**Newsletter of The James Creek Guards** 

# "Clubs Are Trumps!"

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

### IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS

We examine how weather and climate conditions changed the course of the American Civil War. The Nature of History • August 6, 2022 • Updated October 27, 2022 – American Battlefield Trust (battlefields.org)



Alfred R. Waud's sketch of Union forces coping with the challenge of winter weather in 1863 as they advanced toward the Rappahannock River. <u>Library of Congress</u>

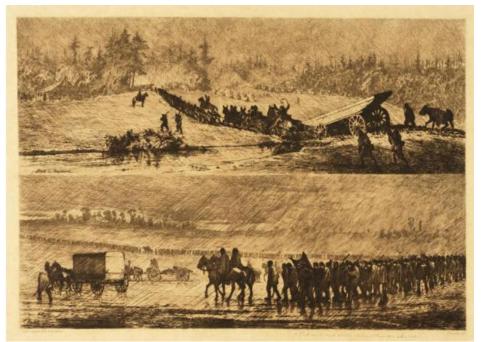
Weather and climate can carry heavy consequences for humanity... whether it comes in waves, eruptions, downpours, earthquakes, tornadoes, droughts or another of Mother Nature's many obstacles. Sometimes, these environments can set already-strained situations ablaze — like a match to a pool of gasoline. Consider the fate of Napoleon's army as it tried to invade Russia during the winter. Or how the monsoons of Southeast Asia have dictated or derailed campaigns across that region.

This correlation held just as true during the Civil War, when great droughts, unnaturally intense rains, and atmospheric phenomena played a significant role in every theater of the war.

#### Climate and Resilience in The East

In the Eastern Theater, there were plenty of times that weather helped or hindered the objectives of both Union and Confederate troops. Perhaps the most infamous were the precipitation irregularities that stymied the Union army following the Battle of Fredericksburg. Chiefly, a combination of unusually heavy winter rains and poor infrastructure further demoralized the Union forces under Ambrose Burnside.

Attempting to turn over a new leaf and leave behind the disaster that had unfolded at Fredericksburg, Burnside ordered the whole army to march downriver in January 1863 to cross under the cover of a cavalry feint upstream. But heavy rains exacerbated by massive deforestation — due to soldiers burning the surrounding woods for warmth — caused the already bad roads of Central Virginia to deteriorate further. In what is remembered as "The Mud March" and "The Union's Valley Forge," the Army of the Potomac became hopelessly mired in mud that was supposedly so deep and thick as to have swallowed entire gun carriages and limbers of artillery.



Mud, A Flank March across Country during a Thunderstorm" etching by Edwin Forbes Pennsylvania State University. Special Collections Library

"Marching in the Rain, Stuck in the

Brig. Gen. Daniel Woodbury summarized the new reality: "The rain has prevented surprise, and changed our condition entirely." With Burnside's grand vision drowned in the muck and mire, Richmond went unchallenged and the war stretched on for three more years.

#### **Drought and Disaster in the West**

But weather doesn't play favorites or confine itself to geographic areas. Climatic events in the Western

Theater also had tactical effects that influenced the trajectory of the entire war.

La Niña, a period of cyclical cooling over the Pacific Ocean, coincided with the critical 1862 Heartland Campaign in Kentucky and Tennessee. The cooler oceanic temperatures reduced precipitation in the western and midwestern United States, leading to months of severe drought throughout Confederate territory. In part, this lack of easily sourced drinking water motivated Braxton Bragg's army to coalesce around Perryville where, it was thought, Doctor's Creek could provide water for his men and horses before marching northward. Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell and his Union Army of the Ohio responded to the Confederate movement, despite intense dehydration and sickness stemming from the conditions, and positioned themselves for a clash. In the ensuing battle, Bragg was dealt a strategic defeat which forced him and the remaining Confederate forces back into Tennessee, setting the stage for a more consistent Union effort in the west.



Furthermore, the drought of 1862 caused enormous crop failures all throughout the south. This, combined with Union blockades preventing imports, shifting population patterns as refugees fled to cities, inflation, and the need to funnel supplies to field armies, led to widespread bread riots across the South, especially Richmond, in the spring of 1863.

Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper published this depiction of the Southern women participating bread riots in its May 23, 1863 edition Library of Congress

The effects of climate, an actor with neither good nor ill will towards our country's discord, played a huge role in the ending of the conflict. Though better prepared for disaster than the Union Army of 1863, we still face issues of lackluster infrastructure in the face of severe weather events, impacting both civil and military matters around the globe. It is incumbent that we remember how the Earth retains an active and unpredictable hand in the matters of war and peace.



### THE DIARY OF BENJAMIN JAY CUSHING (53<sup>RD</sup> PVI, CO. G) -

[Transcribed and provided to me by Thomas Kear, a direct descendent of the Cushing brothers. Any typos or grammatical errors were left in place. – editor]

1863 (note - Both Benjamin and his brother Leavitt were wounded at Fredericksburg in December 1862)

May 1 – It is a beautiful May morning. Skirmishing commences in the forenoon, & we are marched to the front, lay all night on our arms in line of battle, are relieved in the morning before daylight.

May 2 – Are placed in line on our left and built slight breastworks. Fighting commences in the afternoon on the right. The rebels make 3 or 4 attempts to drive our men out of their position but fail. Fighting continues til midnight.

May 3 – Was on picket all night, the rebels attack early in the morning, very hard fighting and heavy cannonading, our left obliged to fall back a short distance. O how sad to be engaged in destroying mens lives. May God in his infinite mercy bring this terrible war to a close, through the goodness of God I and W are still spared.

May 4 – Lay in line in rear of the breastwork, Wilson on picket. Some shelling by the rebs just at night. Write home, received one letter from M.

May 5 - A little firing to the left of us and we are moved a short distance and put up a short breastworks in rear of the main one, and lay behind it. Heavy thunder showers just at night.

May 6 – Was called up quietly at 2 o'clock A.M. and fall in. Find the troops all up and moving to the rear. Leave the works a little before day, march back to the river, find the whole army crossing. Travel back to our old camp, reach it at 3 o'clock P.M. Tired and wet and very muddy, the roads are very bad indeed.

May 7 – Find ourselves much refreshed by one good nights rest, after 9 days of constant fatigue and watchfulness. Have plenty of work on hand cleaning up everything, washing, drying clothes etc.

May 8 – Nothing particular going on, write to M Olmstead, rec. a letter from home in the evening, quite cool weather for the season. But everything is putting on its summer dress and all would be lovely were it not for the desolations of war in the land.

May 9 - On guard, Wilson also, write to Uncle Charles in the forenoon, A soldiers joys and pleasures are few indeed, and the few he has all center around his home and loving friends far away.

- May 10 Come off guard this morning. It is a very warm pleasant day. Receive a letter in the evening, Write M in the evening.
- May 11 Off duty today. Went over to Stoneman's switch and have a visit with John Barnaby. Very warm today. Get back just before Dress Parade.
- May 12 Doing nothing particular today, have no drills. Everything quiet with no particular signs of a move at present. Many Regt's. Of two years men are being mustered out of the service.
- May 13 Nothing particular to do today. Very clear pleasant morning. Brigade drill in the afternoon.
- May 14 Rainy cloudy morning. On guard at the Ammunition Train. Expect to leave our log huts as soon as we have a fair day. The Regt. Moved in the afternoon.
- May 15 Came off guard at 9 o'clock & busied ourselves in building our quarters & arranging them for comfort & convenience, rec'd an express box from home. Had to pull down our tents and move half a mile, rec'd several letters.
- May 16 On Picket today. Reach the line at 10 o'clock A.M. Get on the third relief which does not go on til 5 o'clock P.M. Sit on the hill part of the day where I have a fine view of the country below.
- May 17 Come off Post at 5 o'clock A.M. It is a beautiful spring Sabbath Morning but no sound of Church bells greet my ear and the fortified heights each side of Fredericksburg tells me that the doctrines which the Christian Sabbath teach are little heeded by men.
- May 18 Busy all the forenoon cleaning gun. In the afternoon fixing our tent. Joseph Kyle started home on a 10 days furlough. W & myself send a letter home by him. Rec. a letter from M last night.
- May 19 We are having beautiful weather though quite warm. Busy washing this morning & cleaning up things generally for Inspection at 10 o'clock A.M. reading, writing etc. in the afternoon.
- May 20 Policing and cleaning up our street in front of the tent. Very warm pleasant morning. Mail a letter to Ulysses.
- May 21 On duty today with a squad of 100 men policing our old camp where we lay through the winter. Burning and burying the old clothes and other rubbish.
- May 22 Go in the morning after shade trees. Take a bathe in the small brook that runs down below here & lay in the shad reading til noon, have a short call from John B. in the afternoon, drill in the afternoon 4 o'clock.
- May 23 On picket today, recd. One letter from home also one from Uncle Charles last night. Have a very warm day on picket.
- May 24 Come in from the picket lines at 12 o'clock. It is an exceedingly hot day. Find a letter from M. who is Teaching school at Harrison Valley. Rec, a letter from Ulysses containing the news of the Death of Susan Davidson. Death loves a Shining mark.
- May 25 Drill at 9 o'clock in the morning. Battalion drill in the afternoon. Quite cool weather, for this time of year. Mail one letter to M.
- May 26 Drill at 9 o'clock. Skirmish drill, Battalion drill in the afternoon. Busy myself reading and writing to uncle Charles. The reported capture of Vicksburg not yet confirmed.
- May 27 Company drill at 9 o'clock. And Brigade drill in the afternoon., nothing certain yet from Vicksburg. All are anxious to hear of its capture.
- May 28 Go out on review at half past 8 o'clock. Come in about 11. Division reviewed by Gen. Hancock and Gen. Colwell. One division of the 5<sup>th</sup> Corps moved up the river today.
- May 29 Not on duty today. Company drill in the morning at 9 o'clock. Nothing in particular to do the rest of the day. Recd. A letter from home at night. Joseph Kyle returned today from Potter.
- May 30 Wilson on picket. Write home in the forenoon. Wash in the afternoon. We seem to be living in idleness at present. How wasteful of time, treasure and life is war. When shall wars & tumults cease?
- May 31 Form on the Color line in the morning at roll call as though an attack was expected. But soon break ranks and hear of nothing to cause an alarm. Reading and writing during the day. Rec. a letter from M. in the evening.



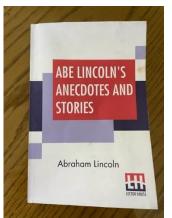
### WINSLOW HOMER SOUVENIR CARD

Noted American artist Winslow Homer (1836 ~ 1910) created a series of drawings entitled "Life In Camp" originally published circa 1864 by L. Prang & Co. The series was exhibited in "The Civil War in America" at the Library of Congress in 2013. This month's image is entitled "Water Call".



## **BOOK REVIEW - "ABE" LINCOLN'S ANECDOTES AND STORIES**

Author: Abraham Lincoln Complied by R.D. Wordsworth



Reviewed by Mike Espenshade

Paper Back; 1908; Lector House LLP; 64 pp.; 0 pictures, 0 pp notes, 0 pp bibliography, 0 pp index. \$8.98 on Amazon.

The great strain on the mind of Abraham Lincoln produced by four years of civil war might likewise have overcome his reason had it not found vent in the yarns and stories he constantly told. No more fun-loving or humor-loving man than Abraham Lincoln ever lived. He enjoyed a joke even when it was on himself, and probably, while he got his greatest enjoyment from telling stories, he had a keen appreciation of the humor in those that were told him. This unique compilation of 148 stories by and about Abe are but a subset of those stories that occurred.

Here are a few selections that, perhaps, may induce you to further absorption of this resource.

I offer to lend-out this booklet for a modest sum of \$75 - all proceeds to fluff the coffers of the 53<sup>rd</sup> PVI Reenactors' treasury. Sign-up quickly!!! There may be an overwhelming (and unexpected) response!!

A Slow Horse: On one occasion when Mr. Lincoln was going to attend a political convention one of his rivals, a liveryman, provided him with a slow horse, hoping that he would not reach his destination in time. Mr. Lincoln got there, however, and when he returned with the horse he said:

- "You keep this horse for funerals, don't you?"
- "Oh, no." replied the liveryman.
- "Well, I'm glad of that, for if you did, you'd never get a corpse to the grave in time for the resurrection."

**Better Than Doctors:** A gentleman, visiting a hospital at Washington, heard an occupant of one of the beds laughing and talking about the President, who had been there a short time before and gladdened the wounded with some of his stories. The soldier seemed to be in such good spirits that the gentleman inquired:

"You must be very slightly wounded?"

"Yes", replied the brave fellow, "very slightly – I have only lost one leg, and I'd be glad enough to lose the other, if I could hear some more of "old Abe's stories".

**Lincoln As A Dancer:** Lincoln was not an imposing figure when he cut in a ballroom, but he occasionally could be found there in his early days in the Illinois State Legislature. Miss Mary Todd, who afterward became his wife, was the magnet which drew the tall, awkward young man from his den. One evening Lincoln approached Miss Todd, and said, in his peculiar idiom:

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"Miss Todd, I should like to dance with you in the worst way."

The young woman accepted the inevitable, and hobbled around the room with him. When she returned to her seat, one of her companions asked mischievously:

"Well, Mary, did he dance with you the worst way?"

"Yes," she answered, "the very worst."

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#### Bonus Material: [Only read this if you have sent to Sgt. Steger your \$75 for the borrowing of the booklet]

Done With The Bible: A country meeting house, that was used once a month, was quite a distance from any other house.

The preacher, an old-line Baptist, was dressed in coarse linen pantaloons, and a shirt of the same material. The pants, manufactured after the old fashion, with baggy legs, and a flap in the front, were made to attach to his frame, without the aid of suspenders.

A single button held his shirt in position, and that was at the collar. He rose up in the pulpit, and with a loud voice announced his text thus: "I am the Christ whom I shall represent today".

About this time, a little blue lizard ran up his roomy pantaloons. The old preacher, not wishing to interrupt the steady flow of his sermon, slapped away on his leg, expecting to arrest the intruder, but his efforts were unavailing, and the little fellow kept on ascending higher and higher.

Continuing the sermon, the preacher loosened the central button which graced the waistband of his pantaloons, and with a kick – off came that easy-fitting garment.

But, meanwhile, Mr. Lizard had passed the equatorial line of the waist-band, and was calmly exploring that part of the preacher's anatomy which lay underneath the back of his shirt.

Things were now growing interesting, but the sermon was still grinding on. The next movement on the preacher's part was for the collar button, and with one sweep of his arm off came the tow linen shirt.

The congregation sat for an instant as if dazed; at length one old lady in the rear part of the room rose up, and, glancing at the excited object in the pulpit, shouted at the top of her voice: "If you represent Christ. Then I'm done with the Bible!"

 Check here if you have sent in \$75	
 Check here if you are a faker. Provide your name and rank	

### **GETTYSBURG 1970S HOME MOVIES**

Recently, I ran across a few home movies of multiple 1970s visits to Gettysburg that someone posted. The first 4 videos range between 1970 and the 1980s. The last video is from 1957; the first half is FL, then a little bit of edited Gettysburg footage, and it ends at Niagara Falls. I believe each home movie was filmed by a different person. I posted each on the unit's Facebook page. In case you didn't see them, the links are below. You can see some interesting things such as heavily vegetated Little Round Top, The Cashtown Inn, The Angle, the old 1970s Museum/Cyclorama Building, the Gettysburg Observation Tower, etc. You can appreciate how things have changed over time. Too bad none of the videos show FantasyLand, though.

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## ORIGINAL 53<sup>20</sup> YETERAN

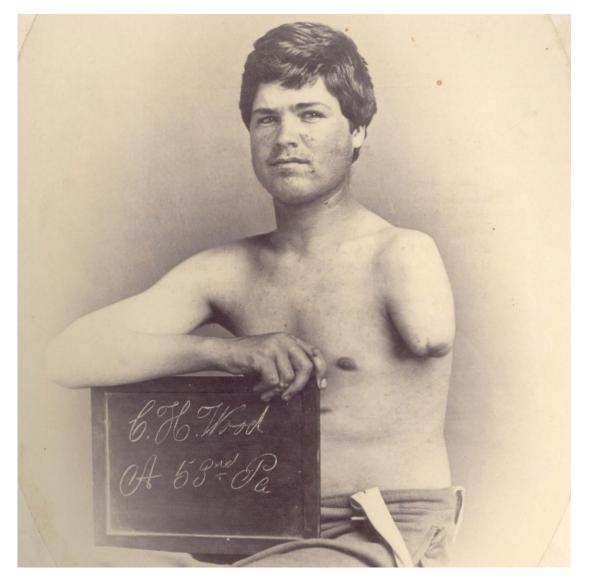
By Marc Benedict

This photography from the National Museum of Health and Medicine shows Private Charles H. Wood of the 53rd Pennsylvania displaying his amputated left arm. Private Wood was shot in the arm during combat at Petersburg, Virginia on March 31, 1865. His arm was amputated in a field hospital near the front lines.

The history of the case is preserved by the Museum: "Charles H. Wood. Hospital Number 20.951. Chas. H. Wood, Private, Co. D, 53rd Pa. Vols., aged 19, was admitted to Harewood U.S.A. Gen'l Hospital, April 5, 1865, suffering from gun shot wound of left arm, extent of injury unknown. Wounded, March 31st, 1865, at the battle of Petersburgh, Va. The left arm was amputated on the field, March 31st, 1865, by a circular incision. On admission, the stump was in good condition. Constitutional state of patient was also good. Result favorable. Harewood U.S.A. General Hospital, R.B. Bontecou, Surgeon U.S. Vols., In charge."

Wood was 19-years-old when he was wounded. He had enlisted in the 53rd Pennsylvania in Coudersport, Potter County in March 1864.





## **CARTRIDGE ROLLING PARTY SUMMARY**

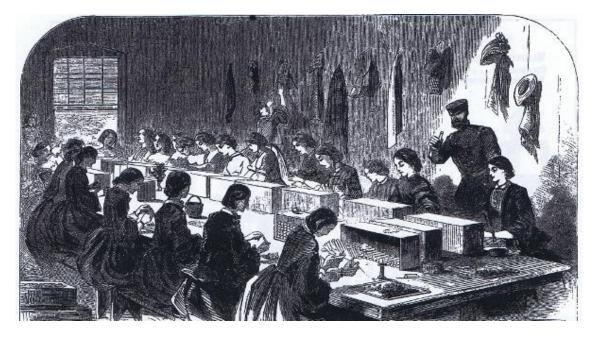
On 25 March, the unit held a cartridge rolling party at 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Fasnacht's home in Kleinfeltersville. In attendance were: Fasnacht, Benedict, Steger, Espenshade, Brumbaugh, and Zinkus. Over a ~6 hour period, we made 50 complete packs. We had 50 packs already in inventory so the unit now has 100 complete packs. Thank you to Mark for again hosting this event.

Photos showing the 2023 cartridge rolling party followed by a period etching of women rolling cartridges likely at a federal contracted firm. Photos courtesy of your editor.









### PA CIVIL WAR FLAG PRESERVATION SITE VISIT

The unit has scheduled a visit to the Capitol Preservation Committee's Civil War flag site in Harrisburg for 10AM on Saturday 10/28. We can request what flags we want to see. I requested that we be able to see the original 53<sup>rd</sup> PVI and 95<sup>th</sup> PVI flags. If we have sufficient time, we may be able to see additional flags. I've visited the flag preservation committee's previous site (approx. 15 years ago). It's very cool to get to see original the preserved flags of Civil War units. Please put this your calendar if you are interested in going. More details to come in the coming months.

### 53<sup>™</sup> WEBSITE UPDATES

I have added some more content to the unit website including new pages under the "Historical" tab called "53<sup>rd</sup> PVI at Gettysburg" and "53<sup>rd</sup> PVI at Antietam". Steve Dillon and our ELF pard Brandon Kelly provided some of this new content. I have also combined the "Training" and "Training Videos" pages into a single page accessible from the top menu. Visit the unit website at <a href="https://www.53rdpvi.org">https://www.53rdpvi.org</a>.

### GETTYSBURG 160 EVENT UPDATE - FROM THE COLONEL

I've had a couple of reports back from our reps that went to the PCWA site walk-through last weekend. First impression, the site is YUGE!! There will be plenty of room for everything we may want to do, but be ready to do a lot of walking. I am told that the 1st Day scenario, the withdrawal from Herr Ridge to Seminary Ridge is damn close to full scale dustance. The area is relatively flat, so there won't be the vertical terrain like at Antietam last year, but it is spread out, so get your walking shoes out and start getting ready now.

Secondly, this MAY (or may not) be the last of the mega-events. We all know it is getting more and more difficult to put on events, especially on a large scale, so for us old timers it may be our last hurrah, and it would be nice to give the newer bucks a chance to see brigade level numbers on the field one time.

It is certainly the last Anders/Lavis production, so shake the bushes and tell your friends to get out to this one. The scenarios will be scaled to the numbers on site, so the more people there the more the battle planners can do.

And, on a personal note, as this will be my last field command with the NR, it would be nice to see a lot of old friends.

Tom

## THE CIVIL WAR MERCHANT

(if you have something for sale or are looking for something, email me to include it in a future edition of "The Sentinel")

#### For Sale –

(1.) Dave Towsen, a fellow pard of mine in the old 83<sup>rd</sup> PVI, is selling off most of his CW gear. You

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can contact him directly at: <a href="mailto:grumpydave58@comcast.net">grumpydave58@comcast.net</a> with any inquiries about items, pricing, etc. He lives in Mechanicsburg and he has quality gear.

- (2.) I have a C&D Jarnagin size 46 federal enlisted frock coat for sale. I bought a new one recently; the coat for sale has sleeves that were just a tad long for my arms. Still in great condition. Email me with any questions/inquiries: n3ntj@outlook.com
- (3.) Kerry Williard is handling the selling of Dave Swigert items for Dave's wife. Marc and I met a few years ago to look over the items, give them descriptions, and give approx. values. Several of the items have been sold yet some remain. The list is current as of 31 Dec. 2022. Contact Kerry directly with any and all inquiries: <a href="mailto:shamokin71@aol.com">shamokin71@aol.com</a> (see the updated list below)

<b>Uniform Clothing</b>	<u>Item Description</u>	Detailed Description	Price
1	Trouser - Steel Blue each with suspendors	34 min waist/27" inseam-avg. condx and a little dirt w/ braces no watch pck	\$25.00
1	Dk Blue Vest Size 42	3 pockets - light wear	\$20.00
1	Colored Pattern Shirt	blue plaid with white china buttons - sun faded - good condx	\$10.00
1	White muslin Shirt	19" at shoulder 14" neck - very short in body length	\$5.00
1	White muslin Shirt	20" at shoulder 16" neck - very short in body length - cuffs are stained	\$5.00
1 pair	Woolen Grey Gloves	modern - right hand is fingerless	\$2.00
1	Underpants - Night Pants - White	36" waist - knee stains - 25" inseam white muslin - rear repair	\$3.00
1	Lt Brown Scarf -Acrylic - Modern	·	\$1.00
1	Havelock - White - VG condx		\$2.00
3 pairs	Grey Wool Socks -Modern		\$2.00/p
2	Hats - Union & Confederate for cchildren		\$1.00
Accoutrements			
1	Scabbord -Late war 7 Rivet		\$15.00
1	Gum Blanket	some cracking with oversized grommets	\$20.00
1	Shelter Tent - Both Halves - Heavy Canvas w/Loops w/Mildew		\$35.00
1	Bag of 7 wooden Tent Stakes w/Rope		\$3.00
1	Grey Smooth Face Canteen - Leather Sling Satinette Cover w/ Corded Stopper		\$20.00
1	Haversack - Tarred Black - Brittle Strap w/opwn seam		\$5.00
1	Haversack - Tarred Black w/Liner- Paint peeling Holes @ Strap Connection		\$10.00
1	Grey Smooth Face Canteen - Leather Sling Satinette Cover w/ Corded Stopper		\$20.00
Misc Items			
1 can	sno-seal (half full)		\$1.00
1	Wood Mirror - Haversack filler	sliding cover	\$3.00
1	Wood Comb - Haversack filler		\$1.00
1	Wooden button board		\$1.00
2	Coin Purses - Made from Tic Material		\$1.00/e
1	Bag with Coffee	brown coffee	\$1.00/e
1	shoe lace - undied		\$0.25/ea
2	Soap Bar	_	\$1.00/e
6 1/2	Wax Candles		\$0.25/ea
1	pocket sharpenig stone	new	\$2.00
1	box rifle cleaning kit	pads, steel wool, rags, etc	\$5.00
3	match boxes w/ matches		\$0.25/e
1 Pair	shoe tree		\$3.00
1	Green Army Duffle Bag		\$3.00
1	drawers for use as patches		\$1.00
Armaments			<u> </u>
1	1861 Springfield Rifle - Armi Sport		\$900.00

### 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15 January - Holiday Party - Gettysburg (private)

4 February - Winter Drill - Landis Valley (our NR pards are invited)

18-19 February - NR School of Instruction (Gettysburg Fire Hall)

25 March - Cartridge Rolling Party (1st Sgt.'s Home)

1 April - ELF Drill at Ft. McHenry

15 April - Robesonia - Patriotic Order Sons of America (POSofA) event

6 - 7 May - NR Camp Of Instruction (COI) - Gruber Wagon Works (Reading, PA)

29 May - Memorial Day Parade (Hummelstown) [Max Effort]

23 -25 June - Gettysburg 160 [NR Max Effort]

15-16 July - Landis Valley Civil War Days (Lancaster) [Max Effort]

12 August - Safe Harbor Cemetery - grave rededication

8-10 September - Thunder on the Gauley (Summersville, WV - Carnifax Ferry Battlefield (NR Max Effort)

14-15 October - USAHEC Army Heritage Days (Carlisle) [Max Effort]

18 November - Remembrance Day (Gettysburg) - NR Annual Meeting and Parade

#### Secondary schedule -

20 May - Lancaster Cemetery - grave decoration day

28-20 July - Receding Tide - Trenches of Williamsport

14-15 October - Cedar Creek re-enactment

For updated event info and other news, please check out the Facebook pages of the 53<sup>rd</sup> PVI and/or the National Regiment (links below) and check your email on a regular basis







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