



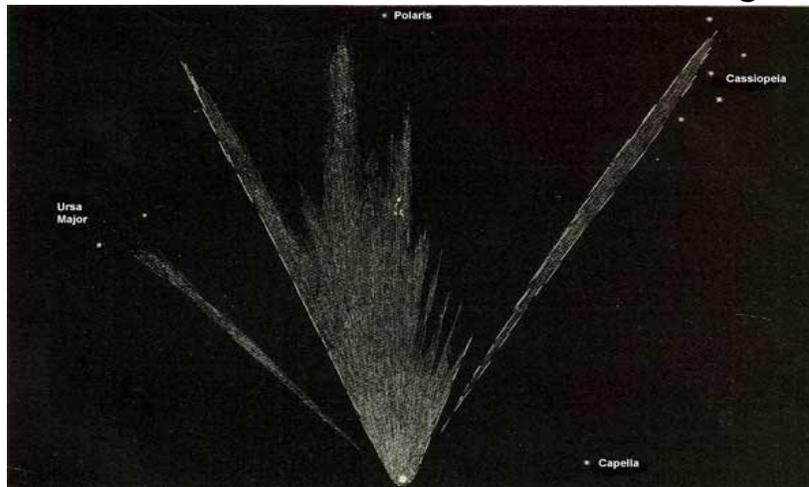
The Fugelman

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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.

The Great Comet of July 1861



FOURTH OF JULY

This has been an unusually dull day, nothing of interest has transpired in or out of camp except instead of J.D.'s grand ball at the White House invitation was sent to the commissioned officers of the different regiments in and about Washington to attend a grand Ball given in honor of the day and as no Non Com's were invited, some endeavored to drive away sorrow by singing or dancing to the music of the Banjo and violin but it would not work, the mind was not on the subject but would revert to old times at home and we imagined ourselves seated around a sumptuous table well filled with tempting viands from father's garden; or as evening came many were accustomed to trip the light fantastic toe to such music as if heard here in camp would alone compensate for remaining all day in camp. Some of the boys have spent the day in adorning and arranging the camp grounds where we expect to stay several weeks.- Some are seated in one corner of their tent with pencil and paper in hand with a knapsack for a writing table and mother earth for a stool. Some have got a pass to go our into the woods where after wandering about in quest of wild berries have lain down on the grass under the shade of some old chestnut or apple tree to muse and while away

the few remaining hours before Dress Parade; some are asleep -others are singing, talking or reading Scott's Tactics, or the home paper which some kind friend has sent them.

But now the day is past and the camp fire again burns brightly while around may be seen congregated in little squads. Soldiers recounting scenes through which they have passed to others with attentive ears and after the story is told, another follows in the same strain recounting scenes of pleasure and good old times a home and other scenes and stories that have come under their notice while traveling or of perilous scenes passed through while in war. Yonder is a fire around which a gayer party is assembled and a the Indian war whoop rings our upon the air accompanied by the lively dance seems for a time to drown all else.

We have been visited for a week past by a very large comet which at full day appears very bright and transparent; late at night the tail stretched nearly to the Zenith while the star was near the horizon.

A.T.M.

2d. Wisconsin



Pass in Review

By Gary Klas

The 2001 season has begun and our members have been hard at work attending various drills to sharpen their

skills for the upcoming reenactment season. If you were not able to attend the Black Hat Battalion drill from everything I heard, you missed a great opportunity to enhance your skills. In fact, you should jot down a note to yourself to attend this drill next year. It is an excellent event and you will get a feel for the battalion commands that you will encounter at the major events. Our field staff has done their part by studying and practicing the battalion commands, it is up to us to support them and attend events like the this drill weekend. We must practice the battalion commands so we can represent the original Second Wisconsin with pride. The only way to do this is to learn and be able to execute the commands properly.

You know as well as I that you can spot an inexperienced group a mile a way, by the way they screw up on the battalion commands. There is nothing worse then hearing the public start to laugh because a group doesn't know the command and heads off in the wrong direction. We have all seen this at reenactments and the only reason this occurs is because of lack of practice. Remember, during the Civil War the men would drill for many hours each day while we are lucky to get in 2 hours every three months. It doesn't matter what your impression is, if you can't march and follow commands you will look bad.

Memorial day is over, and I hope all of you attended one of the many events that were held to honor the memory of the soldiers who fought in not only the Civil War but all of the wars our country has been involved in. Please take the time to talk to the spectators at our events. The information you give someone may just make him or her want to join an Association like ours. And finally, I will once again make my plea about our Association. It doesn't matter if you are a member of the Infantry or Artillery; we are Association members first! This is our strength and what makes us very different from all the other reenactment organizations. Please try to get to know the men from the other association companies at an event. Meeting and making new friends is the greatest benefit of being part of the association. And, should a difference of opinion arise it makes it easier to ask a person why things were done that way if you know them. We may be members of different companies but we are ONE Association. So, see you all soon out on the tented field.

Your Obedient Servant,

Lt. Col. Gary Klas
Commander

CALENDAR 2001

May 25-27 Brandywine, DE
Co. C
Reenactment

May 28 Gettysburg, PA
Co. C
Memorial Day Parade

June 9-10 Mazomanie
Co. K
Mazomanie, Wis

June 23-24 Rockford
by Clock Tower
Black Hat Event
Tier 1
Rockford, Ill

June 23-24 Escanaba
Civil War Weekend
Company E
Tier 2
Escanaba, MI

June 23-24 7th & 29th Wis
Lake Mills
Skirmish Team
Lake Mills, Wis

June 30-31 N-SSA/ACWSA
Skirmish Team
Friendship Skirmish
Marseilles, IL
(Optional Event)

July 1-4, Mission Event
Co. H
Willamette Oregon,

July 6-8 Gettysburg, PA
Co. C
138th Reenactment

July 14-15 Camel Barns
Co. H
Old Fort, Benicia, Ca.

July 14-15 IBG & 66 NC
Skirmish Team
Stonebank, Wis

July 21-22 Duncans Mill
Co. H
Gurneville, Ca.
CHAS event

July 21-22 Hastings
Hastings, MI
Black Hat

Aug 4-5 1 USSS & 6 Wis
Skirmish Team
Boscobel, Wis

August 3-5 140th First Bull Run
Leeburg, VA
Vol. Regimental Event

Aug. 3-5 Boscobel Co. K
Tier 3
Boscobel, Wis

Aug. 10 - 12 Green Bay Rail Road
Museum
Company E
Tier 1
Green Bay, Wis

Aug. 17-19 Irish Fest
Company A
Tier 3
Milwaukee, Wis

August 25-26 Event and encampment
Co. H
Casa de Fruta,
Gilroy, Ca.

September 1-3 Labor Day Weekend
Co. H
Huntington Beach,

Sept 14-16 South Mountain, MD
Co. C
Living History
South Mountain, MD

Sept. 15-16 Event and encampment
Co. H
Ione, Ca.

Sept 22-23 15th Wis Skirmish
Team
Bristol, Wis

Sept. 28 - 30 Wade House
Regimental
Tier 1
Greenbush, Wis

Oct. 5-7 Waukesha
Battery B
Tier 1
Waukesha, Wis

October 6-7, Iron Brigade Event
Co. H
Fresno, California...

Oct. 13 - 14 Norskedalen
Company B Tier 1
Coon Valley, Wis

Oct. 19-21 137th Cedar Creek
Co. C
Reenactment
Middletown, VA

October 20-21 Event and encampment
Co. H
Los Banos, Ca.

Nov 17 2001 Annual Gettysburg
Remembrance Day
Regimental
Gettysburg, PA

November ACWA Ball/Banquet
Co. H
Benicia, Ca.

We are still finalizing our calendar for the year there will be more additions over the next month

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Jim Johnson 262-242-2007

Greetings to those going to 1st Bull Run this August!

Here is an update on where we are on the trip.

* We will leave Madison on August 2 in the morning (time TBD), and return August 6 in the evening.

* At this point we have 24 men who want to ride a bus out to the 1st Bull Run reenactment. We need a minimum of 30 to make the bus feasible, we are getting close but need a few more "good men". Also, Lucas Dietsche Co. E, and today Jeff Blakeley Co. B emailed me and is interested in going too. Welcome aboard men!!

* I have a 15 passenger van reserved, and the use of Ken's minivan and Roger's pickup truck. If we don't get 30 men for the bus we'll use these vehicles but will have to add a fourth, preferably a van or minivan. Does anyone have one they could drive? This would save us the cost of having to rent another van. We'll pay for the gas, tolls, an oil change, and the owner won't pay for his transportation.

* Estimated Transportation Costs: It is hard to come up with a firm cost at this point since, it is possible we may still be able to rent a bus (\$5,000), or we may take vans; but don't know what the fourth vehicle mpg would be; and the gas prices are not stable. If we don't take a bus I figure at \$2.25/gallon, the 15 passenger van, 2 minivans, and a pickup, the transportation costs would be \$140 each person.

* Rooms: Nonsmoking. I have confirmed our rooms with the Ramada Inn in Breezewood Pa. we have 12 rooms for our use they all have double beds in them. The approximate cost for 2 nights Aug 2 & 5, would be \$34 each person for the 4 man rooms, and \$57 each person for the 2 man rooms.

* Payments: I am going to have two payment dates in order to spread out the cost of the trip. Total Estimated Cost for those in a 4 man room would be: \$174, those in a 2 man room \$197. The payment deadlines are: June 1 and July 16. Checks should be made out for half the total amount to Co. K and sent to:
Treasurer Wes Severson, 957 Severson Road Rt. 1,
Belleville, WI. 53508

NOTE: Please be aware: 1). the second payment may be a little more depending on what happens with the gas/transportation situation.
2). These are non-refundable payments.

* Registration: Dan & Bill Graff, Lucas Dietsche, Jeff Blake the registration was due 3-1-01 to get the \$10 fee. At this point you can self-register by sending in \$15 and getting the materials off the internet at: www.thehistorynet.com/firstmanassas/reenact.html

WHEN YOU REGISTER, REGISTER WITH "VINCENT'S BRIGADE" AS YOU NEED TO REGISTER WITH A BRIGADE FOR THIS REENACTMENT.

That's it for now. I'll provide updates as we get more information.

On to Richmond !!
Corp. Craig S. Mickelson

APPENDIX B

GENERAL UNIFORM & EQUIPAGE TIMELINE

SECOND WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY REGIMENT

Introduction: *The following list has been developed to assist all members of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, Inc. in setting a standard for uniform & equipage based on each year this regiment was active in the War of the Rebellion.*

1861 Research in progress.

May – September:

Smatterings of state issued and company issued uniform & equipage that is not completely documented at this time. Some items of known prevalence include the state issue haversacks (heavy white duck) & state issued canteens with green wool flannel covers, the double brimmed shako, and the gray coat & trowsers encompassing a wide variety of differing construction methods, materials, & patterns.

Musket: Pattern 1816/1822 “Belgian Conversion” Harpers Ferry .69 Caliber Smoothbore Musket & Pattern 1855 Maynard Rifle-Musket in Company B. (These were kept till January of 1862)

October- December:

U.S. Pattern 1858 Dress Hat (including full dress hat ornamentation consisting of regimental numeral, company letter, infantry horn, infantry hat cord, eagle plate, & ostrich plume trimmed to the crown of the dress hat), Jefferson Bootees, Civilian or Issue Shirt, Dress (Frock) Coat (in majority) or Fatigue Blouse, Dark Blue Issue Trowsers, Civilian Suspenders, Federal Issue or Civilian Drawers, Federal Issue leather accouterments, U.S. Pattern 1858 Smoothside Canteen with leather or linen straps, U.S. Issue Knapsack, U.S. Issue Rubber Blanket, U.S. Issue Blanket, U.S. Foot Pattern Overcoat. Also, some soldiers may have retained their state issue canteen, blanket, and overcoat.

Musket: Pattern 1816/1822 “Belgian Conversion” Harpers Ferry .69 Caliber Smoothbore Musket & Pattern 1855 Maynard Rifle-Musket in Company B.

1862

THIS IS OUR PRIMARY IMPRESSION FOR THE SECOND WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY ASSOCIATION, INC.

U.S. Pattern 1858 Dress Hat (including dress hat ornamentation of lesser occurrence), Jefferson Bootees, Civilian or Issue Shirt, Fatigue Blouse or Dress (Frock) Coat or Cut-Off Frock, Dark Blue Issue Trowsers or Sky Blue Kersey Trowsers (by late August of 1862), Civilian Suspenders, Federal Issue or Civilian Drawers, Federal Issue leather accouterments, U.S. Pattern 1858 Smoothside Canteen with leather or linen straps, U.S. Issue Knapsack, U.S. Issue Rubber Blanket, U.S. Issue Blanket, U.S. Foot Pattern Overcoat, U.S. Issue Linen Leggings (May-September Only), & Shelter Halves.

Musket: Pattern 1854 Austrian Lorenz .54 Caliber Rifle Musket (From January of 1862 to January of 1864)

1863

U.S. Pattern 1858 Dress Hat (including a small occurrence dress hat ornamentation & the addition of a 1 7/8 inch red worsted wool 1st Corps Badge for impressions after April of 1863 only, or no dress hat ornamentation at all.), Jefferson Bootees, Civilian or Issue Shirt, Fatigue Blouse (in majority) or Dress (Frock) Coat or Cut-Off Frock, Sky Blue Issue Trowsers, Civilian Suspenders, Federal Issue or Civilian Drawers, Federal Issue leather accouterments, U.S. Pattern 1858 Smoothside Canteen with linen straps, U.S. Issue Knapsack, U.S. Issue Rubber Blanket, U.S. Issue Blanket, U.S. Foot Pattern Overcoat, & Shelter Halves.

Note: *No linen leggings or Dark Blue Issue Trowsers.*

Musket: Pattern 1854 Austrian Lorenz .54 Caliber Rifle- Musket

1864

U.S. Pattern 1858 Dress Hat (including a small occurrence dress hat ornamentation or no dress hat ornamentation at all.), Jefferson Bootees, Civilian or Issue Shirt, Fatigue Blouse (in majority) or Dress (Frock) Coat, Sky Blue Issue Trowsers, Civilian Suspenders, Federal Issue or Civilian Drawers, Federal Issue leather accouterments, U.S. Pattern 1858 Smoothside Canteen with linen straps, U.S. Issue Knapsack, U.S. Issue Rubber Blanket, U.S. Issue Blanket, U.S. Foot Pattern Overcoat, & Shelter Halves.

Musket: Model 1853 Enfield rifle musket.

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATES & NCO’S

(Unless listed elsewhere for Artillery-14.00, Commissary-8.00, & Medical-9.00, Field Commands.)

6.00 Intent

The complete uniform for all Privates and NCO’s of the Infantry, Artillery, Quartermaster, Commissary, and Medical Field Commands will be kept in good field condition, including but not limited to, removal of excessive dirt, and the

mending of holes and tears. The general appearance will be presentable in order to reflect pride and honor on each member and the Unit as a whole. The intent of this section is to create a consistent appearance of the Unit. The Unit’s appearance is critical in terms of reputation and pride, which then influences possible recruits, hosts, moral, and other units. Further, the uniform speaks very strongly on how we feel about ourselves and how we are organized. Each uniform is subject to inspection by the appropriate Field Commander or his designee. ***This section is not to be confused with a list of approved merchants. Do not purchase any uniform items without consulting a designated Company representative. Each Company within the Association has their own standards and preferred suppliers. Be advised if you purchase items without guidance, you may be making a financial error. Unacceptable uniform and equipage will be removed regardless of the expense!*** The Unit Commander will ultimately determine the definition of “period wear”.

The following uniform items. A pattern 1858 Dress Hat, Fatigue Blouse or Dress Coat, Sky time. It should be remembered that there are positions often available in the Color Guard, Medical Field Command, and Commissary, and as “runners” in case a member does not have needed leathers and/or weapon. Nevertheless, the minimal uniform as listed in 6.04 thru 6.15 will still be required in order to participate. This is not intended to alienate any person, but is simply a matter of needed consistency. Further, the impression of the entire Unit becomes detracted when even one person is seen milling around with anything less than the minimum required uniform. New members should remain diligent in acquiring the minimal equipment necessary and are encouraged to seek out help from veteran members who will gladly assist. It will be customary that a period of one year should be enough time to acquire the minimal

6.01 Minimal Uniform Required

New members are greatly encouraged to attend events even if various items are missing from their uniform. Arrangements and offers to lend equipment to new members should be made whenever possible, and prior to an event. It is the responsibility of the new member to pay the lender for any damage or loss of loaned equipment. New members must understand that in order to remain consistent, a minimal uniform requirement is essential in order to participate with the Unit at an event. Therefore, any member may only take the field, camp, participate in battles or skirmishes, etc, when equipped in and with Blue Kersey Trowsers, Jefferson Bootees, Spectacles (if necessary), Civilian or Issue Shirt, Suspenders, Wool Socks, Waist Belt, Canteen, Haversack, and Mess Furniture. All items must be of proper construction, materials and patterns. Additional leathers, equipment and/or weapon may be acquired through equipment. **WARNING:** Any member arriving without the minimum required uniform will be required to

obtain the missing items or will be required to remain outside of camp. The only exception will be Camp of Instructions, meetings, and other such appropriate settings.

6.02 Weapon Requirement

No member will be required to acquire or use a weapon for any reason. Ample opportunities exist for other participation such as Commissary, Color Guard, and Medical Unit, along with basic drill, and are greatly encouraged.

6.03 Modifications

Modifications to the 2nd WVI uniform, equipment, and method of wear may only be approved on a temporary basis by the Unit Commander as dictated by the event, documentation or safety circumstances. Permanent changes may only be made through the prescribed Handbook process. The Unit Commander will have the authority to reject changes required or requested in the 2nd WVI uniform by anyone. The 2nd WVI uniform will be as follows with exceptions listed elsewhere according to the specialty needs of the respective Field Commands.

Minimum Uniform Required For All Field Commands

(Unless listed elsewhere; see 8.00, 9.00, & 14.00)

6.04 Pattern 1858 Dress Hat (Hardee)

The hat for all Privates and NCO members of the Unit will be the Pattern 1858 Dress Hat. This hat was traditionally associated with the Iron Brigade and can be worn as follows:

- 1) With the brim folded at the wearers discretion or left unfolded.
- 2) With a black plume attached to either side.
- 3) With sky-blue infantry worsted hat cord attached.
- 4) With all brass attached and polished including the Jager horn with the numeral 2 centered in the horn, the company affiliation, an eagle shield holding the brim (if folded).
- 5) All hats will be kept in good condition.

Any, or none of the above may be implemented based on the desired impression, for the event, to correspond with the appropriate time frame. Item #4 represents a fully "dressed" hat. It is not necessary for everyone to wear their hats exactly as prescribed. Soldiers personalized their hats and members are encouraged to do the same. Ostrich plumes should be limited to an 1862/63 (see Appendix) impression and should be trimmed to the top of the dress hat. Corps badges should only be worn for an 1863 (see Appendix) impression and a limited number worn in the Unit for an 1864 impression (see Appendix).

6.05 Fatigue Blouse or Dress Coat

The coat will either be an enlisted U.S. Dress Coat (Frock) or an enlisted Fatigue Blouse (Sack Coat). The Fatigue Blouse is preferred over the Dress Coat but is not mandatory. All buttons

should be attached. NCO's may choose to wear proper chevrons and or NCO waist belt and buckle. The Fatigue Blouse and Dress Coat should be of a documented pattern, construction and materials.

6.06 Sky-Blue and Dark-Blue Trousers

Your first purchase should be Sky-blue trousers, after which Dark-blue trousers can be purchased after the minimal uniform requirements are met. Dark-blue trousers should only be worn for an early war impression (pre-1863, see Appendix). All trousers should be of a documented pattern, construction, and materials.

6.07 Jefferson Pattern Bootees (Brogans)

Period leather bootees with stitched or pegged soles. Orthopedic customizing is allowed if necessary. Heel plates recommended. No modern foot apparel.

6.08 Spectacles

Members with corrected vision must wear either period glasses or contact lenses. However, period glasses are recommended as means of eye protection over contact lenses. Period frames are readily available from sutlers and the prescription can be filled out at most optometrists. Many re-enactors who otherwise have a splendid uniform, only to be ruined by modern glasses, often overlook correct eyewear.

6.09 Shirt

Any long-sleeved civilian shirt of documented pattern and material (100% cotton) is acceptable. Civilian shirt buttons should be comprised of bone, shell, porcelain, milk glass, hard rubber, or wood of two or four hole styles. Issue shirts must be of a documented pattern and material (100% domet wool flannel). Issue shirt buttons should be comprised of paper backed, stamped tin, four hole buttons. White linen and bleached muslin Issue shirts are inaccurate and are discouraged.

6.10 Suspenders

Documented period pattern suspenders only.

6.11 Wool Socks

Either wool or cotton, hand knitted, or period machine constructed, with period tops and side seams, available in varying lengths. Stick to dull colors such as gray, brown, cream, blue, dark green, tan, or dark-red.

6.12 Waist Belt

Traditional U.S. Infantry, black leather, enlisted waist belt with U.S. buckle, worn around the coat. NCO's have the option of wearing a standard enlisted waist belt or a NCO waist belt and buckle.

6.13 Canteen

Pattern 1858, smooth side, canteen is preferred, but pattern 1862 bullseye canteen is acceptable. Also, the state issue canteens are allowed. The state issue canteens are appropriate for 1861-62 impressions. Pattern 1858 canteens are appropriate for 1861-65 impressions. Pattern 1862 canteens are appropriate for 1863-65 impressions. Brownish gray canteen covers are more prevalent. Stainless steel or tin canteens

are acceptable. Stainless steel canteens must always be covered and kept in good repair. **Do not fill your canteen with anything other than water if it is made of tin!** The canteen straps should be shortened so that the canteen rides on the small of the back.

6.14 Haversack

Pattern 1851, U.S. regulation, black-tarred canvas. The haversack strap should be shortened so that the haversack rides on the small of the back.

6.15 Mess Furniture

Documented pattern mess furniture only. No stainless steel mess furniture allowed.

- 1) Tin cup or coffee boiler only. No crimped bottoms.
- 2) Spoon: stamped steel or silver plated, fiddle back or oar shaped handle.
- 3) Fork: 2 to 4 tine steel, wood or bone handle.
- 4) Knife: straight steel blade with wood or bone handle.
- 5) Combination sets of a documented pattern are acceptable.
- 6) Plate: tin or steel, stamped, no pie plates.

Additional Uniform Items Highly Recommended

6.16 Forage Cap

U.S. Pattern 1858. Made of Dark blue wool with a polished cotton lining and leather sweatband. Thin patent leather brim a chinstrap, and two 5/8-inch general service eagle buttons on each side of the chinstrap.

6.17 Undergarments

Period drawers of a documented pattern, material, and construction are acceptable. (Male)

6.18 Gum Blanket

U.S. regulation black rubberized ground cloth with small brass grommets. Ponchos are acceptable but the Gum Blanket is preferred.

6.19 Blanket

Issue blanket of documented pattern, mouse brown or gray, with end stripe, without binding, with U.S. correctly attached in the center, is preferred. Also, the state issue blanket for 1861-62 impressions are acceptable (research pending).

6.20 Cartridge Box and Cartridge Box Belt

U.S. Infantry cartridge box with U.S. plate attached to the outside flap. Positioned on the body with the proper belt, black side out, with eagle shield attached to the front center of the belt. The cartridge box belt should be shortened to ride at the waist belt.

6.21 Pattern 1850 Percussion Cap Box

U.S. Infantry cap box attached to the waist belt between the U.S. buckle and the brass belt keeper.

6.22 Scabbard & Bayonet

Two or seven rivet pattern scabbard attached to the waist belt. It must have a secure brass tip. Bayonet must fit the weapon properly. Defective bayonets must be removed or repaired. Purchase the correct pattern bayonet for your

rifle musket. Springfield pattern scabbards are preferred. Scabbards of seven-rivet construction are appropriate for an 1863-65 impression.

6.23 Rifle Musket

3-banded, .58 cal M1861/63 Springfield, pattern 1853 Enfield, and .54 cal M1854 Austrian Lorenz (when available) rifle muskets are acceptable. These will be continuously inspected and should be constantly cleaned. In addition, the purchase of a cone wrench, cone pick and wiper is strongly recommended. Pattern 1853 Enfield rifle muskets may have either "blued," or "burnished" barrels.

6.24 Rifle Musket Sling

Must be of a documented pattern, constructed properly of dark leather. The sling must be properly secured to the musket. No canvas.

6.25 Shelter Half

Must be of proper pattern and material. Grommets should be hand sewn. Brass grommets are inaccurate but, are acceptable if purchased prior to the publication of this document. It takes two shelter half's to make a shelter tent. No one under the rank of commissioned officers should have a common tent (wedge or A-frame).

6.26 U.S. Pattern Knapsack

Soft pack, double bag pattern only. Blanket rolls are also acceptable.

6.27 Overcoat

Foot pattern only. Sky blue kersey wool. Standing 3" collar. Body lining of wool or cotton. Cape. Unhemmed skirt bottoms. State issue overcoats are acceptable for 1861-62 impressions (research pending).

6.28 Sash

Standard red worsted wool sash for Sergeants used only at the Field Commanders discretion.

6.29 Leggings

Correct Army of the Potomac, leather lace style or exact replica only. No other style acceptable. Attached with leather hoops to the out side. These will be severely inspected. Limited to 1862 impressions only (see Appendix).

6.30 Timepiece

19th century style timepieces (pocket watches) only. No wristwatches.

6.31 Vest

Any documented civilian pattern or tailor made U.S army vest are acceptable.

6.32 Cartridges

They will be made of paper with no modifications such as staples or tape. The color should be white or off white. Securing strings are suggested. No coin wrappers, grocery bags or printed newspaper. Filled with 60 grains of FF or FFF black powder. **NO PYRODEX.** Keep in mind muzzle debris can travel up to 35 yards.

6.33 Percussion Caps

Commercially sold caps only.

6.34 Powder

FF or FFF black powder only. To be stored safely, and kept dry. **NO PYRODEX.**

6.35 Accessories

Items such as bottles, pipes, matches, books, money, tobacco, cigars, housewives, etc, are

acceptable but should be limited to what might actually have been possible to carry on the march. Cigarettes shall not be carried or used while in camp or in formation. Ammo boxes, furniture, lanterns, and other camp accessories are acceptable, but are subject to inspection and possible removal.

6.36 Corps Badge

A 1 7/8" red 1st Corps felt disk, attached to the front face of the Pattern 1858 Dress Hat. Appropriate for April 1863 through the end of the war.

Final Note

Once again, do not purchase any uniform items without first consulting with a designated company representative. Each company within the Association has their own standards and preferred suppliers. Be advised, if you purchase items without guidance, you may be making a financial error. Unacceptable uniform and equipage will be removed regardless of expense. Ask the more experienced members for help. We will be happy to share our experiences and help you with the process of becoming a Union soldier of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry!

ARTILLERY FIELD COMMAND

14.00 Intent

This section is intended to provide the minimum uniform requirements, and other recommended items, for field participation in Battery B 4th U.S. Artillery. Section 6.00 of the Association Handbook should be read and understood by all battery members. In addition, artillery field pieces and crew members may only participate at Unit events or under the Unit colors with the approval of the Association artillery commander.

14.01 Minimal Uniform Required

This section is similar to section 6.01 in intent, but differs in uniform items appropriate for an artillery impression. The minimum uniform requirements for artillery will consist of the following uniform items. A Forage Cap, a Fatigue Blouse or Shell Jacket, Sky Blue Kersey Infantry or Mounted Trousers, Jefferson Booties, Spectacles, Civilian or Issue Shirt, Suspenders, Wool Socks, Waist Belt, Canteen, Haversack, Mess Furniture, and the Battery Handbook. Battery members should read section 6.01 to understand the reasons for maintaining a minimum standard and then consult this section to find the artillery standards of the Association.

14.02 Weapon

No member of the Battery is required to acquire a weapon. The Battery maintains and operates its own field cannon. Side arms are optional. Battery members should consult with the Battery commander before purchasing a side arm to find out the appropriate models of revolvers and sabers, and if they are correct for the members current position in the Battery.

14.03 Modifications

Modifications to the 2nd WVI, Battery B uniform, equipment, and method of wear may only be approved on a temporary basis by the Unit Commander as dictated by the event, documentation or safety circumstances. Permanent changes may only be made through the prescribed Handbook process. The Unit Commander will have the authority to reject changes required or requested in the 2nd WVI Battery B uniform by anyone. The 2nd WVI Battery B will be as follows with the exceptions listed elsewhere according to the specialty needs of the respected Field Commands.

14.04 Forage Cap

U.S. Pattern 1858. Made of Dark blue wool with a polished cotton lining and leather sweatband. Thin patent leather brim a chinstrap, and two 5/8-inch general service eagle buttons on each side of the chinstrap.

14.05 Fatigue Blouse or Shell Jacket

A standard issue, four button infantry Fatigue Blouse (Sack Coat) or artillery Shell Jacket are acceptable. The Shell Jacket differs from a Fatigue Blouse in the following ways. It has a twelve-button front, red wool twill tape is used as a trim, and it has a V cut back. It is lined with cotton drilling on the body and muslin in the sleeves. It has an inside breast pocket and saber belt support bolsters on the back. Both jackets should be of a documented pattern, construction and materials.

14.06 Sky-Blue Infantry or Mounted Trousers

Sky-blue infantry trousers or Sky-Blue Mounted trousers for the Light Artillery are acceptable. Mounted trousers differ from infantry trousers in that extra material was added to the inseam for re-enforcement.

14.07 Jefferson Pattern Booties (Brogans)

Period leather booties with stitched or pegged soles. Orthopedic customizing is allowed if necessary. Heel plates recommended. No modern foot apparel.

14.08 Spectacles

Members with corrected vision must wear either period glasses or contact lenses. However, period glasses are recommended as means of eye protection over contact lenses. Period frames are readily available from sutlers and the prescription can be filled out at most optometrists. Many re-enactors who otherwise have a splendid uniform, only to be ruined by modern glasses, often overlook correct eyewear.

14.09 Shirt

Any long-sleeved civilian shirt of documented pattern and material (100% cotton) is acceptable. Civilian shirt buttons should be comprised of bone, shell, porcelain, milk glass, hard rubber, or wood of two or four hole styles. Issue shirts must be of a documented pattern and material (100% domet

wool flannel). Issue shirt buttons should be comprised of paper backed, stamped tin, four hole buttons. White linen and bleached muslin Issue shirts are inaccurate and are discouraged.

14.10 Suspenders

Documented period pattern suspenders only.

14.11 Wool Socks

Either wool or cotton, hand knitted, or period machine constructed, with period tops and side seams, available in varying lengths. Stick to dull colors such as gray, brown, cream, blue, dark green, tan, or dark-red.

14.12 Waist Belt

Traditional U.S. Infantry, black leather, enlisted waist belt with U.S. buckle, worn around the coat. NCO's have the option of wearing a standard enlisted waist belt or a NCO waist belt and buckle.

14.13 Canteen

Pattern 1858, smooth side, canteen is preferred, but pattern 1862 bull's-eye canteen is acceptable. Also, the state issue canteens are allowed. The state issue canteens are appropriate for 1861-62 impressions. Pattern 1858 canteens are appropriate for 1861-65 impressions. Pattern 1862 canteens are appropriate for 1863-65 impressions. Brownish gray canteen covers are more prevalent. Stainless steel or tin canteens are acceptable. **Do not fill your canteen with anything other than water if it is made of tin!** The canteen straps should be shortened so that the canteen rides on the small of the back.

14.14 Haversack

Pattern 1851, U.S. regulation, black-tarred canvas. The haversack strap should be shortened so that the haversack rides on the small of the back.

14.15 Mess Furniture

Documented pattern mess furniture only. No stainless steal mess furniture allowed.

- 1) Tin cup or coffee boiler only. No crimped bottoms.
- 2) Spoon: stamped steel or silver plated, fiddle back or oar shaped handle.
- 3) Fork: 2 to 4 tine steel, wood or bone handle.
- 4) Knife: straight steel blade with wood or bone handle.
- 5) Combination sets of a documented pattern are acceptable.
- 6) Plate: tin or steel, stamped, no pie plates.

14.16 Handbook

Battery members are required to have on their person, or in their kit the Battery B, 4th U.S. Light Artillery Handbook.

Additional Uniform Items Highly Recommended

14.17 U.S. Cavalry Boots

Cavalry Boots should be constructed of rough-out leather and stand 12 inches tall. Soles are

either stitched or pegged.

Additional Notes

It is recommended that Battery members consult the infantry section of the Association Handbook in order to find the standards concerning uniform and equipment items not listed here.

Hardtack Crate Now Available.

Hello,

Greetings from the maker of Bent Co Hardtack, original suppliers to the Union Army during the War between the States. I just wanted to send a quick note to inform you that our Hardtack crate is now available for sale. You can order it online at <http://www.hardtackcracker.com> <<http://www.hardtackcracker.com>>. Or you may call us at 617-698-5945. The price is \$85.00 plus shipping costs. We will email or call you with the exact total amount upon receipt of your order. To preview what this replica crate looks like just go to our website

and click on the hardtack crate button or go to the order form and click the description there. We worked very hard in creating a piece of history that is much sought after. We hope you'll agree the wait and effort was worth it. Thanks for your patience and support. James Pierotti
G.H. Bent Co.
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July 2001**

Camps Raise Funds for Civil War Memorials

Two Wisconsin Department Camps are supporting the preservation of Civil War monuments in their communities.

Old Abe Camp #8 has donated \$200 towards the restoration of Oshkosh's Civil War monument. Funding for the \$60,000 restoration also came from the Hicks Trust Fund, Save Outdoor Sculpture, Target Stores and the Telephone Pioneers of America Ameritech Chapter 4. The restoration is being performed by Venus Bronze Works in Detroit. The sculpture was donated to the city in 1907 by Col. John Hicks, owner of time city's newspaper and an important benefactor of local GAR activities and projects. Deterioration of the internal iron structure had caused the sculpture to separate. The Camp has been asked to help plan the re-dedication ceremony later this year. Br. Mike Wertel will provide background information for a booklet that will accompany the re-dedication.

C.K. Pier Badger Camp#1 is working to raise \$500 for the restoration of Milwaukee's civil War monument, "The Victorious charge." So far, it has raised \$317 from its membership and over \$600 from other sources. Funding for the \$139,000 restoration will come from the state, grants from Target Stores, Outdoor Sculpture, private corporations and foundations.

The sculpture was dedicated in 1898 after 5 years of persistent fund raising by Lydia Ely Hewitt. It too has structure problems due to internal deterioration. These are complicated by surface corrosion, vandalism and missing artistic elements.

The restoration will be completed by CSO Studio, Inc. in Chicago. A re-dedication ceremony is planned for November 2002

<http://www.execpc.com/~kap/suvcw-wi/>

2001 Escanaba Civil War Living History Encampment Reenactor's Schedule

Saturday June 23

- 9:00 am Camps Open
- 9:30 Posting of Colors (Union and Confederate)
- 10:00 Inspection by Company Commanders
Roll Call - to Lt. Karweick at Union Camp HQ by 11:30
- 10:30 Company Commander's Meeting- at Gazebo
Discuss battle scenario, general comments and concerns Union Infantry presentation - at Registration tent
- 11:00 Drills Artillery
Presentation - by guns
- 11:30am Confederate presentation - at Registration tent
- 1:00 pm Lincoln Interview/
presentation - at Registration tent
- 1:30 Inspection and Review in Union camp by President Lincoln
- 2:00 Battle scenario (30-45 mm)
- 3:00 Medical scenario and presentation
- 3:45 Civilian presentation - at Registration tent
- 5:30 DINNER for all registered participants At Yacht Club building
- 9:00 pm Striking of Colors (Union and Confederate)
- Dusk Battery demonstration
Bonfire and Music

All are invited to enjoy the bonfire after the Concert

Sunday June 24

- 7:30 am Reveille Roll Call - to Lt. Karweick at Union Camp HQ by 11:30
- 8:30 Posting of Colors (Union and Confederate)
- 9:00 Non-denominational church service at Registration tent Camps open
- 10:00 Veterans Memorial service at Lakeview Cemetery (Union & Confederate)
transportation will be provided
- 11:00 Lincoln presentation/
Interview - at Registration tent
- 11:30 Artillery presentation - at guns Company Commanders meeting at Registration tent
- 12:00 pm Confederate presentation - at Registration tent
- 12:30 Civilian presentation - at Registration tent
- 1:00 Union Infantry presentation- at Registration tent
- 1:30 Inspection and Review of Union troops by President Lincoln
- 2:00 Battle scenario
- 3:00 Medical scenario and presentation
- 4:00 pm Striking of Colors (Union and Confederate) Final words Camps close

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR EVENT! HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME.

Directions to the Escanaba Encampment June 23 and 24, 2001

**From points South
Take Hwy. 41 North
through Green Bay and
Marinette/Menominee.**

Here you have a choice:

A. Stay on Hwy 41 to Stephenson, Powers, and into Escanaba. Once you reach town, go until you reach the main intersection (US. 2 NORTH/41 and M-35) at Lincoln Road. There will be gas stations on 3 corners and a restaurant on the 4th (Stone House), so it will be difficult to miss. Continue going forward onto Ludington Street and under the big 'Escanaba' sign. You will then have to travel the length of the downtown to Ludington Park and the Municipal dock area will be on the left. You will see tents and people.

B. Take Hwy. M-35 (will mosey to the Right outside of Menominee) and follow the beautiful Green Bay most of the way into Escanaba. When you reach the lights at the corner of Lincoln Road (US 2 and 41) "by file Right" onto Ludington Street. This corner has 3 gas stations and one restaurant (Stone House). After turning right, you will pass beneath the large "Escanaba" sign. Then travel the length of the downtown, to Ludington Park and the Municipal dock area will be on your left. Look for tents and people.

After arriving, please check in at the Registration tent for information as to where to set up and a schedule for the weekend. I should be there, or Maureen McCarvel (Tom Gardner's wife) or Bev Gardner, will be there to help. Cookies and lemonade will also be there.

You may arrive and set up anytime after 12 noon on Friday June 22. There are plenty of places to then grab a bite to eat or just enjoy the view. We are planning on good weather, and since we are in the Eastern Time Zone, daylight will last until 10:30 or so (local time).

Again, if any one has any questions, please call me anytime.
906-789-6391.

Thanks, Mark Karweick

*Bounty \$5 per military
reenactor per day*

Volunteers on a "Lark"---

Row at Voigt's Brewery--- Several Shots Exchanged.

We regret to have to record a disgraceful affair which occurred in this city last night.

Last evening, as we are informed, Col. Coon granted leave of absence to a number of the members of the Second regiment to visit their friends before their departure for active service. Some of these volunteers remained in the city and a party of nine went to Voigt's, the brewer in the first ward and attempted to get into his saloon at two or three o'clock this morning. The saloon is in the basement of a two story brick building the upper portion of which is occupied by Mr. Voigt's as a residence. He refused to open his saloon for them.

They then broke open or let down a window opening into the bar of the saloon and got out several bottles of liquor. Mr. Voigt, from a window above, fired a shot-gun over their heads with a view of driving them off not intending to injure any one. Upon this they fired upon the house with revolvers and threw stones into the windows breaking glass, sash and blinds. Mr. Voigt fired several times over their heads with a revolver and finally discharged his shot gun aiming at their legs as nearly as he could upon which they decamped.

Nearly a wheel-barrow load of stones we are told were thrown into the house and the walls, in several places, are chipped with bullets. Blood was found upon the sidewalk leading towards the camp and we understand that a member of the Belle City (Racine) Rifles has a wounded hand and leg this morning.

A soldier was found near the Brewery dead drunk, lying upon the ground; a member of the Randall Guards is in the Guard House, the first instance, we believe, where any member of that company has been found guilty of ill-conduct.

In the Third Ward also we hear that some handsome shade trees in front of Mr. Hinrich's residence were cut down

or mutilated.

This is attributed to the soldiers, but without any satisfactory evidence as we learn that they are the guilty parties.

We have been disposed to allow a good deal for exaggerations in regard to the conduct of the soldiers of the Second Regiment but it is evident that there are some hard cases among them. The great mass of them we believe to be sterling men who feel as keenly as any one how much the regiment is disgraced by the few insubordinates and who have no sympathy with them in their riotous conduct.

These wild fellows who disturb the peace of the city are but few in numbers and ought not, by their unseemly acts, to be permitted to involve the whole regiment in disgrace.

They should be sharply looked after by the officers.

The Second Regiment-

The Argus of this morning contains an article commenting in severe terms upon the want of proper discipline in the Second regiment and the abuses and annoyances which have been the consequences to our citizens.

We regret that there should be so much cause for these strictures for it is undeniable that the soldiers have not appeared to be under that restraint which a wholesome discipline would impose.

At the same time, great care ought to be taken not to bring false and unjust charges against the volunteers. A great many exaggerated rumors prevail which, if strictly investigated, will be found to be wholly without foundation in fact. Such is, we believe, the report of the violation of a German woman and her subsequent death mentioned by the Argus as a "notorious fact". From the best information we can obtain it is not a "notorious fact" but a notorious falsehood. It has been widely circulated and we supposed for some time that it was true; but a number of persons and among others Judge Vilas, the Mayor, have assured us that after much inquiry they were satisfied that it is a fiction out of whole cloth.

It is due to the soldiers that they should be relieved from the stain of such an infamous calumny though we have no doubt our neighbors of the Argus made the statement in good faith supposing it to be true.

On Wednesday last, a small advance guard of the Second regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers from Camp Randall at Madison started for Harrisburg. On Thursday, the balance of the regiment left for the same place with sealed orders not to be opened until after their arrival - Their passage through our state and Illinois was a continual ovation.

Before leaving the camp the Governor, on behalf of the people of the State, enjoined upon them to guard sacredly the honor of the State, to do their whole duty in defending the principles of the government against anarchy and barbarism and after reminding them that the prayers of the 800,000 people of the State of Wisconsin would continually ascend to heaven in their behalf he bid them farewell.

At Janesville a collation had been prepared and thousands of citizens greeted them. At Chicago they were escorted through the city by a number of the volunteer companies of the city and the streets through which they passed were crowded with people.

The following is the list of regimental officers:

Colonel - S. Park Coon
Lieut. Colonel - Henry W. Peck
Major - Duncan McDonald
Adjutant - E. M. Hunter
Colonel's Aide - Henry Sanders
Quarter Master - James D. Ruggles
Sergeant Major - P. McAdams
Surgeon - J. M. Lewis
1st Ass't - T. P. Russell
2d - P.S. Arndt.
Quarter Master Sergeant - Wallace M. Spear
Commissary Sergeant - E.R. Chase
Hospital Steward - G.H. Irwin
Drum Major - F.A. Dyke
Fife Major-

The companies composing the regiment are as follows:

Fox Lake Citizen' Guard, Company A LaCrosse Light Guard, Company B Grant County Greys, Company C
Janesville Volunteers, Company D
Oshkosh Volunteers, Company E
Belle City Rifles, Company F
Portage light Guard, Company G
Randall Guard, Company H
Miner's Guards, Company I
Wisconsin Rifles, Company K

Data on the Great Comet of 1861

by Jeremy Johnson

Currently in the Constellation of Lynx, quickly heading south (*with Sherman, presumably*)

By the 15th of June 2001, it should nearly be entering Gemini. It will have passed through Lynx and most of the Aurgia Constellation (which is right next to Lynx) by then.

There is no way anyone is going to see it through a telescope (unless you own the Hubble Space Telescope)

Lynx is a northern constellation, by the way. **grins**

Distance : 103.236 Astronomical Units (9,596,377,742.28 miles) or 9 billion, 596 million, 377 thousand & 742.28 miles

Absolute Magnitude

(at 1 A.U. to Sun) : 3.90

In other words, it's really bright up close. **MUCH** brighter than Halley will ever be.

Sidereal Period : 409.10 years

The Sidereal Period is how long something takes to do a complete orbit. It should turnabout and head back towards us sometime in January 2066. It will return midway through 2270.

Technical Stuff :

Perihelion distance : Variable

Orbital Eccentricity : 0.9850700

Inclination - Orbit to Ecliptic : + 085*26'

Argument of the pericenter : + 330*05'

Long. of the ascending node : + 280*54'

Mean anomaly : +123*16'

First Bull Run Reenactment

is located in Virginia's beautiful Loudoun County, the reenactment site is only 30 minutes from Manassas National Battlefield Park.

Other area Civil War battlefields and sites include Balls Bluff, South Mountain, Antietam, Harpers Ferry and Gettysburg.

PRIMEDIA and event coordinator Don Warlick look forward to your participation in the 140th anniversary reenactment of this thrilling and historic battle. The Federal commander will be Dana Heim, U.S. Vols. Battalion and the Confederate commander is Charles Clark, ANV.

The reenactment site is Locust Hill Farm, owned by the Wright family since before the Civil War. This 400-acre farm has several pre Civil War structures still intact. Locust Hill Farm is adjacent to Morven Park, a beautiful equestrian facility consisting of 1,000 acres of rolling, well cared for lawn and woods.

We hope you will enjoy the beauty of this area as much as we think you will. The road that runs between the two properties was the site of the cavalry battle "Mile Run."

PRIMEDIA will again donate at least \$1.00 per registered reenactor for the preservation of historic sites. Please note the deadlines for registration. Register early and save money.

The soldiers are enjoying themselves very well at Camp Randall.

The exercise of drilling, however, keeps the blood in motion. This morning at 11 o'clock both the companies were hard at work marching and counter marching - the Guards at the barracks paced up and down with gun and bayonet on shoulder in warlike style.

Their sleeping quarters, if not elegant, are warm and comfortable and superior to those which usually fall to a soldier's lot. McGonigal gives them abundance of wholesome and well-cooked food. The tables with the new tin plates and cups look neat and inviting. The boys have all the beef, bread, potatoes, beans and coffee they wish and these sauced with a soldier's appetite are more delicious than is the most luxurious fare to the sedentary dyspeptic.

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Watertown Ladies - The material for 500 flannel shirts for the soldiers has been sent to Watertown to be made up, the ladies of that city having kindly volunteered to do the work.

The ladies are as patriotic as the men and are now proving that they are made up with the same spirit that was evinced by the women of the Revolution.

In times of peace, with nothing to arouse them, they have been blamed for knitting lace and doing other fancy work - but now when dangers threatens their country their fingers are found to be equally nimble in making shirts for the patriotic soldiers who go forth to defend their country's honor.

The war is just what is needed to prove that our people have not degenerated. We rejoice to find the heroic spirit that animated our grandmothers has descended to the women of the present day. The Ladies everywhere - God bless them!

THE BATTLE FOR CHATTANOOGA

ROCKFORD MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

JUNE 22ND. - 24TH. 2001

TIER 1 ASSOCIATION AND BLACK HAT BATTALION EVENT

For all you lovers of the campaign style event, this could be the event for you. This event will also allow us to do some more Battalion drill, so for those of you who missed the BHB Drill weekend, this is a must event.

Regrettably this Tier 1 event falls on the same weekend as Company E's Escanaba event,

Which was not able to change the date and while I would not expect Co. E to attend this event, I'm sure they understand the importance of the other company's need to attend the Rockford event.

The theme for this event is an ***Army on the march.***

They are going to have 5 camps set up.

Camp 1 & 2 are for the Union and Confederate military camps. These camps will be limited to a light marching order impression which means if you can't carry it on your back then you shouldn't bring it. Shelter tents only, if you feel or the weather makes it necessary. Positively no wall tents (except for Battalion command level). A tents will be allowed but on a limited basis.

Camp 3 is the Union military camp with dependents. **Camp 4** is the Conf. Equivalent.

Camp 5 is the Civilian camp, which will be set up around the Village (which will be Chattanooga), where Civilians are encouraged to participate as Towns people.

A little something for everyone!!!! They do not list anything about campers or RV's. So I assume there is not a provision for them.

ACTIVITIES

A Tactical battle is planned.

Spectator battles on Saturday and Sunday.

Outdoor ball Saturday evening.

Daytime activities for the Ladies.

AMENITIES

The usual, no powder for Infantry. Cash bounties for Artillery and horses.

Commanders for the event are Mark Williams for the Union and our old nemesis Billy Blackstone for the Rebs.

UNIFORM

The desired impression for this event is an 1863 Army on the March Western impression.

So we will **not** be portraying the 2nd. Wisconsin. So break out that grubby impression some of you like so well.

My personal suggestions are....

Civilian or stripped Hardee Hat, a spattering of Forage caps.

Sack coats with a spattering of frock coats

Sky Blue trousers.

Normal accouterments, back packs or blanket roll.

No chairs, stools etc... you are on the march. If you need these items you will have to camp in Camp 3. Let's leave all that superfluous crap behind.

REGISTRATION

*Please contact your company commander by **June 8th** to register for this event.*

Company Commanders should send me the list of attendees no later than **June 13th**.

I will register all 2nd. Wisconsin Association members.

No Walk Ons. (You must be pre-registered). If you are late getting your reservation in you must contact me via the Internet at majscott@chorus.net. I will register you up to June 16th. After that you will need to contact the event host yourself.

James Johnson
4810 Chippewa Drive
Mequon, WI 53092

**Join members of the Second Wisconsin traveling from the
Midwest to join our brothers in arms of Company C at a
parade of remembrance over the weekend of
November 17, 2001.**

Being in the town of Gettysburg over this weekend is an
opportunity to time-travel as modern dress is the exception .

Contact
Scott Wallick or
Jeff Meicher
for information.