new organization called Jackson's Corp under the command of James Carver of the Fighting 1st. So please let us know what you think. If we decide to go with Longstreet we have to act on the invitation before the end of the year.

With Kind Regards
Captain Turley

1st Sergeant's Report

Gentleman

We have our film project coming up this month. This will take place over two weekends in November. The first weekend will be Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th. This is the weekend that they will be filming the battle scenes. We are scheduled to be assaulting some entrenched federals. Please bring enough rounds and caps as if we were doing a two battle weekend (80 rounds, 60 to 65 grains each). It is requested that we arrive on Friday evening if possible, but if you cannot arrive until Saturday morning, please arrive by sunup (0600) if possible. They are planning on feeding us on this weekend, so you should not have to worry about bringing food unless you just want something small in your haversack. There also will not be any camp filming on this weekend, so you could bring sleeping bags or anything else for warmth or comfort. We will be bringing the officer's tent and a few A-Frame tents, along with a few shelter halves if anyone should need to borrow one. If you have your own period tent, please bring it. Parking will be close to camp, and there will be water, straw, wood, and restrooms provided. I have the following people on the list for this weekend. (Turley, Gammon, Pate, Alexander - Jack, Alexander - Johnathan, Clements, Pennise, Ward, Wilson, and Worsham).

The second weekend of the project will be Friday, November 18th through Sunday, November 20th. This is the weekend that they will be filming the camp scenes. Again, it is requested that we arrive on Friday evening if possible, but if you cannot arrive until Saturday morning, please arrive by sunup (0600) if possible. We will be on our own for food for this weekend. Nate and myself will be bringing our own bacon and eggs to cook for breakfast both mornings. If anyone else wants to bring some for themselves and join in a company mess, feel free. Please bring frying pans if you have them. We will bring one of the company pots to boil the eggs in. I would ask that we attempt to keep things period correct for this weekend. If you must eat something modern, please keep it out of sight. I don't have a problem with sleeping bags for the night, but we will get them out of camp before the filming begins. I have the following people on the list for this weekend. (Gammon, Pate, Clements, Guillen, Gunter, and Ward). I still need to hear from some of you. We could use a few more folks for the camp weekend.

The film will be titled, "The Conscription of Molly Clay". It is about a woman who sneaks into service in the war. It will be a 100 minute feature film, and we will be getting a copy and we will be in the credits. It is being produced by "Cape Fear Image Works". There are not a lot of groups involved, so we should not be getting lost as extras. There should be plenty of opportunities to get on camera. The production will be going on rain or shine, and we will do our

best to stay out of any elements except for the shooting. I am praying that this will not even be an issue and that we will have nice weather.

The address for the farm is 1945 Warden Springs Rd., Pulaski, VA 24301. Directions will follow in the newsletter. Gentlemen, I know begging is not dignified, but I am begging you to please pitch in and help with this if you can. The season is almost over and we are always talking about doing some new things. Something like this doesn't come along very often. Please let me know if you can help out. I look forward to seeing everyone out there.

To shift gears here for just a moment, I need you to contact Captain Turley with any input you may have on joining Longstreet's Corps. Up until now, there has been no real benefit or reason to rush into joining another organization, but our backs may be up against the wall now. We have been allowed to fall in with them at some of the large events, so we really didn't need to join. Starting next season, we will not be allowed to fall in with them unless we are members or have some sort of insurance. This could make getting into the anniversary events quite difficult. Captain Turley needs some input on this to assist the committee with making a recommendation one way or another. Please make the effort to contact the Captain.

With Kind Regards
1st Sgt. Gammon

Pulaski Information
<http://www.pulaskicounty.org/>

<http://pulaskitown.org/>

Places to Eat
<http://www.pulaskitown.org/activitiesinpulaski.aspx>

Cape Fear Image Works
<http://capefearimageworks.com/>

1945 Warden Springs Rd.
Pulaski, VA 24301

Maryland

US-15 S, US-340 W

Take Ramp onto US-340 S towards Berryville/Leesburg

Take ramp onto Harry Byrd Hwy, Berryville Pike VA-7 W towards Winchester

Take Ramp onto I-81 S towards Roanoke

Take exit 98 Dublin/Pearisburg towards Newbern

Left onto Cleburne Blvd/Old Rout 100 Rd.

Right onto Newbern Rd/State Route 611

Newbern Rd becomes Bob White Blvd.

Left onto Warden Springs Rd

Hampton

I-64 W Williamsburg/Richmond

I-295 N Exit 200 towards Washington

I-64 W Exit 53A Charlottesville

I-81 S Exit left towards Lexington/Roanoke 123.3 miles

Take exit 98 Dublin/Pearisburg towards Newbern

Left onto Cleburne Blvd/Old Rout 100 Rd.

Right onto Newbern Rd/State Route 611

Newbern Rd becomes Bob White Blvd.

Left onto Warden Springs Rd

Richmond

I-64 West Charlottesville

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Right onto Newbern Rd/State Route 611

Newbern Rd becomes Bob White Blvd.

Left onto Warden Springs Rd

Chesterfield

US-360 West

Bear Right on VA-307

Bear Right on US-460

Left ramp onto Blue Ridge Ave US-221 S, US-460 to Roanoke

Bear Right onto Cloverdale Rd US-220 ALT N

Take Ramp onto I-81 S Roanoke

Take exit 98 Dublin/Pearisburg towards Newbern

Left onto Cleburne Blvd/Old Rout 100 Rd.

Right onto Newbern Rd/State Route 611

Newbern Rd becomes Bob White Blvd.

Left onto Warden Springs Rd

Ode to Joe

