

53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Company C

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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, book reviews, event summaries & photos, stories, etc.) to me for inclusion in a future edition of "The Sentinel". – Matthew Steger, editor

ORIGINAL LETTER - 1862: ARCHIBALD F. JONES TO MARY (ROSS) JONES

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The following letter was written by Archibald ("Arch") F. Jones (1825-1879) who served as Captain of Co. G, 53rd Pennsylvania Infantry in the Civil War. He wrote the letter to his wife, Mary Ann (Ross) Jones (1830-1920) with whom he married in 1848. Arch served nearly three years and was discharged on 24 July 1864. He was a farmer in Potter county, Pennsylvania, before the war but afterwards, returned to Coudersport where he went into the dry good business. Archibald's letter was written in November 1862, just after the regiment's arrival at Falmouth where they were assigned Provost Duty. In the Battle of Fredericksburg that would take place some three weeks later, the 53rd was part of the 2nd Corps crossing of the Rappahannock at dawn on the 13th with 283 officers and men. They suffered heavy casualties with 158 men lost (21 killed and 133 wounded).

Transcription

Falmouth, Virginia
November 20, 1862

Dear Mary,

I take this opportunity to write a few lines to you without any hopes of sending it at present for we have no communication open at present. This is a small town on the north side of the Rappahannock opposite Fredericksburg. Our regiment is doing provost duty in the town. When I last wrote you it was from Warrenton. We took up the line of march from that place on last Saturday [15 November] and moved through the town on the Fredericksburg Pike. Although I had spent 3 days in sight of the town, I had not been in the town before. I was very much [] in the town. It was much larger than I expected it to be. It is the finest town that I have seen in Virginia. There was nothing on our march worth mentioning.

We arrived here in 3 light days march—a distance of 40 miles. On the last day our regiment and Pettit's

Light Artillery] had the advance. As we arrived in sight of the town, it was ascertained that the Rebs had crossed into Fredericksburg and planted a battery to rake the road on our advance and we halted for a short time for a reconnoissance and then moved around on the left under cover of woods until we got position right in front of the battery. Pettit's [Battery] opened fire on the which was soon answered to no effect. His shots was so close and quick that they ran off and left the guns. They made several efforts to get them with the teams but was repulsed every time. At last they crept up and got hold of the drag rope and drew them off. Report says that we killed 6 and wounded several and killed two horses.



Capt. Archibald F. Jones, Co. G, 53rd PV (LOC)

We then [posted] our pickets on the bank of the river and rested for the night. Two days has passed off without any demonstration excepting our forces be all around here. There is 8 guns distinctly to be seen on the heights beyond the city commanding the fords. We have about fifty guns in posish [position] all ranged on the city so if they resist our crossing, we will scatter the brick for them. Their pickets are on the one side of the river and ours on the other side—a distance of about fifty rods. They have been talking across the river all day. Yesterday our men was inviting them to come over and get a drink of coffee and some salt. They inquired of our men where Commissary Banks was. While I was writing the last sentence, there has been two guns fired, both down the river. Perhaps the ball will soon open. I don't understand the plan—whether we are to ford or wait for a pontoon bridge. I can gain no opinion of the amount of forces on the other side. There is as much signs of forces as there was at Antietam. Still I don't expect a hard battle here. I had rather it would come off here than farther back for we are near railroad connection and of wounded, could be moved much sooner.

This is a secession town. The women are very bitter. Four pounds of coffee here is as good as a five dollar bill for purpose of trades. Salt is worth one dollar per pound. I will go out and see what this firing means and what party is firing.

The firing is from a battery of 32-pounders that our men have got on a hill a mile below the town. It has got no answer. Probably is feeling for something. The batteries in front of ours are quiet but the men seem to be [] rounds rather lively/ It has been raining all night. If we are to ford the stream, it will probably be done today for the stream must rise some. The wind is blowing up cold and a prospect of clearing up.

The health of our company is good. But four sick and they are fit for a month by having the load covered. My health was never better than at the present time. If there is such a thing as a man being in good rig for a fight, it is me. Col. [Richard] McMichael is sick [and] has got a sick leave. Major [Octavius S.] Bull is also sick but still does duty. There is but three companies that has more than one officer for duty. Some time since I wrote for a pair of under shirts. If they are not sent, don't send them for I have bought some here.

The firing still continues. I have no more to write at present. If I don't send this today. I will write more tomorrow. I have received no mail but once since we left Harper's Ferry. That was answer to the letter than I wrote to Baker. Give my love to all, yours truly, — Arch

Morning of the 21st. All quiet along the line. The firing alluded to was our men had a battery that commanded the Richmond Railroad. As a train was leaving [], they fired on it. Report says that they wrecked it on the track.

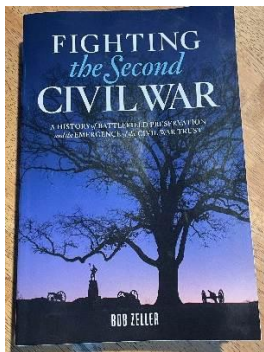
It has ben rainy all night very hard. I had quite a time. The wet softened the ground and lost the pins and the wind came up and blew the tent in [] of me. During a heavy rain I called two brave men to my assistance and succeeded in restoring order [] and to hold away the night with wet blankets. All well. — Arch

BOOK REVIEW: FIGHTING THE SECOND CIVIL WAR – A HISTORY OF BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE CIVIL WAR TRUST.

Author – Bob Zeller

Reviewed by Mike Espenshade

Paperback; 2017; The Civil War Trust; 379 pp text; 24 pictures; 50 pp notes, 8 maps, 8 pp index, 22 pp bibliography, Appendix 1 (5-page table of all the 45,000 acres saved by the Trust until 3-1-2017). It was a gift from The Civil War Trust.



As Civil War living historians, our main goals are education and preservation. Several of us Co C 53rd PVI reenactors are proud members of the American Battlefield Trust (formerly The Civil War Trust). This book is the remarkable story of how a grass-roots citizen group dedicated to saving America's battlefields became the largest and most effective heritage land preservation organization in the nation.

Over the course of almost 40 years, a good idea and the hard work of dedicated history lovers evolved into a movement that has saved from encroaching development, now in 2026, some 60,000 acres – at over 145 Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 battlefields.

This outstanding progress did not come easy. Concerned CW buffs joined with neighbors of threatened battlefields, met with committed historians like Robert Krick, A. Wilson Green, Dennis Frye, and Brian Pohanka, to learn how to engage others into taking action. **Important** others: lawyers, congressional members, local officials, the press, wealthy persons from all walks of life, and how to gain public perception to care. They needed to learn the in's and out's of (to name just a few): government finance, the legal tools to stop bulldozers, the real estate options to gain property owner easement or to preserve their land, etc. Learn how this motley group defeated (often, but not enough) such behemoths such as Walmart, national casinos, the suburban sprawl monster, and others?

This story begins with the formation of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS, 1987-1999) and the, sometimes ugly, transformation from two competing groups (the Civil War Preservation Trust began in 1991) into a single national preservation organization = the Civil War Trust in 1999.

Fueled by the generosity of its 275,000 members and supporters, the Trust maintains a steady drumbeat of acquisitions and leads the way in education, professional teacher development, and heritage tourism. It is noteworthy to acknowledge that the Trust has been a Charity Navigator "Four Star Charity", the highest rating, for 17 years running - an achievement attained by only the top two percent of charities.

See what The Trust and you can offer each other at www.battlefields.org - a website brimming with information on battles and battlefields, fascinating animated maps, videos, and much more.

BENJAMIN CUSHING DIARY -

A few years back, I had started reprinting diary entries (month-by-month) of Benjamin Jay Cushing's diary. I am now picking it back up again. He was in Company G. [Note - Typos and other grammatical errors were left in place.]

Sept 1 - Nothing particular to do today, reading in the forenoon. In the afternoon went down to the 10th A Corps. Did not find Seth Lewis. Made the Mortar Battery a visit. Not much Arty. firing going on today. Got back just as the Brig, got orders to pack up and be ready to move. The order was countermanded. Recd. an express box just at dark and am very thankful for the little (or big) favor.

Sept 2 - Orders to pack up and be ready to move at 10 minutes notice, There is to be a deserter executed. The Reg. falls in at 8 to march to the place of execution. Busy in the forenoon drawing and issuing two days rations. Reading or writing during the afternoon. Drew 1 ds. beef at night. Had 5 convalescents come to the Reg. Read an Examiner.

Sept 3 - Doing nothing particular in the forenoon except reading the papers. Write to Emma in the afternoon, The whole Reg. is out on Fatigue duty today. Recieved a letter from Emma in the evening. Have cooll pleasant weather.

Sept 4 - Get 6 Convalescents for Co. G & 10 for the Reg. Edwin is one of Sunday of the No. and two of the Waggoners. Drew and gave out two days rations, Put in a special return for 10 men. Attended church at the 64th New York Reg. Reading and writing afternoon and evening. Samy Rutter reed, a Commission as Adgt. and L.Fritz the Adjts clerk is made Sergt. Major. Vice Rutter?-promoted.

Sept 5 - Policing in the morning after breakfast, reading in the forenoon. There was a terrific cannonading last night lasting about two hours. Atlanta is reported in our possession. Get orders to pack-up. The Brig, marched off to the left. Staid and helped load the waggons and then followed on. Overtook them at the Williams House, all went out on fatigue.

Sept.6 - Moved into line about daylight in the works & put up tent :& slept til breakfast was ready. Drew two days rations in the forenoon, S, C, and H. Br also 1 of Pork and 1 of Beef. Had a hard shower last night, cool, lowry weather today. Sergt. Wm. W Brown came to the Reg and was mustered in as 1st Lieut. of Co. G. Moved just at dark to the left about half a mile, and stopped for the night behind the breastworks.

- Sept 7 - Troops were all called up before daylight and went to work at daylight and finished the breastworks. Moved farther to the left and stopped in the woods. The whole Reg. was sent out to chop the woods away in front of the works. Drew 1 days beef at night, the RR has been built from the Citty Point Road up to the Jones House or 2nd Co. Hed. Qts.
- Sept 8 - The Brig. was called up at 4 oc and march out to the "Jones House" & a detail of 50 men were taken out & then the Brig. was marched back to the old position. Everything quiet during the rest of the day. Drew two days rations. Ordered to pack up just at night but did not move.
- Sept 9 - All the Reg. went on detail cho-pping in front of the Breastworks. The Brig. moved over to near where we lay in June and July. Went out to the front & traveled along the line a couple of miles looking at the rebs and also at the forts. There was a little Arty. firing. Drew one days beef at night. Charly Barnaby got back just at night. Reed, a letter from Emma at night.
- Sept 10 - Draw two days rations in the forenoon. Had a visit from Lyman Merrill and Delbert Heggie. Quite busy policing during the day. The boys built a body for tent of logs, and covered it with four pieces of tent which makes it quite roomy. Reed. 48 recruits just at night and put in a special requisition for them, also one for the whole Reg. which numbers 210 at present. Officers have a jollification in the evening.
- Sept 11 - Write to Wilson in the forenoon and attend church at the 64th Sunday Reg. about noon. Hear an excellent practical sermon from the Chaplain, Eld. Hibbard. Reed. one of the best coppies of the Exa, last night that I ever read. There was so much sound, practical, & patriotic that it can hardly fail do good to our cause wherever it is read. Write to Emma in the afternoon.
- Sept 12 - Rations to be drawn the first thing in the morning, two days Sug, Cof, and Bread, 2 of meats. Took til afternoon. Had a tall chase after a large Gray Squirrel. The whole Reg. were out and cut down half a dozen trees. Took a nap after dinner. Reading afternoon and evening. Reed. no mail lately or papers.
- Sept 13 - Get ready for monthly inspection at 10 oc, cool, comfortable weather. After that was over I took a walk over to Port Warren to see the picket line where they are firing constantly. There was a heavy detail at night to go out and tear down one of the old forts which was built when the 9th Corps stopped there. The stray shots from the picket line wounded several and killed one of the 148 Pa.
- Sept 14 - Drew two days of everything in the ration line . Busy all the forenoon isuing the rations, writing to Emma after dinner. Reading the speechs of various Union men of Mass. in state convention at Boston. It does me good to read strong Union speeches & provokes me to hear :lien cry down the administration & up Gen . B. McClellan.
- Sept 15 - Write to John G. Fiske in the morning. Get orders to pack up and be ready to move at short notice, But let our tents stand. Drew clothing in forenoon. There was a battalion drill at 2 oc I went out and looked on awhile. The Brig. got orders to move outuat sundown & support Gen Mott. Reed. a large squad of recruits and a few convalescents, Farnham Lyon being one among the no.
- Sept 16 - The Reg. came in from the front at daylight. Put in a special return for 43 men. Drew two days rations of Sug. coffee, and Bread., 1 of beef, & 1 of codfish. Busy all the forenoon with the. rations. Geo. Ward came over from the 149th Pa to see us. The Reg. Nos. 255 men at present. The Brig. was again ordered out at sundown. Reed, a letter from Geo. Davidson.
- Sept. 17- Write to Geo. Davidson in the morning. Lieut. Brown and I went over to the 149th Regt. a visiting. Saw many of the Potter boys and had a good visit. Went out to the Weldon Road at Gen. Warren's Hed. Qts "The Yellow House". Found the line well fortified in front, on the flank, & rear. Recd. a letter from Emma in the evening.
- Sept 18 - Busy the first thing in the morning drawing rations, get through Sunday at 11 oc. Went out to the field and heard a good sermon from Eld. Hibbard, Chaplain of the 64th Reg. Reed, a squad of Conv. & recruits. Write to Emma in the afternoon. Walked out along the lines about 1 mi. Find that they have a double line of Abbatis ? all along the front.
- Sept 19 - Most of the Reg. went out on fatigue back near our old camp. Drew 1 days fresh beef. Busy reading the news or "Tactics" in the afternoon. There is every indication of rain at night, and we expect wet weather. There is considerable discussion as to the merits of the Candidates for the Presidency. Most are in favor of Old Abe, but there are some who cannot forget their old party name, Democrat sounds well in their ears, although they do not know what the parties principles are.

- Sept 20 - Drawing rations in the forenoon, two days of everything. Reading Tactics a little in the afternoon, also a Political speech made by the Hon. Schuyler Colfax. Subscribed for the Weekly Chronicle for three months at 1.00. Reed. by the evening mail My Commission as 2nd Lieut. Co. G, 53rd Pa. Vet. Vols. For which I am very thankful and hope never to dishonor the position or myself.
- Sept 21 - Was relieved from duty this morning as Coms. Sergt & got a certificate from the Doct. to enable me to be mustered. Also one from the Comdr. of the Reg. After dinner went over to Div. Hed. Qts. and was mustered into the Service of the U.S. Volunteer Service as 2nd Lieut of Co. G. Reed, the news of the death of 5 rebel Generals in Shennandoah Valley & capture of 5000 prisoners.
- Sept 22 - Went out on fatigue at 5 oc in the morning. Traveled about 3 miles to a fort, building in the rear. Had charge of a detail of the 64th & have very hard work to get them to do anything. Get back to camp at 6 oc P.M. Rather tired after my first trial at compelling contrary soldiers to work.
- Sept 23 - Studying tactics most of the day. Went out on drill for the first time & made some mistakes But got along passably well. Reed. a letter from Emma in the evening. There is nothing going except the usual amount of digging and fatigue work.
- Sept 24 - Reed. notice that I was Officer of the day. Attended guard mounting in the morning and then took charge of a detail & was policing all the forenoon and til 2 oc P.M., just got cleaned up and got orders to move or pack up. Failed a letter to Emma. Marched at dark and relieved part of the 10th Corps on the ground we left the 20th of June.
- Sept 25 - Came on picket reserve about 3 oc A.M. Some picket firing. Sunday Reed, a letter from Wilson and one from Emma. With the good news of a revival of religion at home & especially the glad tidings of Brother Franks & Sister Mary's confession of Faith in Jesus. Went on picket at dark. Was relieved about 10 oc and joined the Reg, which moved to the right half a mile and-laid behind the Breastworks all night.
- Sept 26 - Fell in under arms at 3 oc and stood til daylight, Moved at 9 oe a little to the right and had orders to go in camp in regular order. Write to Wilson in the forenoon. Reading several old papers which we found ih the "Bombproof" which we took possession of. Fixed up bunks and tables. We are camped in the old camp of the colored division of the 10 Corps. There was some shelling just at night, one man was wounded.
- Sept 27 - Came on picket last night after dark. Was up til after 12 oc, then laid down and slept til 3 oc., when called up and stay up til light. Considerable picket firing during the day, and some mortar shelling. Redd a letter from Geo. Davidson and answered it. Reading most of the afternoon. We are to stay on picket three days at a time.
- Sept 28 - Picket firing commenced at 3 oc when the Videtts came in. There was a truce in the afternoon between the lines. I had just got to sleep when a panic sprung up and firing was kept up a minute or two, but no rebs were seen this side their works. It quieted down and there was no more til after daylight. There was a terrible cannonading lasting til 12 oc, mostly mortars.
- Sept 29 - Stil on picket. Had a lively time all night, did not sleep much. Were relieved at noon and went back into camp. The Paymaster came and we signed the payrolls in afternoon and paid part of the Reg. when a fight broke out and we were ordered out on the picket line. Staid til 9 oc when we were taken back and staid all night.
- Sept 30 - I have made a mistake of one day. We were relieved today and everything took place today which I have got put down for the 29th.

BY-LAWS CHANGE PROPOSAL

We have a new proposed change to the by-laws submitted by Eric Ford to consider. It falls under **Section 1 Membership** paragraph 5 and reads as follows (the proposed language change is in RED):

5. A new probationary member must serve a probationary period of, at least, six months. **A former member rejoining the unit will be considered a probationary member.** ~~New~~ Probationary members should be diligent on attending as many events as possible during their probationary period as a way of showing their commitment to the unit and the hobby in order to be given consideration for full membership status. During this time, new members should complete the purchase of a regulation Federal Infantryman's uniform and Accouterments.

Per the current by-laws, this proposal will be published in 3 consecutive editions of the unit newsletter (beginning in this edition) and then discussed and voted on by the membership at the annual meeting in December.

We also have various other by-laws change proposals to discuss that I (your secretary) submitted to the membership earlier this year and were already published 3 times with no comments or objections submitted. These proposals were not yet voted on by the membership; this will be done at the upcoming annual meeting in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3~4 October - Seminary Ridge Living History – Our initial living history weekend on the grounds of the Seminary Ridge Museum in Gettysburg. The Seminary hasn't had an outside group do a living history on their property in quite some time, and Rusty and I have been working with the Seminary to make this one happen (and hopefully have the 53rd be invited back for others in the future), so it's imperative that we have a good turnout from the 53rd. Here is the tentative schedule:

9:00 AM Museum Opens (free for us)
9:30 AM Roll Call/Weapons Inspection
10:00 AM Drill/Firing Demonstration
11:00 AM Surgeon's Presentation
1~2:00 PM Cupola Tours (for event attendees)
2:30 PM Drill/Firing Demonstration
3:30 PM Surgeon's Presentation
5:00 PM Museum Closes

Arrive and be fully setup by 9:15 AM Saturday. Setup after 4 PM Friday is OK, too. I will be onsite by Friday at 4 PM to help set up our company street, guide guys so they know where the water and sinks are, etc. We will have firewood so a fire pit is allowed assuming we clean the area up at the event's end. We are tentatively planning on doing skirmish drill one afternoon and bayonet drill the other afternoon (during the drill segments of the schedule). Meals for the weekend are on our own; there are obviously lots of choices in and around town for Saturday evening supper should you so choose.

Kit is our normal 1862~1863 kit... shelter half, forage cap, sack coat or frock, sky blue trousers, etc.

In case we do skirmish drill (as tentatively planned), I'd suggest bringing 45 rounds and sufficient extra caps for the weekend. Ensure that your weapons are clean and serviceable before arriving; I will inspect weapons to start the event. A safety document (entitled "Rules and Regulations.docx") was emailed to all 53rd members on Sept. 2nd^h. Please print out and bring a copy with you as the museum requires each event participant to sign and return a safety form. A good showing from the 53rd is critical as we may also have, at least, one (and possibly 2) new recruit attending as well. **53rd MAX EFFORT!**

14 November – National Regiment Annual Meeting/Remembrance Day Parade – Gettysburg – The NR's unit reps and the NR Board of Directors meet to discuss the 2026 season and the upcoming 2027 (and 2028) list of events, etc. Afterwards, the NR participates in the annual Remembrance Day Parade through town. If you plan on marching in the Parade, please let Eric or myself know ASAP. **The Parade is an NR Max Effort.**

5 December – 53rd PA Annual Meeting – Beginning promptly at 9:30 AM. Mark Fasnacht has once again agreed to host our meeting in Kleinfeltersville. Please arrive no later than 9:15AM. We will discuss the 2026 season, 2027 events, a review of the NR's annual meeting (including the NR's 2027 schedule), treasurer's report, proposed by-laws changes, annual party/dinner, unit election (see below), etc. Please plan on bringing an item to share for lunch after the meeting. Please RSVP with Mark so he knows how many are attending and what you plan to bring to share for lunch. Mark's home is on the corner of Heidelberg and Millbach Roads. Parking is in the rear lot of the Trinity United Methodist Church which is across Millbach Road just a little north of Mark's home. You can use the Kleinfeltersville post office address in your GPS if needed: 2657 Heidelberg Ave, Kleinfeltersville, PA 17039. Mark lives across the street from the post office. His home is a light-colored 2 story with red roof.

UNIT ELECTION

This year, the civil officer positions of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are up for election. Please submit your nominations via email to President Alec Bohnenblust (pntbll499@gmail.com) by Oct. 31st. Before submitting your nomination, please contact whomever you'd like to nominate and ensure that that person is willing to accept your nomination. Per the by-laws, an election committee consisting of 3 members (not including any person on the ballot) will be formed at the annual meeting by the President and then ballots will be issued to members.

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. Kerry Williard is handling the sale of Dave Swigert items for Dave's wife. Marc and I assembled an inventory list with approximate values. Some items remain. The list is current as of April 2025. This is not the unit's quartermaster, but a separate list of items that Kerry is selling for the Swigart estate. Contact Kerry directly with all inquiries: shamokin71@aol.com (see the updated list below)

Quantity	Item Description	Detailed Description	Price
Uniform Clothing			
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	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
1 pairs	Grey Wool Socks -Modern		\$2.00/pr
2	Hats - Union & Confederate for children		\$1.00
Accoutrements			
1	Scabbord -Late war 7 Rivet		\$15.00
1	Gum Blanket	some cracking with oversized grommets	\$20.00
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/ea
1	Bag with Coffee	brown coffee	\$1.00/ea
2	Soap Bar		\$1.00/ea
1	box rifle cleaning kit	pads, steel wool, rags, etc	\$5.00
1 Pair	shoe tree		\$3.00
1	Green Army Duffle Bag		\$3.00
1	drawers for use as patches		\$1.00

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 January – Annual Party/Banquet – Dobbin House (Gettysburg)
 21~22 February – NR School of Instruction – Gettysburg – 53rd Max Effort
 14 March – Cartridge Rolling Party – Kleinfeltersville
 17~19 April – NR Camp of Instruction (Ft. McHenry) – 53rd Max Effort
 15~17 May – Bull Run Re-enactment – Brandy Station (NR)
 25 May – Hummelstown Memorial Day Parade
 14 June – Hummelstown – America 250th Living History
 8~9 August – Landis Valley “America 250 Celebration: Military Days” – 53rd Max Effort
 29~30 Aug. – Altoona (Baker Mansion)
 19 Sept. – 3rd MD Living History at Antietam
 3~4 October – Seminary Ridge Museum Living History – 53rd Max Effort
 7~11 October – Bulltown, WV. Organized by the 116th PA (NR)
 17~18 October – Cedar Creek Re-enactment
 14 November – NR Annual Meeting and Remembrance Day Parade (NR)
 5 December – 53rd PVI Annual Meeting - Kleinfeltersville



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

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Corporals: Mike Espenshade & Mike Brumbaugh

53rd PVI Private Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/53rdPVI>

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