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**FU-GEL-MAN: A well-drilled soldier placed in front of a military company as a
model or guide for others.**

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PASS IN REVIEW

From the quill of Lt. Colonel Pete Seielstad



Thank you to all who attended the 2nd Wisconsin Association's annual meeting. It is always good to see interest taken seriously about the business at hand. Robert's Rules of Order are loosely used and in spite of it all things actually do get accomplished. Several items were on the table and events were chosen.

The national for the 2nd Wisconsin is the Lincoln Funeral Train event in Springfield Illinois on May 1 & 2, 2015. *(More details in this issue)* Because there is a desire to attend a more regional event and encourage a closer relationship with neighboring units, we will be heading to Wauconda, Illinois in the month of July on the 11th & 12th. This will be the regional Association event. It will be a short trip considering the daylong journeys to the big national event we normally undertake. Company E will host Heritage Hill in Green Bay on the weekend of June 20th. There is of course, a complete calendar of events. Check them out and make plans to attend those that you can.

Elections for corporate president and secretary went so fast that I didn't hear the train go by as Kevin Hampton & David Sielski were ~~railroaded~~ elected to another term at their posts. Thank you gentlemen for your continued service in the 2nd Wisconsin Association.

It seems the Medical Field Command will get revived as Jim Dumke presented a commitment to re-establish it. With a lot of study and work we may see the re-emergence of surgeons and medical corps personnel at more of 2nd Wisconsin events.

Ryan Schwartz introduced two sound ideas: The creation of a recruiting arm of the association where new members can learn the basics from a collection of instructors from each of the companies & batteries and the development of a recruiting video.

In its infant stages these are two fine proposals that will increase a unified effectiveness within the 2nd Wisconsin Association. Let's all help out in some way so these may come to fruition.

Another pleasing accomplishment for the members is the continuation of the scholarship. Can there be a better way to think forward into the future than to support one of our own in his/her education.

Again, thanks to all who attended!

Your obedient servant,

Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

**REPORT TO THE SECOND WISCONSIN
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY ASSOCIATION**

JANUARY 31, 2015

LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETE SEIELSTAD

The sesquicentennial appearances of the 2nd Wisconsin concluded in Spotsylvania Virginia in May 2014 during General U.S. Grant's Overland Campaign. This event crowned a 3-year campaign on the battlefields in the Eastern Theater of War. To have attended Manassas, South Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg and Spotsylvania is a full measure in participation and surpasses the over-all experience of a term of enlistment. Second Wisconsin Association members who participated in all of these events can be proud of their accomplishment.

The 2015 Campaign schedule has yet to be determined. For many Appomattox or Saylor's Creek could be the final campaign of the sesquicentennial events. For others the opportunity to participate in the Lincoln Funeral Train could be a solemn reminder that father Abraham was unable to complete his task and have a hand in the reconstruction of the country after the guns fell silent.

Our companies of the Association reached out through public demonstrations, school programs, living history events and re-enactments; thus confirming its dedication through service. The Second Wisconsin is very active in education. Each company hosts an annual school day presentation at some level. Additionally, the membership of the Association offer scholarships to its members with confidence that such a program can continue. With these two simple programs the Second Wisconsin Association touch the lives of countless people.

All members of the 2nd Wisconsin Association should have these aspirations: Communication, Recruiting and attention to detail.

COMMUNICATION, All members must be informed and up-to-date on the affairs of the 2nd Wisconsin Association at all levels.

RECRUITING, without new members the 2nd Wisconsin cannot continue as a viable force on the field. As a result we could lose our identity as we are attached to other re-enacting units.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL in uniform requirements and a proper portrayal. **Our efforts in the portrayal of the American Federal soldiers have continued to evolve and with dedication to these goals we raise the bar for other organizations. We must attend and create quality events and demonstrate skill in drill. As well as presenting the Federal soldier in correct uniform, we must develop a unique first-person portrayal of the soldier. By participating in activities that require immersion beyond the half-hour battle, members of the 2nd will enhance the level of portraying the American Civil War. To achieve this we must share and expand our knowledge through training from the drill manuals, personal study on uniforms and equipment, reading unit histories and individual diaries. All members of the 2nd Wisconsin Vol. Inf. Association must achieve a higher standard in the field by becoming well skilled in: school of the soldier, school of the company, uniform specifications and proper portrayal of the men of the Second Wisconsin Vol. Inf., 6th Wisconsin Battery and Battery B, 4th US Artillery 1861-1865**

Most of this report has been addressed before in “*PASS IN REVIEW*” articles and in other reports to the 2nd Wisconsin that I have written. Nonetheless the message remains the same. “*We are the voice of the soldier long ago forgotten. We cannot let his voice fade away into the brittle pages of history.*”

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

**CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES OF
THE COMPANIES AND
ASSOCIATION**

Feb. 28th Spring drill Company K-Waterloo High School Waterloo, WI

Feb. 28th-Mar. 1 Historical Trade Fair—Company E Oshkosh, WI

REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2015 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

On January 31st, 2015, the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association held its annual meeting in Fox Lake Wisconsin. The minutes of that meeting will appear in a future edition of the *Fugelman*, but below you will find some of the highlights of the meeting.



Figure 1 MEMBERS ARRIVE FOR THE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

MAXIMUM EFFORT EVENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATION IN 2015

Three specific events were singled out for maximum effort in 2015. The first was a “national” event. The event selected was the Lincoln Funeral event in Springfield, Illinois. Lt. Col. Sielestad noted that the 24th Michigan was attending and members of the Black Hat Battalion were banding together to create one large contingent for the event. It is likely the men from the Second Wisconsin will be a part of this group at the event. [Ed. The event calls for individual registration and the necessary form to register will appear at the end of this newsletter.]

The second event discussed and approved was a regional event. It was noted that in an effort to garner closer working relationships with Illinois reenactor groups we should be willing to attend and support some of their events. In that spirit of cooperation it was decided to make the Wauconda Civil War event our regional event. By all reports received here at the *Fugelman* headquarters this is a very good event enjoyed by reenactors who have attended this foray which this year will be on July 11th and 12th.

Finally, this was Company E's year to select a maximum effort event for the Association. They pressed for the selection of the Heritage Hill event on June 20th and 21st, 2015.



Figure 2 Lt. Col. Sielestad presents award to John Dudkiewicz--Photo Lyle Laufenberg

JOHN DIDKIEWICZ RECEIVES AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION

The annual award for service to the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association this year was presented by Lt. Col. Pete Sielestad to John Didkiewicz from Company B. Among the attributes John brings to the Association was his good humor and infectious spirit that permeates all he undertakes for the Association and his Company. In the past John has also been a contributor to the pages of this newsletter and this honor was truly deserved in the opinion of this editor. On behalf of

the members of the Association we salute John on this singular achievement!



Figure 3 Receiving the award--photo Lyle Laufenberg

LECTURE SERIES IN FOX LAKE OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS!

At the Association annual meeting Scott Frank announced two upcoming lecture series event held by the Fox Lake Historical Society at the Community Congregational Museum that may be of interest to our members. The information for the events is below. It should be noted that the Citizens Guard would become a part of the 2nd Wisconsin Regiment.

- **FLHS Saturday Lecture Series - The Militia's of Fox Lake. Tom Klas will be speaking on the 155th Anniversary of the formation of the Citizens Guard in the actual building they were formed in. Saturday February 21st - 6:30 PM - Community Congregational Museum - Fox Lake, WI.**
- **FLHS Saturday Lecture Series - Faces of the Iron Brigade by Kevin Hampton of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Wear your favorite Iron Brigade Impression. Saturday March 21st - 6:30 PM. Community Congregational Museum - Fox Lake, WI.**



Figure 4 Preparing to take the muster-in oath by members--photo Lyle Laufenberg

A CHANGE IN THE MUSTERING IN OATH FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Lt. Col. Sielestad this year made a change to the usual mustering in oath administered to new members. This year the commander had everyone present join in taking the oath!

LINCOLN FUNERAL TRAIN

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

The Lincoln Funeral Train will be a close National event for the Second Wisconsin, as we will travel four hours from Madison for this 150th observance of the American Civil War in 1865. For those who seek a unique experience this may be a weekend to remember. As military our participation will be to portray the 24th Michigan as this Iron Brigade regiment was in attendance in 1865.

Our point of contact is our friend Larry Werline *[Grant at Boscobel]* He completed most of the groundwork for us in relation to the Funeral Train Coalition event. I have also been in touch with our retired and beloved Col. Craig DeCrane. With these two individuals we will be in good hands.

What you need to know is the 2nd Wisconsin will fall in as one company under Eric Martins of the 24th. If we are able to produce the numbers we will muster another company and will remain as members of the 24th Michigan.

At present, uniform requirements will be that of the 2nd Wisconsin 1864. Uniforms should be in good repair and brass polished. Rifles will be clean and ready for good service. Leather accouterments will be blackened and also in good repair with brass polished. Hardee's Hats should have a good appearance and have the number 24 as regimental number with 1st corps badges.

Registration Guidelines:

Registration is online and you must register individually. Go to the web page for Lincoln Funeral Train at:

http://www.lincolnfunealtrain.org/participant_info.php

- **Register as the 24th Michigan**
- **Our officer is Capt. Eric Martins. *This will allow us all to be together as a unit.***
- **We will march as the 1st Division under the command of Steve Fratt of the Illinois Brigade.**
- **Ted Henry will portray Gen. Joseph Hooker and Larry Werline will be his adjutant, B.G Cook**
- **The camp is in Lincoln Park next to the cemetery**
- **There are 8 military sutlers additional sutlers for civilians**
- **Cost is \$20.00 per person.**

If there are any questions please feel free to contact me at captlacey@hotmail.com

Your obedient servant,

Lt. Col Pete Seielstad

A COMMUNICATION FROM OUR COMRADES IN THE 24TH MICHIGAN

It is anticipated that the members of the Second Wisconsin who attend this spectacular event will join the 24th Michigan for the event, at least that seems to be the plan. Thus the following communiqué from the 24th Michigan is of importance to our members:

Men of 24th Michigan,

I hope this letter finds you all well. In preparing for our upcoming 150 Lincoln Funeral I am sending out some preliminary information. I will be sending out further emails as I get more information to pass along

- **Our uniform guidelines are as follows:**
- **Frock coat (preferred but sacks are acceptable)**
- **Hardee hat (preferred)**
- **All leathers - shined and blackened**
- **Brass to be shined**
- **Uniforms are to be cleaned**
- **White gloves**

I understand that not everyone has a Frock or a Hardee and I do not expect anyone to buy one for this event. If you do not have a Hardee a forage cap is acceptable. NO KEPIS!! As you can see from the excerpts included in this email the 24th was issued new uniforms including full

dressed Hardee hats. If you have the inclination to dress your hat feel free. In order to keep some kind of uniformity, please designate "C" as your company letter. The 24th, along with the rest of the Iron Brigade, were very proud of their old First Corps badges and many of them still wore them until the end of the war so that is also acceptable.

For the Funeral procession we will be wearing only leathers and canteens, No haversacks. This will be pretty much the same as dress parade in that trousers should be un-bloused, coat sleeves unrolled, and any extra paraphernalia should be removed from uniforms. I cannot find any photographic or written evidence of mourning cockades being worn or not worn by the 24th so they will be allowed. Although not the rule, most cockades were worn on the left arm above the elbow.

The procession was conducted at half time and with arms reversed. At this time I do not know if this will be the case for the 150th event. Please be prepared to carry arms reversed for a prolonged period if this is the case.

The 1861 Regulations for funerals also calls for "Rest on Arms" as an honor to the fallen. We will review this on site during an inspection/formation so should the need arise we will be prepared.

Gentlemen, we are on track to have a 50-60-man company. I will be appointing NCOs in the near future as we get closer to the event and shore up our numbers a bit. Unit commanders/points of contact please email me with names of men who would interested in filling an NCO position. We have a good bunch of men signed up for this and I am sure we will all have a great time. Let us work hard to honor those men of the 24th who held this special place in history.

Your Obedient Servant

Eric Martens

Captain

24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry

HISTORY FROM THE LINCOLN FUNERAL

FROM ERIC MARTENS

"Upon receipt of the orders, the unit began its preparations. The men were drilled with special care for the treasured duty by Major Hutchinson assisted by the line officers and noncoms until they appeared at their best. New uniforms were issued; muskets, brass, and shoes polished until they shone, and the whole topped off with a new issue of black hats, feathers, and white gloves."
[\(Smith p. 252:253\)](#)

Inside the building, an honor guard composed of union officers was placed in close proximity to the body. Lieutenant Colonel Edwards, Major Hutchinson, and Captain Dodsley each served a turn. Approximately 75,000 slowly filed past the coffin. The viewing lasted until 11 p.m.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of May 4, a special train arrived at Camp Butler to convey the soldiers to Springfield. Along with the 24th Michigan, soldiers from the 14th Iowa were also loaded on the train. After arriving at Springfield, was allowed to view the body of the late president. By 11a.m., the funeral procession had been formed. The 24th Michigan was given the place of honor at the head of the military escort, directly behind the hearse, despite the fact that the 14th Iowa Veteran Volunteers was the senior unit (the 14th Iowa was originally formed in November 1861). The men stood waiting in the hot, humid morning, sweating in their newly issued dress uniforms.

From the Diary of Sgt. Alfred Noble, Company C

[Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan](#)

1865

May 6th

- **His will to attend President Lincoln's Funeral.**

We had a very rigid inspection Wednesday afternoon and after that a long afternoon drill. The camp had been lost to sight in the mud until the day before when a few minutes of sunshine made it dry again. Thursday morning (4th) we were called up at 5 o'clock and at 6:30 fell in and drilled about an marching at slow step and arms reversed. at 7:30 a special train came down for the regiment, On arriving in the city we stacked arms on the north side of capitol square. Soon after we marched through the building and saw the body of the late President. At 11:30 the funeral procession moved to the Oak Ridge Cemetery 2 1/2 miles north of the City. The marching being at slow time, company front, reversed arms. The day was very warm and it was rather hard work. At the cemetery, we stacked arms and such as wished went over beyond the vault to hear the oration of the Bishop Simpson. About 3 o'clock p.m. we started on the return to the City. Waited here an hour and left for Camp Butler by another special train arriving in camp about 5 o'clock.

Sometime during the night we had a heavy shower rain and hail. Yesterday (5th) there was no drill and last night there was still more rain. Today is cloudy but not so far *rainy.* (Alfred Noble MS)



Photo of the 24th Michigan at Camp Butler awaiting discharge

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE 24TH MICHIGAN

Greetings all,

I had a question from some of our members who will be doing the motel thing for the 150th Lincoln Funeral event. How can we get to the event from our motel? After exchanging a couple of emails with the event organizers, I have a few things to share.

- **No weapons allowed on city buses so those are out.**
- **There will be a shuttle for reenactors but it's route is limited (see attachment)**
- **If your motel is close to the shuttle route, use the shuttle.**
- **If not, one suggestion is to try to find a parking spot near the center of town (good luck with that).**
- **Or park at Lincoln Park (actually the fairgrounds next to Lincoln Park) and take the shuttle. Lincoln Park is where all the camps will be. This is the suggested option. (see attachment)**
- **Finally, those soldiers from motels can meet the rest of the army at the RR station on Saturday. Check the website for times.**

I hope this helps. Please pass this on to those staying in motels for this event. Thanks.

**Sincerely,
Craig DeCrane
419-215-7626
decrane@bex.net**

**AN INVITATION TO
MEMBERS OF THE SECOND
WISCONSIN REGIMENT TO
JOIN THEIR COMRADES
FOR A DINNER AND DANCE!**

COME ALL!



**THE OFFICERS, LADIES AND
SOLDIERS OF**

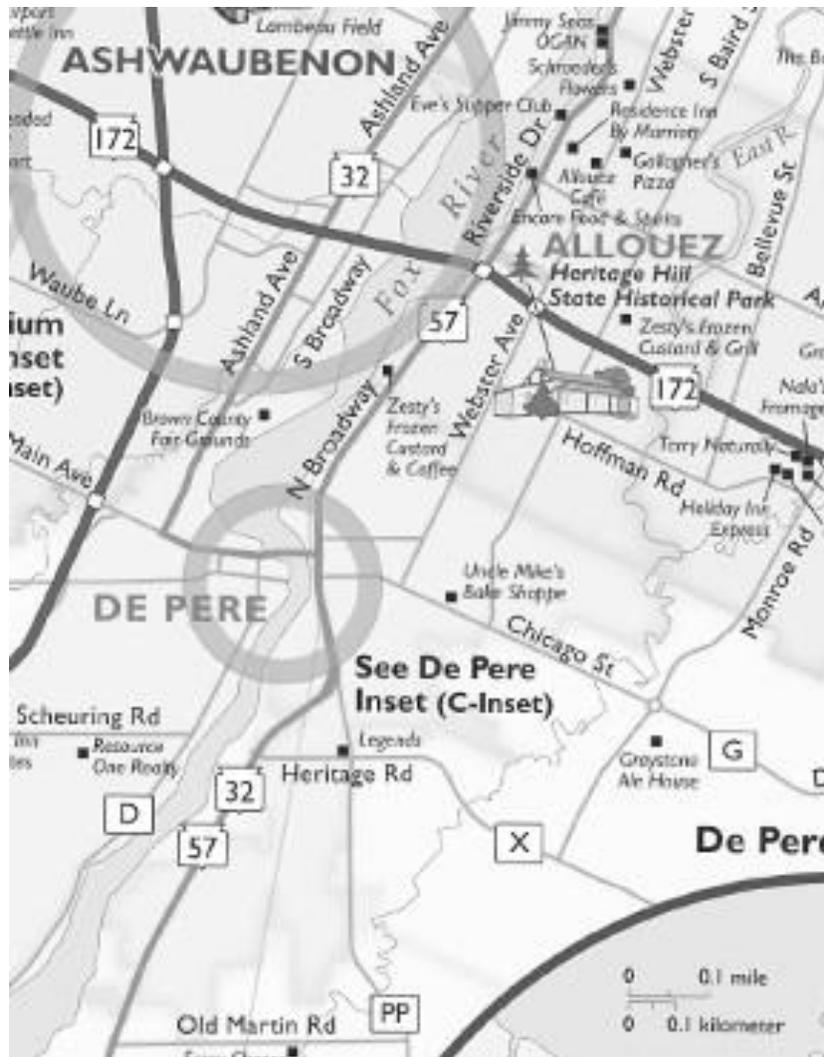
**COMPANY E,
SECOND WISCONSIN
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY,
INVITE ALL TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL SWEETHEART'S DINNER & DANCE
AT SWAN CLUB/LEGENDS
(DIRECTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE)
IN DE PERE, WISCONSIN
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 2015.**

COCKTAILS WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A DINNER OF CHICKEN AND
TENDERLOIN TIPS, MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLES, COLESLAW, ROLLS, DESSERT BARS
AND KNEECAPS AT 6:00 P.M.

**The Twin Hill String Band will play
from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.**

THE COST WILL BE \$18.00 PER PERSON, PAYABLE BY CHECK TO
"COMPANY E, 2ND WISCONSIN,"
AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, APRIL 6TH 2015.
SEND PAYMENT TO DAVID SIELSKI,
2316 SERENADE LANE
GREEN BAY, WI 54301
QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO DAVID SIELSKI AT EITHER
(920) 660-2449 OR DSIELSKI@GREENBAY.GANNETT.COM

**PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE
THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SEASON!**



***Directions to Swan Club/Legends
875 Heritage Road
De Pere, Wisconsin 54115***

***From Highway 172 East/West—take the Riverside (Hwy 57)
Exit.***

***Turn left onto Riverside Drive—you will be going south
towards De Pere.***

***In De Pere, Riverside Drive becomes North Broadway.
Go straight through the round-about in De Pere,
staying on North Broadway, which remains Hwy 57.***

*Outside De Pere the road will split—stay to the left, taking
County Rd PP.*

*Legends/Swan Club will be on your right at the corner of
County PP and Heritage Road.*

**AN INVITATION TO THE
MEMBERS OF COMPAYE**



EDWARD A GRAY, ESQ.
 HUMBLY REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
 FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

GRAY' S CAMPFIRE SOCIETY



To be held this 7th day of FEBRUARY, Twenty and FIFTEEN.

AT

The Wade House grounds, Greenbush WIS.

To Commence

Nine O'clock in the A.M.

With the intention of

Sharing a warming fire, warming drinks, and
 the most excellent company and association.

Campfire to be located North of the "Sunken Road " Field

Pot Luck & Meeting of the 10th TN to follow. At Noon

Please bring a tin-cup.

Coffee & Hot Cocoa provided.



**CAMPING INFORMATION FOR LINCOLN
 FUNERAL EVENT**



NOTICE: Beginning *_April 1, 2015_* the State Fair Campgrounds will begin taking reservations from _registered reenactors_ for RV camping spaces. Prior to this date NO reservations can be made. To make your reservation the phone for the Campgrounds is (217) 524-9894.

**Ted Henry
Funeral Participant Coordinator
2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition**

ATTENTION TO ORDERS



IN MEMORIAM

At this time, please un-cover and take a moment of silence to remember those gone from our ranks:

HENRY PUESCHNER

DAVID HARTMAN

FRED G. COOK

BILL ACHESON

JOHN TROUDT

JIM SWART

BILL DALY

GEORGE DOIRE

JERRY PAUL

MIKE SPELLMAN

TIM SPELLMAN

PAUL ESCHBACH

ERNST VON FRANKENBERG

LEE ARNOLD

DAVID DRESANG

TED GARDNER

CHARLES WOOD

SAM AMUNRUD

...and others that we held close and dear in our hearts.

It is our prayer that they are greeted, with the open arms and hearty cheers of the “*Old Second*” on the eternal parade ground, where there is no pain and or sadness.

Let them live on as part of it history.

Amen

**COMPANY A ORGANIZING
PARTICIPANTS FOR SAILOR’S
CREEK REENACTMENT**

Tom Klas from Company A is organizing an opportunity for members of the Association to participate in a campaign style event at Sailor’s Creek in March, 2015. The dates for the event are March 27th through the 29th.

Tom suggests that attendees pack light as there will be a march of 5 to 7 miles at the event. The members from Wisconsin will be portraying the 121st New York for this event. There may be some additional uniform or gear requirements for the event and they will appear in the newsletter as they become available. Otherwise you can find the uniform requirements below.

If you have questions or concerns you can reach Tom at klastom@charter.net.

Here are the Uniform Requirements for Sailor's Creek

These guidelines are written to help best recreate the 121st New York as they looked at the Battle of Saylor's Creek. They are a work in progress and might change a little as we get more information. Where specific uniform choices are made, we will share them with you.

It goes without saying that all uniform items are to be made of proper materials, patterns and construction. Items such as modern glasses, watches and stainless steel are unacceptable.

Headgear

A regimental order from January 1865 states "...bugles attached to their caps, well polished, and corps badges sewed on the proper place above the bugle."

- 1. Forage Cap - From the one return we have viewed, the forage cap was the most issued piece of headwear. Along with the order above issued just weeks before Saylor's Creek this is most preferred option.**
- 2. Hardee Hat - The one return we have already viewed shows a few hats here issued. They are welcomed, if in very small numbers.**

Trousers

- 1. Sky-blue, US enlisted footman's trouser of any proper pattern.**
- 2. Trousers may be held in place by any braces or belt of proper construction.**

Coat

Lt. Col. Egbert Olcott wrote a letter on January 11th, 1864 to the adjutant general of New York stating "For two months now I have been unable to procure state jackets." The letter continues to say that he has been unable to get any jackets from the Federal government and that there was no intent to contract for more. Olcott ended the letter stating they would be forced to draw dress coats if the state could not provide the jackets. The jacket request was not fulfilled and on February 9th the regiment drew dress coats. There is some evidence that suggests some men replaced the buttons with New York State buttons.

- 1. Fatigue Blouse - This seems to be the most regularly issued coat and is preferred for this impression.**
- 2. Frock Coat - Given the issued documentation a year before Saylor's Creek this is a strong second option.**

Overcoat

- 1. Footman's pattern overcoat - If one is chosen to be carried. As it is April and the siege has just broken, we may expect to see a few**

Firearm

- 1. Any .58 caliber Springfield (55, 61, 63) – In the book “Upton’s Regulars,” it notes that the 121st received Springfields between the 3rd Quarter of 63 and first quarter of 64.**
- 2. Enfield – The 121st received these initially but they were all traded out by the middle of 1864 for Springfields. Please only bring as a lower choice.**
- 3. Any .69 caliber Springfield as a last resort**

Footwear

- 1. Jefferson brogan**
- 2. Private purchase boot or shoe.**

Accouterments –

- 1. Federal Cartridge Box –The pattern of 1861, .58 caliber box is preferred.**
- 2. Federal Cap Box**
- 3. Federal late war belt – For a spring of '65 event, the late war belt is preferred. Early war is happily accepted.**
- 4. Bayonet scabbard –Gaylord pattern scabbards of either two rivet or seven rivet construction are acceptable for this impression.**

Haversack

- 1. US issue, black haversack of proper construction – handsewn or machine sewn are acceptable.**

Canteen

Preference in canteen is given to the later war variant. Also, as late as the fight is, a proper cloth sling is preferred to the earlier leather sling. Please use a cloth sling if at all possible.

- 1. 1862 Bulls-eye canteen**
- 2. 1858 Smooth side canteen**

Knapsack

- 1. M1855 Double-bag knapsack**
- 2. Blanket roll**

Shelter

- 1. Shelter Tent – The return we have viewed shows these being issued**

Mess ware and small items

- 1. All to be of proper material and construction. These men have seen over two years of service and their kit is well used by this point.**

EDITORIAL: PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY



As the United States entered into the 4th year of the war to preserve the Union, President Lincoln celebrated his 56th birthday on February 12th, 1865 (150 years ago). We know that he would not live to celebrate his 57th birthday.

In November, 1864, Abe had been re-elected as President of the United States. In the North the primary result was that the Union forces knew the war would be fought until the Southern armies surrendered. There would be no negotiated peace. The same result was concluded by the leaders of the rebellion. The last best hope of the rebellion was the potential loss of the election by Lincoln. If McClellan had won the election the leaders saw a narrow window of opportunity to achieve their independence. The war clearly was approaching a conclusion. Lee was bottled up within his entrenchments around Richmond and Petersburg. The commanding General Grant was

cutting off the only open supply route into the citadel created by General Lee . It was only a matter of time until Lee would have to break out of his defensive works or surrender. In the West the Army of the Tennessee had been virtually destroyed at Franklin and Nashville. It would no longer be an effective fighting force during the remainder of the rebellion.

The preceding year to the 56th birthday had been a terrible one with some major accomplishments, however. There had been the horrendous fighting and casualties during Grant's Overland Campaign. There was the "failure" of the Hampton Roads Conference with emissaries from the South seeking a settlement of the issues that resulted in the continued fighting and war. The one benefit to Lincoln as a result of this conference was the continued insistence on independence and maintenance of their slave system by Southern leaders. This was a basis of settlement that the North could, and would, not accept. The war weary North would continue to support Lincoln's efforts to win the war and impose a settlement on the leaders of the rebellion.

There also was the passage of the 13th Amendment and the initial steps in having it ratified. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation would now be expanded to cover slavery everywhere and it there would no legal challenges to the emancipation Lincoln had promised in the wartime grant of freedom to the slaves. As Lincoln celebrated his birthday it was clear there were many challenges ahead. But freedom would not be one of those challenges.

However, the passage of the 13th Amendment did raise a number of issues Lincoln knew would have to be addressed in the year ahead. What would the condition of the former slaves be in the reconstructed nation? What political rights should be available to the newly freed men? How would the former slaves support themselves in the future? How would freedom be enforced in the former Confederacy? Lincoln was not sure what the answers were, but he was confident the country would work through these issues eventually.

As the war drew to a conclusion there were other momentous issues to be overcome as well. The primary issue was how to reconstruct the Union after the war. As Lincoln celebrated his 56th

birthday he was focused on what was shaping up as a nasty battle with the radicals in his own party over the elements of Reconstruction.

The radicals wanted to punish the South for the folly of secession and war. These same politicians also promoted full citizenship for the freedmen, a concept likely to meet heavy opposition by Southerners. The radicals proposed taking land from white Southerners and distributing it to the former slaves to begin their own farms and businesses. They were determined to set up military districts of occupation to govern the former Confederate states. Some even argued that the states territories should be altered, or redrawn, to breakup former areas of commonality on issues such as secession and states rights. And finally, the radicals wanted to arrest and try the leaders of the rebellion for treason. It was clear to the radical leaders in the Congress that this task would be far more difficult if Southern politicians were elected and returned to the Congress under Lincoln's proposals for Reconstruction.

Lincoln, on the other hand, believed in a soft peace. He understood that to put the nation back together would be a significant challenge. Harsh conditions imposed on a defeated populace would only make future intercourse with the South more difficult. Lincoln's proposal was that when 10% of a state's population would take the oath of allegiance that that state should be returned to its past status as a full member of the Union and allowed representation in the U. S. Congress. And there would be no disqualification of former rebels to serve in the Congress once they took the oath of allegiance to the Union. This approach drove the radicals absolutely crazy! Lincoln did encourage the former confederate states to adopt new state constitutions abolishing slavery and allowing "intelligent" blacks the vote. It is important to note that Louisiana followed this course of action, including the vote for former slaves.

It is one of the great "what ifs" of history. If Lincoln had lived into his second term what would have been different about reconstruction and its impact on the future course of the nation. What is certain is that reconstruction would have taken all of Lincoln's impressive political skills. Would the recalcitrant south have been any less belligerent and anti-black? Probably not. But Lincoln was a lawyer and a compassionate man who saw that the former slaves were likely to require protections as they moved into the status as truly free

men and women. As a lawyer he would not have allowed the use of the laws to deprive blacks of their basic freedoms. However, as a politician he would likely not have relied upon troops to occupy and enforce the laws, at least not initially. With the radicals on one flank and a reactionary South on his other flank Lincoln would have been under great stress to see the reconstruction of the Union in a way that was fair to all parties and peoples in the nation.

John Wilkes Booth made all this conjecture when with a single bullet in Ford's Theater he ended the President's life. When the President celebrated his 56th birthday he had only weeks to live. He may well have paused a moment of his birthday to ponder what lay behind him and what likely lay ahead. Let us take a moment to celebrate Lincoln's 205th birthday and remember a man who rose from little to become President of the United States at its time of mortal trial. A notable historian once said that if Lincoln had not lived Americans would have had to invent him anyway. Lincoln embodied all that was good of the American character and represented the hope for everyone's future. We admire the man and the politician for what he achieved and the power of his philosophical talents!



**FROM THE CAMPS OF THE
COMPANIES OF THE SECOND
WISCONSIN**

INFANTRY



COMPANY E

TO ARMS!
VOLUNTEERS!
RALLY TO THE COLORS!

**Your Officers and Non-commissioned Officers request your participation in
Drill;
for the Safety of our Comrades;
for the Pride of our Company;**

at *St. Mark's Lutheran Church*
on the
21st of March 2015.

This first Drill of the Season is intended for New Members and Non-commissioned Officers.

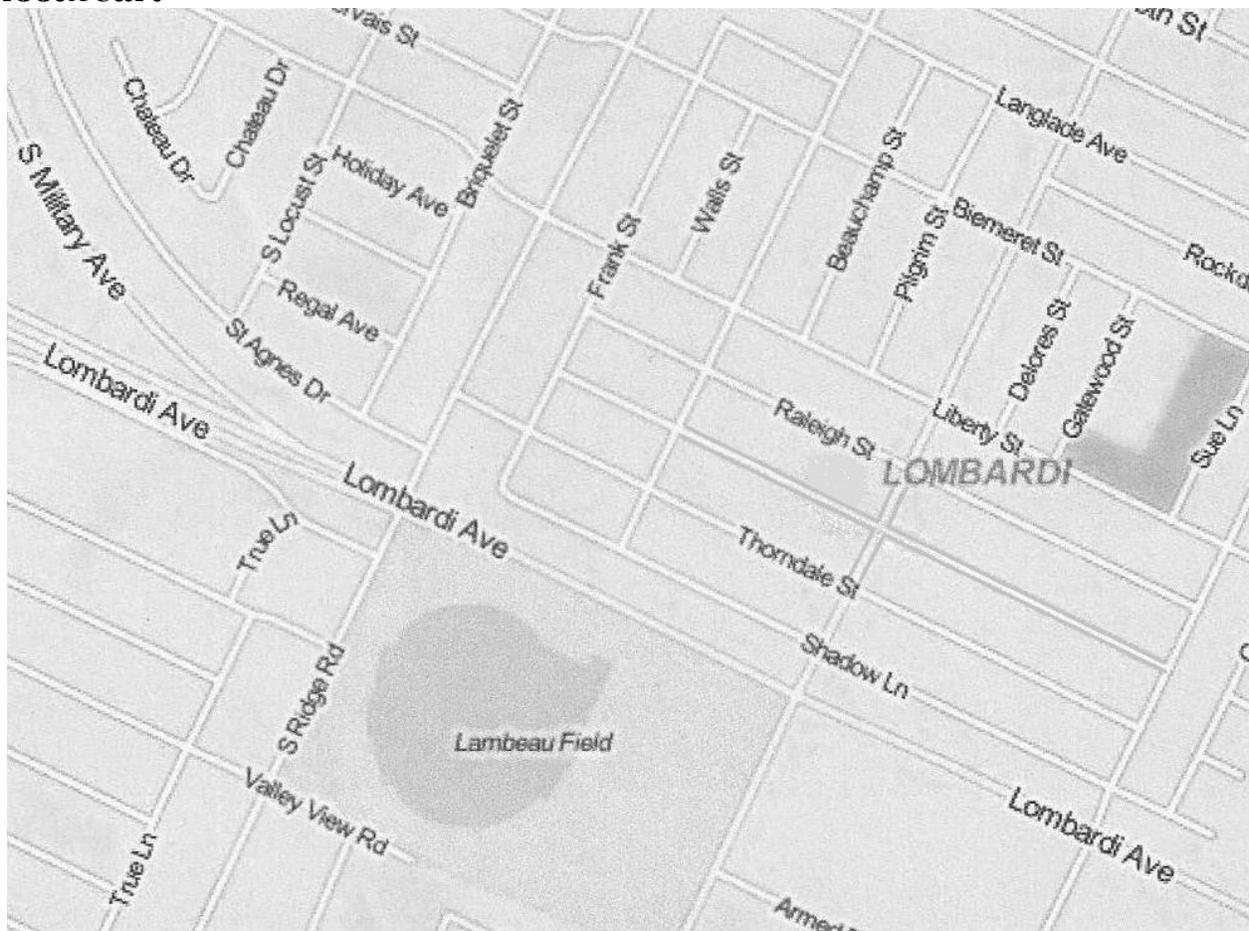
but all Members are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Non-Commissioned Officers should arrive at 8:00 a.m.

Soldiers should be present to answer the Roll at 10:30 a.m.

Please make an effort, *if possible*, to arrive early so we may commence directly at 10:30 a.m.

Brogans are not allowed inside the Gymnasium - please bring alternate footwear.



DIRECTIONS: Take Highway 41 South/North towards Green Bay and take the Lombardi Avenue exit.

Proceed *east* towards Lambeau Field, and turn *left* onto Oncida Street.

St. Mark's Church will be on the corner of Kenwood and Oncida Streets.

The Gymnasium is located on the lower level

If there are any questions, please contact either
Charles Bagneski at 920-465-0466 (tomjoad1995@sbcglobal.net)
or Robert Schwandt at 920-434-6268 (m.schwandt@sbcglobal.net)

TO ARMS!
DRILL! DRILL! DRILL!
SOLDIERS OF THE COMPANY!

**Your Officers and Non-commissioned Officers request your participation in Drill;
for the Safety of our Comrades;
for the Pride of our Company;
at *St. Mark's Lutheran Church*
on the
11th of April 2015.**

**It is recommended that we meet to improve upon
our Profession as Volunteer Soldiers in the United States Army.**

***THIS WILL BE A GENERAL COMPANY DRILL—
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.***

**Non-Commissioned Officers should arrive at least one-quarter to the hour of
the Roll.**

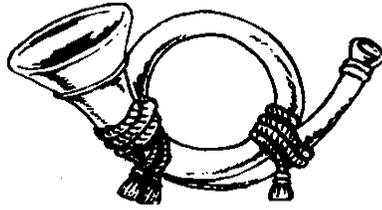
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FOR THE UNION!

EVER



READY

See the directions and map above for the location of the drill.

COMPANY K

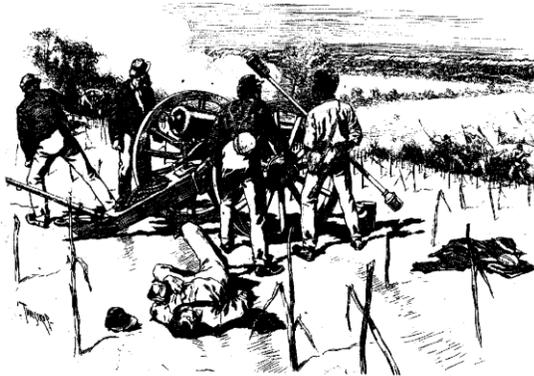
FIRST SPRING DRILL OF 2015

The first spring drill in 2015 is scheduled for February 28th at the Waterloo High School gym. The drill will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until around noon. The men need to arrive in uniform and with rifle and bayonet plus your accoutrements. Most importantly make sure you have a full canteen! No brogans for the drills, soft soled shoes only. We do not want to damage the gym floor during our time there. Come ready to work, learn and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow Company members.

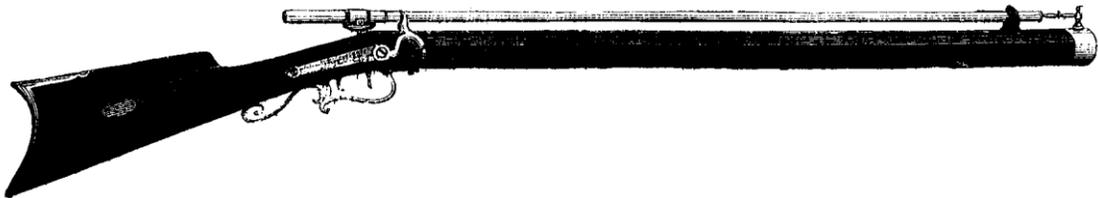
The second spring drill is scheduled for March 21st at the Waterloo High School. The third spring drill is set for April 18th at the Wally Hlaban farm. All drills begin at 9:00 a.m.



ARTILLERY



THE SKIRMISH TEAM



SKIRMISHERS' ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET

2015 Skirmish Schedule:

April 25-26	near Springfield, IL
June 6-7	near Appleton, WI
July 18-19	at Bristol, WI

July 31- Aug 2 at **Boscobel, WI**
Sept 4-6 near **Rhineland, WI**
Sept 19-20 at **Bristol, WI**

CIVIL WAR MILESTONES

FEBRUARY

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- Feb. 1, 1861** **Texas secedes**
- Feb. 1, 1861** **Gen. Sherman begins Carolina Campaign**
- Feb. 2, 1803** **Gen. Albert S. Johnston, CSA, born**
- Feb. 3, 1807** **Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, CSA, born**
- Feb. 3, 1864** **Meridian Campaign begins**
- Feb. 3, 1865** **The Hampton Roads Peace Conference**
- Feb. 6, 1833** **Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, CSA, born**
- Feb. 6, 1862** **Victory for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in Tennessee, capturing Fort Henry, and ten days later Fort Donelson. Grant earns the nickname "Unconditional Surrender" Grant.**

- Feb. 8, 1820** **Gen. William T. Sherman, USA, born**
- Feb. 8, 1862** **Battle of Roanoke Island**
- Feb. 9, 1861** **The Confederate States of America is formed with Jefferson Davis, a West Point graduate and former U.S. Army officer, as president.**
- Feb. 11, 1861** **Both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis begin their journeys to their respective capitals. Davis begins his journey leaving Montgomery on the steamboat *Natchez*. Lincoln will board a train in Springfield on a rainy, chilly morning. From a rear platform of his rail car he will deliver his famous "Farewell Address".**
- Feb. 12, 1809** **President Abraham Lincoln born 1809**
- Feb. 13, 1862** **Battle of Fort Donelson**
- Feb. 14, 1824** **Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, USA, born**
- Feb. 17, 1865** **Columbia surrenders**
- Feb. 20, 1862** **President Lincoln is struck with grief as his beloved eleven-year-old son, Willie, dies from fever, probably caused by polluted drinking water in the White House.**

**VETERANS BENEFIT FROM
HISTORICAL REPRODUCTION
OF LINCOLN'S HEARSE**



McGlaughlin — The Times-Standard Combat veterans Sean McCarthy, left, Anthony Becerra, center, and Tom Bassing prepare to pour molten aluminum into a green sand "cope and drag" mold as part of a project at the Blue Ox Millworks in Eureka. 'The Ox' is building a replica of the hearse that carried President Abraham Lincoln for the 150th anniversary ...reenactment next May.

President Abraham Lincoln was buried on May 4, 1865, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois, in an event that came to be known as "The Greatest Funeral in the History of the United States"

(<http://tinyurl.com/3qw5hz>). "Vast multitudes" of people attended the funeral, according to an account by John Carroll Power, and the hearse that carried Lincoln's body cost more than most people's homes do even today.

"This is going to slay you," said Eric Hollenbeck, owner of Blue Ox Millworks in Eureka. "In 1863, when the original hearse was built, it cost \$6,000. That equates to just under half a million dollars in today's money.

How do you spend half a million dollars on a vehicle you can park in your bathroom?"

Hollenbeck has been spending a lot of time pondering questions like that recently, because the Blue Ox has been chosen to help build a replica of the hearse for the 150th anniversary re-enactment of the funeral next year. (The original hearse burned up in 1887 in a livery stable fire in St. Louis.)

According to LincolnFuneralTrain.org, "thousands of re-enactors, period carriages, visitors and dignitaries will, on May 1-3, 2015, convene in Springfield, Illinois, to pay tribute to our 16th President with superb events and the unparalleled historic and solemn re-creation of the funeral procession to Oak Ridge Cemetery."

The Blue Ox got involved with the project after being contacted by organizers of the re-enactment. Hollenbeck said he agreed to donate his time for it because he was looking for a way to incorporate a school for returning combat veterans into the Blue Ox's programs.

"When I found out how sexy a project it was, I thought this might be the key because this is a pretty sexy project," he said.

Hollenbeck had been working with the Veterans Administration for several months to try establishing a program for veterans, and he said starting a new school under their regulations was "right up against an impossibility." But teaming up with an existing school was much more feasible, so he partnered with College of the Redwoods, which was already set up in the VA system.

"There was very little movement for seven or eight months ? so I said, 'We'll do this (hearse project) if we can have veterans do it, and if CR will buy into it.' And they did, and we had vets down here within two weeks of taking on this project. ? We started out with three veterans, now we have nine, and we're about to get another," Hollenbeck said.

The program is part of College of the Redwoods Cooperative Work Experience program, which allows veterans to use their G.I. Bill benefits to earn college credit. The program is managed by Veterans Program Coordinator Crystal Morse, who is herself a combat veteran.

CRAFTING NEW IDENTITIES

Working with combat veterans is close to Hollenbeck's heart because of his experiences in Vietnam. He served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division in 1968, seeing some of "the heaviest combat in Vietnam." When he returned from the war, he said he dealt with the trauma by secluding himself.

"I built an island I don't have to get off of," Hollenbeck said. "We make everything here. We have our own blacksmith shop, machine shop, shingle mill, saw mill. I started building this 41 years ago. It's an island of safety."

The process of healing taught him an invaluable lesson.

"The only thing an at-risk kid or a returning veteran needs is a new self-image," he said. "When I ask you, 'What are you?' you can say without hesitation, 'I'm a reporter.' ? If you ask a returning front-line veteran 'What are you?' they say, 'Well, I shoot people.' You've gotta get them a new identity. And the minute they've got a new identity, then they can take off under their own power and they're fine. They've got a new way of looking at themselves.

"One of them told me the other day how jazzed he is to be working on this because the hearse will be around in perpetuity. It goes to the Lincoln Museum after the re-enactment. ? He said, 'This is something my kids and grandkids can go see.' Another one told me this project got him excited because he feels like he's contributing to something instead of destroying. He said, 'I was really good at destroying things, but now I get to make something.'"

Cody Drury, a veteran of the Iraq invasion who served in Baghdad, said the project is something positive — something veterans struggle to find.

"We have our own moral dilemmas about what we necessarily had to do, but this is something we can really put our energy and effort behind, and our pride as well. I was just sitting in isolation and wasting away, and I had no intentions of going to college. I just wasn't that interested, but I'm going through it so I can get into this.

"This whole compound is way more interesting than any classroom," Drury continued. "This has done wonders for my mental state, and I've become more positive because I'm being constructive. That's a huge thing for me — actually getting out and doing stuff again. If I can have my name written

down as helping to build this, that's way better than just having my name on a manifest as a guy who invaded a country."

Drury heard about the project from his friend and fellow veteran, Sean McCarthy, who served in the Marines.

"Eric is a vet himself, so that helps a lot with the trust factor," McCarthy said. "I'm not just coming to school to listen to some guy preach to me. Eric can relate to a lot of us, and that helps bridge the gap and helps with the transition."

"It feels good to be a part of history," said Anthony Becerra, who started at the Blue Ox in May and was one of the first veterans to enter the program. "I think everybody here kind of feels that same way."

"Another thing I really appreciate is the low-pressure environment," said Drury. "If there's something to get done, Eric just wants you to do it. If you mess up, it doesn't matter — just try it again. There's no negative pretenses about failure. Failure is just a means to an end. You've gotta fail sometimes to figure out what you did wrong. ..."

"It's just really amazing to see so many like-minded individuals that are full of honor and dignity and pride in what they do. It's an awesome place they've built here. It's like a sanctuary. I can't speak enough about it. ? This is just the end of my second week, but it's already done more for me than four years of therapy."

'QUITE AN ADVENTURE'

Viviana Hollenbeck, Eric's wife of 37 years, said, "We both have a real strong affinity for working with kids, and with the veterans. It's been quite an adventure. We've had to make things up as we go. Just like with raising a kid, there are books to give you ideas, but there's no manual. Some of the lessons were very hard to learn, but you just keep working on them."

The Hollenbecks recently formed a nonprofit organization to help support their work, and they plan to pursue grant funding to keep the enterprise running.

"With the high school students and the veterans, it was just something that Eric and I knew we had to do. That was the bottom line. Now we just have to figure out how to do it with some resources," she said.

"We'd like to thank the community for the support that Eric and I have had in all of our ventures. Eric was 24 when he started Blue Ox, and I was 24 when I met him, and we had no business experience, no concept of what we were doing. The community has helped to raise us. So now we are asking for help to continue being able to offer to the youth and the veterans the same type of support that we have received, so they can continue to grow and learn."

For more information and to help support the Blue Ox's educational programs, visit <http://blueoxmill.com> or call 444-3437.

Contact Clay McGlaughlin at 441-0516.

<http://www.times-standard.com/general-news/20140928/crafting-new-identities-how-a-historical-hearse-is-giving-combat-veterans-a-new-lease-on-life>

THE BIRTH OF CIVIL WAR REENACTING

By Sue Eisenfeld

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On the morning of Feb. 22, 1864 in Hillsborough, Ohio, a crowd gathered for a celebration of Washington's Birthday. "The usual monotony of our peaceful and quiet town was agreeably broken," wrote the local newspaper, the Highland Weekly News, when three cavalry companies forming the 24th Battalion of the Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, armed and equipped with sabres and carbines, paraded in front of the public square. No one but the officers knew what would happen. In short time, "the 4-pounder known as 'Old Red' was brought out, and a gun-squad formed of a number of veteran volunteers." Then the cavalry galloped off to the outskirts of town, the artillery took position and the infantry began building breastworks.

Finally, "the secret was out," the paper reported. There was to be a sham battle, and once the crowd realized what was coming, the "excitement rose to fever heat," and "expectation stood on tip-toe." With the crack of pistols and carbines, hand-to-hand combat and "the sulphurous smoke of powder" — not to mention women screaming, boys yelling in delight and men and horses mingled in an inextricable mess, the scene is reported to have portrayed "a vivid imitation of the stern realities of war."

We tend to think of Civil War reenactment as a modern phenomenon, a way for people in the 20th and 21st centuries to experience a taste of what the conflict was like. But in fact, staged battles began while the war was still underway. Known as “sham battles,” “mock battles” or “mimic battles,” these battles were enacted for a variety of reasons: entertainment, practice and to demonstrate to civilians back home what happened during the war.

Photo



Civil War veterans and reenactors gathered in Florida for a sham battle, 1895. Credit Florida State Archives

According to R. Lee Hadden, author of “Reliving the Civil War: A Reenactor’s Handbook,” people have been reenacting great events since the beginning of human society, including hunting experiences, religious events, and earlier wars. “Like today’s reenactments,” he writes, “there is noise, confusion, heat, and lack of shade.” On July 4, 1861, in Findlay, Ohio, a company of foot and mounted soldiers engaged in a sham battle, followed by fireworks, with great hopes that by the next July 4th the government and army “will be enabled to quell the rebellion in the South, hang all the traitors, and restore our beloved Union to its once happy condition.” On July 4, 1862, a sham battle in Bloomsburg, Penn., was “the feature of the day,” according to The Star of the North, and won “the great admiration of the large crowd convened to witness the fight.”

Independence Day wasn't the only occasion for reenactments. To generate the "Christmas feeling" in Alexandria, Va., in 1861, "the fun became 'fast and furious,'" according to The Local News, "fire crackers sparkled and cracked" and "there was a mimic battle between opposing crowds," mostly in uniform. "The whole vicinity was thronged with eager combatants," according to the newspaper.

"The Yankees are great on shams," the Daily Nashville Patriot noted on Dec. 5, 1861, and, indeed, shams seem mostly a Union phenomenon. A report from The Richmond Dispatch, published by The National Republican in Washington, on Feb. 5, 1862, bemoans "the negligence on the part of [Confederate] officers in accustoming their men to the details of actual battle ... This is in strong contrast with the Yankees, who try, but vainly, by such expedients as grand reviews, sham battles, &c., to accustom their men to danger."

"They stand up to each other in mock battle like heroes, fight desperately with blank cartridges, and charge on their own lines with ... impetuosity," The New Orleans Daily Crescent sneered about the Yanks on July 4, 1861, after determining that the "great firing of guns" and smoke observed near Hampton Roads, Va., came from forces under Gen. Benjamin Butler, "merely exercising his men in a sham battle."

The report goes on: "Probably he means ... to frighten the Confederates ..., just as Chinese warriors sometimes attempt to scare the enemy by ringing bells and beating gongs." Others saw Butler's battle differently. According to Maj. Troy D. Marshall, the site director of the Virginia Museum of the Civil War, the Yankees' need for shams, like the one fought in Winchester, Va., — "in enemy territory" — 10 days before the Battle of New Market in May 1864 "showed the trust they didn't have in their troops; they needed the drilling."

Whether the men were sufficiently trained or not, such practice battles were used as ways "to get the men used to the excitement in the field," "to familiarize themselves with rapid movements of all kind of ground," noted one news account, "to accustom the Federals to the action that will early take place" and to teach the men how to get the feeling for war. Some places, like Fort Monroe, a Union outpost in Virginia, conducted sham battles daily. "I could not but think how easy a matter it was to so stir up the passions of men as to produce strife and deadly carnage between them," one soldier reported on a sham near Culpeper, Va.

Occasional reports of Confederate sham battles surfaced as well. In Dalton, Ga., for example, the Confederates held a dress drill and sham battle on March 16, 1864, at which “there were a large attendance, especially of general officers” who witnessed musketry and artillery firing. According to The Macon Beacon, the day was “splendid — the whole affair was very imposing and drew forth the warmest praise of all who witnessed it.”

A month later in Dalton, Confederate Gen. William J. Hardee’s sham battle “was witnessed by a large number of ladies, soldiers, and citizens,” according to The Memphis Daily Appeal. “It proved to be a very agreeable affair.” Even though it was several years into the war, according to the paper, visitors to the area “had a gay and unusual time for the past few days. Sham-battles are taking place, army theatricals have sprung up, dancing has been instituted, and mirth reinstated, almost beyond measure.”

Although generally shams were “a luxury the Confederates could not afford,” according to David Slay, the acting park historian at Vicksburg National Military Park, in late winter 1864 at Dalton, “a snowfall shut down operations and provided the Confederates with all the ammunition they could hurl at one another. What began as horseplay developed into a full-scale battle as the snowballing went from disorganized tribal melee to full Napoleonic battle array complete with regiments, flags, and officers.”

In fact, many spontaneous skirmishes were of the “snowball battle” variety, according to John Hennessey, the chief historian and chief of interpretation at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Snowball battles often used the same tactics as sham battles but were “raucously — sometimes ultra violent — fun.”

Today, Civil War reenactments are a multi-million-dollar industry involving tens of thousands of Civil War enthusiasts, historians, “living historians,” families, civilians and modern-day veterans who participate as a hobby. What is the link from the celebratory and practice battles of yore to the reenactments today, where actors embody those who came before, and the dead rise at the end of each event?

“The most direct line to reenactment of today is not the participants, but the spectators,” Mr. Hennessy said. The American tradition of watching war began during the Civil War: At the First Battle of Bull Run, he said, 500 spectators from Washington, D.C. — “a civilian horde” — drove out to the battlefield on a Sunday to watch the fighting. Congressmen, senators, common folk, and “a few huxter women ... with carts loaded with pies and other edibles” — not unlike the vendors at reenactment battle sites today — came to watch men kill and be killed. Today people “swarm by the thousands on hot summer afternoons ... to watch men pretend to kill each other in reenactments.”

Within days of the war’s end, veterans were being put into reenactment service — even before the end of the war had been officially declared. On April 21, 1865, the town of Massillon, Ohio, was right back into the business of luring crowds with sham battles as part of a day-long “jubilation over the recent victory of the Federal armies and the surrender of Lee.” Two months later, in planning events for July 4th, The Cleveland Leader suggested that “one of the most attractive features that could be introduced would be a sham battle ... There will be here returned veterans enough who would be glad to unite in such a project,” a replay of what one sham participant called “a smoky, stunning old time.”

Sources: The Vermont Phoenix (Brattleboro), May 16, 1861; New Orleans Daily Crescent, July 4, 1861; The Tiffin Weekly Tribune (Tiffin, Ohio), July 12, 1861; Letters from Cyrus Morton Cutler, Oct. 28, 1861, courtesy of John Hennessey, chief historian and chief of interpretation, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park; The National Republican (Washington, D.C.), Nov. 9, 1861; Shreveport Semi-Weekly News (La.), Dec. 2, 1861; The Daily Nashville Patriot, Dec. 5, 1861; The Local News (Alexandria, Va.), Dec. 26, 1861; The National Republican (Washington, D.C.), Feb. 5, 1862; The Daily Intelligencer (Wheeling, Va.), May 29, 1862; The Star of the North (Bloomsburg, Pa.), July 16, 1862; The Pomeroy Weekly Telegraph (Pomeroy, Ohio), Aug. 22, 1862; The Memphis Daily Appeal, Feb. 6, 1864; The Rochester Union and Advertiser, Feb. 26, 1864; The Highland Weekly News (Hillsborough, Ohio); February 25, 1864; The Macon Beacon, March 23, 1864; Memphis Daily Appeal, April 6, 1864; The Daily Ohio Statesman, April 24, 1865; The Cleveland Leader, June 20, 1865; R. Lee Hadden, “Reliving the Civil

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2015 Lincoln Funeral Participant Registration

For all potential participants in the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Procession Event the approximate distance for this activity from the downtown viewing location to the receiving vault location in Oak Ridge Cemetery is approximately 4 miles. The distance from the Amtrak train station where the casket will be delivered to the viewing location in downtown Springfield is approximately 1 mile.

These routes traveled will be over paved streets and through residential neighborhoods. ***It is suggested participants be in good physical stamina for this march.** The first part of this event will be the receiving of the casket at the Amtrak train station early on Saturday morning and proceeding to its viewing location downtown. On Sunday morning around 1:00 p.m. the casket and hearse will begin its procession from downtown Springfield to the receiving vault in Oak Ridge cemetery.

I am registering as (Check one ONLY):

Military Participant Civilian Participant

LAST name of Participant:

FIRST name of Participant:

I will participate in the following venues (Check all that apply):

1. Receiving the train & coffin (Saturday - 1 mile) 2. The Oak Ridge procession (Sunday - 4 miles) 3. Observer ONLY

(FULL) Address (Number, Street, CITY, STATE, zip):

Phone number with area code

Email address:

Security may become intense at this event depending on what government officials attend. This could require inspection of everything you carry or wear as well as one form of photo identification issued by a governmental agency, such as driver's license, passport, FOID card, etc. While **ONE IS REQUIRED**, two would be better. The Lincoln Funeral Coalition will not know until immediately prior to ANY visit by national elected officials what the requirements of the Secret Service will be.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE REGISTRATION FORM YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PAYMENT UTILIZING PAYPAL WHICH ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS AND CHECK CARDS. YOU WILL NOT BE REGISTERED FOR THE EVENT WITHOUT RENDERING PAYMENT. PAYMENTS ARE PHYSICALLY VERIFIED BY EVENT STAFF ON A DAILY BASIS.

The registration fee for this event is \$20.00

<http://www.tfaforms.com/327654>

ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND FIRST CALL

At the 2015 Association annual meeting the members voted to continue the scholarship program for our members and their families. The application and requirements appear below. Time is fleeting so consider getting this underway as soon as possible!

2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Inc.

The world... can never forget what they did here”

A. Lincoln, Nov. 19, 1863, Gettysburg

The 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (WVI) Association began with the purpose of preserving America's Civil War heritage through reenacting and performing "living history". We further that purpose by offering a scholarship to family members.

Background

The 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (WVI) Association began with a handful of members in 1960 dedicated to the purpose of preserving American Civil War heritage through re-enacting and performing "living history". In 1990, the Unit was re-established as a result of a general rekindling of interest in the Civil War. Through the use of authentic-styled uniforms and equipment, along with drills, battles, and camp life portrayals, we believe the general public might become more accurately aware and ponder what life might have been like for the average Northern soldier during America's greatest trial. Further, and with great pride, the Unit attempts to depict and honor one of the greatest Union regiments to take to the field, The 2nd Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. With the 6th and 7th Wisconsin, the 19th Indiana, and later the 24th Michigan, they eventually became known as the famous "Iron Brigade" with their infamous "Black Hats". The original men have long since concluded their Rendezvous with Destiny in such places as Bull's Run Creek, Fredericksburg, the "Cornfield" at Antietam and "McPherson Wood" at Gettysburg.

The Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Inc., in recognition of the importance of keeping this history alive in modern times, is proud to offer \$500 college scholarship to relatives of Association members.

Timeline

Closing date for submission of the application is Sunday May 31, 2015 (all applications must be post marked by that date). If you are the recipient of this scholarship, you will be notified by mail by Saturday June 30th, 2015.

Eligibility

All of the following conditions must be met for consideration as a recipient of the 2015 Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Inc. Scholarship:

1. You must be enrolled/accepted in an accredited College or University.
2. You must list your intended field of study.
3. You must be a member, or be related to a member in good standing of the Second Wisconsin Association Civil War Re-enactors. (Member, Child, Spouse, Grandchild, Niece, Nephew, Sibling)
4. Attach a complete transcript of your grades (including cumulative Grade point average).
5. Attach a listing of your non-academic activities (extra – curricular, volunteer/community work, club memberships with offices held etc.).
6. Attach a separate sheet, containing a short essay (500 words or less) on the following topic.
“Which is the (most) significant element in the Lincoln’s legacy: his success in preserving the National Union, or his role in furthering the permanent and irreversible emancipation of persons held in slavery?”

Once awarded, the funds can be used for tuition books and fees at the college or University you are attending. The scholarship check will be made payable to you and your school.

Award Criteria

All applications will be evaluated on meeting the above requirements. The Second Wisconsin Association Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the scholarship winner. All decisions made by this committee are final.

Financial need is not a relevant consideration in this award.

2015 Scholarship Application

Scholarship applications must be post marked by May 31st, 2015.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Email: _____

School enrolled/accepted for the 2015-2016

Academic year: _____

Intended field of study:

Relationship to a Second Wisconsin Association Member:

Please include all of the following when applying:

- Application Page
- Copy of your Grade/GPA Transcript
- List of Volunteer/extra curricular activities
- Essay (500 words or less)
- **“Which is the (most) significant element in the Lincoln’s legacy: his success in preserving the National Union, or his role in furthering the permanent and irreversible emancipation of persons held in slavery?”**

Please sign:

I will provide a photo of myself if selected and authorize the publication of the photograph and the essay of the Civil War, which I wrote for this scholarship. I also specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing other than the award of the scholarship.

Signed:

Date: _____ 2013

Mail to:

2nd Wisconsin Association 2013 Scholarship Selection Committee Attention: c/o Dave
Sielski—Association Secretary

2316 Serenade Lane Green Bay, WI 54301

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR SAILOR'S CREEK EVENT

“150 th Battle of Sailor’s Creek” – March 26-29, 2015 121st NYSV Guidon Swallowtail Courtesy of the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center 121 st New York State Volunteers - Federal Adjunct Battalion P A R T C I P A N T R E G I S T R A T I O N

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMERGENCY _____

CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____ ORG/UNIT _____

AFFILIATION: _____ (SELECT ONE OR SPECIFY COMMANDER’S NAME)

FORMING 121st NYSV COMPANIES Company B- Organizers Scott Cummings/Ian Fulford: Company -

_____ : Company H- Organizers Andy Roscoe/Jim Taub: Company

- _____ : Company C- Organizer Tom Klas (ONV): Company -

_____ : Company K- Organizer Matt Lovejoy (Mid-Atlantic): 121st

New York Regimental Staff (invite only) There is a main Event and Battalion Ration Registration fee. \$25

by check payable to “Sam Lowe” or \$26 by Paypal. Complete the registration in one of the following

methods: 1) Complete the registration form, scan or save as a .PDF and email your registration form to

the email address below. 2) Complete the registration form, print and mail to the USPS address below.

PayPal Payment Address ONLY: Check Payment/Registration USPS & Email Address:

Slowe42@yahoo.com Sam Lowe 212 Covenant Rock Lane Holly Springs, NC 27540-7651 Registration

Email: slowe42@yahoo.com