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THE "PUP" TENT.

I am always looking for newsletter content, so please forward your articles, book reviews, event summaries/photos, stories, 53rd memories, etc. to me for inclusion in a future edition of "The Sentinel". Matthew Steger, editor

Cedar Mountain Event Info -

We received the below info from James Owens (1st MN) about their Cedar Mountain event scheduled for 8-9 August:

I hope this finds all well with you. Things are OK with me but the mask thing is getting old!

On Sunday I saw Marc at Williams Grove and mentioned that I was going to a planning meeting for Cedar Mountain on June 6. He suggested that I drop you a line.

As you know, American Battlefield Trust who own Cedar Mountain Battlefield, nixed the idea of a large event this year due to Covid-19. As a result, the meeting will focus on a new edition of the annual living history program held each August. The 53rd is invited to attend and to that end I am asking for suggestions on activities which would make it more attractive to folks.

Cedar Mountain Battlefield is managed by the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield. The FCMB are a private organization and are not part of any government body. As a result, they are not bound by federal or state park regulations. Therefore, we have a wide latitude in what we can do on the site.

In the past there has been opposing forces for the public tactical demonstration as well as a night time skirmish during the public torchlight tour. We are only limited by numbers and our imagination. So, any suggestions you might have would be welcome.

I hope the 53rd will support this program. I think the support of your group would help make it an outstanding event.

Sincerely,
James

This was added info from Eric:

Gentlemen,

If anyone is looking to participate in this event, please contact James directly and let him know that you'll be attending. The 1st MN has also invited the 53rd as well as ELF to join them at the PA monument July 11-12. Eric

CIVIL WAR IN THE WEST - THE BATTLE OF MESILLA

By Bert Dunkerly (*originally printed in the Blue and Gray Dispatch*)



The Organ Mountains near Mesilla

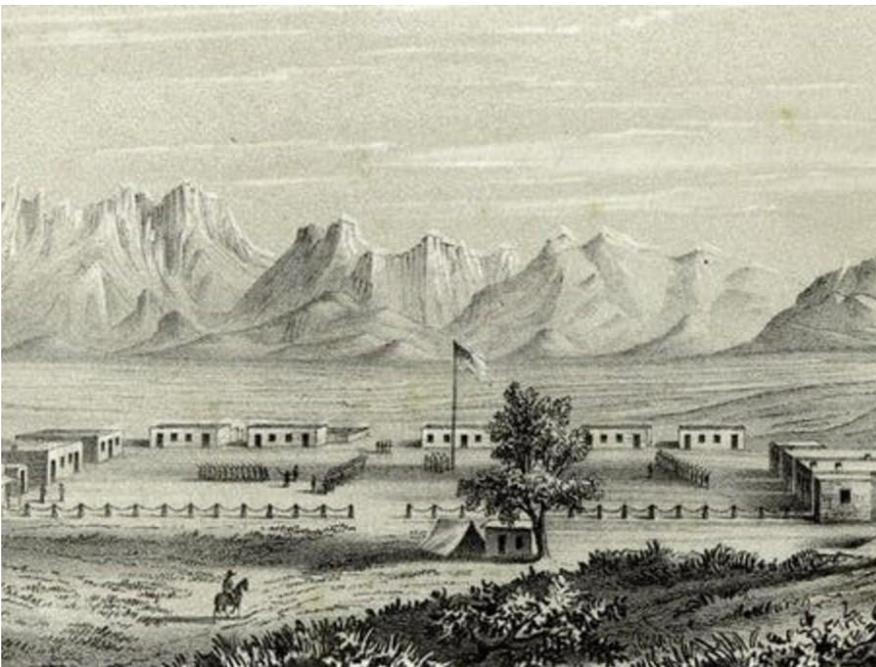
Sometimes juxtapositions grab our attention and draw us to see connections. On a recent trip to New Mexico to visit family, my thoughts turned to the Confederate invasion of what was then the Arizona Territory. Living close to the Confederate White House and Virginia State Capitol, it occurred to me how the decisions, plans, and policies enacted there reached the far flung and remote areas of the fledging nation, like Mesilla, New Mexico. In one day, I left the heart of the Confederate government and visited perhaps its farthest outpost in Mesilla. In one location, amid the opulent Executive Mansion, decisions were made, and on the hot, dusty frontier, reality was on the ground.

At the time of the war, Mesilla was a village of about 800. The town stood not far from the Rio Grande, along a major north-south trade route that had been used for centuries.

After the Mexican War (1846-48), the territory remained part of Mexico, but was purchased by the U.S. in the 1854 Gadsden Purchase. This acquisition was made to allow for construction of a southern transcontinental railroad. On November 16, 1854 the United States flag rose above the plaza in the center of town, solidifying the Gadsden Purchase. Located in the center of the village, the plaza was flanked by several important community buildings, including a church and an adobe courthouse.

Today the town is an inviting place, with local shops, galleries, restaurants, and bars. An imposing church stands at the north end of the plaza, and the old courthouse remains on the east side.

Fort Fillmore was established nearby in 1851 by Colonel Edwin V. Sumner, primarily for to protect settlers and traders traveling to California. In the prewar years Captain George Pickett and Ambrose Burnside served here.



Fort Fillmore, south off Mesilla. NMSU Archives and Special Collections image

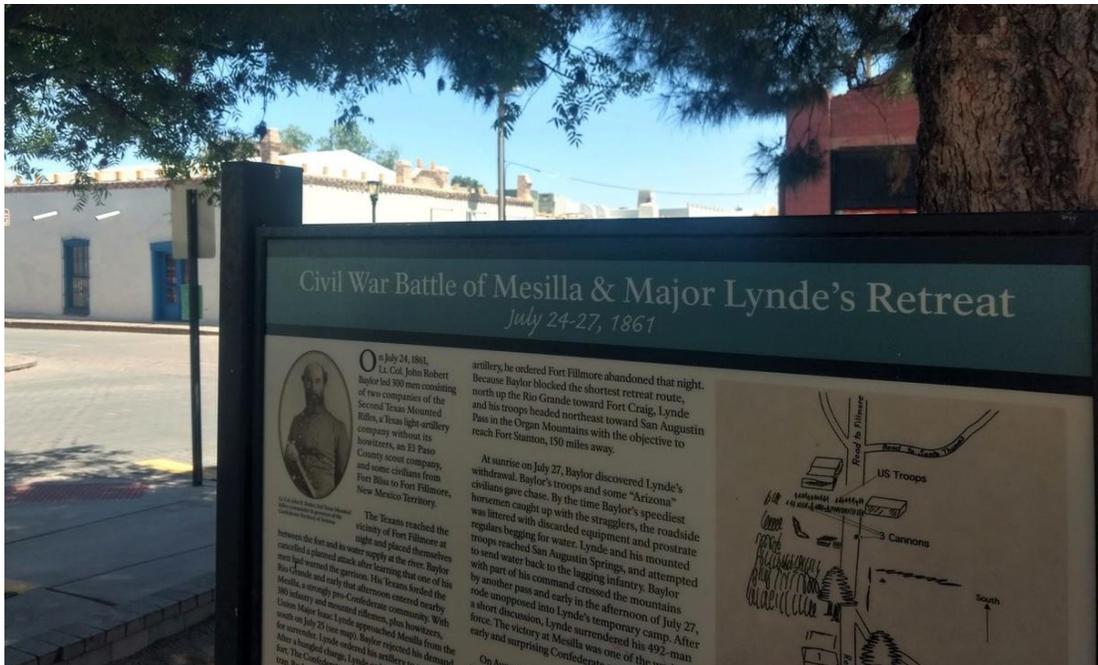
During the Civil War, Mesilla saw the beginning and end of Confederate rule in the Southwest. At the time the northern part of modern New Mexico and Arizona was known as the New Mexico Territory, while south of the 34th parallel was known as the Arizona Territory. Thus, instead of two states side by side, at the time the territories were one above the other.

On July 24, 1861 as the first step in conquering what was then known as Arizona Territory, Lt. Col. John R.

Baylor led 300 men from Fort Bliss up the east bank of the Rio Grande to Fort Fillmore. His force included two companies of the 2nd Regiment of the Texas Mounted Rifles, a Texas light-artillery company, an El Paso County scout company, and some civilians.

One of his men deserted to Fort Fillmore's defenders and forced Baylor to cancel his planned attack. Instead, he forded the Rio Grande and entered Mesilla, which was strongly pro-Confederate.

On July 25, with 380 infantry and mounted riflemen, plus howitzers, Union Maj. Isaac Lynde approached Mesilla from the south. Baylor rejected his demand for surrender, and Lynde ordered his artillery to open fire. After an unsuccessful charge, Lynde retreated to the fort. The Confederates lost about nine, while Lynde lost around twenty. The site of the battle is now part of the modern town.



Marker on the town square describes the battle

Lynde abandoned Fort Fillmore that night and headed northeast toward San Augustin Pass in the Organ Mountains. On July 27, at sunrise, Baylor discovered Lynde's withdrawal and pursued, overtaking and capturing them at San Augustin Springs. Baylor proclaimed

Arizona Territory for the Confederate States of America in Mesilla and on August 1st named himself governor.

The following spring General Henry Sibley led a Confederate force further north to invade and conquer New Mexico Territory. Following defeats at Glorieta Pass in March 1862, the Confederates were driven south, back the way they had come from Texas.

On July 1, 1862 local pro-Union guerilla forces defeated the Confederates in a small skirmish near town. Three days later, the California Column of Union volunteers approached, and the southerners retreated back to Texas via El Paso, never to return. Today there is a historic marker in the town plaza noting the first battle which raged

through the modern streets in 1861. Nearby plaques discuss the American acquisition of the territory in 1854.



Historic plaques in the town square - scene of many historic events in Mesilla

The Old Courthouse, with its original 18-inch thick mud brick walls, still stands. The building was a jail and courthouse until 1882. Another important piece Western history took place within its walls - Billy the Kid was jailed, tried and sentenced there in 1881. Today, the building is owned by a local family and caters to tourists.

Fort Fillmore is gone, now covered by one of the massive pecan plantations that flourish in the valley. (Yes, pecans have become a major staple of the economy, grown primarily for export to China). A historic marker along Route 70 to the west notes the site of San Augustin Springs, where the Union garrison was captured.

Within a twenty-four-hour period, thanks to the miracle of flight, I went from the heart of the Confederacy's government to its fringe and discovered one of the first battles of the war in an unlikely place.



The old courthouse and jail of Mesilla were Billy the Kid was held and tried in 1881

Behind the Scenes at Shenandoah 1864

By Joseph Bordonaro

Most reenactors don't think too much about how a reenactment is put together. They pay their registration and show up at the event site and expect water, sanitary facilities, firewood, and straw to be available and located in convenient spots. A quote from Dick Watters, who was heavily involved in the 2009-2015 cycle of 150th year commemorative reenactments headed by Chris Anders and his Rear Ranks Productions team, sums this attitude up: "When Mike Scheibe and I organized the last Cross Keys event I had to laugh when a friend who was helping on a work day before hand turned and said "you mean you decide where the porta-Johns go? Never thought about it, they are always just there." This point is made, not to disparage reenactors, but to provide the rationale for the following article, which does not focus on a reenactment so much as the work that went into the production of it, in order to provide some recognition to those people who work tirelessly to provide their fellow reenactors with quality reenactments to attend.

1862, 2007; At High Tide – 145th Gettysburg, 2008; Hope's Campaign Tactical, 2009; Return to Manassas, 2nd Manassas, 2010; Along the Potomac – The 150th Anniversary of Ball's Bluff, 2011; 150th McDowell, 2012; 150th Lee Takes Command – Seven Days Campaign, 2012; 150th Maryland Campaign – Maryland, My Maryland, 2012; 150th Campaign Before Richmond, 2014, 155th On to Richmond, Seven Days, 2017, Shenandoah 1864, 2019. To date, RRP has raised over \$600,000 to support battlefield preservation and interpretation.

This is certainly an impressive list of reenactments, and as those of us who have attended any of them can attest, they include many of the finest reenactments that have been presented during that time. The amount of money raised for battlefield preservation and interpretation is also impressive.

The following information was provided by S. Chris Anders in response to a series of questions that I sent him:

The goals of the reenactment were to provide the public with

to turn his farm into a venue to host various events. Once a contract was negotiated and the rental fee set, off we went.

The land always dictates the scenarios. You cannot just plop a scenario on a site. Rear Rank Productions knew that they wanted to do a Fall 1864 Valley Campaign event but were not sure which specific scenarios would be selected. After the land was secured, the team spent weeks looking over topo maps and the original sites to find a fit. Two battles were selected to reenact. On Saturday, the Third Battle of Winchester was depicted. On Sunday, the action at Fisher's Hill was highlighted. There was also a tactical battle (non-scripted encounter between the opposing forces, not viewed by the public) on Saturday morning.

After securing the land, providing plenty of safe water to drink is probably next in importance. Lining up the water supply entailed making a lot of phone calls and cobbling together different suppliers. The National Guard no longer supports such events, so all water on site was obtained through commercial vendors-



Shen '64. Federals attacking uphill. (Lillie Dodson Marshall)



Shen '64. Confederates retreating. (Tiffanv Umbarah)

Rear Rank Productions is an all volunteer group of people who are dedicated to providing the public, and reenactors, with a "history-heavy" reenactment experience. Led by S. Chris Anders, the team includes Mike Lavis, Laurel Scott, Ted Brennan, Doug Dobbs, and Bill Watson. Rear Rank Productions have put on over 30 historical presentations since 1998. These presentations have included: Fire on the Mountain, 2001; Morton's Ford, 2001; Burkitsville 1862, 2001; Drayton's Brigade at 140th Antietam, 2002; War on the James, 2003; Loudoun Heights, 2003; To the Gates of Washington, 140th Monocacy Reenactment, 2004; Summer of 1862 - Jackson in the Valley, 2007; October

a historically correct view of the turbulent days in the Shenandoah Valley in the fall of 1864, while giving all participants a "magic window to the past," and also generating preservation dollars to preserve our Civil War battlefields.

As for the landowner, he wants RRP to come back and use his property again. We are looking at 2021 and possibly a Manassas event as the 160th anniversary cycle begins. Planning for the event began about 18 months prior to the event dates of October 4-6, 2019. Months were spent looking for a new event site; the land belonged to the current property owner of a farm in Anders' hometown of Lovettsville, Va. The property owner has been working

three in fact. Many water companies used to have smaller 2,000 gallon tankers, but not anymore. Now you have to obtain at least 4,500 gallon tanks, and multiple ones to provide water at various locations. It is not cheap.

The health and safety of the participants and spectators was provided for by the presence of local volunteer EMS on site and RRP's own internal security team.

Also important for the health and safety of participants and spectators is the provision of portable toilets; some 52 were provided for the event and were kept clean throughout the weekend.

The number of participants had to be capped, based on what the land could handle easily, and still provide for adequate space for the reenactors to maneuver.

From what Anders' has been told by the public, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation, and the participants, the goals of Rear Rank Productions for the reenactment were met. About \$ 5,000 was raised for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation. Participant (total registration was about 1,340) and sutler fees covered all expenses except a small amount that RRP, LLC paid. Having put on many events, RRP always sets aside the fees the public pays to view the reenactment to go directly to preservation. They were very,



Shen 64. Federal cavalry preparing to advance.

(Stevens D. Bunker)

very close to breaking even on the event, and RRP considers that a win. Having lost thousands on Maryland My Maryland, RRP considers a small loss a big win. Putting on RRP events is a labor of love. The hobby has been good to the members of Rear Rank Productions for many years, and this is their way of paying it back. They look forward to many more years of providing high quality events.

Putting on a reenactment is a combination of hard work and acceptance of financial risk. As volunteer Doug Dobbs explains, "Chris (Anders) did the heavy lifting, arranging for commodities like wood to be delivered, county permits to be signed, insurance, etc. All are dependent

on an outdoor event that can be a bust if the heavens open or the temps drop. It's a tremendous risk, which sometimes goes well and sometimes doesn't. This event we were very blessed that things went very smoothly."

Other members of the RRP team also provided information about their involvement in the event. Laurel Scott was the Civilian Coordinator at Shenandoah '64. At many events, civilian participation is a bit of an afterthought. A place to camp is provided and that is about it. RRP events make much more of an effort to integrate civilians in an active role. The planning involved in this was described by Laurel: "Our camp was not terribly large, but even as civilians,



Shen '64. Volunteer Doug Dobbs (wearing hat) and local water company workers set up a water tank. (S. Chris Anders)

the lay of the land dictated what we could and couldn't do. The first task was figuring out how to set up our tents in a narrow hollow to allow for troop and cavalry movements through the center of "the town of Berryville." We had two built-in scenarios with troops or cavalry coming through our town. It was nice to be able to give our civilians advance notice about these so we could plan for various types of reactions/interactions. We also discussed having a field hospital scenario, but I encouraged our civilians to do their own research and develop their own scenarios, ideally including military interaction. I provided basics about the history of the town, the battles, and the ground upon which we'd be working; our civilians took it from there. A highlight of the reenactor-generated scenarios was the visit from Federal sharpshooters who were foraging for food. Both foragers and townspeople enjoyed this immensely, and a few lessons in bargaining were learned.

One of my greatest worries at "Shenandoah 1864" was also one of my greatest joys. When I realized we'd have three mothers and babies in camp, I sought to put them together so they could help each other. They set up a

water quickly if so needed. Folks seem to have appreciated this feature. There are always unforeseen challenges however. I drove from Penn. down to Marshall, Va., just to eyeball the two 4,500 gallon water trucks and make sure I had the right fittings on hand. I did, but when the trucks got on site and I could take their quick connect fittings off, it turned out one had a 3" female threaded fitting, the other had a 3" male threaded fitting. These kinds of things make for fast dashes to the nearest hardware store and require some creativity when they may not have the right parts in stock. I ended up buying 16' of 3" pipe because they didn't have a male to male connector. They did have two male to straight pipe connectors. So we cut off 6" of pipe and made up our own male to male connector. That sort of thing can add stress to the preparations, but it's to be expected.

Once the event got underway Chris turned control of the event over to me and Bill Watson. It was our job to handle event management duties so that Chris could focus on the military scenarios and command of the CS forces. This worked superbly well at "Maryland, My Maryland" and we were able to repeat that suc-

cess at Shenandoah 1864. Bill deserves great honor for his quiet and thorough attention to the basic needs of the event, from registration to wood delivery to dispute resolution. He was a huge asset to the success of the weekend."

Volunteer staff member Bill Watson describes an example of the sort of problem that can become a big problem: at an event, if not addressed quickly: "There were so many portajohns that there was no need for honeywagons during the 36 or 40 hours of the event; but toilet paper started running low. Easy fix, run to a supermarket and get a bunch and make the rounds. I mean, a lot of us have shirts missing tails

shared by that worked well for all. Keeping the babies safe was my priority, since during one battle, the town was scheduled to be overrun by cavalry, and we'd have limited space within which to retreat. Loose horses are always a concern, and a pair of mules that were new to reenactments also had me worried. But after the walk-through, I located a good spot in the woods, and the retreat to safety proceeded without incident."

Volunteer staff member Doug Dobbs describes his special area of concern at the event: "My area of support began when the water tanks arrived. We sterilized them and plumbed them up for manifolds that could deliver a lot of

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Left to right: Meg Shadick, Susanna Kocher Vaughan and Jessica Darnell with their babies Rosie Shadick, Erik Vaughan and Ana Babcock. (Todd Harrington)

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because we found out, a little bit late, that there was no paper. And shirts are getting expensive.

At this point, a quotation from 1st Brigade Commander (Confederate) Dick Watters would seem to be in order: "William Watson, thank you and Doug Dobbs once again for all of the tireless work you did to make the event a success. You're both heroes in my book." - Dick Watters

Mike Lavis was the overall Federal Commander at the event and describes some challenges he faced and overcame: "Before early May I was pretty much handling everything from the Fed end as usual. But I didn't get to have the detailed discussions and

site visits that Chris and I normally undertook while we planned out the battles. Some of that was because several Fed organizations that had initially said they were coming, ended up as no-shows, at least as battalion-sized commands. That forced us to dramatically change the scenarios, from what we hoped to achieve; not the quality of them, but instead, how much we can put into the different fights, so this one did not develop as they normally do. It might be noted also that both Chris and I began the planning with several new staff members to break in with our systems. Happily, everyone who came on board got on the same page as us, and were a great help to making

the event work. As we move forward, it should get smoother."

Joe Bordonaro is a USAF veteran (1973-1977), Glassboro State College graduate (1980), Catholic school teacher (St. Joseph's Pro-Cathedral, 1983-1988), and retired public school teacher (Mullica Township School, 1988-2009). He has been involved with Civil War reenacting/living history since 1999. Joe began submitting articles to the *Civil War News* in 2005 and has been covering events for the *News* on a regular basis since 2016. Joe lives in Mount Laurel, NJ, and has been married to his wife Karen for 29 years. If you wish to contact Joe, you may send an email to joe1861@gmail.com.

THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF LEVI J. FRITZ

(thank you to Rich Sauers for providing this series)

[Note – any grammatical and typographical errors were kept intact as they are original to the letter - editor]

Levi J. Fritz served in Company A, 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted in 1861 and was mustered out with the regiment in July 1865. During the course of the first three years of the conflict, Fritz wrote a number of lengthy missives to the *Montgomery Ledger*, a Pottstown newspaper.

Headquarters, 53d Regt. P. V.
Camp Near Harper's Ferry, Va.
Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1862.

Messrs. Editors: Bolivar Heights possess many advantages for a beautiful and healthful camping ground, one drawback is the scarcity of good spring water. Most of the water used for drinking and other purposes is carried or teamed from the Potomac or Shenandoah. The numerous wells in the village of Bolivar are nearly all dry, and the few wells or springs containing a flow of water are monopolized by Headquarters and hospitals. The rations have become somewhat better and more abundant since we have settled down here, but there is much means for improvement in this respect. A bake house has been put up in our camp and we understand that it is the intention of our Commissary, at the suggestion of Col. Brooke, to draw rations of flour, instead of the oath-provoking crackers or "hard tacks" as they are universally termed. This will meet with the hearty approbation of the gallant boys of the old 53d. We have not, we believe, received a dozen rations of soft bread since we commenced campaigning. Several days ago the regiment drew a complete "new rig" consisting of blouse pants, overshirts, drawers, shoes, stockings, knapsacks, canteens, haversacks, shelter tents, &c. &c. Yesterday evening boxes came to hand, containing our dress coats. When we were in Camp Winfield Scott, before Yorktown these coats were packed up and forwarded to the military storehouse at Alexandria. This was done to lighten the knapsack. When we commenced the peninsular campaign, over seven hundred men bore upon their backs these coats. For four months this useful article of apparel was stored away—they are forwarded to us and now but little more than three hundred brave men of the 53d stand forth to claim their own. How sensibly these unclaimed coats reminds us of our trials—our hardships—our battles.

In addition to the loss that company A sustained at Antietam by the death of those gallant soldiers, Daily and Deagle, it is our painful duty to report the following deaths that occurred at the Hospital at Georgetown, D.C. on Sept. 10th, Jacob R. Boyer of Evansburg, Mont. Co., and George Comfort, of Perkiomen, Mont. Co., who died on the 21st Sept. Holeman V. Potts of the Pottstown company, who while gallantly fighting for the flag of his country at the hard fought battle of Fair Oaks, was badly wounded, was discharged at Philadelphia on the 7th of last month, by order of Brig. Gen. Montgomery, the Military Governor of that city. On the 1st inst. The effective force of our regiment was increased by the arrival of fifteen convalescents from the Hospitals. Of these the following were for Company A. Corp. E. K. Weand, Fredk. Boyer, Aug. S. Royer, H. D. Kline, Peter Seasholtz, Francis R. Potts, David Hoffman, of these we understand several are to be discharged.

Since the army of the Potomac has been in Maryland, a few of the soldiers have gone further north on what is termed "French furloughs," or what is still worse have "deserted." Within the last three weeks there has been several desertions from this regiment. One or more of these individuals, if we do not mistake are not a thousand miles from Pottstown. They solemnly swore to stand by the flag, and they deserted the flag at the time of our country's greatest need (just before the battle of Antietam.) Let our citizens give them due credit for their valor and patriotism! May they dream of "dandelion" and may the shade of their "skedaddle" never grow less!

Dr. Wm. Wynne, who has been connected with this regiment as Assistant surgeon, ever since its organization, has been promoted to a surgency and assigned to the 12th Penna. Cavalry. We feel assured that no promotion in the medical Department has been more merited. He has been with us through all our vicissitudes, cheerfully sharing all the hardships of our campaigns, and ever ready to alleviate the pains of the wounded and the sick. For two weeks he, as well as Dr. McKinnon our most excellent Surgeon, labored incessantly in the hospitals near the Sharpsburg battle-field. In one of these hospitals there was 357 wounded and the Doctor assisted in the amputation of seventeen legs, ten arms, a number of fingers, &c. The following anecdote may be worth the telling: Some twelve of the rebel wounded in the hospital, were able to move about pretty freely, and it became necessary to parole them, previous to letting them "rip," a surgeon of the 29th Mass. Vol. Was detailed to do it. He proceeded as follows: Drawing the rebs up in single file, he told them to hold up their right hands; the doctor said, "Yo do swear before high Heaven, never to take up arms against the United States! and if you do, may you be shot, so d— you!" The rebs considered themselves paroled, only a little too much so. The present medical staff of our regiment consists of Drs. McKinnon, Birtchfield, and Spade.

Our excellent Adjutant, Lieut. Chas. P. Hatch who showed great gallantry at the last engagement of Antietam, has for some time past been absent from the Regiment, acting as A. A. A. General on the staff of the commandant of the Brigade. Lieut. George C. Anderson, of company K is the acting Regimental Adjutant. During the absence of Sergeant major Reifsnyder, Sergeant John Kerr has been and is filling that responsible office, in a manner highly satisfactory to the regiment and creditable to himself.

Within the last week we have had the pleasure of shaking the hands of three citizens of Pottstown. The first, our Editorial friend Mr. L. H. Davis, who was the first visitor from our borough that has been with us since we started on the tramp last March. Charles Rutter and D. H. Beecher Esq.,

have been with us for the last few days, and are in camp as I write. These gentlemen have all been, we have no doubt, pleased with their jaunt, and can give a favorable account of the 53d.

Yours &c.

L.J.F.

[Ledger, October 14, 1862]

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT –

Pard's,

I hope that everyone is doing well. There's obviously not too much to report on since the schedule has been a total bust to this point. As you all know, the decision was made to cancel our Spangler's Spring LH with ELF due to the limitations set by the NPS. I have since learned from Tom Holbrook that the Park has cancelled all programs for the month of July and will likely end up cancelling the balance of the season. Even if we were willing to hold the event, it sounds like they would have cancelled us anyway. I sent an email a couple of weeks ago regarding the LH at Cedar Mountain. James Owens is coordinating that event and hoping that we can send some troops to help the cause. Please reference my prior email for the event details and touch base with James directly if you plan to attend.

Landis Valley is still on the schedule for September 12-13. At this time, the site remains closed but I've been in contact with Tim Essig. It remains unclear at this time what the scope of the event will be this year. I know a couple of the groups that we typically see throughout the village will not be attending and others, like us and ELF, have committed to making the best out of the event that we can. I recently extended the invitation to our friends in the NR. I know several units have expressed interest in attending and others are waiting until closer to the time to see where things stand with the Covid-19 guidelines. There's a chance that we'll see a fairly "normal" event and there's a chance that we may use the opportunity as a weekend drill event on a larger scale than we do in February since we'll be joined by at least ELF and the Regulars. Col. Downes posted on the NR's Facebook page a message from the folks at Cedar Creek and it looks like they're moving forward with the annual reenactment which is on our schedule as a MAX EFFORT NR event. Landis Valley will be a good opportunity for us to prepare for that event where we'll be working with the Federal Alliance for the first time.

For those of you who know Rusty Dicks, his son graduated from high school this year and will be joining our ranks. His kit is complete and he plans to attend Landis Valley. In these days when units are seeing a decline in their numbers, we are still attracting new recruits. We've added six new members in the last four years.

See y'all soon!

Eric

UPCOMING EVENTS –

29-30 August - Gettysburg Living History - cancelled

See Eric's notes above.

12-13 Sept. - Civil War Days – Landis Valley Museum (Lancaster)

See Eric's notes above. Also, please stay tuned to the unit Facebook page and email for updates as we get closer to this event.

The Civil War Merchant -

(if you have something for sale or are looking for something, submit it for inclusion in a future edition of "The Sentinel")

For Sale –

Listed by Rick Kramer for a friend. All items in good shape unless noted otherwise. Contact Rick directly for any inquiries/questions - auction8@comcast.net

Grey Blanket with black stripe 50.00

Keune McDowell Kepi some brim cracking 20.00

2020 Calendar of Events -

- 11 Jan. Annual Holiday Party – Dobbin House (Gettysburg)
1-2 Feb – Winter Drill (Landis Valley)
29 Feb – 1 March – National Regiment School of Instruction (Gettysburg)
14 March – Cartridge Rolling Party (Sgt. Fasnacht's home)
4 April – Adopt A Position – 53rd PVI Spring Monument Cleanup (Gettysburg) (**CANCELLED**)
2-3 May – National Regiment Camp of Instruction (Gruber Wagon Works) (**CANCELLED**)
16-17 May – USAHEC Event – **53rd PVI MAX Effort** (**CANCELLED**)
25 May – Hummelstown Memorial Day Parade (**CANCELLED**)
29-30 Aug – Gettysburg Living History (Spangler Spring – Gettysburg NMP) (**CANCELLED**)
12-13 Sept. – Landis Valley “Civil War Days” (Lancaster) **53rd PVI MAX Effort**
12-13 Sept. – Burkittsville Re-Enactment (Burkittsville, MD) (**CANCELLED**)
17-18 Oct. – Cedar Creek Re-Enactment (Middletown, Virginia) **53rd/NR Max Effort**
7 Nov. - Adopt-A-Position – 53rd PVI Fall Monument Cleanup (Gettysburg)
21 Nov. – Remembrance Day Parade (Gettysburg)
5 Dec. – 53rd PVI Annual Meeting (Sgt. Fasnacht's home)



Secondary Events -

- ~~3-5 April – Lee's Last Stand Re-Enactment (**CANCELLED**)~~
~~18-19 April – Spring Drill at Ft. McHenry (ELF) (**CANCELLED**)~~
8-9 August – Cedar Mountain Re-Enactment (1st MN)
5-6 Sept. – Bedford Village (1st MN)

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