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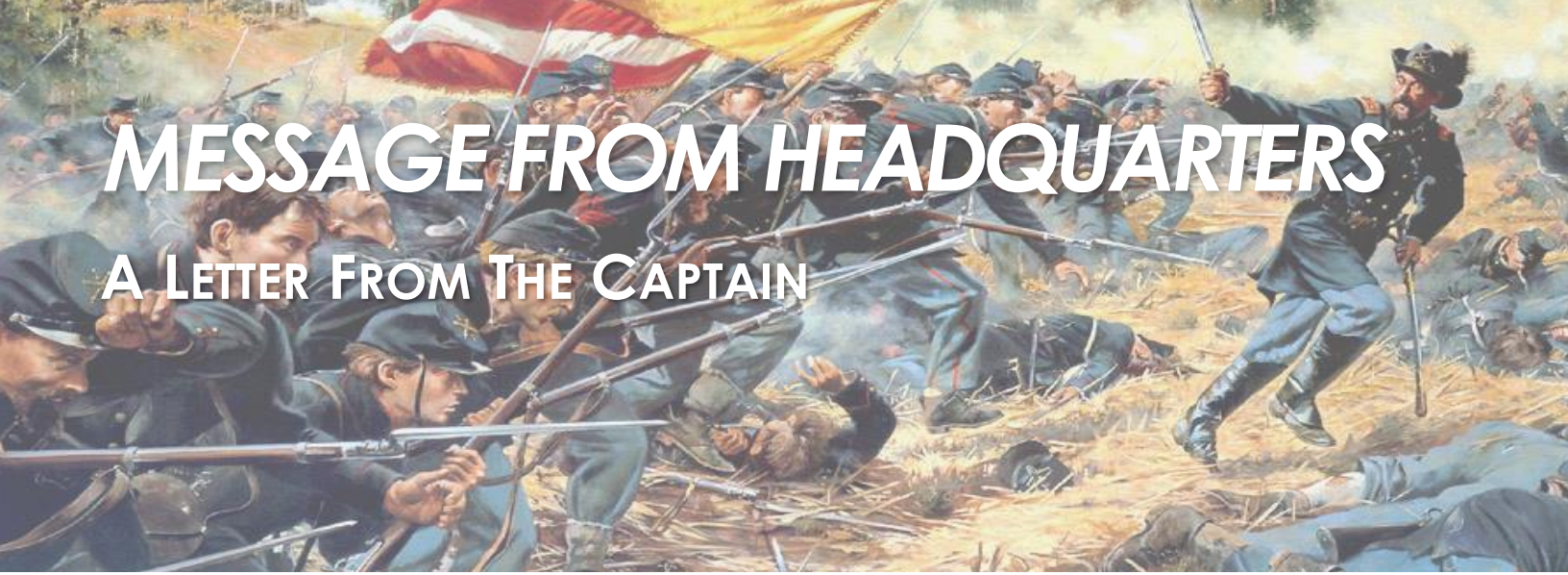


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MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS

A LETTER FROM THE CAPTAIN



It is certainly with mixed emotions I write this Captain's Column. I have been writing them (and you haven't been reading them) for 15 years. I became only the 5th Captain of this amazing re-enactment group since it was formed in 1974, and I have been with it for 33 years (since 1984).

Certainly, it has been an honor and a privilege (for you) for me to command. Ok, for me as well. Despite some occasional outward appearances, I can tell you I had a lot of fun doing it, and it gave me a lot of pride to do something with you I felt we are damn good at. I'd like to think you experienced some moments under my command that maybe you wouldn't have if someone else had been Captain, and I hope you had a sense of pride being part of unit which is simply the best Federal company on the field.

It would be impossible to thank the number of people that have helped me over the years or provided encouragement. Mark Guyer and Dave Shackelford who provided countless hours of training and guidance, Gus Guyer and Ian Fulford for being two amazing First Sergeants, and countless others. The

hobby itself allowed me to meet Bonny at Billie Creek in 1987, as well as have countless experiences with my three sons, thanks Rob, Ray and Robbie. The hobby literally was how Bonny and I reconnected 21 years later, through a newspaper article that was done on our Camp of Instruction in 2008.

One of the challenges is there are several events I am asked to do something from an overall command standpoint. I don't think it is fair to you, or fair to Ian (to whom the command has fallen to), for me to have the rank of Cap-

tain and not necessarily always be there to fulfill it. (thank you, Ian, for being there and allowing me to do that). I also think there comes a point where change is good for the health of the unit, and I think this is the time.

I will not be running for election in 2018.

There were a variety of things I had as goals I wanted to complete before I ever decided to step down as Captain.

⇒ Leadership. I wanted to make



sure we had the proper 'bench strength' from a leadership standpoint. I think today we are as strong as we ever have been, in that there are easily 3 to 5 people in the 49th that could easily command the company.

- ⇒ Membership. While the hobby itself has had some struggles, our average turnout not only remains strong, but continues to grow. We are the largest Federal unit at every event when we are in Indiana.
- ⇒ Financial. I wanted to make sure the company had sufficient funds to make necessary purchases and fund things it needed to. With gunpowder inventory, our assets exceed \$2,500.
- ⇒ Flags. We were able to replace our Regimental flag with something I think will last a very long time. I was thrilled we were able to present the retired flag to Mark Guyer (thanks Dennis and Anthony) at Conner Prairie. The flag we gave to Mark came to us in 1996 and was 21 years old.
- ⇒ Newsletter. We have had some great editors in the past, starting in the mimeograph days in the 1980s with Joe Sharp. Mark Guyer took it over and changed it to a multi-page format, and Mike Beck also put his personal touch on it during his tenure. I took the newsletter over from Mike and it was really with the help of technology and Microsoft Publisher we were able to pivot to something that would assist with recruiting. However, that pales in comparison to the what Ivan does with the newsletter. Thanks Joe, Mark, Mike and Ivan.
- ⇒ Social Media Presence. I remember when this started in the 1990s when we had a company meeting at Gary Schneider's house near Columbus, IN. Bart Johnson was trying to explain what a 'website' was and none of us could figure out why in the world someone would use it. Today we have a great

website (thank you Bart, Beau, and Nancy), and a substantial Facebook and Twitter presence that has assisted with recruiting. Thanks Greg Swank for all your recruiting help and efforts.

Last, and not exclusive to the 49th, I wanted to make some efforts in healing the hobby in Indiana and on a larger scale in the Midwest. So, thanks Jesse, Nick, Ron, Marty, Russ, Greg, Denny, Bob, and so many more.

So, all these things are in place or progressing. I didn't do them myself, we just have an amazing group of folks dedicated to the hobby. I will still be re-enacting, both in the capacity of event commands, but after 2017, also as private. I will still host the Spring Drill should the unit decide to continue it. No matter the role, I have been and always will be part of the 49th Indiana. To borrow some words from one of those other 4 Captains before me, you have been the best 'Movable Fire Platform' I could have wanted to command. Thank you.

Breaking Ranks,

Private Van



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Ivan G. Vargas

If you're like me, you just got done reading Rob's column. And again, if you're like me, you're saddened by the announcement of Rob stepping down, and hesitant on the future of the unit.

I had not planned on writing on this topic, nor did I know about Rob's decision before reading his column, so it came as a bit of a shock to me. Rob has assured me that he's not walking away from the unit, or from reenacting. Merely stepping aside to let the numerous individuals in the group have an opportunity to take the reins of the unit and lead.

While this is all good and dandy, the truth is I'm not sure how many people in the group really understand the role of the captain in the group. Sure, you have to know the commands, and bark out orders to the unit on the stage of the reenactment battlefield. But as the head of our unit, you're required to do so much more. Managing finances, instilling discipline, coordinating events, influencing other organizations like the Cumberland Guard and the Army of the Wabash, developing relationships with units, individuals, historical organizations, planning committees, and event coordinators and investors, dealing with unruly children, parents, members and newsletter editors . . . the list just goes on and on.

And don't forget the role the 49th IN plays at many of the events it participates in. If we as a unit were to walk away from Lebanon, or Hartford City or Hesston, we may cripple the event so severely as to end it. The decisions the captain makes can have financial implications for a community.

A lot of this goes unseen; and I hope Rob shares with all of us the amount of work he handles on behalf of all of us. The next captain has some mighty big shoes to fill . . .

What I had hoped to talk about here was the great new event that the Tippecanoe County Historical Association put on in July: Camp Tippecanoe. I didn't realize it, but Tippecanoe served as a training camp for civil war units as well as a detention center for confederate prisoners.

I had the pleasure of going and had a great time. I really think this has the potential to take off, as this group knows how to plan, coordinate and market historical events; this is the same group that puts on the Feast of the Hunter's Moon every year. With their experience, we could really put on something novel and fun in Indiana's most historical county.

Please take a moment to read the AOW newsletters where both Ron Wilkins and Greg Swank talked about the event.



WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

49th Indiana Company F. Webpage:

<http://www.49thindiana.com>

49th Indiana Company F. Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/49thIndiana>

Other Interesting Sites :

http://www.zipcon.net/~silas/links.htm#N_17

<http://www.civilwarteaser.blogspot.com>

Our own Corporal Swank

<http://www.authorsden.com/visit/viewArticle.asp?id=31792>

Article on the steamer the 49th was on

<http://18thindependentbatteryindianalightartillery.weebly.com>

Great article on leather care

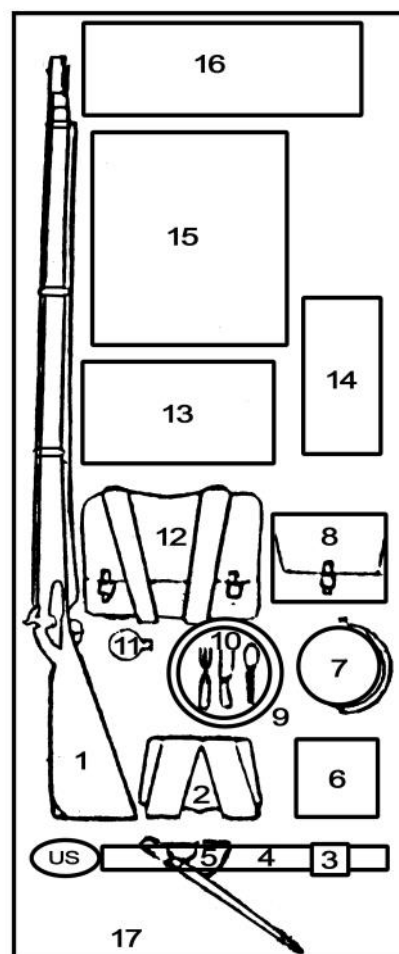
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Blacksmith—The Baltic Forge

Camp Inspection

Layout Plan for Inspection of
Two Man Dog Tents

1. Rifle Musket
2. Cartridge Box & Sling
3. Cap Box
4. Waist Belt
5. Bayonet & Scabbard
6. Cleaning Equipment
7. Canteen
8. Haversack
9. Plate
10. Fork, Knife, & Spoon
11. Cup
12. Knapsack
13. Greatcoat rolled
(in season & if not worn)
14. Personal items:
 - a. Hygiene Items
 - b. Writing Material
 - c. Candles
 - d. Small amount of food
15. Additional Clothing
16. Bedding folded
17. Poncho (black down)
Items 1-16 to be placed on
the poncho



FROM THE TRENCHES

HAMILTON COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

They meet at the Carmel City Hall, located at 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7:00 in the Second Floor Counsel Room. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

September 13, 2017 - Carol Janney, "Women in the Civil War"
October 11, 2017 - Greg Biggs, "Forrest the Napoleonic Cavalry"
November 8, 2017 - Pam Newhouse, "Three Brothers at Gettysburg"
January 10, 2018 - Brian Dirck, "Lincoln and the Constitution"
February 14, 2018 - Mike Murphy, "The Fighting Kimberlin Family"
March 14, 2018 - John Heiser, "1913 Gettysburg Reunion"
April 11, 2018 - Dave Finney - "Stonewall Jackson's Last Days"
May 9, 2018 - Dr. E.C. Fields , "General U.S. Grant"

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

They meet on the third Monday each month except July, August, and December at 7 p.m. at the Madison County History Center, 15 West 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

No meeting in August
9/18 - Tony Roscetti, "Acoustic Shadows"
10/16 - TBA
11/20 - "Filling the Ranks"

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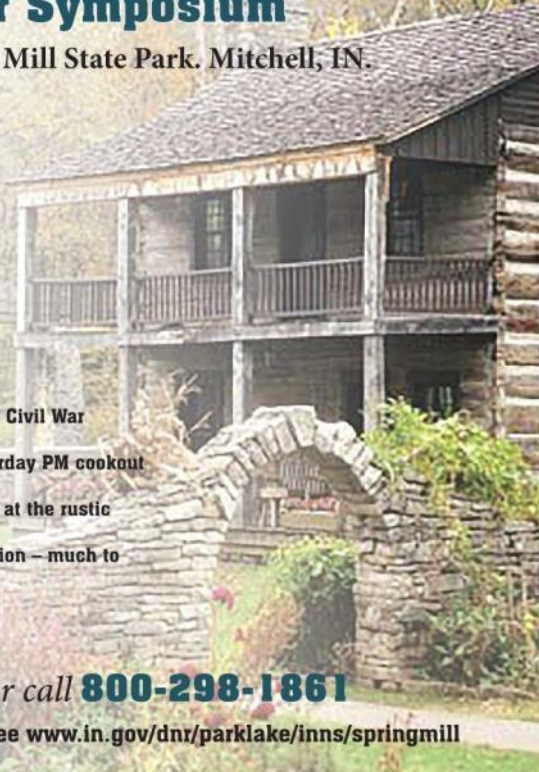
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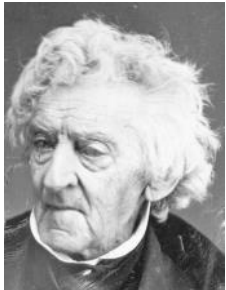


MEMORIES HAYS

NORTHERN VOICES

By Scott Lawalin

President Lincoln recently issued another proclamation for 300,000 more volunteers. What do you think?



"What happened to the 300,000 we just sent him last month?"

Bob O'Hoolihan

Currency Sniffer



"I'm looking forward to working with this new batch."

Death

Reaper



"Your Amazon.com order of "300,000 Men..." has shipped!"

Amazon Prime

Merchant

CALENDAR

49th Indiana 2017 Schedule		
Cumberland Guard Annual Meeting	Lutheran Hospital, 7950 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN	01/14/17 @ 10:30 am EST
Army of the Wabash Meeting	Shrine Club, 3671 N. Shrine Drive Muncie, IN 47303	01/21/17 @ 2:00 pm
49th Indiana Winter Meeting	Shrine Club, 3671 N. Shrine Drive Muncie, IN 47303	01/21/17 @ 6:00 pm
Winter Spring Mill	Mitchell, IN	02/17/17 - 02/19/17
How To Fair	Greenwood Public Library	02/18/17 2:00p - 04:00p
7th Annual Crossroads of America Civil War Show	Beech Grove High School	03/31/2017 - 04/01/2017
155th Shiloh	Tennessee	04/06/17 - 04/09/17
Sassafras Tea Festival	Vernon, IN	04/21/17 - 04/23/17
Hartford City	Hartford City, IN	05/12/17 - 05/14/17
Spring Mill State Park	Mitchell, IN	06/09/17 - 06/11/17
Battle of Hesston Junction	LaPorte, IN	06/24/17 - 06/25/17
Carmel Indiana 4th of July Parade	Carmel, IN	7/4/2017 @ 10:00a
Speedway American Legion	1926 Georgetown Road, Speedway, IN 46224	07/04/2017 @ 5:00p
Charlton Park	Hastings, MI	07/14/17 - 07/16/17
Hale Farm	Ohio	08/11/17 - 08/13/17
Cascades Park (Optional)	Jackson, MI	08/25/17 - 08/27/17
Civil War Program for Kids	Hancock Public Library	Saturday 09/09/17
Avon Washington Public Library	Avon, IN	09/23/2017 11:00 - 3:30
Lebanon Lincoln Days	Lebanon, IN	09/29/17 - 10/01/17
Piney Acres	Fortville, IN	10/14/17 - 10/15/17
Belzer Scout Camp	Indianapolis, IN	10/20/17 - 10/22/17



NEXT EVENT INFORMATION:

HALE FARM & VILLAGE CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

DATE AND TIME

August 11,12,13

LOCATION

Hale Farm & Village

2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath, 44210 United States

Phone: 330-666-3711, x 1720

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<http://www.wrhs.org/>



HALE FARM SCHEDULE"

Friday:

9:00 PM – Union Officers call at HQ (for battalion level staff and branch commanders)

Saturday:

6:00 Reveille – Food Rationing 09:15 First Call
 09:30 Assemble Companies
 09:45 Step off for Drill/Dress Parade
 10:00 – 11:30 Drill/Dress Parade (North Pasture)
 10:30 Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corp (Gatehouse)
 11:30 Cavalry demo (North Pasture)
 12:00 Walk thru for battle
 12:30 President Lincoln's Address (Apple Orchard)
 12:30 Battle Flag of the 5th Texas Presentation Ceremony (Confederate HQ)
 1:00 Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corp (Gatehouse)
 1:30 Shelley Luper - Midwifery during the Civil War (Church)
 1:30 First Call
 1:45 Assemble Companies
 2:00 Step off for battle
 2:00 Artillery Demo (North Pasture) 2:30 Battle of Big Bethel (North Pasture)
 3:30 Dr. Loves Traveling Salvation Show (Church)
 3:30 Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corp (Gatehouse)
 4:30 Baseball Game (need to locate a site – generally at this time the front lawn is filled with cars)

Sunday:

9:00 Church
 9:30 First Call
 9:45 Assemble Companies
 10:00 Step off for Dress Parade
 10:00 Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corp (Gatehouse)
 10:15 Union Dress Parade (Village)
 10:30 Mic O'Halloran – The Bloody Tenth (Church)
 10:30 Army Of The Ohio rank structure election for Perryville
 11:00 Cavalry demo (North Pasture)
 11:30 Walk thru for battle
 12:00 Liz Golowenski - Uncompromised Compassion: A Sister and the War (Church)
 12:30 President Lincoln's Address (Apple Orchard)
 1:00 First Call
 1:00 Camp Chase Fife and Drum Corp (Gatehouse) 1:15 Assemble Companies
 1:30 Step off for the Battle
 1:30 Artillery Demo (North Pasture) 2:00 Battle of Big Bethel (North Pasture)



COMPANY FINANCIALS

Powder Cans In	Caps In Stock	Debit / Credit	Balance	Date	Comment
49	0		\$ 1,750.29	7/1/2017	Reported at July Newsletter
		\$	\$ 1,770.29	8/1/2017	2017 Family Dues (\$20 ea) : Jerry Lippincott (member
		\$ (170.00)	\$ 1,600.29	8/1/2017	2017 Hale Farm Registration : Rob Van, Ian Fulford, Ivan Vargas, Greg Swank, Logan Banks, Kyle Wilson, Les Bedwell, Brian Bedwell, Mark Benning, Dennis Wyrobik, Scott Lawalin, Riley Van, Bonny Van, Mary Bedwell, Todd Wilson, Laura Curtis, Dennis Curtis
		\$ 30.00	\$ 1,630.29	8/1/2017	2017 Hale Farm Registration RECEIVED: Rob Van, Bonny Van, Riley Van
		\$ 100.00	\$ 1,730.29	8/1/2017	Donation from Speedway American Legion
49	0		\$ 1,730.29	8/1/2017	Reported at August Newsletter



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Become a Member - Once you have attended a few events, attained all of your necessary gear, and paid your yearly dues, you will have become a full member!

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to contact us or visit us at one of our upcoming events.

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