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PASS IN REVIEW

From the quill of Lt. Colonel Pete Seielstad



Earlier this month I received a communication from the commander of the Black Hat Battalion, Craig DeCrane. (*Letter found in this issue of the Fugelman*) Now I know how the men of the Iron Brigade felt when they were told they would be consolidated with other units. As you know, after Gettysburg the 2nd Wisconsin was never the same fighting force again. The regiment was mustered out on July 2, 1864. New recruits and enlistees were consolidated into a battalion that was amalgamated with the 6th Wisconsin on November 30, 1864.

As Craig explains the hobby is changing and the units that had formed the BHB have lost numbers and/or have affiliated with other umbrella units. He is correct that the Black Hat Battalion is not as large as it once was. Many re-enactors, if you will, have 'aged-out'. But there will forever be a corps of people who will hunger for the knowledge learned by re-enacting the American Civil War. The schools will still host presentations; historical heritage sites will continue presenting the American civilian during the war years. Individuals will continue to don the uniform and equipment and head for the drill field and participate in an event in order to immerse themselves in the culture of the time period.

By the same token, there is a need for the Black Hats Battalion to continue. The BHB is an organization that mysteriously has no bylaws or dues. It is simply a collection of like-minded individuals who want a good time at an event with basic order and command structure.

With the help of others, I will do what I can to extend a helping hand to the members of the BHB and any other units who will rally to the flag, seeking representation on the field at events. From our success at the 150th Gettysburg, where we brought 140 men and officers, we should build and press forward our advantage. Friendships are the core of the BHB and they should continue.

Your obedient servant,

Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

EDITORIAL

Below our members will find a number of items in reference to the status of the Black Hat Battalion. The letter you will read from Col. Craig DeCrane is the second such letter he has written in the past year. It is clear that Col. DeCrane wanted to step down from leadership and given the years he has contributed to the Black Hats he should be allowed to do so with honor and the gratitude of all the member units. He has been faithful to the organization and for that we extend our sincerest thank you!

When this editor saw the last letter from Col. DeCrane it dawned on him that he was part of the problem, so to speak, and not part of the solution. With that in mind I sent a dispatch to Col. DeCrane indicating my willingness to provide the Black Hats with what this editor believes to be his strength, in some administrative position. Over the years this editor has had numerous opportunities to organize events, communicate with the members of both his Company K and the Association on various levels, and work with people in organizing, conducting and attending civil war events. He is grateful for those opportunities and now wishes to use them in a constructive way for the BHB.

Unbeknownst to the illustrious editor of *The Fugelman* others apparently were thinking the same thing. It seems there is a willingness to work to preserve the Black Hat Battalion. It now needs to be determined if the member units are willing to hold the course and preserve the unit. Once that is determined there is work to be done. The editor is calling on our people to consider what they want the Black Hats to be and how we can make the unit worth preserving. You need to communicate with your company and regimental leaders so they can consider and adopt those ideas to make the Black Hats a great organization! *The Fugelman* will keep all of us apprised of the developments in this endeavor.

Indeed the problems exist with communication and numbers turning out for events. The Black Hats can provide an opportunity to address these issues and others. By creating a cooperative network, as noted by the Lt. Col. We can come to the support of our comrades for those purposes. The telling response will be the preservation of a special unit at national events.

At these important events, with the knowledge and experience of an officer corps that has worked together in the past, can coordinate on the field quickly and effectively, and a body of troops who have trained and drilled together we can answer the call in a way admired by those who join us or simply observe our conduct on the field!

This editor looks forward to working with his brothers-in-arms to begin the process of restoring the Black Hats as an integral unit. It only lacks the determination by all involved to roll up their sleeves and go to work.

FINALLY LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OF YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY ON BEHALF OF OUR OFFICERS! THERE IS NO NEED TO DESCRIBE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DAY TO OUR MEMBERS. AFTER 238 YEARS THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IS STILL THE GOAL THAT DRIVES AMERICANS TO BETTER THEMSELVES!

THE PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

July 2014 Fugelman - President's Ponderings

The Fourth of July is a rightful day of celebration. It is celebrated annually and throughout our nation's history with fireworks, festivals, parades, and military salutes. Founding Father John Adams even wrote that “[the day] ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other...”. Every year American's have honored that idea with salutes of various natures. I'd like to take a brief moment to reflect on one very significant 4th of July celebration.

One hundred and fifty years ago, this was the first July 4th that many of the members of the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry had been able to celebrate at home after 3 long years. Having returned to Madison on June 18th to a grand reception, the first two companies were mustered out ten days later

on June 28th. The remaining six companies were mustered out the following day and with the majority on their way to their homes on June 30th.

As these veterans returned to their homes in time for the celebration of the nation's birth, they returned changed men. Many had left 3 years before in their youthful vigor and patriotic fervor. They returned hardened veterans, much of their innocent youth left on the fields of battle, in the horrors of field hospitals, and in the hardships of army life.

Though only the year before, the veterans of the 2nd celebrated their July 4th in their entrenchments at Gettysburg, where, as Lt. Charlie Dow wrote, "the stench from the battlefield was so strong that it would drive a dog out of a tanyard," these men returning home were no less dedicated to their patriotic duties as loyal citizens of the nation than they were when they first enlisted. As Gen. Lysander Cutler wrote in his farewell address to the 2nd Wisconsin upon their departure from the Army of the Potomac on June 10, 1864, "Among all these [hardships and trials] you have always been true to your flag and your country. You have never failed in any duty required of you. You have a right to be proud of your record. The State has reason to be proud of you."

As we continue to honor those brave men in what we do in this hobby, it is our duty to keep the words of General Cutler alive and memorialize the pride that all Wisconsinites should still hold high for the Brave Boys of '61 and those honored veterans of '64 who, after three long years of weary war, got the chance to celebrate the 4th of July at home with their families.

In that spirit, I wish you all a wonderful 4th of July and hope you all enjoy wonderful celebrations with friends, families, and fellow Americans.

Thank you for all you do for your communities, this organization, and the memory of those men from 150 years ago.

**Kindest regards,
Kevin**

**Kevin Hampton
President
2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association**

CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES OF THE COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATION

JULY

12th & 13th	Gibraltar Living History Weekend (Co.E)	Fishcreek,WI.
19th & 20th	56th VA & 2nd WI (Skirmish team)	Bristol, WI.
19th & 20th	Old Falls Villiage Reenactment (Co.E,Co.K, Batty B)	Menominee Falls,WI.
26th & 27th	Fort Wilkins Living History (Co.E)	Copper Harbor, MI.

REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES

BLACK HAT BATTALION LETTER

The following dispatch comes from Col. Craig DeCrane of the Black Hat Battalion. Col. DeCrane has done long and honorable service on behalf of the Battalion. It is unclear from the letter the basic reasons why it seems the time has come to muster out the Black Hats. But it seems from other correspondence this editor has seen that it is a question of a man who has carried the load for a long time and who wants to step back and take a well deserved rest, and a lack of men who will step up and lead.

One of the first “events” (other than drills) this editor attended was a large scale Black Hat drill and reenactment in Yorkville, Illinois. It was a great experience working with men from various other groups. There were things to learn, drills with a large number of men, and tactical exercises. While there may be other groups that could provide the type of umbrella organization provided by the Black Hat Battalion it would be sad to see an old and distinguished unit disappear!

Dear leaders and friends of the Black Hat Battalion,

This is going to be a difficult message to write and probably to hear. I knew it was coming, but I have been putting it off. Given the present state of affairs, I believe it is time to retire the Black Hat Battalion. The reasons are numerous - lack of a commander, low numbers in some units, difficulties with communication, the cost of travel, numerous options for affiliation, and whatever else. My suggestion to the member units is to explore other umbrella groups. The 2nd Wisconsin Association has been forging a good relationship with Bob Minton of Ohio. The 7th MI has elected to join the Great Lakes Battalion. The Cumberland Guard is still an excellent option. There is also the new Army of the Wabash in Indiana.

I hold no ill will with anyone, actually, just the opposite. I have many great friendships that were made possible by this battalion. This just happened. Times change. It was a beautiful run with a ton of great memories. Ask anyone in the hobby, they knew the Black Hats and what a fine unit it was.

Anyone who wants to re-establish the unit is welcome to start it up again. I still have the Black Hat Battalion flag.

It is hard to let go, but I knew it was time. I wish everyone well and hope to continue to see you in the reenacting community. The Black Hat Battalion has a well respected place in the history of reenacting. No one can change that.

Take care and I hope to see you around the campfire,

Craig DeCrane

THE BLACK HAT BATTALION & ITS FUTURE

In general, I believe the Black Hat Battalion [BHB] should continue as a viable unit on the field. By keeping lines of communication open, representing units in the central states, and attending national events with an officer corps that has the ability to come together and work for the benefit of the men in the ranks the Black Hats will endure.



As I expressed in my Pass in Review article, I will offer my time and talents for the continuation of the Black Hat Battalion. In this commentary I will ask for support, assistance and guidance for the future of the Black Hat Battalion.

First, I will never ask an element of the Black Hats to forfeit their unit identity. Secondly, I will ask every unit and individual to bring a unified battalion to the field at national events and to consider how we can accomplish such a task. Finally, it should be everyone's goal to preserve & uphold the memory of the American Civil War soldier.

My reply to Col Craig DeCrane's preliminary announcement:

Craig,

As the dust settles, a question remains to be answered and that is the future of the Black Hat Battalion. The Overland Campaign at Spotsylvania has passed and other events of interest for the BHB are fast approaching and we should let our members know that the Black Hats will still be represented on the field.

The main concern I have for the Black Hats is that we keep the line of communication open at all times. Utilizing communication and

coordinating events among our respective units will offer all of us an opportunity to come together on the field and be a cohesive organization.

The colonel's position and others have often shifted when called to command at higher levels. If the BHB colonel is absent, it is my opinion he can shift command to those who are qualified, willing and present at Black Hat Battalion events. This could be decided on an event-by-event basis. Example: The Black Hats are at an event hosted by the 17th Michigan. Doug Nosbich would then command the collective members of the BHB and act as colonel or whatever level of command is appropriate. The same could be applied when attending an event hosted by 2nd Wisconsin. At a National event, those attending could vote upon the command position or be assigned by the Colonel. The designated commander of BHB events would then structure his staff from other BHB units and allow companies to be led by their respective officers.

The primary concern for the Colonel of the Black Hat Battalion would then be to act as the center of communication for events, promote BHB events and coordinate a command structure to facilitate the objectives. An underlying responsibility for us as an organization would be to recruit other small units in the West that meet our criteria but are not represented by a larger organization like the Army of the Ohio or Cumberland Guard.

From our success at Gettysburg, where we were brought 140 men and officers, we should build and press forward our advantage. Friendships are the core of the BHB and they should continue.

Your obedient servant,

Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

There is an interest with members of the 2nd Wisconsin to keep the framework of the BHB intact and functioning. I have 3 men, Kevin Hampton & Dave Grootenhuis and Jim Dumke, who have offered their

support & services in the administrative side of the BHB.

If you were present at the meeting in Gettysburg 2013, you will know the state of the BHB has been in a holding pattern. Also, there were many who fell in with the BHB at 150th Gettysburg who were from smaller companies from Iowa, Wisconsin & Minnesota. They liked the BHB structure and unit recognition at this large national event. These companies have expressed interest in attending large events under the support of other BHB units. If you recall this is the same reason the BHB originated in the first place. (An interesting side note of the BHB is there are no bylaws, dues or high egos. It is simply a collection of like-minded individuals who want a good time at an event with basic order and command structure.)

While at Spotsylvania, Lance Dawson, who has fallen in with the BHB in the past, and Ben Cywana of Michigan as well as Bob Minton, understand that the hobby has changed. They wished to keep lines of communication open among units in order to focus on large events and come together in cooperation to offer a good working relationship with the officers and a great experience for the rank and file.

I believe that the BHB may be in a state of flux but not totally inactive. The 2nd Wisconsin and others are in a position to fill an officer corps for the BHB. Our practice in the Black Hats is to offer the positions of Colonel, Lt. Colonel, Major, Sgt. Major & Adjutant from all of the units in the battalion and keep the company officers in command of their own unit. And as always, the Black Hats can offer a place in the ranks for the individual or in battle line for a company while at events.

Friendship is the core of the Black Hats. Colonel DeCrane has offered his support as well as others. Let's seek new alternatives; if there is an idea to be shared let's hear it. With the end of the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War in 2015, there may well be a need for an organization like the Black Hat Battalion. Isn't it much better to be prepared for it? Let's begin by establishing that line of communication.

Your obedient servant,

Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

2nd Wisconsin Vol. Inf. Association

& Black Hat Battalion member

AN INVITATION:

The following communication was received at headquarters and Lt. Col. Seielstad released it for our edification. Given the focus of this month's newsletter on the status and continued functioning of the Black Hat Battalion, it gives us one more insight into the value of the organization. We appreciate the consideration and invitation extended by our comrades!

From Lance Dawson, the commander of the 2nd battalion 4th Brigade, - Overland Campaign 2014:

"One of my most fond memories was fighting in the ranks of the Black Hat Battalion at the 140th Franklin, and alongside them at many, many events.

Anyone and everyone from the famed Black Hat Battalion will always have a place in the ranks, and a warm spot by the fire with the AFB no matter where we throw our bedrolls."

YMOS,

Lance Dawson

Army of the French Broad River

AN IMPORTANT DISPATCH FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The following dispatch was received from Gary van Kauwenbergh. While the message is particularly applicable to the skirmishers, everyone in the Association uses caps. The costs and availability are important to the conduct of operations of the skirmishers and reenactors alike.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Percussion caps are getting more expensive and harder to find. Someone bought out everything Lodgewood had in stock, and they don't expect to have any more until October. Back Creek <http://www.blackpowderva.com/> is going to have them soon, but they have a minimum order of 2 thousand at \$78 per thousand, and shipping will be about \$18. If you need caps now, I recommend Back Creek.

Start thinking now about what you want for powder and caps. I want to get an order together to send out with someone going to the N-SSA Fall Nationals in October.

Pistol Caps. I have five tins of No. 10 CCI pistol caps available for \$3 per tin. Dixie Gun Works is selling them for \$7.95 per tin plus shipping. If you need No. 10 caps, I don't think you'll find them any cheaper.

Your obedient servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN WATERTOWN

Members of the Second Wisconsin:

On July 4th, 2014, the traditional Independence Day parade will take place in Watertown, Wisconsin. Bob Mann from Company K recently received confirmation from the First Brigade Band that they will participate in the parade again this year. They have extended an invitation to those who would like to participate to join them in the color guard. This notification was a last minute affair. The following details were provided by Bob Mann:

- We will gather in front of Heritage Hall**
- The address is 504 S. 4th Street, Watertown 53094**
- The men should arrive between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.**
- The group will move to the staging area at 10:00 a.m.**

It is always a pleasure to march with the First Brigade Band! It would be great to have a large presence of civil war reenactors in this year of commemoration for the events of 1864. If you live in or around Watertown please consider sharing part of your July 4th celebration with those who attend this parade. This day has so much meaning for Americans. President Lincoln always saw the Declaration of Independence as the creed for America. The Constitution was the vehicle by which we would reach the goals set out in the Declaration.

If you would be willing to join in for the parade please contact Bob Mann as soon as practical at ironbgd@hotmail.com so they will be aware of who will be showing up. And as always your participation would be deeply appreciated!

**2014 WINNER OF THE SECOND
WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER
INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED!
ATTENTION TO ORDERS**

**June 28th, 2014
From Green Bay, Wisconsin**

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I announce the winner of the 2013-2014 Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Scholarship. The winner is Michael Moran. Michael Moran is the son of Mike Moran, a long time member of Company K. Michael is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

On behalf of the members of the Association we extend our congratulations to this year's scholarship winner.

Dave Sielski

Association secretary

ATTENTION TO ORDERS



***Headquarters Sixth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, Near Belle Plains, Virginia,
April 4th, 1863***

His Excellency the Governor of Wisconsin:

Sir — On behalf of the regiment I have the honor to command, I return to the State of Wisconsin the regimental color presented this regiment in the summer of 1861.

We part with it reluctantly, but its condition renders it unserviceable for field service. When we received it, its folds, like our ranks, were ample and full; still emblematical of our condition, we return it, tattered and torn in the shock of battle. Many who have defended it, "sleep the sleep that knows no waking;" they have met a soldier's death; may they live in their country's memory.

The regiment, boasting not of deeds done, or to be done, sends this voiceless witness to be deposited in the archives of our State.

History will tell how Wisconsin honor has been vindicated by her soldiery, and what lessons in Northern courage they have given Southern chivalry.

If the past gives any earnest of the future, the "Iron Brigade" will not be forgotten when Wisconsin makes up her jewels.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Edward S. Bragg, Colonel commanding Sixth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers

OLD FALLS VILLAGE REENACTMENT

The weekend of July 19th and 20th, 2014, will be the gathering of troops from Company K, Company E and Battery B at Old Falls Village in Menominee Falls. This annual event on our calendars is a popular event for those who participate. Below is the schedule of events for the weekend. Further information on the requirements for the event should come from your specific companies.

Food and drink by (Info coming soon) and Northwoods Kettle Corn.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014 (10AM-5PM)

10:30 Infantry Drill

11:30 Artillery Drill with Cannon Fire by the Battery

12:00 Nursing Onboard the USS Red Rover, by Debra Keinert (Gazebo)

12:30 Period Fashion Show by Historical Timekeepers (Gazebo)
1:00 Shooting Competition (South side of Steichen House)
1:30 Pickets Posted (Troops get ready for battle)
2:00 Battle Re-enactment
3:00 Speaker: Jessica Michana as Sara Semple: "How War Affected An Appalachian Woman's Family." (Gazebo)

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014 (10AM-4PM)

10:30 Infantry Drill
11:00 Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin (Gazebo)
11:30 Artillery Drill w/ Cannon Fire by the Battery
11:45 The Elite and Ferocious Louves - the New York Fire Troop (by the Navy Camp)
12:30 Nursing Onboard the USS Red Rover by Debra Keinert (Gazebo)
1:30 Pickets Posted (Troops get ready for battle)
2:00 Battle Re-enactment
3:00 Speaker: President "Abe Lincoln" by Nicholas Bur (Gazebo)

SUNDAY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- **Children's Scavenger Hunt**
- **Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin (Gazebo)**
- **Visit Union and Confederate Camps**
- **Carriage Rides**
- **Historic Buildings open all day**
- **Food and Memorabilia Booths**

BOSCOBEL "MUSKETS & MEMORIES" EVENT

It seems hard to believe that we are only a month away from probably the best reenactment of the season. The "Muskets & Memories" event in Boscobel has become the highpoint of the season for almost the entire Association. The Association's skirmish Team will be in action throughout the weekend. Companies B and K always have a strong contingent and

even member of Company E join in the event. The battle scenarios are always interesting and challenging. Below you will find the schedule of events for the weekend.

While it is the purview of Company commanders to set the uniform requirements for each event this editor would note that the battle scenarios are Chancellorsville and day one at Gettysburg. Thus the Iron Brigade uniform and full dress hat would be appropriate given the time and place of the battles on Saturday and Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES, AUGUST 1-3, 2014

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Fri Aug 1	Activity	Location
9:00 am	Reenactor Registration begins	Kronshage Park
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	GAR Hall open to public	GAR Hall
5:00 pm	ACWSA Mortar Competition	Sportsman's Club
5:00 pm	Officer's call	Kronshage Park
8:30 pm	ACWSA Gatling Gun Night Firing	Sportsman's Club
Sat Aug 2	Activity	Location
8:00 am	Reenactor Registration continues	Kronshage Park
8:30 am	Officer's call	Kronshage Park
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Camp opens to public/Living history demonstrations	Kronshage Park

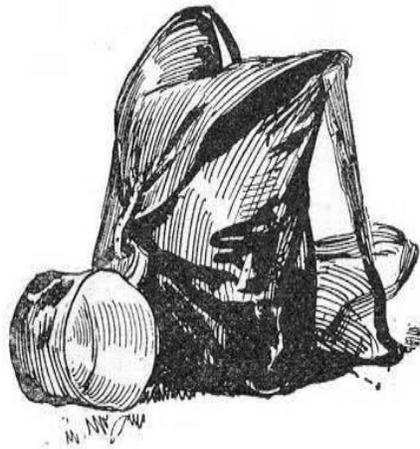
9:00 am - noon	Guided Encampment Tours - every ½ hour	Kronshage Park
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	GAR Hall open to public	GAR Hall
9:00 am - noon	ACWSA Indvl.Comp. "Hands on history" public participation	Sportsman's Club
9:15 am	ACWSA Revolver Team Competition	Sportsman's Club
10:00 am	Infantry and Cavalry drills	Kronshage Park
10:00 am	Bob Welch, Singer, Storyteller, Entertainer	Event Tent
10:15 am	ACWSA Smoothbore Team Competition	Sportsman's Club
11:00 am	Artillery drills	Kronshage Park
11:30 am	9th VA Cav/McGreagors Bat, Mail Call in camp	Kronshage Park
12:00 noon	Family Dance Lessons & Maypole Dance	Event Tent
12:30 pm	Safety inspection	Kronshage Park
12:30 pm	ACWSA Team Commanders Meeting	Sportsman's Club
12:45 pm	ACWSA Carbine Team Competition	Sportsman's Club
1:00 pm	<u>Battle Reenactment</u> - Chancellorsville	Battlefield
2:15 pm	Medical scenarios at encampment hospitals	Kronshage Park

2:30 pm	Bob Welch, Singer, Storyteller, Entertainer	Event Tent
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Ladies' Garden Party (period dress required)	17267 Oakes Rd.
3:30 pm	ACWSA Battle Royale, <u>Gatling Gun</u> and <u>Punt Gun</u>; Candy Mortar for kids	Sportsman's Club
4:30 pm	ACWSA Cannon competition	Sportsman's Club
5:00 pm	Camp closes to public	Kronshage Park
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Pie & Ice Cream Social	Tuffley Center Downtown
8:00 pm - Midnight	Military / Civilian Ball (period dress)	Downtown
9:45 pm	Grand March	Downtown
Sun Aug 3	Activity	Location
8:30 am	Officer's call	Kronshage Park
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Camp opens to public/Living history demonstrations	Kronshage Park
9:00 am - noon	Guided Encampment Tours, every ½ hour	Kronshage Park
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	GAR Hall open to public	GAR Hall
9:00 am	Church Call, 1860's Ecumenical Service	Event Tent
9:00 am	ACWSA Team Commanders Meeting	Sportsman's Club
9:15 am	ACWSA Opening Ceremonies	Sportsman's

		Club
9:30 am	ACWSA Musket Team Competition	Sportsman's Club
10:00 am	Pay Call	Kronshage Park
10:00 am	Infantry drills	Kronshage Park
10:00 am	Cavalry drills	Kronshage Park
10:00 am	Olson wedding vow renewal	Event Tent
11:00 am	K. Cieszki Discusses 19th Century Fabrics	Event Tent
11:30 am	9th VA Cav/McGreagors Bat, Pay Call	Kronshage Park
11:30 am	ACWSA Closing Ceremony and Awards	Sportsman's Club
12:00 noon	Artillery drills	Kronshage Park
1:00 pm	Safety inspection	Kronshage Park
1:30 pm	<u>Battle Reenactment</u> - Gettysburg opening day	Battlefield
2:15 pm	Medical scenarios at encampment hospitals	Kronshage Park
4:00 pm	Camp closes until August next year.	
Home-cooked breakfast & lunch, Sat. & Sun. at camp entrance.		

FROM THE CAMPS OF THE COMPANIES OF THE SECOND WISCONSIN

INFANTRY



COMPANY E

HERITAGE HILL EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

The weekend of June 21st and 22nd was the Heritage Hill event for Company E. From all reports from the field it was a very good event. A dispatch was received from Captain Charles Bagneski who wanted to express the gratitude of Company E and its members for the support received from Company K and everyone else who appeared to support this event. It is once

again a demonstration of how successful this Association can be when we undertake joint operations and provide support for the efforts of our comrades.

The event received very good coverage in the Copperhead press and you can see the video at:

http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/videonetwork/3635450729001?ncli ck_check=1

COMPANY K



The inventor, Dr. Thomas Holmes' wrote in his patent application that it would, "...facilitate the carrying of badly wounded dead bodies hurriedly away that could not otherwise be quickly removed for the want of proper conveyances, or difficulty to procure boxes or coffins for removing the dead, as the boxes or coffins cannot be so easily transported or handled on the field of battle."

MILTON MONUMENT DEDICATION CEREMONY SET FOR JULY 5TH, 2014

The Fugelman received the following dispatch from Company K Captain, Ryan Holbrook. This event was not on the Company schedule. It would be great to have a significant presence at this event. It would give the Company some exposure in Rock County and the surrounding area. In the last year this editor has participated in four activities in and around Janesville. The most common expression I hear is that they didn't know there was a unit in this area.

This event also gives us an opportunity to commemorate the dedication of a monument to civil war soldiers from Milton. This is always a good reason to show up and do our duty. There were a couple of Milton residents who were members of Company D of the Second Wisconsin. *Also the editor, without overstepping his bounds, would point out that white gloves would be appropriate given the commemorative-ceremonial nature of the event. Please contact Captain Holbrook if you plan to attend this event and whether you will be attending the dinner afterwards so plans can be finalized!*

Dear all,

So far I do not have a ton of new details for this. However I will be meeting with the organizers on Sunday. More details will follow then. Here is what I know so far.

- **The dedication starts at 2:00 pm. on July 5th. They would like us there at 1:15.**
- **We will gather at my house no later than 1:00 pm. Try to show up at 12:30 or so. We can then carpool up to the park. If you cannot make it to my house by 1:00 but can make it to Milton by 2:00 let me know and I will provide directions to the park.**
- **My address is 820 E. High St. Milton, WI 53563**
- **They would like us to post guards on either side of the Civil War Memorial for the entirety of the speeches and presentations. We will rotate guards periodically.**
- **Everyone is encouraged to attend including the civilians.**
- **Immediately following the event I will host a bar-b-que at my house. Bring a dish to pass.**

If you are able to make it please let me know. I need a new head count as I know schedules change and the last time I asked was 3 weeks ago. I will provide more information after Sunday.

**Best Regards,
Captain Ryan Holbrook
Company K Second WI**

**RECENTLY RECEIVED DISPATCH FROM THE
HEADQUARTERS OF COMPANY K
UPDATE ON MILTON EVENT**

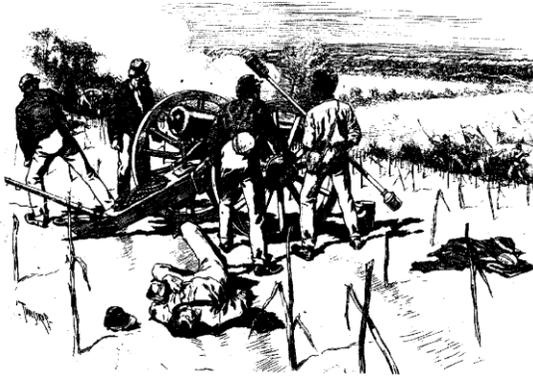
Dear All,

Sunday Update.

The only things I have to add are:

- **During the ceremony there will be music, speeches and 21 gun salute.**
- **We will not be firing. Instead we will be standing guard over the memorials. The largest one is the Civil War Memorial that has the names of 39 men from Milton who were killed in the war.**
- **We will rotate guards every 15 mins. There will be shade for those who are not on guard mount. While on guard duty we will be alternating standing at Parade Rest and In Place rest.**
- **There will be a place to sit for any non military that show up.**
- **The ceremony will take approx. 1.5-2 hrs.**
- **4 of the names on the memorial were members of the 2nd Wisconsin Company H. (1 died after Bullrun from wounds received, 1 died after Antietam from wounds received and two were killed at Gettysburg.)**
- **I believe there will be lots of media coverage which will be great for recruitment and our unit info is on the Handout they are sending out.**

ARTILLERY



SAUK CITY EVENT

The following photos were provided by Lyle Laufenberg from the Sauk City event held over the Fathers' Day weekend. The location of the event is a beautiful site along the Wisconsin River. Artillery units from Cushing's Battery, Pellham's Battery and Battery B were accounted for during the event. Infantry from Company K of the Second Wisconsin Volunteers also took part in the event.

The photos below of the night firing are pretty awesome in their spectacle! There is a photo of our comrades from the Iron Brigade Battery (B). Another "well done" to all who participated in this event.







THE SKIRMISH TEAM



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE APPLETON SKIRMISH

The following photographs were taken by Pam Kirk and appeared on the Skirmish team website. The caption speaks for itself.



Figure 1 You say you are looking for a target? I volunteer!!



Figure 2 I sure hope that's a soda pop in your hand!

The following article was dispatched to The Fugelman by Gary Van Kauwenbergh. Although this is not entirely focused on the civil war, the information provided is of interest to the historian that resides deep in each of us. Maybe the article will motivate some one else to travel to see these same sites.

VISITING THE STEAMBOATS ARABIA AND BERTRAND MUSEUMS

Gary Van Kauwenbergh

Visits to the museums for the sunken steamboats Arabia and Bertrand have long been on my bucket list, and I recently went to both. The steamboat Arabia sank in 1856, and the Bertrand in 1865. You can find the story of the Arabia at <http://1856.com/> , and the story of the Bertrand at http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/bertrand/bertrand.pdf I'm not going to recount their stories here, but thought I'd share a few notes on the items I thought were most interesting.

Notes on both wrecks: I was surprised to see most of the forks had two tines rather than three. Bottled ketchup, mustard, sauces of all kinds were abundant. There was a lot of jarred fruit, pickles and relishes and canned

oysters, sardines, powdered yeast, fruits of all kinds. Boxes of loose matches were on both wrecks, the pre-war Arabia had wooden match safes, but the post-war Bertrand had elaborate metal match safes with roll-top doors. . No sewing machines were found on either wreck. Both wrecks had plenty of jackknives of various designs aboard. Silks and wools survived, but nothing that was made of cotton. Apparently, part of the cotton manufacturing process is bleaching, and there was a residue left over that the curators speculated led to their decomposing.



Arabia Notes: Over four thousand pairs of new shoes were found in the hold, and according to one of the salvagers/restorers we talked to every one of them had wooden peg construction. Oddly enough, one of the first items the found was a single, worn shoe caught in the paddle wheel that had a rubber sole marked 'Goodyear'.

They had both one-piece clothes pins, and two-piece 'pincher' clothes pins, but the pincher type had a simple coil spring between the undersides of the handles rather than the multi-bend spring at the axis that you see today.

About a third of the items recovered from the Arabia still need to be restored. All the items that have been preserved are displayed, and the ones that aren't are still frozen in water off site.

Bertrand Notes: The footwear found was a mix of pegged and sewn construction, and hob nailed soles and cleated heels were present. There were lots of cans of Lemonade and essence of coffee.

There were hundreds of both long handled and D-handled shovels on board, most made by the Ames manufacturing company that's still in business today. Unlike today's one-piece, stamped head construction, the heads were multiple pieces riveted together and the D-handles were made of wood. There were no rolled edges on the top of the heads where you would put the arch of your foot when digging.



Howitzer shot and shell, along with Maynard carbine bullets to resupply one of the forts along the way were in the hold. There were also wooden casks of black powder, along with lead bars and bullet molds. There was an interesting box of rubber raincoats made by the Goodyear Company.

Preservation of all the items from the Bertrand is complete, and while everything isn't displayed, example of every item is in the exhibit.

I'm not sure I'd recommend a trip just to see either museum to everyone, but I combined the trip with visits to the State Capitol buildings of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, certainly enjoyed visiting them both.



CIVIL WAR MILESTONES

JULY

- July 1, 1863** **A. P. Hills troops encounter John Buford's cavalry along the Chambersburg Pike and the Battle of Gettysburg commences. Late in the afternoon and long into the night reinforcements under General Hancock's and General Meade's direction arrive on the battlefield.**
- July 2, 1863** **Late in the afternoon the rebels under General James Longstreet attack Meade's left wing. After a desperate struggle the attack is blunted and the Union troops hold their positions on Cemetery Ridge. Troops under General Ewell's command attack the right wing on Culp's Hill but to no avail as the Union forces hold.**
- July 3, 1863** **The battle at Gettysburg comes to a conclusion when the Pickett-Trimble-Pettigrew attack on the Union center fails with the rebels suffering great losses in the attempt. The attack was preceded by a huge artillery contest for over an hour.**
- July 4, 1863** **Grant compels the surrender of Vicksburg after a siege of over a month on the fortified city.**
- July 5, 1801** **Admiral David G. Farragut, U.S.A., born.**
- July 7, 1863** **Union Conscription Act becomes effective, creating discontent, especially in New York.**
- July 9, 1863** **Port Hudson surrenders.**
- July 13, 1821** **Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, C.S.A., born.**

- July 13, 1861** **Union forces secure West Virginia.**
- July 13, 1863** **A mob in New York City storms a draft office beginning 4 days of riots in which hundreds were killed or injured and caused 1.5 million dollars in damages to the City.**
- July 18, 1863** **The famed black regiment, the 54th Massachusetts leads an unsuccessful attack on Battery Wagner, suffering heavy losses including its colonel, Robert Gould Shaw.**
- July 21, 1861** **THE FIRST BATTLE OF BULL RUN—this is the 150th anniversary of the battle.**
- July 29, 1862** **The CS Alabama sails out of England.**
- July 30, 1864** **The Battle of the Crater.**

SETTING THE STAGE FOR LINCOLN'S FUNERAL

BY LAUREN P. DUNCAN



It is still a year before Lincoln's 150th anniversary funeral reenactment. But to event organizer Katie Spindell, it seems like there's no time at all.

Spindell is chair of the the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition, which has been working since 2009 to arrange a grand restaging of Lincoln's funeral procession into Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery, where his body was eventually laid to rest May 4, 1865.

Spindell and the other nine members of the coalition have been piecing together different historical aspects of the scene. The coalition has been working to re-create a funeral that adheres as closely to the 1865 event as possible, but also pays tribute to Lincoln.

The group recently received a donated flag to drape over the coffin. It is an exact replica of the original flag used in Lincoln's funeral and was made and donated by the same family-owned company that made the flag for Lincoln's funeral.

Another recent addition to the event comes with the announcement that P.J. Staab and the Staab funeral home family will rebuild a replica of the original elaborate hearse that carried Lincoln's coffin.

A coffin is being created and donated by three groups: the Chautauqua Historical Society, Historic Elsie Foundation and Grafton Historical Society. If it weren't for the in-kind donations such as the coffin, hearse and flag, which make up about half of the event's budget, then the event wouldn't be possible, Spindell said.

"It's important for the communities of Springfield to realize the importance of this," she said.

The event, set for May 2-3, 2015, is tentatively set to start at Sixth and Washington streets. The reenactment will include horses and props provided by Carl Luthin, who provided the horses for Steven Spielberg's Lincoln. Additionally, David Kloke, owner of Kloke Locomotive Works in Elgin, is working to re-create the train car that brought Lincoln's body from Washington, D.C., to Springfield.

A gate at Oak Ridge Cemetery that Lincoln's hearse and accompanying soldiers filed through on the way to the receiving tomb is also being renovated. The upgrade is both a part of the event and a cemetery improvement, according to Sue Massie, member of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation.

Massie said the gate, which according to photographs and drawings from the time appears to have been wooden, was later replaced by a stone wall that still partially stands along the North Third Street entrance. The gate sets along the west side of Lincoln Park, and a chain link fence runs alongside it.

"We are planning to reproduce the original archway and gate to the best likeness that we can of the original one, and that kind of plays into the 2015 event, but also just provides future improvement to the cemetery. It's something that was original and an educational kind of attraction," Massie said.

The entire area is being repaired with storm water detention work and grading, and a sidewalk along Third Street will be realigned. Work will begin in June, Massie said.

Additionally, John Goetz, president of R. D. Lawrence Construction

Company in Springfield, is working on the renovated entrance and is providing general contractor services free of charge, as are other contractors.

Although the cemetery foundation is collecting donations for the entrance renovation, Massie said the donation of materials and services has been vital to the process.

“It’s apparent that the cemetery doesn’t have extra funds right now,” she said.

While the entrance may only be relevant for the two days of the funeral reenactment, she said the foundation hopes it can be used for other events, such as those like the Moonlight Marathon that runs through the cemetery at night.

“I think the hope is that there can be more activities and greater use of the cemetery,” she said.

One upcoming event at the cemetery will be a Memorial Day picnic set for 1 to 4 p.m. May 24 at Lincoln’s Tomb. The picnic will feature 12 special or historic trees, including a cottonwood that recently received some work by volunteers Sam Tidball, Guy Sternberg and Mick Weissberg. They installed dynamic cables, which are 10,000-pound test polyester ropes that will help the tree survive storms. The picnic will include guided tours of the trees, along with new plaques for each one that will include smart phone technology linking to more information online about the trees.

<http://illinoistimes.com/article-13944-setting-the-stage-for-lincoln%25E2%2580%2599s-funeral.html>

The following information on the commemoration of President Abraham Lincoln’s funeral is provided for your consideration. This editor would point out the amazing steps they are taking to make this event as accurate as is humanly possible.

There are a couple of things that folks may want to consider when weighing a decision to attend this event. The first concern is that due to the presence of national and international dignitaries there is a requirement that everyone in possession of a weapon must carry a FOID card. Security will be very tight for this event. The editor has contacted Ted Henry, the coordinator for reenactors for this event, to

determine if that requirement will apply to attendees from states that do not require FOID cards for their citizens. In the past the Illinois events attended by the editor only required that out of state residents carry ID in lieu of the FOID card. [As the newsletter was getting ready to go to press the editor received a response from Col. Henry. Wisconsin residents will only need to have Wisconsin ID on their person. You will not be required to carry a FOID card.]

When an individual or unit signs up they have two options for parades. The first parade (on Saturday) is from the railroad station, where the funeral train will arrive, to the Old State Capitol where the coffin will be on display. This is a parade of roughly one mile in length. On Sunday the funeral parade to Oak Ridge Cemetery will take place. This is a much longer parade. The distance will be 3 miles in length. A unit can do one or both at their option.

THE DEVELOPING VISION OF THE 2015 LINCOLN FUNERAL COALITION™

2015 will be an extraordinary year for re-enactors, individuals and organizations that are steeped in Civil War history. This year not only brings to a close the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, it will remind the world of the 150th anniversary that changed the course of American History – the death of President Abraham Lincoln.

For the first time since 1865, thousands of re-enactors, civilians, period carriages, visitors and dignitaries will, on MAY 2 – 3- 2015, convene in Springfield Illinois to pay tribute to our 16th President with superb events and, the unparalleled historic and solemn recreation of the funeral procession to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

This once in a lifetime 150th Anniversary Commemoration will begin on APRIL 14, 2015 with “Our American Cousin”. Scholarly symposia will take place throughout APRIL 2015; Benedictine University at Springfield will present a poetry, visual arts, and musical event on MAY 1, 2015; a special concert by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra will take place the evening of MAY 2, 2015 and, from MAY 2 – 3, 2015, conclude the commemoration with a two-

day historic reenactment of the 1865 memorial procession and ceremony for President Abraham Lincoln.

(Although MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 is the official anniversary date of President Lincoln's burial, the above dates were selected to preclude weekday business disruption.)

[Click here for the map of the funeral route.](#)

United States and international dignitaries are cordially invited to participate.

Abraham Lincoln scholars are cordially invited to participate in the event symposia.

Springfield residents and businesses primarily along the processional route are invited to decorate the exterior of their home or site in Victorian-era mourning. In October 2014, an order form will be sent via email to all interested parties.

Period photographs exist for the accurate decoration of the Lincoln Home and storefronts around the Old Capitol Plaza area. Reasonable assumptions may be made to appropriately decorate the Edwards Place, Elijah Iles House, and individual homes and businesses along the historic route **TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2015**

TICKETED EVENT (performance time TBA)

A special performance of *Our American Cousin* (the melodrama comedy attended by Abraham and Mary Lincoln on the night of his assassination)

Directed by Pam Brown in conjunctions with the Springfield Theatre Centre

Venue: Hoogland Center for the Arts

THE SCHOLARLY SYMPOSIA BEGIN APRIL 15, 2015

A number of renowned scholars plan to participate. Their names and schedule will be posted on this website in the future.

Venue options MAY include:

The Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Illinois State Museum, University of Illinois at Springfield

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 - noon & 7 pm

CONCERT (Free and open to the public; no reservation or ticket needed)

Lincoln and the Music He Loved

Robin Austin, Springfield Park District Carillonneur, performs a concert on the historic

Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this tribute to Lincoln.

For more information: <http://carillon-rees.org/>

Venue: Washington Park, Springfield Illinois

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

ENCAMPMENTS

Civil War military and civilian re-enactors from throughout the United States will set up encampments in appropriate locations around Springfield.

Civil War military & civilian re-enactor

registration: http://lincolnfurcoalition.org/participant_info.php

Encampment locations include:

Benedictine University at Springfield, Enos Park Neighborhood, Lincoln and / or Douglas Park;

SYMPOSIUM (Free and open to the public; no reservation or ticket needed)

“Mourning Father Abraham: Lincoln’s Assassination and the Public’s Response”

Place: Brookens Auditorium, UIS campus

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Speakers: Dr. Michael Burlingame, UIS; Additional speakers TBA

For more information: Barbara Ferrara, 217-206-7094

THE BEGINNING WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

Civil War encampments open for public viewing in locations around Springfield.

Encampment options MAY include:

Benedictine University at Springfield, Enos Park Neighborhood, the Illinois State Fairgrounds, Lincoln and / or Douglas Park;

Local schools will participate through curriculum, visiting Civil War camps and special exhibits.

EVENING (ticketed events)

Benedictine University at Springfield will present “*Abraham Lincoln through the Arts: Performances of Poetry, Music, and Visual Arts Celebrating the Essence of Lincoln*”.

Venue: Hoogland Center for the Arts.

Lincoln’s Life

A spectacular musical celebration of Lincoln’s life and legacy featuring the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, community organizations and special guests led by Music Director Alastair Willis.

8:00 p.m.

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts
Bloomington, Illinois

THE REENACTMENT

DAY ONE - SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

Civil War military & civilian re-enactor

registration: http://lincolnfurcoalition.org/participant_info.php

Anticipated morning arrival at the current Springfield Amtrak Station on Third Street, a funeral train accurate to the period carrying current dignitaries, historic officials, representatives and the replicated coffin of President Lincoln.



Note:

Mosby Woodwork, Grafton, IL, Historic Elsay Foundation, Grafton Historical Society and the Chautauqua Historical Society will be replicating the Lincoln coffin.



In 1865, Annin Flagmakers made the original flag that draped President Lincoln's coffin. In 2015, the replicated coffin will be draped by a 36 star flag specially manufactured by Annin Flagmakers.



A specially built replica of the original Lincoln hearse will be used.

The Staab Family of Springfield, Illinois and Jack G. Feather, Tombstone Hearse Company, Tombstone, Arizona will recreate this historic vehicle which will be a centerpiece of the 150th Anniversary Commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's funeral. The Staab family plan to host a formal unveiling and dedication ceremony prior to the weekend of May 1 – 3, 2015.

The recreated hearse, horse-drawn carriages and procession will follow the historic route from the Amtrak station to Washington and 6th Street. Procession participants must be in 1860s-period attire.

Dignitaries, Color Guard, Civil War Reenactors and direct descendants of the original Honorary Pallbearers will participate in the opening commemorative

ceremony. Mourning Sashes for Pallbearers provided by Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. To date, six descendants of the original twelve Pallbearers have been located.

After the opening ceremony, a candlelight vigil will take place throughout the night at Washington and 6th Street.

Civil War encampments open for public viewing.

Impromptu concerts by Civil War era bands take place at a variety of venues throughout the afternoon.

Venue options include:

Local churches, Benedictine University at Springfield, Lincoln and / or Douglas Park

EVENING (ticketed event)

Lincoln's Life

A spectacular musical celebration of Lincoln's life and legacy featuring the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, community organizations and special guests led by Music Director Alastair Willis.

8:00 p.m.

Sangamon Auditorium
Springfield, Illinois

Day two - SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015

Local churches are encouraged to use 1865 liturgy and drape or decorate the church in period mourning.

For information, contact Don Foster at: donfosterchurches2015@comcast.net

The funeral vigil ends mid-morning to facilitate arrangements for the historic procession to take place.

The funeral procession begins with the replica of the original Lincoln hearse, horse-drawn carriages, Civil War and civilian reenactors along with numerous other period groups. Procession participants must be in 1860s-period attire.

With adjustments for safety and modern-day streets, the funeral procession will follow the historic route to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Due to the wonderful efforts of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Foundation, the funeral procession will be able to enter through the recreated First Street entrance and proceed to the old receiving vault.



Clergy and Civil War Reenactors present the appropriate eulogy, speeches and salutes at the old public receiving vault.

A choral group and Civil War era musicians perform the music originally conducted during this ceremony.



The 150th Anniversary Commemoration concludes.

The Coalition resolutely believes that this event will greatly benefit the State of Illinois as well as the City of Springfield. To ensure the success of this endeavor, we welcome a cooperative relationship with interested participants.

http://lincolfuneraltrain.org/2015_event.php

**150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
APPOMATTOX CAMPAIGN
AND THE SURRENDER OF
THE ARMY OF NORTHERN
VIRGINIA**

It appears to this editor that there are only two really relevant 150th commemorations for the members of the Second Wisconsin Volunteers in 2015. Above the editor has provided information on the commemoration of Lincoln's death and funeral taking place in Springfield, Illinois. Below one can find basic information on the developing 150th anniversary of the 1865 Appomattox Campaign.

Since the Association often makes a decision on the upcoming National event at the Wade House in September the newsletter will try to provide information on both events for the membership so they can make an informed decision.

Those interested in visiting Appomattox for the 150th Anniversary should know that there will many programs in the park, at the Museum of the Confederacy - Appomattox, and a large scale reenactment (sponsored by the Appomattox County Historical Society) at the Industrial Park located 2 miles north of Appomattox along Highway 26. The collective Appomattox events will begin April 8 (anniversary of the Battle of Appomattox Station) and run through the afternoon of April 12 (anniversary of the Stacking of Arms). Nearby accommodations can be found in Appomattox, Lynchburg, and Farmville, Virginia. There will be a press release in May (2014) that will provide more detail of the programs offered, special guest speakers, etc.

[Click here to get more information on "Civil War Conversations," a series of free lunchtime talks presented by The Museum of the Confederacy and Appomattox Court House NHP.](#)

There are many opinions about when the Civil War began. Some point to the firing on Ft. Sumter, South Carolina on April 12, 1861, or to the first major land battle at Manassas, Virginia on July 21, 1861. Others feel that the Civil War was foretold when John Brown and his followers raided Harper's Ferry, Virginia on October 16, 1859. Politically though, many agree that the election of Abraham Lincoln in November 1860 sealed the nation's fate toward war.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Nation's greatest conflict, Appomattox Court House NHP will be submitting monthly articles to chronicle this epic struggle. [Read these history-packed articles and follow the war month-to-month.](#)

The 150th anniversary of the Civil War is being celebrated by issuing Civil

War commemorative trading cards. There are 189 trading cards available at National Parks throughout the Northeast and National Capitol Regions. These cards are intended to encourage participants to think about the significance of the historic civil war sites visited. [Click here to see the trading cards being issued by the Appomattox Court House National Park.](#)



The National Park Service [website](#) commemorates a defining event in our nation's history and its legacy in the continuing fight for civil rights. The issues at the heart of the Civil War remain relevant today: equality for all Americans, the appropriate reach of the federal government, and the effort to reconcile differing cultural values under a single national flag.



The goal of the State of Virginia's sesquicentennial commemoration [website](#) is to better understand our past by examining many facets of the Civil War from many perspectives: Union, Confederate and African-American; battlefield as well as home front; and military tactics as well as cultural and social legacies.

Did You Know?



As General Lee left the McLean House, according to History of the 198th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, "one of our bands, near by, through the generous impulse of the moment, struck up the appropriate air of Auld Lang Syne." (Original instrument is exhibited at Appomattox Court House NHP.)

LINCOLN'S YARNS AND STORIES

DESERTER'S SINS WASHED OUT IN BLOOD.

This was the reply made by Lincoln to an application for the pardon of a soldier who had shown himself brave in war, had been severely wounded, but afterward deserted:

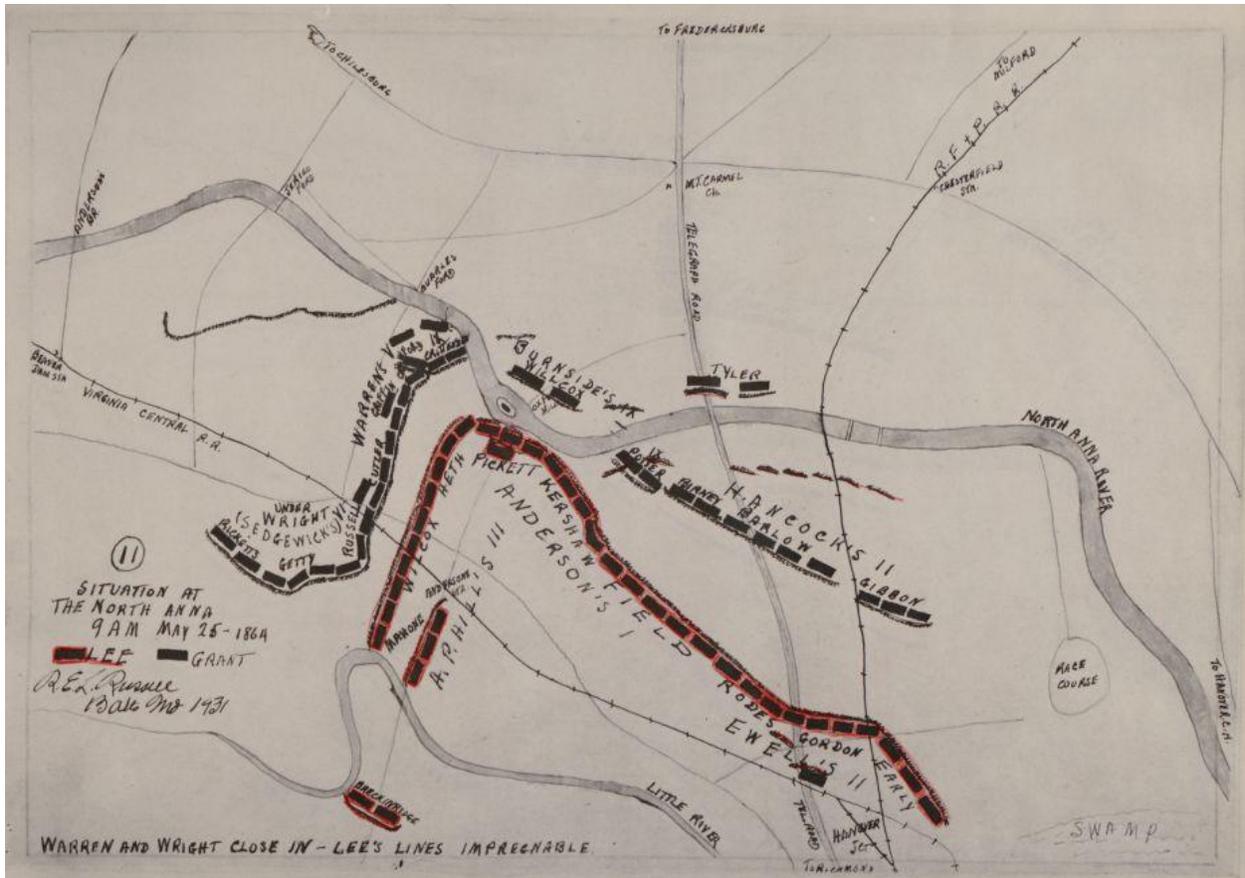
"Did you say he was once badly wounded?"

"Then, as the Scriptures say that in the shedding of blood is the remission of sins, I guess we'll have to let him off this time."

SURE CURE FOR BOILS.

President Lincoln and Postmaster-General Blair were talking of the war.

"Blair," said the President, "did you ever know that fright has sometimes proven a cure for boils?" "No, Mr. President, how is that?" "I'll tell you. Not long ago when a colonel, with his cavalry, was at the front, and the Rebs were making things rather lively for us, the colonel was ordered out to a reconnoissance. He was troubled at the time with a big boil where it made horseback riding decidedly uncomfortable. He finally dismounted and ordered the troops forward without him. Soon he was startled by the rapid reports of pistols and the helter-skelter approach of his troops in full retreat before a yelling rebel force. He forgot everything but the yells, sprang into his saddle, and made capital time over the fences and ditches till safe within the lines. The pain from his boil was gone, and the boil, too, and the colonel swore that there was no cure for boils so sure as fright from rebel yells."



Russell, Robert E. L.

[Baltimore : s.n., 1931-1933]

"Lee's famous "hog-snout" line."

"Read numerically."

Maps 1 to 4 are dated 1933.

Annotated in pen-and-ink, crayon and pencil with blank leaves at end. Confederate troop positions are colored red.

Reference: LC Civil War Maps (2nd ed.), 591

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