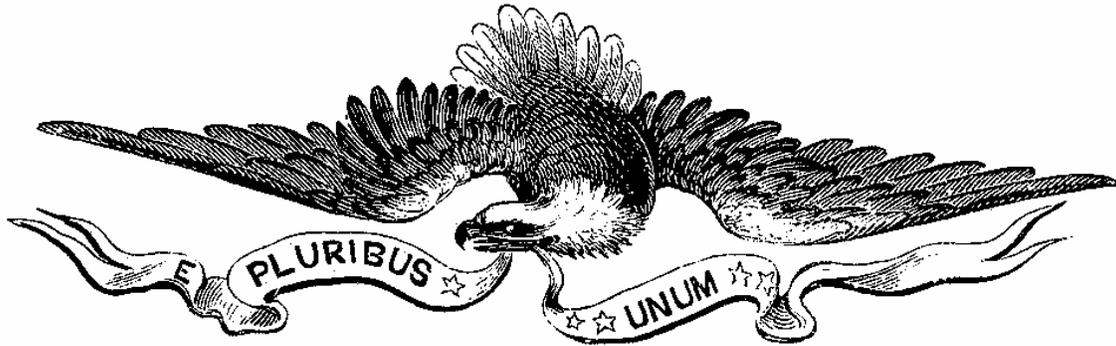


THE FUGELMAN



A PUBLICATION OF THE SECOND WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

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

It is a privilege to be in the company of the Second Wisconsin Association. We are indeed blessed to have so many individuals who educate themselves about 'all things civil war' then take the time to share their discoveries with other members of the Association and/or present that information at a school presentation or to others who are interested in the American Civil War. I often times pass by a soldier and listen as he describes his weapon, uniform, and duties. Sometimes a question is asked about the Iron Brigade to which anyone nearby will jump in to describe the history of the Black Hats.

Looking back at the events that I have attended this year I can truly say the Second Wisconsin Association has given its best effort in performance on the field and in camp. Safety remains our constant concern and we must always consider the inherent safety of the drill manual and put into practice these skills. I have

witnessed some scary weapons handling, poor performance in school of the soldier and in company drill at an event in southwestern Wisconsin [Boscobel]. The result was an injury to a soldier caused by careless handling of a weapon. I am confident this was a result of poor training from the captain and sergeant of this soldier's company. I am pleased that this was not a 2nd Wisconsin Association Company. Keep in mind, without constant practice in load and firing and company drill, we could easily fall into this category. Simply put, 'Let us not fail in our responsibilities upon the field'.

Looking to the future, let's strive to be the best in the field in performance and presentation. Performance is straightforward. It requires repetition in the manual of arms and company drill.

Presentation may be a little more difficult. Presentation requires attention to detail, such as uniform and equipment requirements. With a reminder that 'Cheaper is not always better', the question is: "Does it meet the guidelines of 2nd Wisconsin Association?"

Presentation also is a reflection of the past. If the soldier we portray is based on fact or is a common soldier of the time, ask: "Can I give an accurate account of that soldier? Is our kit proper to that of the soldier at Antietam or of the Gettysburg campaign? While we are at an event, do we understand the circumstance of the scenario or do we give our attention to the present tense? In camp do we supply ourselves with proper food stuffs? Can we leave the comforts of our 21st century home and fall under the canvas sans comfort? I know I have the hardest time trying to do without the creature comforts of home. My muscles ache, I'm cold and I really miss being with my family. On the other hand I am with my brothers in arms holding on to the same passion of learning and teaching things about the American Civil War that cannot be learned any other way.

As we enter the New Year, the 2nd Wisconsin Association will stay focused on safety, performance and strive to obtain a truthful presentation of the men of the American Civil War.

Your Obedient Servant,
Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

**ANNIVERSARY OF
THE
EMANCIPATION
PROCLAMA-
TION**

JANUARY 1, 1863

**HIGHLY
IMPORTANT**

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES**

The War Still to be Prosecuted for
the Restoration of the Union

A DECREE OF EMANCIPATION

All Slaves in States in Rebellion on
the First of January Next to be Free

**THE GRADUAL ABOLITION AND
COLONIZATION SCHEMES
ADHERED TO**

LOYAL CITIZENS TO BE
REMUNERATED FOR LOSSES,
INCLUDING SLAVES

**Washington, Monday Sept
22. By the President of the
United States of America:
A Proclamation.**

I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy thereof, do hereby proclaim and declare, that hereafter, as heretofore, the war will be prosecuted for the object of practically restoring the constitutional relation between the United States and the people thereof in which States that relation is, or may be suspected or disturbed; that it is my purpose, upon the next meeting of Congress, to again recommend the adoption of a practical measure tendering pecuniary aid to the free acceptance or rejection of all the Slave States so called, the people whereof may not then be in rebellion against the United States, and which States may then have voluntarily adopted, or thereafter may voluntarily adopt, the immediate or gradual abolishment of Slavery within their respective limits; and that the efforts to colonize persons of African descent with their consent, upon the Continent or elsewhere, with the previously obtained consent of the governments existing there, will be continued.

That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all person held as slaves within any State, or any designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States shall be then, thenceforward, and forever, free; and the Executive Government of the United States including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of

them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be in good faith represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State and the people thereof have not been in rebellion against the United States.

That attention is hereby called to an act of Congress entitled "An act to make an additional article of war," approved March 13, 1862, and which act is in the words and figure following:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the following shall be promulgated as an additional article of war for the government of the army of the United States, and shall be obeyed and observed as such.

Article-all officers or persons in the military or naval service of the United States are prohibited from employing any of the forces under their respective commands for the purpose of returning fugitives from service or labor who may have escaped from any person to whom such service or labor is claimed to be due, and any officer who shall be found guilty by a Court-martial of violating this article shall be dismissed from the service.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that this act shall take effect from and after its passage."

Also to the ninth and tenth sections of an act entitled "An act to suppress insurrection, to punish treason and rebellion, to seize and confiscate property of rebels, and for other purposes," approved July 17, 1862, and which sections are in the words and figures following:

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, that all slaves of persons who shall hereafter be engaged in rebellion against the Government of the United States, or who shall, in any way, give aid or comfort thereto, escaping from such persons and taking refuge within the persons or deserted by them and coming under the control of the Government of the United States, and all slaves of such persons found on for being within any place occupied by rebel forces and afterward occupied by the forces of the United States, shall be deemed captures of war and shall be forever free of prior servitude and not again held as slaves. Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, that no slave escaping into any State, Territory or the District of Columbia, from any of the States, shall be delivered up, or in any way impeded or hindered of his liberty, except for crime or some offence against the laws, unless the person claiming said fugitive shall first make oath that the person to whom the labor or service of such fugitive is alleged to be due, is his lawful owner, and has not been in arms against the United States in the present rebellion, nor in any way given aid and comfort thereto, and no person engaged in the military or naval service of the United States shall, under any pretence whatever, assume to decide on the validity of the claim of any person to the service or labor of any other

person, or surrender up any such person to the claimant, on pain of being dismissed from the service.

And I do hereby enjoin upon and order all persons engaged in the military and naval service of the United States, to observe, obey and enforce, within their respective spheres of service, the act and sections above recited.

And the Executive will in due time recommend that all citizens of the United States who shall have remained loyal thereto throughout the rebellion, shall (upon the restoration of the constitutional relation between the United States and their respective States and people, if the relation shall have been suspended or disturbed,) be compensated for all losses by acts of the United States, *including the loss of slaves.*

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

Abraham Lincoln.

By the President.

William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

**2ND WISCONSIN
VOLUNTEER
INFANTRY
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL
MEETING SET!**

The annual meeting for the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association has been set for 2010. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. **MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE POSTING FOR COMPANY B BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING!**

JANUARY MILESTONES

- Jan. 1, 1863 LINCOLN SIGNS THE FINAL EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION
- Jan. 8, 1821 Gen. James Longstreet CSA born
- Jan. 9, 1861 Mississippi secedes from the Union
- Jan. 10, 1861 Florida secedes from the Union
- Jan. 11, 1861 Alabama secedes from the Union
- Jan. 13, 1865 USA Adm. Porter attacks Fort Fisher
- Jan. 16, 1815 Gen. Henry Halleck USA born
- Jan. 18, 1862 Battle at Mill Springs
- Jan. 19, 1807 Gen. R.E. Lee CSA born
- Jan. 19, 1861 Georgia secedes from the Union
- Jan. 19, 1862 Battle of Mill Springs
- Jan. 21, 1813 Gen John Fremont USA born
- Jan. 21, 1824 Gen. Thomas J. Jackson CSA born
- Jan. 26, 1861 Louisiana secedes from the Union
- Jan. 26, 1863 Gen. Joseph Hooker takes command of U.S. forces
- Jan. 28, 1825 Gen. George Pickett CSA born

A TREASURE TROVE OF ARTICLES AND

GRAPHICS OFFERED TO "THE FUGLEMAN"

Gary Van Kauwenbergh has offered and provided our newsletter with a series of articles and graphics, actually a huge amount of wonderful material, which will begin appearing with the February issue of *The Fugelman*. The editor is grateful for the offer and he believes it will enhance the newsletter for all our members in the future! On behalf of the newsletter and the Association members thank you so much for the material. It is truly appreciated.

UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO CREATE A NATIONAL CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

SENATE HEARING HELD ON BILL TO CREATE CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

On December 3, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's National Parks Subcommittee met to consider legislation ([S. 1838](#)) to establish a commission to commemorate the upcoming sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

[S. 1838, the "Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act,"](#) was introduced by Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Jim Webb (D-VA). The bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a 25-

member commission composed of representatives from Congress, the executive branch, the corporate community and academia, including six historians. The commission would cooperate with and assist States and national organizations with programs and activities to ensure a suitable national observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. It also authorizes a grant program for the development of programs, projects, and activities on the Civil War that have lasting educational value. The National Endowment for the Humanities would be authorized to award \$3.5 million in grants to fund "appropriate activities" relating to the commemoration of the Civil War.

Katherine H. Stevenson, Assistant Director for Business Services at the National Park Service testified that the Administration would support the bill subject to minor amendments dealing with the appointment process and size of the commission. Ms. Stevenson also expressed concerns that the bill mentions specific organizations and places important to the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Since the Civil War was a national experience, the Administration recommended that other scholarly centers and programs be acknowledged so that a broader spectrum of social, political, and economic aspects of the war would be emphasized.

Testifying on behalf of the bill was David Madden, founding director of the United States Civil War Center at Louisiana State University. The United States Civil War Center and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, have been designated by the Federal Government to plan and facilitate the commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

The National Coalition for History is a member of the Coalition for the Civil War Sesquicentennial. It is an ad hoc group of national organizations (see below) committed to the creation of an inclusive commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. The Coalition was established at a meeting convened this past April by the American Association for State and Local History. The Civil War Sesquicentennial Coalition has assembled a Council of Scholars, co-chaired by James McPherson, James Horton, and William Cooper, which includes more than one hundred of the nation's leading scholars of the War and its legacies.

Although the Civil War Sesquicentennial Coalition currently believes that the best way to achieve its goals is through the creation of a presidential commission, Coalition representatives are engaged in an ongoing dialogue with Senators Landrieu and Webb to seek common ground with their legislation to create a congressional commission for the Sesquicentennial.

CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COALITION MEMBERS

American Association for State
and Local History
American Association of
Museums
Association for the Study of
African American Life and
History
Civil War Preservation Trust
Federation of State Humanities
Councils
Gettysburg Battlefield
Memorial Foundation
Gilder Lehrman Institute for
American History
The History Channel
National Coalition for History
National Council for the Social
Studies
National History Day
National Trust for Historic
Preservation

<http://historycoalition.org/2009/12/10/senate-hearing-held-on-bill-to-create-civil-war-sesquicentennial-commission/>

At a recent hearing on the oversight of the National Archives and Presidential Library before the appropriate Congressional committee, Martin J. Sherwin, a history professor at George Mason University, noted the following reasons for maintaining the work at the Presidential Library and the National Archives.

**“It must believe in the past.
It must believe in the future.**

It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its own people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment in creating their own future.”

While the focus of the testimony was not on a Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, the same essential points would apply in considering such a commission. All of these goals are shared by reenactors across the nation. As a professor who focuses on law and American Government classes the editor can safely say that his students come into the classroom woefully lacking in knowledge of our basic history, its basis as reflected in our laws and social customs and what it means when one discusses freedom and liberty! They

do not know from whence we came or wither we go!

As most of us know, the Civil War created a political, cultural and economic revolution in this country of unprecedented proportions! What we are today traces directly from those momentous events from 1860-1865!!

If one searches for state commissions they will find most of the former rebel states already have active state-wide Civil War Sesquicentennial Commissions in place. Virginia is in full swing with a focus on John Brown in the last three months. This is probably appropriate in some ways, since much of the war took place in those states. The primary concern of this editor is that a balanced view of the war and its causes be presented in the next 5 years. A National commission would go far to assure that takes place. No Lost Cause mythology, a real evaluation of the impact of the war, and the role of Union soldiers and their courage in facing their duty!

Finally, as an example of a commitment to the Civil War Sesquicentennial is the following article on the planned 150th anniversary of the Battle of First Bull Run! It should serve as a notice of a national event we should consider for 2011!!!

Members of the Manassas City Council like the idea of commemorating the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas so much that they're ready to give up

\$100,000 to make it happen in 2011.

The battle, fought on July 21, 1861, was the first major engagement of the Civil War.

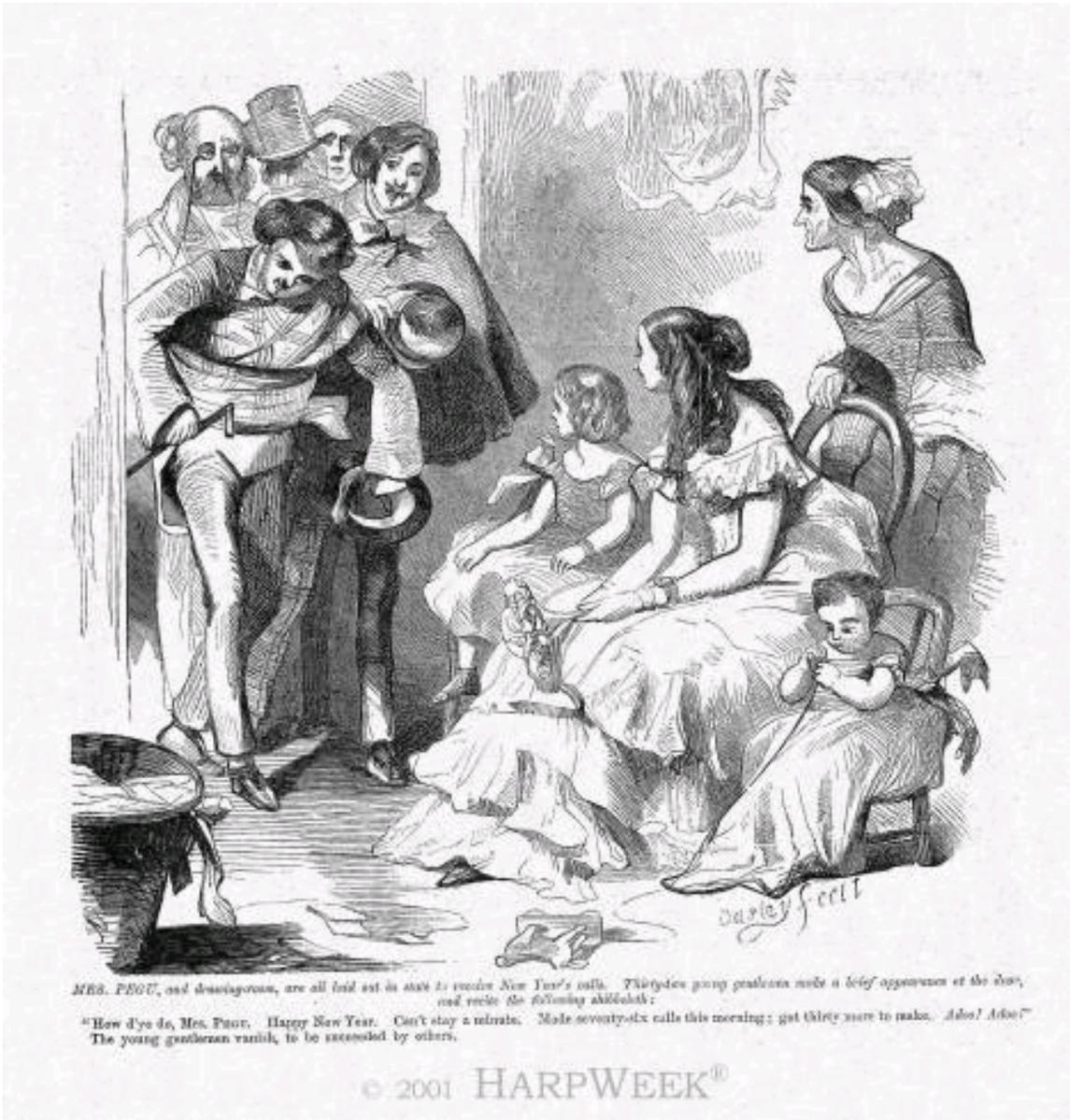
Creston M. Owen, chairman of the board of Virginia Civil War Events Inc., was before the board Monday asking for the money.

<http://civilwarinteractive.com/NewsWire/?p=5186>

As an interesting sidelight, with all the anticipation of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, beginning in 2012 the country will begin the process of commemorating the War of 1812. Although the events and ramifications of that war do not rank with

those of the Civil War in our nation's history, it did make Andrew Jackson president of the United States and introduce the country to the world stage as a power to be reckoned with in the future. It also opened the vast territory west of the Appalachian Mountains to expansion and settlement unhindered by the presence of the British and their Indian allies.

It also contributed to the creation of the U. S. Navy, which would provide the Union with a strong fleet to close the harbors and blockade the South during the Civil War!



Untitled

Mrs. Pegu, and drawing-room, are all laid out in state to receive New Year's calls. Thirty-two young gentlemen make a brief appearance at the door, and recite the following shibboleth: "How d'ye do, Mrs. Pegu. Happy New Year. Can't stay a minute. Made seventy-six calls this morning; got thirty more to make. Aduo! Aduo!" The young gentlemen vanish, to be succeeded by others.

Artist: F. O. C. Darley

This *Harper's Weekly* cartoon by F. O. C. Darley is a humorous look at the New Year's practice of calling or visiting. New Year's Day was traditionally considered the best time of the year for renewing, reviving, or reaffirming friendships. During the nineteenth century, it was the custom of urban gentlemen to pay formal visits to the

households of friends and relatives on that holiday. Gentlemen were expected to dress appropriately in morning costume, consisting of a dark coat, vest and tie, dark or light pants, and somber-colored gloves. Receiving the gentlemen callers were the ladies of the house, dressed in their sartorial finery or, occasionally, in the costume of famous female figures in history or myth.

There were three exceptions to the divided gender roles of New Year's etiquette in which men ventured out to visit other households while women stayed at home to welcome guests. On the first New Year's after marriage, a new husband received callers with his wife. Also, clergymen did not make New Year's calls, but instead received visitors on the holiday. Finally, it was a New Year's tradition for the president of the United States to receive and greet ordinary citizens, who lined up eagerly at the White House for the privilege.

The list of calls which gentlemen were expected to make on New Year's Day was usually quite extensive, necessitating short visits of 10 to 15 minutes. A gentleman presented his card to a servant, who ushered him into the family's parlor, where he was formally introduced; he bowed, was invited to be seated, and did so; the hostess offered him a drink and possibly other refreshments; they toasted the New Year and chatted; then, the gentleman excused himself and left for the next household. In a humorous exaggeration, which must have seemed all too real to many callers and hostesses alike, *Harper's Weekly* noted that time was set aside on New Year's Day for men to visit their 500 dearest friends.

Besides the sheer magnitude of the custom, another problem was that by the end of the day most participants were not only exhausted, but considerably inebriated. There was a trend in the 1870's, reflecting the growing temperance movement, to replace the obligatory glass of wine or spirits with a non-alcoholic beverage, such as coffee, hot chocolate, or soda water. Many of the cartoons of the period feature the drunkenness of the callers. This cartoon, however, pokes fun at the brief and crowded nature of the visits, due to so many men making numerous calls at one time. Today, some Americans practice a modern version of the tradition by telephoning (or perhaps e-mailing) friends and relations on New Year's Day.

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/harp/0101.html>

NEWS FROM THE CAMPS OF THE COMPANIES

COMPANY C

Sgt. Bill Acheson from Company C has passed along news of the passing of a comrade from the ranks. Bill Acheson and Mr. Longstreet were co-workers for the same company, Syracuse Research, for several years, although they did not see each other but occasionally at work. Mr. Longstreet became a reenactor because of his son, who was an avid student of the period and the war. As you will note Mr. Longstreet was a young man which makes the loss that much more appalling! The regiment extends our sincerest condolences to the members of Company C, Sgt. Acheson and Mr. Longstreet's family. As Civil War historians and reenactors we are all diminished by the passing of one of our own from the ranks!

EDWARD R. LONGSTREET

Edward R. Longstreet, 50, of Marriottsville, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at Carroll Hospice's Dove House in Westminster. Born Dec. 8, 1958, in New Jersey, he was the son of Rebecca Echinger Longstreet, of Sykesville, and the late Edward D. Longstreet. He was the husband of Renee Longstreet. He was a business manager for Syracuse Research Corp. and a retiree of the Army. He was a member of South Carroll Church of the Nazarene. He participated in many Civil War reenactments. He enjoyed playing paintball with his son, fishing and was an avid football fan, especially of the Dallas Cowboys. Surviving, in addition to his mother and wife, are sons Edward Michael Longstreet, of Mount Airy, and Nicholas S. Longstreet, of Marriottsville; a daughter, Kimberly Longstreet, of Arvada, Colo.; brothers and sister-in-law Robert Setori, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Daniel and Kym Longstreet, of Phoenix City, Ala.; sister and brother-in-law Carol and Will Korpus, of Claymont, Del.; and a grandson, Timothy T. Gerhardt. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Haight Funeral Home & Chapel, 6416 Sykesville Road, Sykesville. A funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Joe Ward officiating. Interment will be in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to South Carroll Church of the Nazarene, Building and Faith Fund, 351 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784; or to Carroll Hospice Dove House, 292 Stoner Ave., Westminster, MD 21157.

COMPANY E

Company E held its annual meeting on Saturday December 5th, below is a list of our civilian & military leadership for 2010:

President: Dave Sielski (reelected)
Treasurer: Marv Kostka (reelected)
Secretary: Charles Bagneski (reelected)

Captain: Doug Rasmussen (not up for election)
1st LT: Dave Dresang (not up for election)
2nd LT: Marv Kostka (not up for election)

1st Sgt: Charles Bagneski (New)
2nd Sgt: Ed Golemme (reelected)

Cpl: Robert Schwandt (reelected)
Cpl: Scott Boesel (reelected)
Cpl: Richard Laddusire (New)
Cpl: Lucas Olson (New)

Dave Sielski
President Co.E

The men of the regiment extend their congratulations to the newly elected officers of Company E. One of the factors many authors and scholars point to in illustrating the success of famous brigades during the Civil War, the Irish Brigade and the Iron Brigade included, was a cadre of effective officers at various levels of command. The same applies to any social or military organization today. Company E is one of our better companies and that is certainly a reflection of the quality of their leadership! Thus these men face a daunting challenge and the newsletter is sure they will rise to the challenge and we wish them much success.

*Company E of the Second Wisconsin
Cordially invites you to attend our annual Sweethearts'
Dinner on Saturday February 13th, 2010
Holiday Inn City Center Green Bay, WI.*

Cost for the event is \$18.00 per person

Includes a buffet dinner of Chicken and tenderloin tips, vegetable, rolls potatoes, garden salad, dessert and coffee. Cocktails will be at 5:00 PM with Dinner being served at 5:45. Cash bar will be available in the banquet room. Music by Twin Hill String Band will follow from 7-10 P.M.

For anyone wishing to stay overnight we do have a block of rooms reserved. Rooms will be held until 3 weeks before the event. When calling to reserve a room let them know you're with the Civil War Group. The Phone Number for reservations is 1-800-457-2929. The Holiday Inn's pool is open 24 hours for your enjoyment.

*To make for easier accounting, payment must be received in advance for this year's dinner. Please reserve your spot for the dinner by February 8th, 2010 by sending a check payable to: Co. E 2nd Wisconsin. Checks should be mailed to: Dave Sielski
2316 Serenade Ln.
Green Bay, Wi. 54301*

Please contact Dave at (920) 660-2449 or dsielski@greenbay.gannett.com with any questions you may have about the dinner.

REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES

THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH COMES TO US FROM SCOTT FRANK—PLEASE NOTE THE REQUEST FOR A HEADCOUNT FOR THE PROPOSED LUNCH

The annual Association Meeting is scheduled for the same place as the last couple of years: The Fox Lake American Legion Clubhouse. It is located on Highway 33 in downtown Fox Lake (South side of the street). Amenities will be as usual, and at this point the bar is intended to be manned (by a non-professional bartender:) as it was in the past.

The Fox Lake Legionaires have offered to create a lunch for us at a nominal fee. I don't have a price yet, but the last meeting I held there the cost per plate was under \$2! We donated \$5.00 per head for the meal and they were happy, and we had a delicious meal. If we can get a preliminary number of those coming to the meeting, I can let them know how many to prepare to feed.

Thanks!

Scott

Association News

Dear Association Members:

The New Year is only a few days away, and that means The Associating meeting is just around the corner. The agenda has yet to be set, this is just a quick update on what you should be concentrating on.

There have been notices sent through each Company and through the Fugleman that your dues need to be turned in by January 1st; hopefully you have had time to do this. A quick rundown on the dues with a breakdown, since the dues have changed. Full military membership is \$20.00. Each household that has one or more additional military members the dues are \$30.00 (this changes the \$8.00 per extra military membership).

Remember, this membership only applies to those members that reside in the same household (if you have a family member that is away at college they can be considered residing in the same household) this does not mean that if you have someone living on their own and away from home this does not count as residing in the same household.

Again, I will be collecting dues and **completed** rosters at the annual Association meeting.

Here is what we need on the completed roster:

Association General Roster:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Rank and/or Title
- ❖ Address
- ❖ E-mail (optional)
- ❖ Phone (optional)
- ❖ Amount of dues paid (this includes each household membership)

Company and Military Leadership Roster:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Rank and/or Title
- ❖ Address
- ❖ E-mail (must have)
- ❖ Phone (must have)
 - The military leadership will include the rank of corporal and up
 - Civilian leadership will include all elected positions
 - Please make everything legible, so I can understand it. Thank you.

Calendar of Events:

- ❖ Living History
- ❖ Reenactments
- ❖ School Events
- ❖ Drills
- ❖ Parades
- ❖ Or Special Events
 - Since January is right around the corner and most of the companies have had or will shortly have you Company meetings, now would be the time to submit your calendar of events. Remember; only include those events that you will **ALL** you Sister Companies to join in,

Please include the Following Information when Submitting your Event

Calendar:

- ❖ Date
- ❖ Name of Event
- ❖ Place of Event
- ❖ Time of Event
- ❖ And any other pertinent information
 - If you have something in January, please send it to Jim Dumke for publication before December 30th! I will collect your event calendar at the Association Meeting, that way if I have any questions, I can quickly ask and get the information needed

The last bit of information that I have, this year, there are **NO** positions up for election.

Current Elected Officials:

- ❖ Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad (I can now spell his name without looking it up!) (1 year left)
- ❖ Major of Infantry Doug Rasmussen (2 years left)
- ❖ Major of Artillery Terry Brown (2 years left)
- ❖ President Pete Seielstad (1 year left)
- ❖ Vice President Terry Brown (1 year left)
- ❖ Treasurer Scott Frank (2 years left)
- ❖ Corporate Secretary David Dresang Jr. (2 year left)

Appointed Positions:

- ❖ Association Secretary David Dresang Jr.
- ❖ Association Quartermaster Tom Klas
- ❖ Handbook Committee (This I do not have names of)

Thank you,
David Dresang Jr.
Association/Corporate Secretary

Now, quickly, as to my condition. I no longer have physical therapy as my new therapist believes that is now working and we should not go on. I have been working on my own (thanks to my therapist) I was left a list of exercise to do, and it does work, had had helped. I still bounce back and forth between Franklin WI and Green Bay. I have a neurologist both in Franklin (who is in charge of my case) and a neurologist in Green Bay who is working in concert with each other. In January I go for an Occipital nerve block, this is 14 shots at the base of the skull, this will deaden the Occipital nerve (temporarily) this will let the doctors know if this is the problem, if it is, then they have a plan of attack, if it isn't, I have no idea where it will lead. I had an MRI done on the surgical are about 2 weeks ago, and it shows signs of improvement, this is good news, but doesn't help the doctors wit the cause fro the other problems. Sprits are still high, and I look to the upcoming season, and plan on making most of the events.

See y at the Association Meeting

Sincerely,
David Dresang Jr.

DEBATE ON WHOSE UNTIMELY DEMISE MAY HAVE HARMED THE UNION CAUSE DURING THE WAR OF THE REBELLION

Below is a drawing of Brigadier General Philip Kearney at the battle of Williamsburg. When ever a discussion turns to the loss of a leader during the War of the Rebellion that may have had a significant impact on the course or outcome of the war, Kearney's name often comes up during the discussion. The drawing evinces the fiery nature of the General who lead from the front. He was an inspirational leader much admired by those who served under

his command. He was an aggressive commander, much in the mold of a Gen. Thomas Jackson.

Kearney had studied cavalry tactics in France. Kearney was well educated and had a flair for the dramatic, much like Jeb Stuart. We can never know, but one can imagine such a leader in command of the forces on the Peninsula in place of the timid McClellan, or pursuing the rebel forces after Antietam.

In 1859, Kearney returned to France, re-joining the *Chasseurs d'Afrique*, who were at that time fighting against [Austrian](#) forces in [Italy](#). Later, he was with [Napoleon III's Imperial Guard](#) at the [Battle of Solferino](#), where he was in charge of the cavalry under General Louis M. Morris, which penetrated the Austrian center, capturing the key point of the battle. For this action, he was awarded the French [Légion d'honneur](#), becoming the first U.S. citizen to be thus honored.



Figure 1 A DRAWING BY WAULD OF KEARNEY AT WILLIAMSBURG

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA REVIEW

The following is a newsletter the editor received from the communications director of the Wreaths Across America program. This year there were two events available for participation—one at the Woods National Cemetery in Milwaukee and one at Forest Hills Cemetery in Madison. Hopefully the weather will be better next year and participation will increase.

December 18th, 2009

Happy Holidays to all;

This will be a short newsletter, but I wanted to recap just some of the highlights from this amazing last couple of weeks where wreath-laying events were hosted at 405 participating locations!

First, let me share with you some numbers just to put things in perspective:

- 405 participating locations [including the 24 national cemeteries on foreign soil];
- 161,000 total wreaths placed to honor our servicemen and women;
- Over [current



- 100,000 best estimate [volunteers participated in the wreath-laying events;
- Over 7,500 [estimated] in attendance

- at Arlington National Cemetery;
- Approximately 15,000 in attendance at Houston National Cemetery - the single largest wreath-laying event nationwide.

As amazing as those numbers are, each wreath placed honors all veterans - and that has never been more true than in seeing all the stories, comments, and photos that continue to pour in to the website!

GOLD STAR MOTHERS (AND 1 FATHER) TRAVEL FROM MAINE TO ARLINGTON WITH ESCORT

One highlight of the 2009 events was the participation of the national leadership team of the American Gold Star Mothers, who traveled with the wreaths all the way from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery.

Every wreath honors all veterans, but to have the Gold Star families with the escort certainly put things in perspective, as we remember those who made the "last measure of their devotion" to preserve our freedoms.

In the words of National President of the AGSM, Ruth Stonesipher, "It surely did put the Gold Star families' doubt that our son's and daughters will be forgotten aside. How could we ever think that with so many there to pay their respects."

In this photo, Barb and Jack Benard, Mary Byers, Peggy Morrison and National President of the AGSM Ruth Stonesipher stand by one of the trucks that made the 750 mile journey to Arlington.

NEW EVENTS IN 2009

In 2009, Wreaths Across America also added several new events in its effort to Remember, Honor, & Teach. A wreath-laying ceremony was conducted on Saturday December 5th on the Ferry Point Bridge

between the United States and Canada, as way of honoring our Canadian Allies - as well as Canadian citizens who have served in the United States Armed Services.

Also added in 2009, over 3,000 wreaths were placed in wreath-laying ceremonies at Battery Park in NYC, The Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA - to honor the memory of the victims of 9/11 - the very first casualties of the War On Terror.

This photo shows shows the wreaths after placement in Battery Park.



WORCESTER WREATH HAS 'LET FREEDOM RING' WREATHS AVAILABLE

Quick note from our friends at Worcester Wreath. They have several hundred ['Let Freedom Ring' Wreaths](#) leftover in inventory (as you've heard before - this does happen in the wreath business) that they are making available at a discounted price.

It's not too late to order and have a wreath shipped to your door before Christmas. For more information, click over to [WorcesterWreath.com](#) and get a great deal on one of their best looking wreaths.

With the silver bells and flags, this is one wreath you can leave up throughout the winter season.

AND LASTLY, A BIG THANKS AND PAT ON THE BACK TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of Wreaths Across America, we would like to say a big thanks to all the volunteers all around the Country who worked so hard to make the wreath-laying events a special part of the holiday season.

We have the greatest group of Location Leaders who make things happen in their community. We have escorts for the wreaths from the Patriot Guard Riders and Law Enforcement Officers. Civil Air Patrol was involved in all 50 states - as well as countless fundraising groups, veteran organizations, businesses and individuals who all took their time, amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season - to express their appreciation.

But most importantly, we thank our veterans - those with us and those we've lost. If you've ever had any doubt about whether people will remember your service and sacrifice - just google Wreaths Across America and you will see thousands of photos, videos, and blogs about what you mean to us.

Thank you all and God Bless.

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