



# THE FUGELMAN

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WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY  
ASSOCIATION**

THE BLACK HAT BRIGADE---THE IRON BRIGADE

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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*

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**The editor is going to take the blame for a lack of a “Pass In Review” column this month. The editor usually sends out a reminder to the leaders of the Association’s various units each month. This month the editor missed sending out this reminder due to the press of other business this month. My appologies to the Lt. Col., but he will certainly be back next month as I will not overlook his reminder in June.**



**CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES OF  
THE COMPANIES AND  
ASSOCIATION**

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## JUNE

|             |  |                |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| 2nd         | Prairie River School Day (Co.E)                    | Merrill, WI.   |
| 3rd         | Milwaukee VA 150th Anniversary (Co.E, Co.K)        | Milwaukee, WI  |
| 3rd & 4th   | 66th NC & 2nd WI (Skirmish team)                   | Appleton, WI.  |
| 10th        | Kenosha Civil War Museum Timeline event (Co.K)     | Kenosha, WI.   |
| 10th-11th   | Living History -Battery Park (6th WILA)            | Lone Rock, WI. |
| 10th        | Rhubarb Fest History Days (Co.E)                   | Shawano, WI.   |
| 24th & 25th | Btry B @ Sandy Ford (Skirmish team)                | Streator, IL.  |
| 24th & 25th | Heritage Hill Reenactment (Co.E, Co.K, Co.B, 6WLA) | Green Bay, WI. |

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## REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES

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### INFORMATION ON RESURRECTED BOSCOBEL EVENT FROM ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS

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**THE FUGELMAN'S editor had the opportunity to spend some time with Barb Thyren at the Milton living history event. Barb Thyren is one of the organizers of the upcoming Boscobel event in August. One takeaway from the conversation was that the organizers are working very hard to make this a special event.**

**The biggest news that came from the interview was the information that the organizers had obtained an agreement that the Tuskegee Airmen were bringing one of their fighter planes to the Boscobel event. This is an exceptional opportunity for those who may attend this event. The history of this unit is an amazing story. Not only will one of their planes be on hand, but there was also a commitment that some of the veterans of this unit, health issues allowing, will also be present! Our congratulations go out to the organizers on this amazing addition to the event!**

**The event will be at the Kronshage Park as in the past. And as in the past, the skirmish teams will also be at Sportsman's Club for their live shoot**

**competition. In fact Barb Thyren indicated that all activities will be at Ironshage Park. This is a departure from past events where various activities, such as the women's tea, were held at other locations. The organizers are planning a military/civilian ball, pie social, ladies garden party, and childrens activities.**

**This event is supposed to be a timeline event covering multiple eras of military history. Mrs. Tyren indicated there was a disappointing response so far from reenactors from other eras than the civil war and hopefully that will change as the date of the event approaches.**

**Boscobel has always been very receptive to reenactors and that is not likely to change as this event is resurrected. The last event in Boscobel was on 2015. Having had an inside view of the labor put into this event the editor would encourage all our nenbers to consider supporting this event!**

## **LONE ROCK LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

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**As the result of an inquiry by the editor of *The Fugelman*, the following was received from Wally Hlaban. The discussion was so well done that it needs no alterations from this editor to explain or develop any information. Thus the editor has simply included the dispatch from Wally Hlaban. Thank you, Wally, for your explanation of this event for our readers!**

### **Lone Rock Living History event (June 10 & 11)**

**The Lone Rock Historical Society decided last year not to do it any more. So we are doing an encampment.**

**Several members, were still wanting to do something in honor of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battery and we were willing, so the intention is to just do an encampment (June 10 & 11) with no real agenda or schedule. Permits are in place to do firings, drill, demonstrations etc. It will be held in Battery Park, where the Henry Dillon GAR post met and built the park.**

**Several features in the park; Henry Dillon tailor shop where he recruited for the 6<sup>th</sup> Battery (moved from Richland City to the park) The shop is filled with tributes and articles from 6<sup>th</sup> Battery. The fence around the park was erected by Battery members (circa 1910's) parts and some of the gates are from Henry Dillon's farmstead. The monument in the park is to**

**6<sup>th</sup> Battery, and new this year is a Garrison gun obtained by the Society giving tribute to the time they spent on shore batteries guarding the Mississippi River. Several members to the battery left to help form / take positions with Infantry units later in the war.**

**The intention is to keep the event and memories alive, to do living history, and camp on the grounds as the original members did.**

**YOS**

**Wally Hlaban**

**6<sup>th</sup> Wis Light Artillery (Buena Vista)**

## **HERITAGE HILL EVENT INFORMATION**

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**ON JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Company E will hold its annual event at Heritage Hill. This event is always a good one and this year it looks like another well planned and interesting event for participants. Everyone in our Association would be well advised to consider attending and supporting this event. Below you will find a description of the battle scenarios for the weekend. You will also find the schedule of activities and the rules and regulations for the event. At the end of the newsletter you will find the registration form and waiver required by the event. If you have them prepared when you arrive at the event it will facilitate your registration process.**

**The Fugelman wishes to thank Charles Bagneski for the information on the Heritage Hill event which comes from the company newsletter which Charles is kind enough to provide the Fugelman.**

***THE BATTLE OF WILLIAMSBURG AND THE PENINSULA CAMPAIGN, MAY—JULY  
1862.***

***WE WILL PORTRAY THE 5TH WISCONSIN  
VOLUNTEERS OF WINFIELD S. HANCOCK'S BRIGADE.  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY JUNE  
23, 2017.***

***Vehicles will be allowed in the Main Gate (Gate 1) at 3 p.m.***

***The Event hours will be 10:00 am - 4:30 pm on Saturday, June 24, and  
the same on Sunday, June 25.***

***No cars will be allowed in the Park until 4:30 Sunday evening.***

***Wood and water will be provided.***

***There will be no in-ground fire pits—in other words, NO DIGGING. All fire pits will be surface pits, and stones will be provided for edging such pits.***

***(If any artifacts are uncovered, report the find immediately)***

***Quiet Time will be 11:00 pm to 6:30 am, Friday and Saturday.***

***Please be respectful to fellow reenactors and the neighbors of the Park.***

**The following are directions to the site of the event:**

***DIRECTIONS:*** From North of Green Bay, take US 41 South to Green Bay; then Highway 172 East to the Webster Avenue exit, and turn *left* onto Webster

***Avenue; the Park entrance will be on your left.***

***Registration, or check-in, will be at Gate 1 (see Map following pages).***

***You will be directed where to unload your vehicle, and where to park by an Event organizer.***

***(Parking will be the same as last year, under the 172 bridge.)***

***A map and directions for parking is printed at the end of the Company Roster in this newsletter.***

***HERITAGE HILL REENACTMENT 2017  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES***

***SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2017***

**10:00 am — Park opens**

**10:00 am — President Abraham Lincoln greets the Public**

**11:00 am — *Battle of Williamsburg—Hancock's Attack***

**12:00 pm — Youth Recruitment at Fort Howard Parade Ground**

**12:30 — President Lincoln reviews the New Recruits**

**1:00 pm — President Lincoln addresses the Public at the Church**

**2:00 pm — *Battle of Gaines' Mill—Engagement at Golding's Farm***

**2:30 pm — Medical Presentation**

**3:00 pm — Military Court-martial at the Town Hall**

**4:00 pm — President Lincoln addresses the Troops in Union Camp**

**4:15 pm — The Colors are Retired**

**4:30 pm — Park closes**

**Scavenger Hunt ongoing throughout the day**

**Historical Timekeepers will be ongoing throughout the day**

*SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2017*

**10:00 am — Park opens**

**10:00 am — President Abraham Lincoln greets the Public**

**11:00 am — *Battle of Savage's Station—The "Change of Base"***

**12:00 pm — Youth Recruitment at Fort Howard Parade Ground**

**12:30 — President Lincoln reviews the New Recruits**

**1:00 pm — President Lincoln addresses the Public at the Church**

**2:00 pm — *Battle of White Oak Swamp***

**2:30 pm — Medical Presentation**

**3:00 pm — Military Court-martial at the Town Hall**

**4:00 pm — President Lincoln addresses the Troops in Union Camp**

**4:15 pm — The Colors are Retired**

**4:30 pm — Park closes**

**Scavenger Hunt ongoing throughout the day**

**Historical Timekeepers will be ongoing throughout the day**



*Civil War Re-enactment*  
*June 24-25, 2017*  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Adherence to the rules and regulations put forth in this document is required. If a participant does not adhere to Heritage Hill policies, that participant will be removed from the event and not be invited to attend subsequent events.**

**1. SECURITY of each tent/campsite and belongings/valuables is the responsibility of the re-enactors. Heritage Hill is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.**

**1. SAFETY – Safety is the major concern of all participants in the event. Participants should take extra care to keep watch on axes, knives, firearms, etc to make sure they are being used and stored properly in order to prevent serious injury.**

**2. Heritage Hill constantly strives for authenticity, so we ask that all re-enactors adhere to the following guidelines:**

- All participants are required to wear appropriate period clothing.**
- Food items should be stored in period containers. If you are bringing your own rations for the weekend, we ask that you keep them period correct and prepare them in such a manner as would be conducive to the mid-19th century. Modern cooking utensils and mess gear should not be used.**
- All non-period appropriate containers, such as tupperware, coolers, or igloos should be kept out of the view during park hours.**
- Please keep cell phones and other modern accessories out of sight of the visitor.**

**4. ADDITIONAL REENACTOR EXPECTATIONS**

- Approachability- Re-enactors will be accessible, engaging, and polite and answer visitors' questions.**
- No one, other than registered re-enactors who have participated in the event or Heritage Hill staff members, will be allowed on the grounds after 4:30 pm.**
- Children must be supervised at all times.**

**5. CAMPFIRES are permitted in designated areas only. Fire pits have been set up for you by Heritage Hill staff.**

**Additional fire pits may not be added without permission from Heritage Hill. There should be a filled bucket of water next to your fire pit at all times. In the case of warm, dry weather, all fires should be kept properly**

**under control and watched at all times. Further direction will be given upon check-in. Please return all supplies back to their designated areas before leaving Sunday.**

**6. FIREARMS will only be discharged from 10:00am to 4:00pm daily, and on the grounds of Heritage Hill State Historical Park. No live rounds may be fired, only blank charges allowed. All firearms should be unloaded except during demonstrations. Misfires should be cleared as soon and as safely as possible.**

**7. PETS are not allowed on the grounds of Heritage Hill State Historical Park.**

**8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are allowed only after event hours. It is up to the re-enactment group to police its members regarding alcohol consumption.**

**9. SMOKING of period cigars and pipes may occur during the event. Please be courteous around visitors and children. All modern smoking, including any kind of cigarettes from any time period, is allowed only after event hours. Please do not smoke in or near any of the buildings.**

**10. AUTOMOBILES (Cars, vans, trucks, trailers) must be parked in the designated parking areas during the hours of the event (Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm) and are permitted in the Park only to unload equipment after check-in, before the event begins—9:00 am Saturday and Sunday—and to pack out after 4:30 pm.**

**11. VEHICLES are not permitted on the grass during check in and check out if wet conditions are present.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- 1. Firewood and water hook-ups will be provided by Heritage Hill.**
- 2. Park buildings are locked and armed at night, however the restrooms outside Tank Barn and the Officer's Quarters will be open.**
- 3. Parking during the event will be available in the lower Park grounds south of Hwy 172 underpass off Riverside Drive. (Please see enclosed map and follow signs).**
- 4. Participants may begin set-up after 3:00 pm the day before the event. Please come to the main entrance gate off of Webster Avenue for check-in.**

**5. Participants may begin takedown after 4:30 pm the day the event ends, at which time vehicles will be allowed back in the encampment area.**

**6. Each night of the re-enactment/encampment, a Heritage Hill staff member will be staffed on site to assist with emergencies or late check-in.**

## **PROGRAM AT THE WISCONSIN VETERANS' MUSEUM—PUTTING THE WISCONSIN LIGHT GUARD FLAG ON DISPLAY**

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**ON MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, there was a special presentation at the Wisconsin Veterans' Museum where the original flag presented to what became Company B of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, the LaCrosse Light Guards, was transferred to the Veterans' Museum where it will be on permanent display. The history of the flag and the details of this event appeared in last month's Fugelman. Below are an article from the WKOW web site, some photos of the event from Lyle Laufenberg, and the site where you can view a short report on the event from WKOW.**

**One of Wisconsin's most significant Civil War artifacts is now on display at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison.**

**It's a flag that was flown at Camp Randall, 156 years ago as President Lincoln's call for volunteers to preserve the Union was answered.**

**On the back of the silk flag is the earliest surviving painting of the State of Wisconsin seal on a military flag.**

**This was first presented to the La Crosse light guard, by the ladies of La Crosse, in 1860.**

**The flag traveled from Wisconsin to Washington, D.C. with the regiment.**

**It was donated to the Veterans Museum by members of the American Legion Post 52 in La Crosse and will now be permanently on display in Madison. One can see a brief news report at the following web site:**

**<http://www.wkow.com/story/35325633/2017/05/02/wisconsin-civil-war-flag-on-display-in-madison>**

**Below are photos from Lyle Laufenberg from the flag presentation at the Veterans' Museum in Madison. The Fugelman extends its gratitude to Lyle for sharing the details of this special event in pictures.**



**Kevin Hampton speaks at presentation program**



**Bob Taunt speaks at the flag presentation**



**Members of Company B**





**Representatives of the Second Wisconsin at program**

## **ATTENTION TO ORDERS**

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**MILWAUKEE VA IS CELEBRATING ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, MONDAY MAY 29, 2017, 9:30 A.M. AND  
LIVING HISTORY EVENT, SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2017, 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00  
P.M.**

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**In May of 1867, the National Soldiers Home in Milwaukee opened its doors for the first time, providing care and housing for soldiers returning to the area after the Civil War. Today, the Zablocki VA Medical Center continues that tradition of providing quality veteran care. In the spirit of Reclaiming Our Heritage that was held on the VA Milwaukee grounds from 2002 through 2012, we will be celebrating this milestone of continuous quality veteran care with two reenactor events, one on Memorial Day, MONDAY, MAY 29, and one on SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017.**

**We would like to invite reenactors portraying American military and civilian units from any period of American history, including those who portray the Grand Army of the Republic, to participate in either or both of these celebratory events.**

**MEMORIAL DAY, Monday May 29** This involves a procession beginning at the entry to Wood National Cemetery over to the seating area near the Obelisk in the northwest corner of the main section of the Cemetery. Further details will be provided to those who indicate that they will participate in this event.

**LIVING HISTORY EVENT, Saturday June 3** This is a living history event only. The VA must adhere to its policy of no weapons, thus there are no firearms from any military era (even if firing pins are removed), swords, black powder, etc. If you have ANY questions about whether or not your piece of history can be brought on to the property, please call Laura at the number below. Be creative - bring drawings or photos of equipment that must be left home this time. Cannon crews: cannon are permitted, but no firing at any time. We are unable to accommodate horses, or campfires of any kind. There is some overnight camping allowed for those who live a distance from the VA grounds, or for those who have complicated set-ups. You need to indicate on your registration form if you need to set up Friday evening and remain on the grounds overnight. Registration forms will be reviewed and you will be notified if overnight stay is approved. There will be a reenactor welcome area, light breakfast, and lunch provided.

**Questions? Please contact Laura at [laura150th@gmail.com](mailto:laura150th@gmail.com) or 414-460-6554**  
**REENACTOR INTEREST FORM FOR VA 150TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**  
**(BY APRIL 15, 2017 please return one form for each interested unit participant)**

- I would like to participate ONLY in Memorial Day procession in Wood National Cemetery May 29**
- I would like to participate ONLY in Living History Event Saturday June 3**
- I would like to participate in BOTH VA 150th Anniversary Events**

**EVENT INFORMATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT / ERA / IMPRESSION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY / STATE / ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**I need to set up my camp/display on Friday evening, June 2, and request permission to stay on VA grounds overnight. (please limit this option to those who live a considerable distance from VA grounds, or who have a complicated set-up - we appreciate your cooperation)**

**I will set up on Friday evening, June 2, but will not need to stay on VA grounds overnight.**

**I will set up on Saturday morning before 8:30 a.m.**

**RETURN COMPLETED FORMS BY APRIL 15 TO: John Thielmann, Co K  
OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO: 1144A N 46th Street jthlmnn@milwpc.com  
Milwaukee WI 53208**

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

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**INFANTRY**

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## COMPANY E

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***Company E will conduct their civil war event on the grounds of Heritage Hill Park on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.***

### ***HERITAGE HILL CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT***

**JUNE 24 & 25 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY @ 10AM-4:30 PM**

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**The first year of the Civil War divided the nation, pitting brother against brother. There were decisive battles won on both sides that left the country wondering what the fate of the Nation would be. The event will focus on lesser known battles that represent the first year of the War. Two battles will take place on Saturday and one on Sunday with a possible small skirmish on Sunday morning leading to the afternoon battle. The purpose of these battles is to educate the public on lesser known ones. Additionally, there will be ongoing drills, presentations, and audience participation activities, including a court martial.**

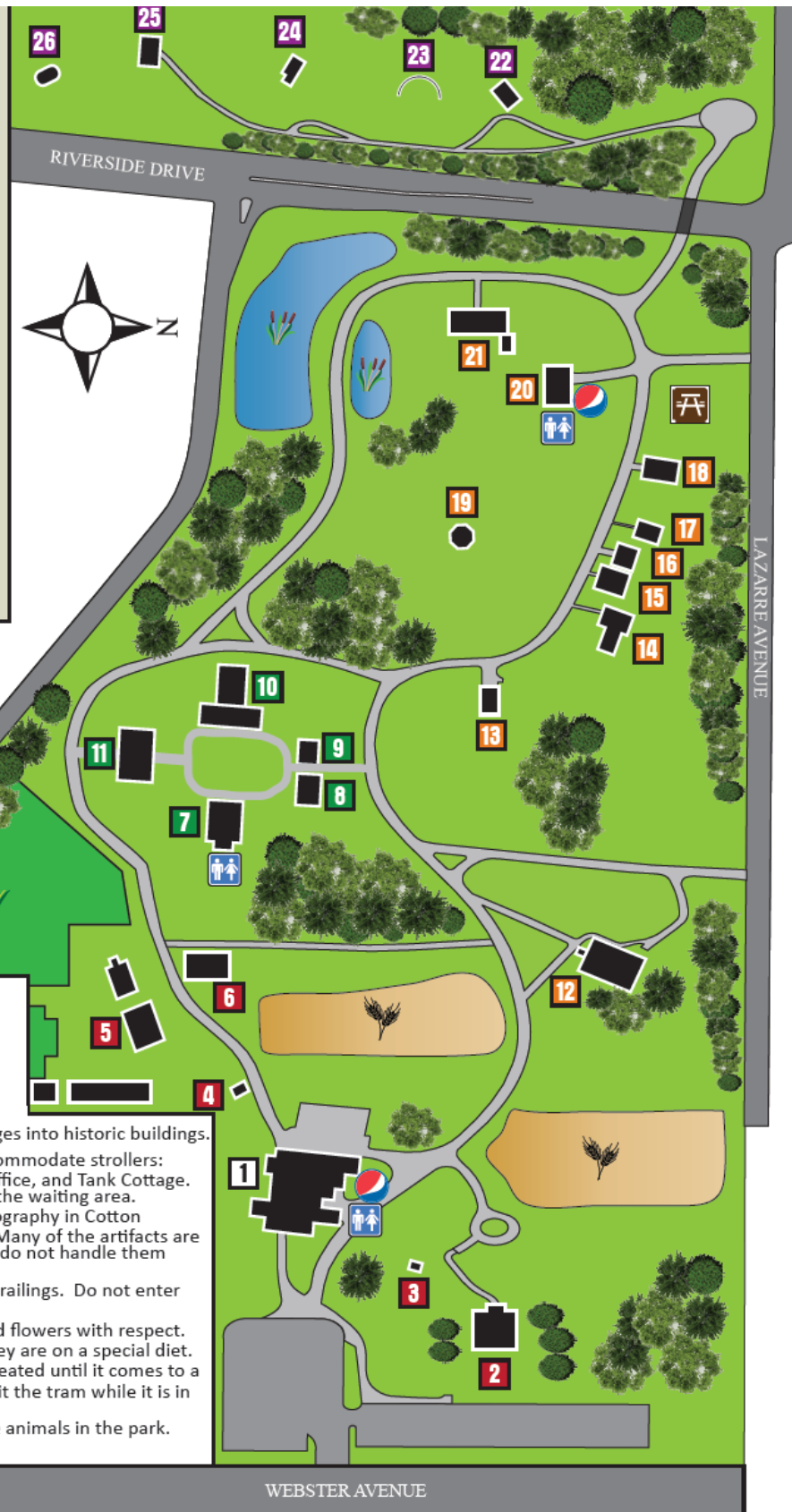
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- 3 TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
- 4 ROADSIDE CHAPEL
- 5 BELGIAN FARMHOUSE
- 6 CHEESE FACTORY
- 7 OFFICER'S QUARTERS
- 8 COMPANY KITCHEN/ORDERLY ROOM
- 9 SCHOOLHOUSE
- 10 HOSPITAL
- 11 GUARDHOUSE
- 12 MORAVIAN CHURCH
- 13 FRANKLIN HOSE COMPANY
- 14 LIBRARY
- 15 PRINTSHOP
- 16 BLACKSMITH SHOP
- 17 BAIRD LAW OFFICE
- 18 TOWN HALL
- 19 VICTORIAN BANDSTAND
- 20 TANK BARN
- 21 TANK COTTAGE
- 22 COURTHOUSE
- 23 COURTHOUSE MONUMENT
- 24 MAPLE SUGARING SHACK
- 25 FUR TRADE CABIN
- 26 BARK CHAPEL

### KEY

-  Restroom
-  Vending Machines
-  Picnic Area
-  Cropland
-  Pond
-  Pasture

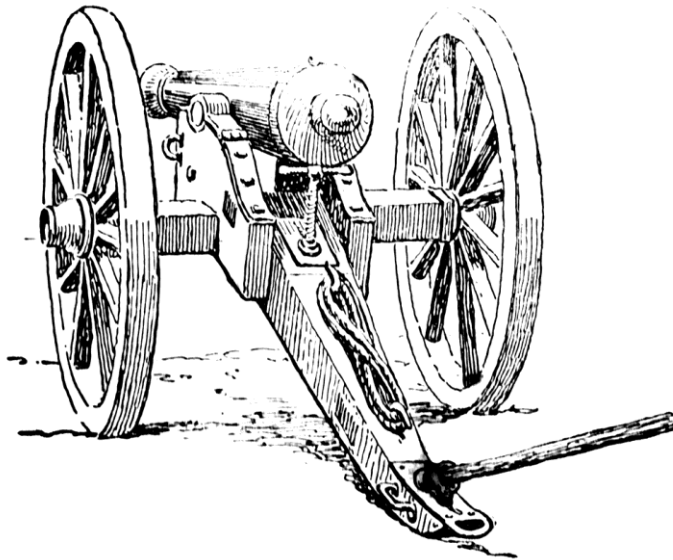
### DURING YOUR VISIT, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND...

- ▶ If you have an emergency while visiting the park, contact an interpreter or staff member immediately.
- ▶ There is NO smoking in the park. Please do not bring food or beverages into historic buildings.
- ▶ The following buildings cannot accommodate strollers: Cotton House, Library, Baird Law Office, and Tank Cottage. Please leave strollers outside or in the waiting area.
- ▶ Thank you for not using flash photography in Cotton House, Tank Cottage, and Library. Many of the artifacts are valuable and irreplaceable. Please do not handle them without permission.
- ▶ For your safety, stay off fences and railings. Do not enter pastures.
- ▶ Please treat our animals, plants and flowers with respect. Do not feed the farm animals as they are on a special diet.
- ▶ Be safe on our tram by remaining seated until it comes to a complete stop. Do not board or exit the tram while it is in motion.
- ▶ We gladly permit the use of service animals in the park. Other pets are prohibited.



# ARTILLERY

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## PHOTO ESSAY FROM APPLETON SCHOOL DAY EVENT

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**Union drill**



**Artillery station**



**Battery crew**



**The start of the battle**





**The Appleton School day battle**



**End of the battle and flag return**

## **HARTLAND SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM PHOTO ESSAY**

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**On Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a school day program was carried out with aplomb by the men of the 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery and the Second Wisconsin. On what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day 100 plus students turned out for a day of in depth learning at various stations covering aspects of the Civil War. A heated battle raged between rebel and Union forces near the end of the day. At the conclusion of the battle students and a large contingent of parents who showed up to watch the battle and closing ceremonies were treated to a firing demonstration of a**

**rifled musket, a World War One rifle and a World War Two rifle. A moving ceremony with a twenty-one gun salute by the local VFW; the playing of “taps”, and Senator Stephen Douglas (Frank Medina) reading the Gettysburg Address brought the day to an end. Based on comments from teachers and parents the event was a huge success and everyone who participated should take great pride in their efforts!**



**Students arriving for the day's event**





**Confederate drill**



**Frank Medina leads singing of civil war songs**



**The battery in action at Hardland**

**LONE ROCK CIVIL WAR WEEKEND JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>  
AND 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

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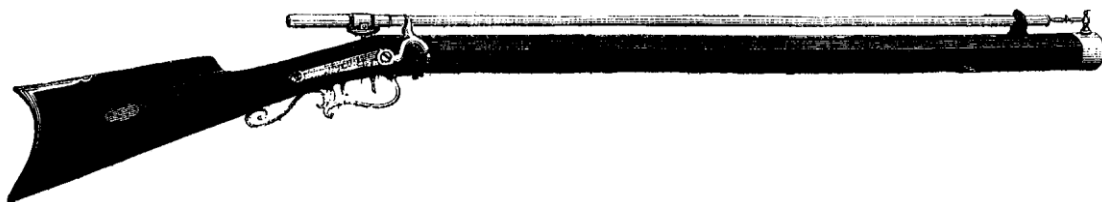
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**On June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the 6<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery will hold its annual Lone Rock Living History event.**



## **SKIRMISHERS**



## **SKIRMISH TEAMS TO COMPETE IN NEEHAH, WISCONSIN**

**JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

**The 66<sup>th</sup> North Carolina is sponsoring a competitive shooting event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The details for the event appear below.**

**AGENDA, APPLETON ACWSA SHOOT SATURDAY**

**8:15 - 8:30 Commander's Meeting, General & Revolver & Breech Loader**

**9:00 - 10:00 Individuals only 4 Relays 10:00 Individuals will continual until approx.**

**12:00 10:00 REVOLVER EVENTS 1st Event: 15 Yd. Pigeon Board 2nd Event: 15 Yd. 4" Hanging Tiles on wire 3rd Event: 25 yd. Jugs**

**11:00 BREECH LOADER (3 Minute Events) 1st Event: Single Shot Breech loader Pigeon board, 4 Birds per person Henry & Spencer, 8 Birds per person 2nd - 3rd Events: Double hang 4" Tiles on Bottom Frame. Hang Birds on Top S/S 2 Targets/Person Repeaters 4 Targets/Person 4th Event: 100 Yd. - 6" Tiles or Jugs**

**12:30 Commander's Meeting, Smoothbore & Carbine**

**1:00 SMOOTHBORE 1st Event: Pigeon Board - 3 Birds / Each Person 2nd Event: Hanging Tiles - 2 ea. Per Person 3 rd Event: 6" Tiles or Jugs - 3 ea. Per Person 4rd Event: Jugs at 75 yds. - 5 per Team (Maybe, If Time)**

**CARBINE Immediately After Smoothbore 1st Event: Pigeon Board - 16 Birds 2nd Event: 4" Tiles - 8 Tiles 3rd Event: Hanging Birds - 8 Birds 4th Event: 6" hanging Tiles plus some cups 5 th Event: 100 yds. Jugs and Some Tiles**

**5:30 POT LUCK SPAGHETTI DINNER & AWARDS 66th NC Appleton Shoot 2017 (1 of 2) Agenda, Appleton**

**ACWSA Shoot**

**Sunday 8:30 Commander's Meeting**

**8:45 Opening Ceremonies**

**9:00 Musket Match Begins 1st Event: Pigeon Board 2nd Event: 4" Hanging Tiles 3 rd Event: Hanging Pigeons 4th Event: 6" Hanging Tiles 5th Event: 100 yds. Jugs**

**CLEAN UP & AWARDS**

**TWIN CITY ROD & GUN CLUB INC W7832 WINNEGAMIE  
DRIVE NEENAH, 54956, (920) 757-6135**

**Hwy 41 North to County Road BB (prospect Ave.) This is on the south side of Appleton. Go west on BB approximately 5miles. Range is on North side of BB just past Winnagamie golf course which is on the south side of the rd.**

## **SKIRMISH TO BE HELD NEAR STREATOR, ILLINOIS JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

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**On June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, the skirmishers will compete at the Indianford Sportsman Club near Streator, Illinois. The editor was unable to obtain a schedule of events for the weekend.**

**Several years ago the editor had the pleasure of competing in a live-shoot at this location. I was there with the 104<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteers (a unit I was a member of for several years) and we were invited to participate in a competition among the 104<sup>th</sup> members. It was great fun and the editor thought the location was beautiful. It seems clear that the event here is one anticipated by the skirmishers with relish.**

**The maps below should assist in guiding team members to the site. It must be said that the location is off the beaten track and can be hard to find!**





# 2<sup>nd</sup> WISCONSIN REGIMENTAL FIELD HOSPITAL



**Surgeon Jim Dumke discusses mortal wounds with students at Hartland**





**Surgeon Stan Graiewski with students in the medical tent at Hartland**

## YOU ARE THERE

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**Today is Saturday April 28, 1861. The place is New York.**

**You enter a crowded lecture room at Bellevue Hospital Medical College and claim one of the remaining chairs.**

**After opening comments, the main speaker, Dr Frank Hamilton, is introduced. He delivers the second lecture of his course on military surgery to physicians, surgeons and medical students.**

**After describing numerous disqualifications for active service, with reasons for inefficiency in each case, he concludes 25%-50% of recruits should be rejected.**

**Dr Hamilton claims a useful army should rely on men chosen by medical examiners. He states, "For the consequences of want to prematurely crowd ambulances and hospitals, to overwhelm with labor regimental surgeons and seriously impair an army's effectiveness in the field."**

**He identifies disabilities such as hernia, strabismus, loss or maiming of fingers and injuries to knees and feet. Effects from wounds will be discussed. Dr Hamilton observes “While an injury of a knee joint often causes a loss of limbs, a dislocation of a thigh frequently means the injured may be able to march as well as before the injury. A shortening of a limb made no difference. Measuring both limbs is not the answer. Some limbs may be shortened by .5” and others by 1.5. Differences probably arise from an inability conferred by nature on certain individuals by lowering the pelvis and exercising more perfect control for coordination of parts, so as to compensate for a deficiency in a leg’s length; while this faculty of adaption was not enjoyed to the same extent by others.”**

**Dr Hamilton refers to an Indian custom to turn toes inward while walking. He observes “Experience teaches these children of nature that swiftness and endurance in war or hunting were obtained with the least expenditure of muscular force. Experience further showed that persons who were splay footed were unable to walk long distances or endure forced marches. He remarks that those with feet well arched walked better than flat footed individuals. He considers that by nature the two arches were defective with certain persons, specifically those who danced. Considerable dancing created tendencies to injure both arches, thereby impairing a man’s walking power to whom nature has given well shaped feet.”**

**At the close of his lecture, specimens of shot and shell on loan from Dr Ganesvoet, US Navy, are displayed. Various vehicles for carrying wounded from the field are also on display. A miniature model of a temporary tent, capable of being assembled quickly from four knapsacks, adds to the demonstration. Black sun shades are extemporized for absorbing heat rays, thereby affording refreshing and grateful protection from the sun.**

**Dr Alcock, USN, offers observations concerning physical examinations. He recommends determining if a recruit had lumbago or chronic rheumatism. If so, then the recruit would be unfit for service. He further states “The recruit should be sober during the physical. A recruit excited by liquor would appear more robust and fit for service.”**

**Dr Hamilton displays a specimen of condensed soup containing in a small compass sufficient when boiled with a proper quantity of water for feeding 100 men.**

**Dr Sayre invites those wishing to join the army to avail themselves of Dr Wood's daily lectures on Practical Military Surgery in the Pathological Theater of the College. Material will be free.**

**Dr Wood proposes "For each gentleman to have the opportunity of performing with his own hands various operations and that any army surgeons passing through the city are welcomed to attend. Dr Wood lectures on gunshot and other neck wounds, illustrating his expertise with actual operations.**

**The lecture ends at 12:30 pm.**

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## SCHOOL PRESENTATION AT MONROE SCHOOL IN JANESVILLE

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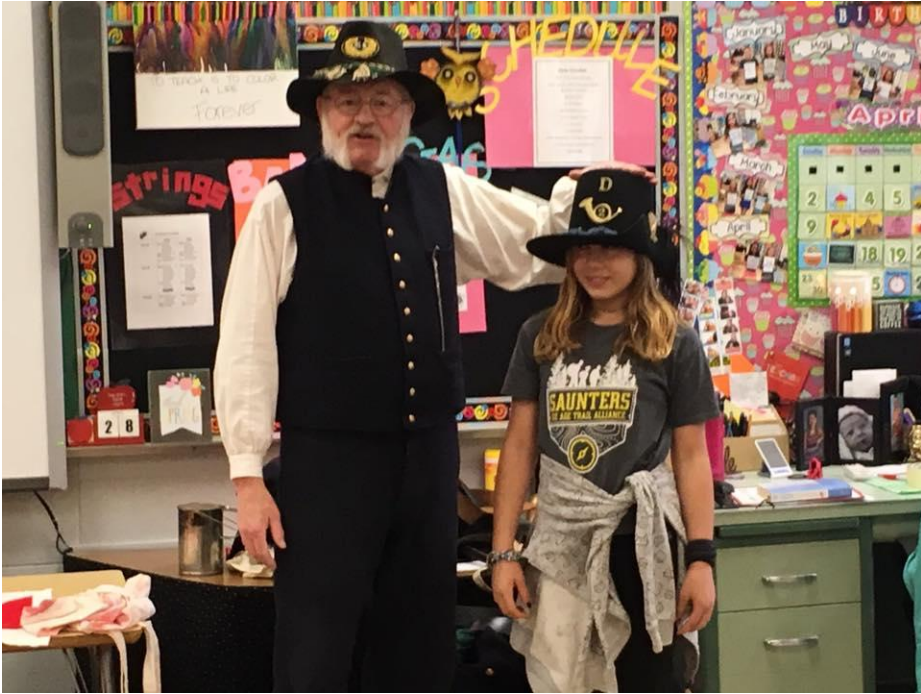
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**On April 28<sup>th</sup>, your editor engaged 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Janesville's Monroe Elementary School in a presentation that covered the life of the soldier and medical practice during the Civil War.**





**Geared up and ready to join the march after a little hardtack to sustain the body!**



**A member of Company D—the Janesville Greys**



**Surgeon checking a wound in the arm!**

# CIVIL WAR MILESTONES

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## JUNE

- June 1, 1862**                      **General Robert E. Lee appointed Commander of the army of Virginia**
- June 1, 1863**                      **General Burnside orders the suppression of the *Chicago Times*. After strenuous complaints from local leaders Lincoln would rescind the order on June 4th**
- June 2, 1864**                      **The Battle of Cold Harbor**
- June 2, 1815**                      **General Philip Kearney, U.S., born**
- June 3, 1808**                      **Jefferson Davis born**
- June 3, 1863**                      **R. E. Lee launches his second invasion of the North, by sending men west from Fredericksburg, which will result in a collision of armies at a small town called Gettysburg**
- June 3, 1864**                      **The Battle at Cold Harbor**
- June 5, 1863**                      **J. E. B. Stuart hosts a Grand Review of his cavalry**

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| <b>June 6, 1863</b>  | <b>Memphis surrenders</b>   |
| <b>June 6, 1865</b>  | <b>Quantril dies from wounds received on May 10, 1865</b>   |
| <b>June 6, 1865</b>  | <b>President Johnson releases lower-ranking Confederate prisoners of war who take the loyalty oath to the United States</b>       |
| <b>June 6, 1865</b>  | <b>Missouri ratifies a new state constitution that abolishes slavery</b>  |
| <b>June 8, 1861</b>  | <b>Tennessee formally secedes</b>   |
| <b>June 8, 1864</b>  | <b>Petersburg Campaign begins</b>   |
| <b>June 8, 1865</b>  | <b>The Union's VI Corps, who were not present for the Grand Review, march through Washington</b>                                  |
| <b>June 9, 1863</b>  | <b>Battle of Brandy Station</b>   |
| <b>June 12, 1862</b> | <b>Stuart begins his ride around McClelland's army</b>  |
| <b>June 15, 1864</b> | <b>Petersburg Campaign begins</b>   |
| <b>June 17, 1861</b> | <b>Thaddeus Lowe demonstrates hot air balloon</b>   |
| <b>June 17, 1865</b> | <b>Declaring his "unmitigated hatred to Yankee rule" Fire-eater Edmund Ruffin commits suicide at his son's estate in Virginia</b> |

- June 18, 2017**                      **Father's Day**
- June 20, 1863**                      **West Virginia officially enters the Union as the 35<sup>th</sup> State**
- June 23, 1862**                      **Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans begins his Tullahoma Campaign against Confederate General Braxton Bragg**
- June 23, 1865**                      **Last formal confederate surrender by General Stand Waite**
- June 24, 1863**                      **Robert E. Lee begins crossing the Potomac River heading north into Pennsylvania—in his last invasion of the North.**
- June 25, 1861**                      **George McClellan had been in Cincinnati, some 250 miles away, during the engagement at Philippi in western Virginia on June 3. On this day, he issued a pompous and self-serving congratulatory order to "The Soldiers of the Army of the West." "You are here to support the Government of your country, and to protect the lives and liberties of your brethren, threatened by a rebellious and traitorous foe," it began. "No higher and nobler duty could devolve upon you, and I expect you to bring to its performance the highest and noblest qualities of soldiers --- discipline, courage, and mercy... Soldiers! I have heard that there was danger here. I have come to place myself at your head and to share it with you. I fear now but one thing --- that you will not find foemen worthy of your steel."**
- June 25, 1862**                      **Seven Days Campaign begins**
- June 26, 1864**                      **Cavalry under General Stoneman begins Atlanta raid**

**June 27, 1864**

**Battle of Kennesaw Mountain**

**June 28, 1863**

**President Lincoln appoints Gen. George G. Meade as commander of the Army of the Potomac, replacing Gen. Joseph Hooker**

**June 30, 1864**

**General Early and his rebel troops march towards Washington City**

**June 30, 1865**

**All the defendants in the Lincoln conspiracy trial are convicted—four defendants are sentenced to hang**

## **COFFEE IN THE CIVIL WAR**

**POSTED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 BY ASHLEY WEBB**

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*Today, we are pleased to welcome guest author Ashley Webb.*

**If you're like me, every morning, I wake up and have a cup of coffee (or two or three). Coffee was also an essential part of a Civil War soldier's routine. They drank their coffee whenever they could, refueling themselves for the long days and nights ahead.<sup>[i]</sup> And through the hardships of war, soldiers shared campfires, rations, and friendships. Coffee wasn't always part of a soldier's ration, though. It became a wartime staple thanks to President Andrew Jackson's Army General Order No. 100 substituting coffee and sugar rations for alcohol in 1832.<sup>[ii]</sup> At the outbreak of the Civil War, and with the Union Blockade of Confederate ports in April of 1861, the availability of coffee to Confederate soldiers and families across the country dwindled. As a result, Confederate soldiers and families on both sides of the Mason-Dixon Line devised unique ways of obtaining their coffee.**



Scott's Great Snake. Map created in 1861 by J.B. Elliot. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

**Shortly after the start of the war, the Union blockade halted the import of goods through Southern ports. This not only affected the influx of Confederate uniforms, weapons, and medicines, but also rations. In a rare case, Confederate officers reverted to pre-1832 rations, substituting whiskey for coffee. John Breckinridge, a soldier in the 28<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, discussed this event in a letter to his sister, Eliza, while in camp near Fairfax Courthouse on October 13, 1861: “There is a good deal of drunkenness in camp now, they give the soldiers whiskey instead of coffee. They give them four days rations at once, and some of them drink all of theirs in a day.”<sup>[iii]</sup> This instance, however, seems to be a one-off occurrence even more so as the war continued, as whiskey was needed more as an antiseptic for wounded soldiers.**

**The lack of coffee didn't stop some Confederate soldiers. Informal truces arose, and trades between the picket lines flourished. Because of the blockade, Union troops were unable to buy Southern tobacco, creating a common ground and an array of innovative ways for soldiers to acquire the unavailable. While in Fredericksburg, Virginia, one Confederate soldier slipped a note across picket lines that said “I send you some tobacco and expect some coffee in return. Send me some postage stamps and you will oblige yours Rebel.”<sup>[iv]</sup> Along the banks of the Rappahannock River, also in Fredericksburg, local folklore suggests that Confederate soldiers constructed small sailboats to send tobacco to Union forces on the other side of the river, requesting coffee to be sailed back when the wind changed. In another instance, James E. Hall, a soldier in the 31<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry, took part in a truce with Union soldiers on March 23, 1865, in which he exchanged newspapers with a Union soldier, and others in his company received coffee. Soon after, “the truce ended and both parties resumed the firing.”<sup>[v]</sup>**



Pickets trading between the lines. Sketch by Edwin Forbes. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

**One of the more interesting aspects of the coffee shortages was the creative ways families and Confederate soldiers came up with alternatives. Roots and vegetables were ground up and sometimes blended together in the attempt to create a drink with the most coffee-like taste. Lt. Col Freemantle, a British officer visiting the Southern states in 1863 declared, “The loss of coffee afflicts the Confederates even more than the loss of spirits; and they exercise their ingenuity in devising substitutes, which are not generally very successful.”<sup>[vi]</sup> The possibilities were endless. Newspapers printed recipes for coffee substitutes as early as August of 1861. The *North Branch Democrat*, a Pennsylvania newspaper, in its October 22, 1862, issue provided several different blends of coffee substitutes, to include wheat, chestnut, sweet potato, carrot, barley, pea, and chicory root.<sup>[vii]</sup> Others popular substitutes included beets, acorns, cotton seeds, persimmon seeds, and asparagus seeds.**

**Sometimes families got extremely creative. One *Arkansas True Democrat* reader wrote the editor on October 17, 1861, describing his or her favorite coffee recipe using tan bark, old cigar stumps, and water, all boiled in a dirty coffee pot.<sup>[viii]</sup> In a tamer recipe, Julia Breckinridge, of Botetourt County, Virginia, wrote her mother-in-law on October 26, 1861, stating, “I tried the dandelion coffee the other night-and it is quite as good as any rio [coffee] I ever tasted. Jenny said she never would have known that it was not coffee if she had not been told so.”<sup>[ix]</sup> In a letter a few weeks later, Julia Breckinridge tells her husband, Gilmer, “We have taken to drinking rye coffee and I...never care to drink any other kind.”<sup>[x]</sup> A reader from Gwinnett County, Georgia agreed with Julia in the *Savannah Republican* on September 9, 1861:  
“Sugar and coffee are getting scarce and high. The sugar we are learning to dispense with, and we have an excellent substitute for coffee, very cheap and abundant. It is rye—we have been using it in our family for six weeks, and I**

think it equally as healthy, and as palatable as the *Bio*....So you see as far as coffee is concerned, we don't care a straw about Lincoln's blockade." [xi]

Out of all the substitutes, rye seemed to be the most popular for soldiers and families alike, but it had disastrous affects if not carefully cultivated and prepared. *The Daily Dispatch*, a Richmond, Virginia paper, reported a story on February 14, 1863, concerning the dangers of substituting rye in coffee. A German family of eight in Brooklyn, New York, was poisoned after drinking rye coffee purchased from a local shopkeeper. The newspaper included the letter from the Health Officer, who stated: "The case of Mr. Croft's family is not a solitary one. I had become cognizant of numerous instances in which the rye coffee had the same or similar effects.... Nobody should be surprised at the obnoxious effects of rye coffee, for with the rye itself grow ergot and other poisonous plants, and unless their seed be carefully separated from rye, poisoning is inevitable." [xii]

Coffee, a commonality in the Union and a luxury in the Confederate States, not only fueled the soldiers low on energy, but it brought unity between soldiers, comradery between lines, and an inexhaustible source of creativity among families. It has continued to be an essential part of everyday life, but today it is certainly easier to obtain!



Making coffee on the lines before Petersburg, 1864. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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[ii] Davis, Brig. Gen. George B. *The Military Laws of the United States*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed, (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1908), 308. <https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=k6yLBuFN-JQC&printsec=frontcover&output=reader&authuser=0&hl=en>

[iii] John Breckinridge to Eliza Breckinridge, 13 October 1861, Breckinridge Collection, History Museum of Western Virginia, 1969.51.627.



**[iv]** Confederate soldier to Union soldiers, 6 March, Missing Documents, National Archives and Records Administration, <http://www.archives.gov/research/recover/missing-documents-images.html>

**[v]** Hall, James Edmond and Ruth Woods Dayton, *The Diary of a Confederate Soldier*, (Lewistown: University of Michigan Libraries, 1961), 128. <http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015008191622;view=1up;seq=132>

**[vi]** Sir Arthur James Lyon Fremantle, *Three Months in the Southern States: April, June 1863*, (Mobile: S.H. Goetzel, 1864), 41. <http://docsouth.unc.edu/imls/fremantle/fremantle.html>

**[vii]** "Coffee Substitutes," *North Branch Democrat*, 22 Oct. 1862, *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86081912/1862-10-22/ed-1/seq-4/>

**[viii]** "Recipe for the Times-To Make Coffee," *Arkansas True Democrat*, 17 October 1861. *Confederate Coffee Substitutes: Articles from Civil War Newspapers*. <http://www.uttyler.edu/vbetts/coffee.htm>

**[ix]** Julia Breckinridge to Emma Breckinridge, 26 October 1861, Breckinridge Collection, History Museum of Western Virginia, 1969.51.630.

**[x]** Julia Breckinridge to Gilmer Breckinridge, 15 November 1861, Breckinridge Collection, History Museum of Western Virginia, 1969.51.636.

**[xi]** "Affairs in Gwinnett," *Savannah Republican*, 9 September 1861, *Confederate Coffee Substitutes: Articles from Civil War Newspapers*. <http://www.uttyler.edu/vbetts/coffee.htm>

**[xii]** "Rye Coffee-Its Dangers," *The Daily Dispatch*, 14 February 1863, *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84024738/1863-02-14/ed-1/seq-1/>

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Individual Re-enactor Name**

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**Address**

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**Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail**

**Approximate date and time of arrival:**

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**Number in individual campsite:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Re-enactor Group Name**

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**Re-enactment Specialties**

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**Any special needs or considerations we should know about?**

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**Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone**

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**I agree to fulfill the objectives and philosophy, as well as adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in the Re-enactor's Guidelines, and will comply with any requests by Heritage Hill staff to alter my behaviors or activities to achieve those ends.**

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date**

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**Heritage Hill Employee Signature/Date**

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**Consent of Parent or Legal Guardian if Applicant is a Minor**

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***Signature of Parent or Guardian***