

# **THE FUGELMAN**



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**FU-GLE-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**

This month's pass in review column submitted by Lt. Col. Seielstad is actually his annual report to the Association. It is definitely worth the time to read and digest. It is in essence a call to action! Interest will grow in the events of the American Civil War over the next 5 years as we go through the sesquicentennial cycle beginning this year. There is no reason why the Second Wisconsin should not reflect our dedication and honor for those men who gave the Second and the Iron Brigade its fame and glory!! [Ed.]

**REPORT TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
WISCONSIN VOL. INF.  
ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT/FIELD  
COMMANDER  
LT. COL. PETER D. SEIELSTAD  
2010**

In past reports to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Association, I have given the Second goals to achieve. They still remain. They are: Communication, recruiting, attention to uniform requirements and a proper portrayal. We have previously met these goals but continue to become relaxed once achieved. Is it OK to find a level of comfort and rest on our laurels? No is the simple answer. Average is not good enough. Average means we will never progress beyond the norm. We must continue to improve.

As Second Wisconsin Association members, we will look beyond the normal. We will approach 2010 with a determined focus. Our focus will be on maintaining a high proficiency in drill and the manual of arms. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin officers will train its men in company drill and skirmish drill. When possible our companies will come together and practice battalion maneuvers. These practices will develop an 'Esprit de Corps' that will only instill confidence in the association.

When not on the field our company streets will maintain a high degree of merit. Whether in bivouac or in garrison, company streets will be organized with a minimum of baggage and comforts. Each soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> should arrive in camp as if he has just returned from furlough or detached service and he will resume his duties promptly.

In effect, when we meet at an event, the staff of the Second Wisconsin will organize and implement a definite plan for their part in the event. On a smaller scale, the company commander will implement a like plan for his company. No soldier of the Association will be left with out leadership from the command of the Second Wisconsin Association. There will be, at all times, a representative from the Second Wisconsin Association at officers' meetings at any event. This will insure a measure of safety for our members.

A few things point to a healthy organization; communication and growth are two. But we can also add, an expanded knowledge of the period through drill, personal study on uniforms and equipment, reading unit histories and individual diaries.

The Association and its sister companies reach out through public demonstrations at school programs, living history events and re-enactments thus providing the second part of a healthy organization; service. The Second Wisconsin has been very active in education. Each company hosts an annual school day presentation at some level. And the Association also has made available scholarships through out the past few y ears to its members. With these two simple programs the Second Wisconsin Association has

touched the lives of countless people. It is my hope that these programs will continue.

Further, as we individually become older and less often take to the field; we should consider other options for our passion of the American Civil War. Collectively we can expand our service and dedication to preserving history by spending our time, talents and treasury on worthy causes.

The past is not forgotten within the Second Wisconsin Association. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Association is investing in the future by preserving the past while in the present.

Respectfully submitted

President/ Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Vol. Inf. Association

## **AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION**

By the time our members receive this publication a decision will have been made on the following proposal. It is included in this month's publication for the benefit of those who were not at the Association annual meeting.

We are grateful for the attention and effort Pvt. Dudkiewicz his comrades have undertaken on our behalf.

Gentlemen,

As we have discussed informally at several events last season, I would like to propose a possible Battlefield Trip in lieu of attending a National Event, as we start to gear up for the big 150th cycle in 2011. 2010 will be 1865 in the current cycle. There has been no big buzz about nationals this year.

The Black Hat Battalion has decided to do the living history at Antietam. I am certain that starting in 2011, we will all be in high demand

in our areas, and all of the events nationally will be wanting to do special things for the next 5 years

Dates are hard to determine in right now. Not having full knowledge of company schedules, two weekends that look like they **Might** be between things are July 22-26, and September 9-13.

As on an Event trip, I would propose we leave Wisconsin on a Thursday morning, and return on Monday night. The difference being, we only visit battlefields, and do not do an event.

I was trying to come up with places we may not visit often, or ever in other circumstances.

**SCENARIO A:**  
Ft. Donaldson  
Stones River  
Atlanta Cyclorama  
Andersonville

**SCENARIO B:**  
Fredricksburg/Spottsylvania  
Richmond (Cold Harbor, Gaines Mill, Fraysers Farm, Malvern

Hill, Drewry's  
Bluff)  
Petersburg  
Appomatox

**SCENARIO C:**  
Springfield IL  
Wilson Creek  
Vicksburg

These scenarios are staring blocks, some may be too limited or too ambitious, especially Richmond. Richmond may be a bit depressing as well. Those listed above have some acreage set aside, but very nearby, Oak Grove, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines and White Oak Swamp are pretty well swallowed up in development.

If any of these is a go, and a date is agreed to, logistics would have to be worked out. I have not talked to Craig recently, but if I remember correctly, the bus sizes are 28, 46 and 54. Motels will be more costly, as we would have 4 nights instead of 2. Obviously, meals would be a bit more.

Again, I would like to put this proposal in front of the membership for this year. I volunteer to be part of, or in charge of logistics for this. The areas of attention will obviously be 1. Travel, 2. Lodging, 3. Meals. I will attempt to send some potential costs to this same mailing list prior to the Annual Meeting. If anyone has any suggestions, or can help in any area, please let me know.

Your humble servant,  
Pvt. John S Dudkiewicz  
Co B, 2nd Wisc. Vol. Inf.

## FEBRUARY MILESTONES

Feb. 1, 1861	Texas secedes
Feb. 1, 1865	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	Peace talks begin
Feb. 6, 1832	Gen. John Brown Gordon CSA
Feb. 6, 1833	Gen. J.E.B. Stuart CSA born
Feb. 6, 1834	Gen. William Dorsey Pender CSA born
Feb. 8, 1820	Gen. William T. Sherman USA born
Feb. 8, 1862	Battle of Roanoke Island
Feb. 9, 1861	Jefferson Davis elected president of CSA
Feb. 12, 1809	ABRAHAM LINCOLN born—Happy 201 <sup>st</sup> birthday Mr. President
Feb. 13, 1962	Battle of Fort Donelson
Feb. 14, 1824	Gen. Winfield S. Hancock US born
Feb. 14, 2010	VALENTINES DAY!!
Feb. 22, 2010	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

## AN UNUSUAL HAPPENING AT A REENACTMENT IN VIRGINIA

The following is an article from  
the Charlottesville *Daily  
Progress* newspaper.

BY **TED STRONG**  
PUBLISHED: JANUARY 7, 201

This time both sides won.  
The Union and Confederate

cavalry commanders who engaged in a horseback scuffle as they re-enacted the Battle of Stanardsville were found not guilty of reciprocal assault charges in Greene County General District Court on Wednesday.

During the scuffle, the Confederate commander, Doug Nalls, lost his hat and fired his revolver. At issue was whether the hat was knocked from his head by a blow from Joseph Ferguson, his Union counterpart; whether Nalls fired his gun deliberately; and which happened first. Greene County Commonwealth's Attorney Ronald Morris said he thought there was evidence to support assault charges against both men.

"What went on here went way beyond what was authorized," he said.

What wasn't in dispute was the bad blood between the two men, even before the battle began.

According to Confederate witnesses, the two had sparred verbally in the hours before the battle. One re-enactor, Michael Kamei, testified that the Union commander used terms to the effect of "blaggard" and "knave."

As for the fight itself, a bevy of witnesses gave often-contradictory testimony. One man who claimed to be right next to the action gave a totally different account than another who was, he said, "half a horse" away from the fight.

Much of the testimony was repetitive.

When one of the witnesses asked if he could leave the courthouse after testifying, General District Court Judge William Barkley replied that he was free to go, "to the envy of everyone in the court."

The Confederate colonel's father, Wayne Nalls, testified that he waded into the fray on foot, to try to separate the men.

"And I told them both to shut up," he said.

Ultimately, it was the continued contradictory testimony that led to the judge's decision. Late in the afternoon, he pre-empted several more Union witnesses, got a closing statement from the prosecution and rendered his verdict. He said the re-enactment was just window-dressing on a garden-variety assault case.

"It's really the same situation as if it did occur at a Burger King," he said.

Because the standard for conviction is "beyond a reasonable doubt," and because the opposing sides presented credible witnesses with differing versions of the facts, Barkley said he was compelled to acquit both men.

"I think it's impossible for any third party to look at this evidence and make a determination," he said.

The Confederate commander's attorney was pleased with the decision. "I think justice was done today," Rebecca Colaw said.

Ferguson, the Union commander, had a different take.

"The feud on the battlefield goes on," he said. "All re-enactors are in danger from the actions of bullies on the battlefield."

[http://www2.dailyprogress.com/cdp/news/local/article/war\\_re-enactment\\_turned\\_uncivil/50689/](http://www2.dailyprogress.com/cdp/news/local/article/war_re-enactment_turned_uncivil/50689/)

[Ed. Note] One advantage of being a private in the ranks is that I don't have to deal

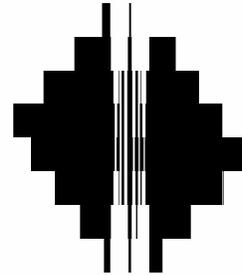
with officers, except my own! In my experience I have heard "the rebels complain incessantly about the fact that the Union troops don't die in large enough numbers, that we stress military structure over having fun, that we drill too much and focus too much on our impressions on the field. But it has never come down to personal battles between individuals!

It seems to this editor that they really miss the whole purpose of these events. We really are there to teach and entertain the general public. These visitors are there to see drill, camp life, and the battles. I have never heard a spectator complain that not enough Yankees died or were wounded. They do express admiration for the drills executed with military precision. They do enjoy crisp, precise volleys by the boys. And ultimately isn't the ability to execute these various elements of Union soldiers on the field something that brings fun and satisfaction to the individuals participating?

My students refer to me as the "oldest private in the Union army" at times. Drill is a stress on these old bones at times. But I hear the men in the ranks who are thrilled when we fire a crisp volley or execute a wheel maneuver. You hear "that was an awesome volley" or a "well done men" from an officer when we perform a wheel or other maneuver with precision. That is fun! And we do enjoy ourselves interacting with the public and our peers. It seems to the editor that it is both our purpose and our pride of accomplishment that makes events fun. Personality should play no role on the field. It

can be dangerous out there. Doing it right makes us and our opponents on the field safer.

## **CYCLORAMA MAY TEMPORARILY CLOSE**



**BY SCOT ANDREW  
PITZER**  
Times Staff Writer  
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EST

There is a structural flaw with the ceiling of the new \$103 million Battlefield Visitor Center, that is causing water to damage portions of the Cyclorama painting.

Condensation is dripping onto "minimal areas" of the historic painting, which Congress recently spent \$16 million to restore.

Gettysburg National Military Park spokeswoman Katie Lawhon described the problem as a "short-term" issue.

"There is no leak in the roof of the Cyclorama painting gallery," said Lawhon. "We have minor amounts of condensation that occasionally form on the inside of the ceiling...at certain times of the year," said Lawhon, adding that "we are working aggressively to research a solution."

While Lawhon did not use the term "leak," the word appeared in Dec. 22 minutes from the park's "Division Chief Meeting."

"There is a leak problem with the Cyclorama roof," the report stated. "This

problem needs to be fixed."

The report continues: "The roof is a tongue-and-groove type that expands and contracts. There is an air leak which is causing condensation."

To repair the roof, the report stated, the park "would probably be looking at shutting down the (Cyclorama) program for two-three months."

Lawhon was unable to indicate if or when the park plans to shut down the gallery.

Ironically, one of the main reasons the park moved the 124-year-old painting out of the old Cyclorama complex in Ziegler's Grove and built a new facility was because of roof leaks. A combination of the leaks, fire, flood damage and improper storage damaged the painting over the years.

The park hired a Virginia-based conservator, and restored the painting over a five-year period. It reopened in the new Battlefield Visitor Center in

2008 along the Baltimore Pike.

Lawhon explained that "some drops of water have hit the painting in the sky," which is a new infill area "and not part of the historic canvas."

Overall, the painting measures 377-feet long, and 42 feet high. Crews recreated 14 feet of "sky" and 16 feet of vertical imagery in a \$16 million renovation project that ended in 2008. Congress financed the entire project.

Lawhon said engineers are looking at the insulation that has been "installed between the ceiling and roof at the expansion joints." The park is "carefully monitoring the situation."

Once a solution is found, conservators will address the "minimal areas in the sky" that have been damaged by the water.

The relative humidity level in the Cyclorama painting gallery, according to officials, has also been lowered by 40 percent.

# REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES

## ASSOCIATION CALENDAR 2010

The following is the calendar of Association events for 2010. The calendar is not complete as some companies have not provided their calendar of company events as the newsletter goes to press. These events do not include the Association's events, as we wait for the completion of the Association's annual meeting. The *Fugelman* appreciates the effort of Dave Dresang for this early compilation of the calendar.



### Association Calendar 2010

#### January

- 16<sup>th</sup> Battery B Annual meeting Juneau WI
- 30<sup>th</sup> Association annual meeting Fox Lake WI 10:00 a.m.
- 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Fort Point, Living History, San Francisco CA Company H

#### February

- 13<sup>th</sup> Company E Drill St. Marks Lutheran School Green Bay WI 9:00 a.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Company E Sweetheart dinner/dance Holiday Inn DT 5:00 p.m. Green Bay
- 20<sup>th</sup> Company K Drill Waterloo High School, Waterloo WI 9:00 a.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Company E Oshkosh Historical Trade Fair Oshkosh WI

#### March

- 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Company H Mooney Grove, Reenactment, Visalia, CA
- 13<sup>th</sup> Battery B Maintenance Day Sussex Armory Sussex WI
- 20<sup>th</sup> Company E Drill (site TBD) 9:00 a.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Company K Drill Waterloo High School, Waterloo WI 9:00 a.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Company H Knights Ferry Reenactment, Knight's Ferry, CA
- 27<sup>th</sup> Battery B Maintenance Day Sussex Armory Sussex WI

#### April

16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Company H Mariposa, Reenactment, Mariposa, CA  
17<sup>th</sup> Company K Company School of the Soldier/drill (TBD)  
30<sup>th</sup> Company E & Battery B Appleton School Day, Appleton WI

### May

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Muster (Spring Muster) Wade House Greenbush WI  
7<sup>th</sup> Company E Appleton School Day, Appleton WI  
14<sup>th</sup> Company B West Salem School Day West Salem WI  
14<sup>th</sup> Battery B Hartland School Day Hartland WI  
15<sup>th</sup> Battery B School of the Piece (National) Boscobel WI  
21<sup>st</sup> Company E Ashwaubenon School Day, Ashwaubenon WI  
21<sup>st</sup> Company K & Battery B School Day, Blue Mound State Park, Mt. Horeb WI 8:00 a.m.  
25<sup>th</sup> Company E Heritage Hill School Day, Allouez WI  
26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Company H Roaring Camp School Days, Felton, CA  
28<sup>th</sup> Company E Merrill School Day, Merrill WI  
29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Company H Roaring Camp Reenactment, Felton, CA  
31<sup>st</sup> Company E Oshkosh Memorial Day Procession, Oshkosh WI  
31<sup>st</sup> Company K Monona Memorial Day Parade, Monona WI

### June

4<sup>th</sup> Battery B School Day Woods Hospital Milwaukee WI  
5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Company E & K Reclaiming Our Heritage, Woods Hospital Milwaukee WI  
18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Battery B Sauk City Reenactment Sauk City WI  
19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Company B Adams MN Reenactment (hosted by Co. H 1<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Inf.)  
26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Company E Heritage Hill Reenactment, Allouez WI

### July

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Company B Seminole Valley Farms Cedar Rapids IA (hosted by the 1<sup>st</sup> S.C.)  
17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Company E & Battery B Old Falls Village Reenactment, Menominee Falls WI  
16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Company **H Duncan Mills Reenactment, Duncan Mills CA**  
**\*Company Max effort event\***  
31<sup>st</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> Company E Copper Harbor Living History, Copper Harbor MI (UP)

### August

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Company K & Battery B Musket & Memories Reenactment, Bosobel WI  
13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Company B Irish Fest Presentation and Living History La Crosse WI  
21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Company E & Battery B Pine Crest Village Reenactment, Manitowoc WI  
28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Company E Stevens Point Reenactment, Stevens Point WI

### September

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Company E Soldier's Charity March (TBD)  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Company H Nevada City Reenactment, Nevada City, CA  
24<sup>th</sup> Association Wade House School Day, Greenbush WI  
25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Association Old Wade House Reenactment, Greenbush WI

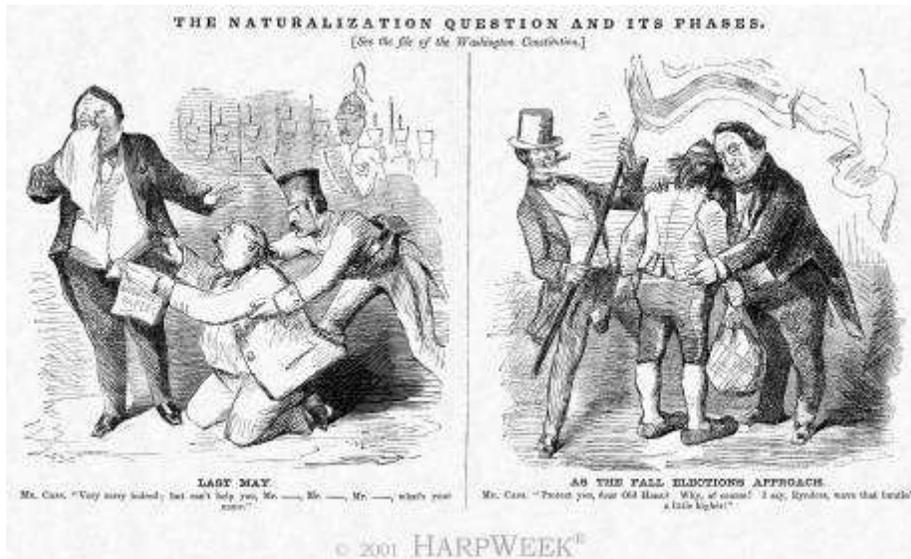
### October

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Company H Fresno Reenactment, Fresno, CA  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Company K Trimborn Farm Living History, Greendale WI  
8<sup>th</sup> Company B Norskedalen School Day Coon Valley WI  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Company B Norskedalen Reenactment, Coon Valley WI

### November

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Company H, Moorpark Reenactment, Moorpark, CA

20<sup>th</sup>      Company E & K Gettysburg Remembrance Day, Gettysburg PA  
December  
4<sup>th</sup>      Company E annual Company meeting, Allouez WI



## The Naturalization Question and Its Phases

Last May.

Mr. Cass. "Very sorry indeed; but can't help you, Mr. \_\_\_\_, Mr. \_\_\_\_, Mr. \_\_\_\_,  
what's your name."

As The Fall Elections Approach.

Mr. Cass. "Protect you, dear Old Hans? Why, of course! I say, Rynders, wave  
that buntin' a little higher!"

Artist: John McLenan

In the late 1850s, a diplomatic controversy developed between the United States and certain European governments, particularly Prussia and other German states. Naturalized American citizens who returned temporarily to their countries of origin on business or personal trips were being forced into military service in their homelands. The German-American community demanded that the administration of President James

Buchanan take immediate and decisive steps to secure the safe return of the conscripted men, and to ensure that such impressments ended.

This cartoon contrasts the reactions of Secretary of State Lewis Cass in the spring and fall of 1859. At first, Cass refused to recognize any obligation of the American government to intervene on behalf of the conscripted American immigrants. However, the German-American vote was important to the Democratic Party, and as the 1859 state and municipal elections approached, Cass changed his mind, declaring that the American government would protect the rights of its citizens abroad. On the left, Cass rudely blows his nose while refusing to assist the German-American who begs at his feet. On the right, Cass warmly welcomes a German back to the United States, as Isaiah Rynders of Tammany Hall waves a banner in celebration.

*Harper's Weekly* brought the issue to the attention of the general public in 1858, supporting the immigrants' cause when other major publications sided with the State Department's noninterventionist policy. "It is not generally known in this country that every native of any one of the fifteen or twenty odd German States of Europe becomes, by the mere act of birth, liable to military duty in the army of his native State." The problem for German immigrants to the United States, and subsequently for the American government, derived from the fact that German law did not permit Germans to become citizens of other nations (i.e., expatriation). If you were born a Prussian, you were a Prussian citizen for life, and therefore subject to mandatory military service.

Secretary Cass's response in May 1859 was that while there is no distinction between native-born and naturalized citizens within the United States (except for the constitutional prohibition on a foreign-born president), a naturalized citizen may still have legal obligations he must meet if he returns to his native land, and over which the American government has no jurisdiction. *Harper's Weekly* compared "Mr. Cass's idea of citizenship" with "a bad cold, which yields to a change of air, and leaves no trace behind." The journal also contrasted the secretary with President James Madison, who declared war on Britain in 1812 partially in reaction against the impressment of American citizens into the British Navy, and to Secretary of State William Marcy (1853-1857), who successfully insisted on the return of a Hungarian applicant for American citizenship, Martin Koszta, conscripted by Austria.

The latter case made headlines in 1853, and whipped

up patriotic fervor. This was partly due to the dramatic intervention of Captain Duncan Ingraham, commander of the *U.S.S. St. Louis*, who forced the Austrians at gunpoint to deliver Koszta to a neutral third party (the French) for negotiations. It was also because of American sympathies with Hungary's failed 1848 revolution against Austrian rule, with which Koszta was associated. Americans had enthusiastically welcomed Louis Kossuth, the exiled leader of the Hungarian nationalist movement, during his tour of the United States in 1851-1852. Playing on that sentiment, *Harper's Weekly* ended the 1858 editorial: "Remember Martin Koszta."

*Harper's Weekly* urged the Buchanan administration or Congress to place an embargo on German imports until American citizenship was recognized in the German states. The newspaper also called for a Congressional inquiry into the matter, and expressed pleasure in reporting that Senator George Fugh, a Democrat from Ohio (which had a large German population), had requested to see the State Department correspondence on the matter of compulsory enlistment of American citizens abroad. By the summer of 1859, the newspaper was calling naturalization a farce for not protecting the rights of naturalized citizens abroad, and a fraud for breaking the contract of naturalized citizenship that clearly granted those rights.

Then, Secretary Cass reversed the State Department's policy. The specific case involved Christian Ernst, who had emigrated from Hanover (Germany) with his family when he was 10 years old. In February 1858, he became a citizen of the United States, and the next month visited his birthplace in Hanover. He was soon conscripted into the Hanover army, leaving his family and business to suffer in the United States. On July 8, 1859, Cass sent a dispatch to the American minister instructing him to demand Ernst's release, with which the Hanoverian government readily complied. More broadly, the secretary of state explicitly stated that naturalized citizens had "all the rights, privileges, and immunities which belong to a native-born citizen, in their full extent ... both at home and abroad."

Robert C. Kennedy

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/harp/0917.html>

## **REPORTS FROM THE CAMPS**

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# COMPANY E

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November 18, 2009

Dear Company Commander,

As you prepare your event calendar for 2010, we invite and encourage you to include the return of the Civil War to Heritage Hill State Park in Green Bay, Wisconsin among your scheduled events. After an absence of many years we are pleased to announce the return of this event, which will be held the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2010.

This reenactment has been developed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Co. E and the 10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Volunteer Infantry. With the event planned by the reenactors and supported by the Heritage Hill staff, details critical to reenactors have been given a high priority. The result will be an environment that is friendly to reenactors, allowing them to focus on their presentation of the Civil War.

The weekend's activities will make full use of the grounds at Heritage Hill and will include a battle each day of the event. In addition civilians will get the opportunity to play a key role in the event by letting the women, children & others utilize some of the buildings on the grounds to portray every day life of the 1860's.

This year's event will take place after a 4 year absence of a Civil War event in Green Bay and marks the return to Heritage Hill after more then 15 years. While many of the events for the weekend are still in the planning stage we will be having a band for your dancing pleasure on Saturday night. Should you have any ideas or questions about this year's event please contact Steve Peterson or Dave Sielski. To help manage the vent this will be a by invitation only event to manage the size of the event and to make this a quality event for the public. We hope that you can join us for the return of Heritage Hill June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2010.

With warmest regards,

David Sielski  
Steve Peterson  
Second Wisconsin Volunteer  
Infantry Company E

## REPORTS FROM THE SKIRMISHERS

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The following information, especially number 1, will be of particular concern to our skirmishers.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. **Andy Gelman Memorial Service:** This from Franny Gelman "... there will be a memorial for Andy on March 7th, in Highland Park at Temple B'nai Torah and afterwards at his brother Alan's house. This is something I have been wanting to do for months and am glad the arrangements are finally made. Please have Guy send this info to the Civil War Group. If anyone needs any information they can email me or his brother Alan at [alangelman@gmail.com](mailto:alangelman@gmail.com)."

2. Cal Naylor updated his team's unit page on our web site. Check out the 7th Tennessee at [http://acwsa.org/Team%20Pages/7th\\_Tennessee.htm](http://acwsa.org/Team%20Pages/7th_Tennessee.htm)

3. At the Kenosha Civil War Museum:

A. "Civil War Cyclorama Panoramas" Saturday, January 30, 1 PM This free public program is sponsored by The Milwaukee Civil War Round Table and The Iron Brigade Association

B. Civil War Sundays "Camp Entertainment" Sunday, January 31, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. For more information see:

<http://www.kenosha.org/civilwar/index.html>

Yr. Obt. Srvt.,  
Gary Van Kauwenbergh  
ACWSA Adjutant

**The following dispatches from Gary Van Kauwenbergh are a valuable lesson in the value of our networks of reenactors. It is particularly gratifying when we see the results of this case.**

My Cannon, limber and covered 18ft Car hauler was stolen from my lot at 4218 Pelham, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125. Batty B 1st Michigan Light Artillery's entire gear was enclosed in the well locked up trailer.

My trailer has distinctive bullet hole decals running up both sides and a giant cannonball splat on the back door. I want to get this

information out as quick as I can. The more eyes we have looking the better!

U.S. 1841 6pdr cannon mark C.A.&CO 1845 on trunnions 298 over W.V. on Muzzle

No. 5. Limber U.S. 6 pdr.

Trailer is a 2000 Haulmark 18ft covered car hauler charcoal gray VIN 16HGB1834YH065667.

Please forward to any and all your C.W. reenactors and reenacting websites.

Police Contact is: Dearborn Hgts. Police  
313 277-6770  
Officer Beaudree  
Case 2010-84

Reward!  
Thanks  
Dr. Bill Vecchioni  
313 277-1100  
313-274-5412

Gary, this is the latest information. Thanks for helping to get the word out.

Well Boys,

We're back in business. Got an anonymous phone call from a couple of "good Samaritans" in Detroit who was really scared of finding a stolen trailer in his neighborhood with a cannon in it after watching the news today. He offered to bring it to me anonymously and he did so around 5pm today. Ole number 5 is back home minus the winch and battery and with a broken side door handle. cursory look thru the inventory in the dark is that all the important stuff is there and I will do a daylight check tomorrow. Have to go back tonight with another padlock for the tongue. Good news is Good news and thanks for all the help the Battery mates put out. Got a call from a fellow cannoneer in Richmond, Va, this a.m. and he notified the entire east coast about the theft. This afternoon got a call from a fellow in Dallas, Tx, and he notified the entire southwest of the US. Great Lakes region was notified. What an amazing network of fellow reenactors we have. Description of No. 5 went cross country in a half day.

Thanks all,  
Col. Bill

The following is the annual report from our Association skirmishers as prepared by Gary Van Kauwenbergh and presented at the Association's annual meeting.

Skirmish Team Report for the 2009 Season  
January 30, 2009  
Gary Van Kauwenbergh

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the Honor to report;

The big news this year is the American Civil War Shooting Association (ACWSA), the organization in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin competes, more than doubled in size. Before the close of the 2009 season, the ACWSA grew from 115 members in nine teams to In 217 members in nineteen teams, and more have joined since then.

In 2009 the ACWSA board instituted a "First Year Free" program for new members. That program was doing well locally, and then a number of skirmishers from Michigan and Ohio who were not happy with their current organization discovered it. In 2010, we expect to have over 300 members, and even more if we attract teams from Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota. I suspect the organization we started in 1999 is about to morph into multi-regional, Midwest-centric organization. Plans for an ACWSA Championship match are underway.

In 2009, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Skirmish Team maintained both its "roster" numbers and attendance levels at all events. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin's one-day skirmish on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend was rained out for the second year in a row. The team attended all five remaining skirmishes offered by the ACWSA last season, and fielded least one team in every competition offered. At the end of the season, we finished in the middle of the pack or higher in all the annual standings.

Musket Teams:	A	4 <sup>th</sup> in a field of 11 (3 <sup>rd</sup> in 2008)
	B	1 <sup>st</sup> in a field of 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> in 2008)
Carbine Teams:	A	4 <sup>th</sup> in a field of 8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in 2008)
	B	1 <sup>st</sup> in a field of 6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in 2008)
	Ladies	2 <sup>nd</sup> in a field of 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> in 2008)
Revolver Team:		2 <sup>nd</sup> in a field of 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> in 2008)
Smoothbore:		2 <sup>nd</sup> in a field of 3 (1 <sup>st</sup> in 2008)
Cannon:		2 <sup>nd</sup> in a field of 3
Mortar:		3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### **TENTATIVE SKIRMISH DATES FOR 2010 ARE:**

June 5-6 66th NC & 2d WI skirmish @ Appleton

July 17-18 56th VA @ Stonebank

August 6-8 1 USSS, 15 WI & 8 WI @ Boscobel

Sept 3-5 8 & 2 WI @ Rhinelander

Sept 18-19 15<sup>th</sup> WI @ Bristol

The annual team meeting to kick off the 2010 season will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, in Johnson Creek. Contact me at [garyvank@aol.com](mailto:garyvank@aol.com) or 608-274-0736 for details. Complete ACWSA information, including event schedules, maps, contact information,

etc. (along with lots of pictures and videos) can be found on the ACWSA website at <http://acwsa.org/>

The 2nd Wisconsin marksmanship team participates in live-fire competitions know as "skirmishes", and within the hobby, competitors are commonly referred to as "skirmishers". The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin's team competes with both rifled and smooth-bore muskets, carbines, revolvers, cannon, mortars, and even a three-man Henry Rifle team available if the opportunity arises. It is one of 19 teams in the American Civil War Shooting Association (ACWSA), and it maintains an affiliation with the 114<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry of the North-South Skirmish Association (N-SSA) for members who want to compete nationally, and go to additional local skirmishes.

Skirmishing is an extracurricular activity for some of the reenactors in the association, and from the associations perspective, the marksmanship team is not a separate unit. The reenactors who also skirmish can come from any of the units in the association. Just as most reenactors don't compete in live-fire competitions, everyone on the skirmish team doesn't reenact either. What we do is maintain a unit with the using the same uniforms and equipment, so members can enjoy either or both hobbies, falling in with people they already know using the same kit they already own

Our skirmish team tries to maintain a large roster so all the members don't have to attend every event to field legal-sized teams. We're proud that we've competed with at least one team in every event, at every ACWSA skirmish since we formed in 1994. We also try to make our team as family-oriented as possible. Within our skirmish team we have husband and wives, father and sons and even an uncle and nephew. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies shoot on their own carbine team. They compete with other ladies wearing period dress, and even shoot their own mortar when ever they choose.

A skirmish event takes all weekend, but you don't have to participate in all of it. Individual competition, where people shoot at bulls-eye paper targets takes place on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoons are reserved for team carbine, revolver and sometimes mortar and cannon competition. The main event of a skirmish is the musket team competition on Sunday morning. After range clean-up and the awards ceremony, participants are usually on the road around noon. Some skirmishers only come for the musket team competition on Sunday morning. Skirmishing can be as low-key, or as intense as you'd like.

Live-firing is not rocket science, but there are some things that are not intuitively obvious. Just as someone just getting started in reenacting can save time, money and frustration by talking to someone who's been in the hobby for a while, we'd be glad to help you get started live firing your musket.

Respectively submitted,  
by Your Obedient Servant,

Gary Van Kauwenbergh

# COMPANY K

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Company K conducted its annual meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. A number of officers, both corporate and military, were recently elected to fill the roster of positions that were up for election in 2010. All officers are elected to serve three year terms.

Two corporate offices were up for election. Jim Dumke was re-elected secretary and Bill Raftery was elected to serve as Company K treasurer. Craig Mickelson, president, and Ugi Pirocanac, vice-president, continue to serve their terms of office.

The following men were elected to serve as military officers for the next three years:

Captain	Bob Mann
First Sergeant	Patrick Lynch
Sergeant	Ryan Holbrook

Corporals	Rob Heibler
	Ben Rasmussen
	Joe Fellmeth

On behalf of the Association we congratulate these men on their elevation in rank and wish them much success in their endeavors on the field.

## COMPANY H REPORT BY CPL. ANTHONY VRANICAR

Company H participated in two living history events on Alcatraz Island in the San Francisco Bay in 2009. You might ask what connection Alcatraz has with the Civil War, as might the hundred-thousand-plus tourists who visit Alcatraz every year. The main attraction of course is the prison, erstwhile home of many notorious gangsters of Depression-era America. What most visitors



Co. H leads the disembarking troops at Fort Alcatraz.

*Photo: Jan Sparks*

do not know is that Alcatraz was a federal prison for only 30 years, but it was a military fort for eighty years prior to that. In

the early 1850's, when the incredible riches were flowing out of California, the United States government decided it would be prudent to protect the entrance to San Francisco Bay with a triangle of defensive forts: one on either side of the Golden Gate, and one on Alcatraz Island.

Construction began in 1853. Laborers and materials were hard to come by when most residents were more intent on making their fortunes in gold digging or commerce, but by 1859 the Alcatraz island fortress was completed. Not a moment too soon either. At the outbreak of the Civil war, the fort with its 110 cannons and garrison of over 100 soldiers served as an effective deterrent to Confederate naval forces or any foreign power that might have had hostile designs on California.

The National Park Service, with the support of a private, non-profit group called *The Friends of Civil War Alcatraz* endeavors to educate the general public about the Civil War Experience on Alcatraz island and surrounding area through living history events and other programs.

Two events are held per year, with military and civilian reenactors participating. The program includes drill demonstrations, escorting prisoners, artillery presentations, civilian activities depicting life of families of officers stationed there, and just walking around to provide an 1860's ambiance. Uniforms and insignia should accurately represent military units that were actually stationed there during the Civil War. It just so happens that a Company H of the 2<sup>nd</sup> California Infantry was there for a short period, so there was no need to us to change our brass



Bugler calls troops to morning drill.

*Photo: Jan Sparks*

Two events are planned for 2010, in April and October, although the exact dates have not been set. Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Association: if you plan to visit California for business or vacation, consider coordinating your schedule with one of the events. Just bring a uniform and let us know you are coming. We could come up with a few extra rifles for the day. Check the website below for more details:

<http://www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org>