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Resignations

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It is with deep regret that the **F Company Executive Committee** must announce the resignation of **David Gammon as Captain/President of F Company**. David has given 14 years of his time, service and resources to F Company and this hobby. We honor him by honoring his request to step down immediately for personal reasons.

As a consequence of this action, the **Lt. (Vice President) Matt Gammon** would normally assume command of the company for the remainder the season. However, when approached, Matt felt he had “reached a point in my life, being married, starting a career, and having a true sense of responsibility in my personal life, that the hobby can no longer be a priority for me.” For that reason I am ending my tenure as First Lieutenant. He concludes, “I feel certain that this is not good bye, but rather a casual “see ya later.” As well as, a sincere thank you!” Thus, the executive committee must also announce the resignation of the 1st Lieutenant. We thank Matt and echo his sentiments “see ya later.”

The Executive Committee fully realizes this is an unexpected blow to the command structure of the company, however, it should be noted, that F Co has dealt with such issues in its 30 year plus history and will do so in a measured, effective, coherent manner again. The company has a sound functional organization, is in solid financial condition, with a capable core leadership in place. The remaining members of the Executive Committee (Mike Vice, Jack Alexander, Chris Martin and we have asked former Captain and current member Tony Turley) are consulting on this matter and will keep the membership advised on future decisions.

Your specific concerns can be addressed to either me as 1st SGT or to Chris Martin as the Member-at-Large. We are asking the membership to pull together in this interim period for the betterment of the Unit. Again, to David and Matt we say thank you for your service and please remember once an “F’er” always an “F’er”.

Respectfully,

Michael L. Vice, Jack Alexander, Chris Martin, Tony Turley Executive Committee

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1st Sergeant's Column

Co Muster 19 Sep 2015- Well we had a small turnout for this muster w/only four participants- myself, Jack Alexander, Jeff Pennise, and Tony Turley, but it did make travel about the battlefield very convenient as we could all fit into one vehicle. Everyone arrived on time, but we ended up having to wait until the 9:30 AM interpretive movie, so we explored the museum exhibits along w/NPS bookstore. Following the movie we walked to the Dunker Church to see the bivouac site of the 21st VA which as the battle opened had only three members of F Co present for duty including John Worsham, and the regiment only being commanded by a Captain. We explored the early morning battle in the West Woods where F Co participated in attack and counter- attack. After this we moved onto the Sunken Road and the action on that portion of the field. Lunch followed at Bonnie's Red Byrd in Keedysville, MD which proved to be delicious and filling, then back to the Mumma Farm for the concert of the 105th Pennsylvania "Wildcat" Band from 2-3:30 PM which proved to be excellent w/outstanding acoustics in the restored Mumma Farm barn! Then it was onto the Burnside Bridge, and the Confederate defense of far right of the line and the relief by A.P. Hill's Light Division arriving from Harpers Ferry. The tour ended w/my pointing out the spot for Lee's HQ's on the Shepardstown and Sharpsburg Road.

A number of visitors at Antietam commented on our F Co ball caps and t-shirts in a very positive manner and were glad to see us demonstrating our Confederate heritage!

Battle of Cedar Creek (16-18 Oct 15)- F Co will be participating at Cedar Creek despite command changes. Myself as 1st Sergeant will be serving as Acting Company Commander and Corporal Johnathan Alexander as Acting 1st SGT for this event. Please note the following individuals are registered for this event per sign-up sheets and Corporal reports. Registrants are Alexander, Johnathan; Butler, Clements, Disimone, Firth; Gunter, Hanson, Kulikowski, Martin, Touart, Vice, and Weidman, B.. Everyone signed up needs to turnout and support the Co. especially during this period of command turmoil! We have some open slots if you'd like to participate. Contact me direct about this by email at michaelvice_16@msn.com or by phone at 210-683-7323.

I will be arriving on Fri afternoon of the event to pick a suitable bivouac spot within the lines of Longstreet's Corps. I can be reached on my cell phone at 210-683-7323 if you need to know where to find the company.

Change of Event Dates- The Capital of the Confederacy CW Show has been moved to 14-15 November, but the Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade is still on Sat, 21 November. Everyone needs to look at their planned participation at the Capital of the Confederacy Show in Richmond as this is a major recruiting effort for the company w/personnel needed to man the table both Sat and Sun of this show. Additionally it's a great opportunity to learn much more about the War Between the States.

The following individuals are signed-up for the Richmond Show- Baird, Butler, Disimone (Sun), Firth (Sun), Hanson, Martin (Sun), and Turley. Look at your revised schedule and advise your

Corporal of your planned participation. The Remembrance Day Parade has Alexander, Jack; Clements, Disimone, Gunter, Kulikowski, Martine, Pennise, Touart, Vice and Weidman, B. registered. Nothing has changed for this date so be there as it is always a good time w/an appreciative crowd and lots of interesting things going on throughout the town!

Waterloo Living History Event or My Adventures in Europe- We now begin the second part of our adventure narrative participating in the 200th anniversary of Waterloo. Deployment for Europe began on the morning of 13 June as myself and the Riemers did our final packing, and departed for the Newark, NJ Airport for our British Airways flight wagging along both our 21st century clothing and 19th century Landwehr uniforms! Our flight went smoothly and on-time to Orly

Airport on the south side of Paris. Processing thru French customs and immigration we loaded all our baggage into a cab for our early Sun morning ride to the Nord Train Station. Having allowed time for flight problems, security issues, etc. we ended up w/a somewhat lengthy wait at the train station beating off the Gypsy and Arab panhandlers, plus experiencing an unplanned security exercise by French police and Army personnel which got everybody all excited!

Despite the security exercise we caught our train on time for Bruges, Belgium. Train ride lasted about three hours w/change in Brussels. Arriving early afternoon in Bruges we checked into our rented quarters known as the “White Rooms” which was a restored early 16th century townhouse which Janice Riemer had found for us on line and proved to be an excellent location for our 4 day stay in Bruges. The White Rooms had a fully equipped kitchen which we used for breakfast each morning after a trip to the local grocery. You can walk everywhere in Bruges which is an ancient medieval town which was undamaged by either world war. Bruges being a center of both chocolate and beer I was in “hog heaven” as I’m a connoisseur of both! Lunch usually consisted of a baggette and a beer while out touring and dinner at local restaurant most evenings. Bruges being a major tourist center has many things in English so along w/our limited knowledge of German we could communicate in this the Flemish region (provincial German language) of Belgium. Such places as the Historium (history of city and region) proved to be excellent along w/such other places as the People’s Museum, major Flemish art museum, etc., but most of all just exploring was great fun plus w/all that walking Mark and I were able to continue our exercise program we’d started to get in good shape for Waterloo. Yes, we got lost at times, but discovered many new sites as we wondered around the town! Having had way too much fun in Bruges, we checked out of our digs on Thu morning (18 Jun) and we were off to Genval, Belgium which was about twenty miles east of Waterloo. I’m going to end my narrative here, but next month will be the key story of the Battle of Waterloo!

Respectfully,
Michael L. Vice
1st SGT



CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS

Confederate soldiers, sailors, and marines that fought in the Civil War were made US veterans by an Act of Congress in 1927(U.S. public Law 85-425. Sec 410, Approved 23 May 1927). Additionally, under U.S. Public Law 810, approved by the 17th Congress on 26 Feb 1929, the War Department was directed to erect headstones and recognize confederate grave sites as U.S. War grave sites.

In essence, when you remove a Confederate statue, monument or headstone, you are in fact removing a statue, monument, or headstone of a US Veteran. What a wonderful challenge it would be for the college of W&M to teach students how to respectfully acknowledge, interact and learn from all our histories. This isn't about looking for something to be offended by (i.e. the confederate flag or other histories of the campus). This is about students deserving to learn in an institution that places more emphasis on teaching history than it does on hiding from its histories.

Ode to Joe

