



# The Fugelman

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fugelman - A well-drilled soldier placed in front of a military company as a model or guide for others

*Many thanks to Lance Herdegen for sharing this great article with us.*

## The Sham Battle

A valued correspondent, whose choice contribution should have appeared before, dilates upon the coming "Sham Battle," in the manner following: If we must have a "Sham Battle" during Reunion week, why, let us have one with all the concomitants. Let the breathless spectators, who want to see how a real battle looks, be treated to the genuine article, with nothing omitted which goes to make up "the pride, pomp and circumstances of glorious war."

In this view it will be eminently proper to have firing commence on the picket line at early dawn, when the men will fall in and shiver in line for two hours, while the general officers sit under tent flies and drink hot coffee.

A regiment of cavalry will be deployed through all the mud puddles in the vicinity and a Negro regiment made to march through the same, after which details will be made to fill the canteens of the men from these puddles. General officers will direct these movements and be refreshed with copious draughts of whiskey, meanwhile.

After the men have stood in line until they are thoroughly starved and mad enough to fight each other, the fight will be postponed for two days.

When the opposing forces are finally mustered for the fray and appearances indicate that there will really be a battle, several hundred wagons will be formed in the rear of each army. Then the most severe sufferings of a soldier's life will begin. In each company will be seen the dreadful work of disease. Strong men will suddenly be attacked with gripes. A shell from the enemy will burst within a mile and a half of the sufferers, who will be seized with the idea that they can get relief only under a wagon. The slam bang of a whole battery will develop the fever and ague, measles, cerebro spinal-come and-get us, and milk leg in a number of victims in each command they will with one accord apply the wagon antidote. After the space under each wagon is filled with sic soldiers, the well ones will move under

such inspiring orders as "Hell and damnation, men, why don't you dress up on the right."

A soldier will fall while eagerly pressing something to his lips; and the essential females will at once conclude that it is girl's picture or a lock of her hair. Close inspection will demonstrate, however, that it is a chunk of musty bacon.

The surgeons will appear, and establish field hospitals. The old surgeons will quarrel over the question as to whether the "circular" or the "flap" operation is preferable in amputations, and the young saw bones will refuse to operate upon any one but real strong men, who seem to be able to sustain the amputation of a leg above the knee, in cases where a toe has been dislocated.

The wounded will be tenderly served on the ground with muddy water and hard tack, while the sanitary commission fellows will rest on spring mattresses a mile or two in the rear, and eke out a miserable existence on choice wines and home made jelly.

After the battle is over the dead will be robbed by such of the sick men under the wagons as have recovered sufficiently to crawl out. Most of them will feel well enough to rob at least one corpse.

Each army will withdraw out of sight of the other, and claim a glorious victory. The next day, one of the fellow who crawled under a wagon, but who has a relative at home in high political favor, will receive a commission from the governor as captain for "bravery in action."

--*The Milwaukee Sunday Telegraph*  
May 9, 1880



# Pass in Review

Our reenactment season is under way and the weather is finally warming up.

However, before you take the field, please consider a couple of items that just might make your reenactment weekend a bit more enjoyable.

First, how about adding a good insect repellent as part of your reenactment gear? Remember, that you have to protect yourself against those mosquitoes and ticks that view you as their next meal.

Second, do you have a first aid kit along? A kit can help you to prevent those minor irritations from becoming major problems at a reenactment.

And finally, when you get back home from a reenactment, make sure to check yourself and your equipment over for any unwanted pests.

Don't bring your equipment into the house until it has been closely inspected. You don't want to bring back any little critters that will end up setting up residence in your house.

With proper planning, we can all enjoy this years reenactment season. All we have to do is to take a little extra time and plan ahead.

Your obedient servant,  
**Lt. Col. Gary Klass**

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## THE WISCONSIN REGIMENTS IN THE VIRGINIA BATTLES

From partial lists of casualties in Wisconsin Regiments in the recent battles about Manassas, which we publish to day, it will be seen that the 2d, 3d, 6th and 7th Wisconsin were engaged and probable in the hottest of the fighting. Almost all the principal officers are among the killed and wounded, and when we get complete details a shadow will fall upon many a home in our noble State.

Gen. King is wounded, and almost every FIELD OFFICER OF THE 2D, 6TH AND 7TH REGTS., among the killed or wounded. While we bewail the noble dead, we glory in the indomitable courage with which they have (fallen).

## CALENDAR 2002

January 5	<b>Company A</b> Annual Meeting FoxLake, Wis	May 24-25	<b>Brandywine Creek</b> Company C Brandywine State Park, Delaware
January 12	<b>Company H, Drill</b> , Stockton, California	May 24-25	<b>Roaring Camp School Event</b> Company H Roaring Camp, California
January 13	<b>Company K</b> Annual Meeting Oregon, Wis	May 26-28	<b>Roaring Camp</b> Company H Roaring Camp, California
January 26	<b>Regimental Meeting</b> Cecil's Place Allenton, Wis	May 27	<b>Oshkosh Parade</b> Rededication of Civil War Monument Company E, Oshkosh , Wis
February 2	<b>Company K</b> , Annual Dinner Mazomanie, Wis	May 27	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Company A West Bend, Wisconsin
February 9	<b>Company E</b> , Annual Dinner Appleton, Wis	May 27	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Battery B Waukesha, Wisconsin
February 9	<b>Battery B</b> , Annual Dinner Green Bay, Wis	May 27	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Company K Wisconsin
March 2	<b>Company H</b> , Drill Stockton, California	May 27	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Company C Gettysburg, PA
Mar. 16	<b>St. Patrick Parade</b> Chicago, ILL	May 28	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Battery B Waukesha, Wis
Mar. 16	<b>Work detail</b> WI Nat. Guard Armory Sussex, Wis	May 27	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Company B Wisconsin
Mar. 23-24	<b>Knight's Ferry</b> Co. H Knight's Ferry, CA	May 27	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Company H California
April 6	<b>Battalion Drill</b> Co. C Gettysburg, PA	May 31	<b>Ashwaubenon School District Living History</b> Company E, Ashwaubenon, WI
April 20-21	<b>Skirmish, ACWSA</b> Stonebank, Wis	June 1&2	<b>Woods VA Hospital Living History/F und Raiser,</b> Company A Tier 2
April 20-21	<b>School of the Solder</b> Regimental school MacKenzie Center Poynette, WI	June 8	<b>Appleton Flag Day Parade</b> Company E Appleton, Wisconsin
April 20-21	<b>School of the Piece</b> Battery B Halquist Quarry Sussex, WI	June 21-23	<b>Midway Village</b> Event and drill. Black Hat Event Rockford, Ill.
May 10	<b>Living History</b> Appleton School District Company E-Battery B, 5th Graders Appleton, WI	June 22-23	<b>Skirmish</b> Skirmish Team Bristol, Wis
May 10-12	<b>Pioneer Village</b> Company A-Battery B, Fredonia, WI	June 22-23	<b>Living History</b> Co. A and Battery B Fox Lake, Wis
May 17-18	<b>School Day</b> Living History Company K, Tier 2 events Madison, WI	June 29-30	<b>Living History</b> Battery B South Mountain, MD
May 18	<b>National Artillery School</b> Battery B Tier 2 event Boscobel, WI		

<b>July 4</b>	<b>Marinette Parade</b> Marinette, Wis
<b>July 5-7</b>	<b>Gettysburg</b> <b>Company C</b> Gettysburg, PA
<b>July 13-14</b>	<b>Escanaba</b> <b>Co. E and Battery B</b> Escanaba, MI
<b>July 13-14</b>	<b>Skirmish,</b> Stonebank, Wis
<b>July 19-21</b>	<b>Duncan Mills,</b> CHAS Event Co. H
<b>July 19-21</b>	<b>Carlton Park(Hastings)</b> Hastings, MI Black Hat Event
<b>Aug. 3-4</b>	<b>Skirmish, Boscobel, Wis</b>
<b>Aug. 3-4,</b>	<b>Boscobel School</b> <b>of the Piece,</b> Battery B Tier 2 event.
<b>Aug. 9-11</b>	<b>Green Bay Rail Road</b> <b>Museum,</b> Company E Tier 1 event.
<b>Aug. 16-18</b>	<b>Irish Fest</b> Company A Milwaukee, Wis
<b>Aug. 24-25</b>	<b>Living History</b> Battery B Juneau, Wis
<b>Aug. 25-26</b>	<b>Casa De Fruita</b> Company H
<b>Sept. 1-3</b>	<b>Labor Day Weekend</b> Company H Huntington Beach, California
<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>Randolph Parade</b> Company A
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>Living History</b> <b>Dozers Days</b> Sussex, Wi
<b>Sept. 13-15</b>	<b>Lone</b> Company H
<b>Sept. 13-15</b>	<b>Antietam,</b> National Tier 1 event. <i>Note:: register through Doug Pettit.</i>
<b>Sept. 21-22</b>	<b>Skirmish,</b> Bristol, Wis
<b>Sept. 27-29</b>	<b>Wade House,</b> , Regimental Tier 1 event. <i>Note: register through Doug Pettit.</i>
<b>Oct. 6-7</b>	<b>Fresno</b> Company H
<b>Oct. 12-13</b>	<b>Norskedalen,</b> Company B tier 1 event.
<b>Oct. 12-13</b>	<b>Days of Glories Past</b> Battery B Tier 1 event. Cutler Park Waukesha, Park
<b>Oct. 19-20</b>	<b>Los Banos</b> Company H Tier 2 event.
<b>Oct. 19-20</b>	<b>Battle of Cedar Creek</b> Company C Tier 2 event.

<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Christmas Ball</b> Company H Tier 2 event.
<b>Nov. 15-17</b>	<b>Gettysburg</b> <b>Remembrance</b>
<b>Day,</b>	Company K Tier 2 event.
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Antietam, Battlefield</b> <b>Illumination Day,</b> Company C

*"Remember those that fell"*

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## Videos from the 2001 National Railroad Museum Event in Green Bay are now available....

If you are interested in acquiring a video please contact David Dresang at 920/338-5048 or e-mail [tdresang@milwpc.com](mailto:tdresang@milwpc.com)".

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per video and shipping would be \$2. If you are not familiar with our videos from past events, they run about 2 hours long and are not a profit making venture for Company E but a special opportunity for the reenactors.

Thanks  
Theresa

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# My Haste

Well pards,

In my haste, having brewed two concurrent batches of drastically differing beer styles today, I seem to have omitted the three pounds of corn for the porter from my mash tun.

As it turns out, I do not believe this mere omission earns me the label of Jonah, Now, instead of a temple splitting 7% alcoholic brew we should have an eminently more quaffable 4.5 sipping beverage to ward off the evening chill at Roaring Camp.

The really good news is I still have the three punds of corn, hence a justification, umm duty, to brew that volley to the forehead, mucket froth I had originally envisioned,

But that will have to wait until another event.

*Respectfully plumb tuckered out,*

Pvt. K. Hinton  
2nd Wis. V.I., co. H  
(Gawd, I love this unit!-ed.)

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## For Sale

A few years ago one of my sons thought about Civil War Renacting but then changed his mind.

the clothing is almost unused  
**1 US Sack coat**

apros size 42 with buttons. \$40  
1. pair of sky blue trousers,  
waist size approx 44" not  
hemmed-lots of length \$40  
They were worn a couple of  
times neither of these were  
ever in the rain. We would  
consider "best offer" for either  
of these.

I can be reached at  
(608) 233-0446 (home) or at  
the address below.

**Pete Schad**  
484 Hilton Drive  
Madison, WI 53711

# Surviving Reenacting Post Report

Tom Klas

For those who were able to make the Association's "School of the Infantry," this is a continuation of the *Surviving Reenacting Seminar* taught by Tom Klas.

We covered such topics as correct marching & garrison rations for the 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, correct preparation of rations, hygiene, heat stress, campfire etiquette, staying warm at night, and sources for many related items. Unfortunately we ran out of time with each group and had several inquires about what was covered. Jim Johnson has kindly offered me some space in the upcoming editions of the Fugelman to answer many of the questions presented during and after each seminar.

## Part One – Recipes

Brigadier General August V. Kautz in his 1864 handbook titled Customs of Service: for Non-Commissioned Officers & Soldiers gives a great description of how Meat was issued to soldiers. "Meat is issued to soldiers in the form of fresh beef, salt beef, salt pork, and bacon."

General Kautz later in this same paragraph states, " Salt Pork and bacon are preferred by old troops on the march, as being the least bulky, easily cooked, and more readily kept than beef" (259).

*Customs of Service* is available from Morningside Bookshop & Fall Creek Sutlery. A must have book for any impression.

## Pre-Boiled Beef or Pork

(Mimics Fresh Beef or Pork Ration without having to carry raw meat in your haversack.)

Look for either bone end Round Steak or Pork Chops with bones (Rib Meat)

Need One Container of Sea Salt (Not Iodized)

One large kettle to boil water

1. Fill kettle with meat of your choice and fill kettle until all meat is well submerged with water.

2. Pour at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of Sea Salt into kettle
3. Boil (rolling boil) for twenty minutes
4. Remove from heat and pour out water
5. Liberally salt each piece of meat so it is completely covered in sea salt
6. Wrap in cotton muslin
7. Freeze until needed.
8. When cooking on the field, break meat into small chunks and boil in water for at least 15 minutes.
- Add potatoes and onions, as they will also absorb salt. A very tasty ration that will not lead you into the sinks.
9. Brigadier General Kautz also states on page 261 of Customs of Service that, "Salt Beef can be cooked in but one way to advantage; and that is by boiling."

## Broiled Meat

Here are two recipe extracts on Broiled Meat & Salt Pork from the *Military Handbook & Soldier's Manual* published in 1861 by Beadle & Company. This book is also available from Fall Creek Sutlery for under \$15.00.

## Broiled Meat

When you have fresh meat, broil it, in preference to frying it. It is much sweeter, and far healthier. A bit of fresh meat, stuck on a stick, and broiled over the coals, is more delicious than the most carefully prepared dish.

## Salt Pork

Is also excellent, broiled before the fire or on the coals. Put slices on the end of a stick sharpened at both ends and set aslant before the fire, so that the fat will drop off, on a piece of bread or biscuit (hardtack) which can placed beneath it, and which will brown at the same time, and make an acceptable relish.

## Essence of Coffee

This is a one to  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ratio of ground (instant) coffee and condensed milk. You make as much as you think you can consume over a weekend. It would be far better to issue this to a whole company as one teaspoon of essence of coffee is equivalent to one cup of coffee.

1. Take your instant (ground) coffee and place in a coffee cup. This would be one teaspoon of instant coffee for each cup you want to consume.

2. Next, boil water and add a few drops of boiling water to make a paste. Do not overdue this as the instant coffee should form a paste with very little water. Less is better and please add this in slowly, a little at a time. You may have to experiment a few times to get the right consistency.

3. Add a small amount (drops) of condensed milk; try not to use more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon per cup consumed. The more you add, the more watery the product becomes. Less is better and please add this in slowly, a little at a time. You will have to decide how much is enough for you through experimentation.

4. Now that you have a tar like product, store in an accurate container such as the essence of coffee tin sold by C & D Jarnigan. This will stay fresh for a weekend if made the day before.

5. When cooking on the field, scoop out one teaspoon and place in your boiler. Just add hot water and you have Coffee!

## Hardtack Recipe

2 Cups Flour (Unbleached White Flour)  
3/4 Cup Water

Mix ingredients and roll out dough six times to a thickness of 1/2 inch. You may have to add some flour or water to the mix while combining the ingredients. The mixture should be rather dry and not too sticky.

Pre heat the oven to 350 degrees and prepare a greased cookie sheet. If you have a Hardtack Cutter, simply cut out the crackers and place them on the greased cookie sheet. Then bake these crackers for about 40

minutes or until they become slightly off white. Check them periodically while baking just to make sure your not burning them. These crackers should not be all light brown when finished baking. Let crackers air out for 12 to 24 hours until they harden. They may need some additional baking if the middle is still soft. If that is the case, just reheat them at 300 degrees for about 15 to 20 minutes and keep a close eye on them.

If you do not have a Hardtack Cutter: With a sharp knife and a ruler, cut out crackers to (3 x 3 inches) or (3 x 3 1/4 inches). Place 16 equal holes (Four Rows) into the crackers using a nail head. Proceed as above.

**Hardtack Cutters are available from:**

**Village Tinsmithing Works**

P.O. Box 539  
Hamptonville, NC 27020  
(336) 468-1190  
<http://www.csadixie.com>  
villagetinsmith.com

The best hardtack available is from G.H. Bent & Company by far. It resembles the original issued product far better than the homemade version as above.

**G.H. Bent & Company**

7 Pleasant Street  
Milton, MA 02186  
(617) 698-5945  
<http://www.bentscookiefactory.com>

In the next Fugelman, I will cover Sources for period correct glass bottles, boilers, canteen halves, frying pans, ration bags, toothbrushes, lye soap, further reading, and warm weather clothing for our late fall events.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [tkklas@charter.net](mailto:tkklas@charter.net)

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

**Tom Klas** (Henry M. Hunting)  
1st Sgt., Co. "A" 2d Wisc. Vols.  
The Citizens Guard

Status Report

## Second Wisconsin Flag Project

March 20, 2002

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report,

The Association's flag project is well underway. Steven Hill of the DuPage Flag Co. has committed to making the flags, tassels and poles. Rod Dary is in the process of making the two unique finials needed for the poles tops. When the finials are done, they be forward on to Steven Hill for mounting.

Expect delivery for the flags is Spring of 2003. Total cost for the DuPage Flag Co. work will be \$3,180.00, of which \$1,490.00 has already been deposited. The committee spent \$30.00 for images the needed from the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum, which have been forwarded to DuPage. Costs for the finials, cases, and carriers are yet to be determined.

Your flag project committee members are Fred Cook, Scott Frank, and Gary Van Kauwenbergh. Concerns and comments can be directed to any or all of the committee members.

I am,

*Yr. Obt. Srvt.,  
Gary Van Kauwenbergh*

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## HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

*Arline, Virginia, January 26, 1862*  
Brig, Gen S. Williams,  
Asst. Adj't.  
Gen Hdqrs Army of the Potomac,  
Washington, D. C.

*General:* I have the honor to report as follows in answer to your telegram of the 23d instant, inquiring whether, in the event of a forward movement, there are any regiments in my command unfit either in point of equipments or discipline for the emergencies of the field:

### WADSWORTH'S BRIGADE

Twentieth New York,  
armed with Austrian rifled muskets.  
Twenty-first New York  
armed with Springfield rifled muskets,  
Twenty-third New York,  
armed with Enfield rifled muskets,  
Twenty-fifth New York  
armed with Austrian rifled muskets,

Equipped and well disciplined for volunteers.

### KING'S BRIGADE

**Second Wisconsin,**  
Austrian rifled muskets.  
**Sixth Wisconsin,**  
Belgian rifled muskets.  
**Seventh Wisconsin,**  
Springfield altered smooth bore.  
**Nineteenth Indiana,**  
Springfield rifled muskets.

The muskets of the Seventh Wisconsin are reported as bad, and that the men lack confidence in them.

The brigade is equipped, with some slight exceptions, and well disciplined for volunteers.

The Nineteenth Indiana the least so. A special report will be made as th this regiment after a special inspection next Monday.

*Submitted by Dave Mascitelli, Co. H*

Milwaukee Sentinel, December 20, 1861

**Letter from the Second Regiment**

*Correspondence of the Sentinel*

Fort Cass, Va., Dec. 16, 1861

*Dear Sentinel:-*If General McClellan don't know enough to be President some day or other, he does seem to understand just what is wanted to keep his army from dying of ennui.

Our division is up to something every day-marching long distances under the knapsack, drilling by brigade and division, and firing blank cartridge by thousands.

Any quantity of powder is burned every day, and so much are the soldiers indulged in this that an order for blank cartridges to any amount is always honored.

The inspection by Gen. McClellan's staff of the Army is going on rapidly, and the Sixth and Seventh will be inspected to day, and the Second and Nineteenth Indiana to morrow. The inspection is no farce, but the most minute particulars regarding the condition of the soldiers are gone into, and if any defects are found they are ordered remedied immediately.

During the last week there have been several rumors of the approach of the rebel forces, and our troops have been ordered under arms. That the rebels have been moving in force no one doubts. but it is explained in this way: Beauregard's army must be kept on the move to keep down insubordination's. Let the troops from the South set down quietly for any length of time, shake with the cold, and compare their condition with that they left to come here, and then soberly talk over what they are fighting for and dissatisfaction would soon break out into insubordination. While on the move, even if they accomplish nothing, their minds are busy in expectation.

Bauregard is undoubtedly fortifying Centerville in expectation of an advance from the Federal forces. I think he may well calculate upon it, or some fine morning he may wake up to find himself surprised. One of the reasons which lead to this conclusion, is the preparations on the line of defenses around Washington. All the forts, and their name is legion, are being filled up with troops, regiments and companies being taken for the purpose. I understand, too, that three regiments of artillery, raised for light batteries, will also be put in to them. It will be a good school of practice for the artillery , as these forts comprise every variety of guns, from the lightest field pieces to the heaviest coast guns. C

Congress has made an onslaught upon the sutlers. The idea is to drive out from camp everything which the Government does not permit the troops.

The question is one that admits of no little discussion. A well regulated sutlery is neces-

sary to every Regiment. It furnishes all those little necessities that can not otherwise be obtained, and which are in fact indispensable. Still the sutlery business wants and needs overhauling, and the class who would go to the wall if they attempted to carry on business in any community, should be rooted out, and their places filled with good and honorable men. Wilson, of Massachusetts, goes in dead against sutlers, and would not have them in camp, and thinks and said the troops need nothing more than is furnished them by Government. Senator Wilson is evidently not much of a soldier.

Among the troops petitions are being circulated asking that they may be allowed sutlers - men of character, to furnish their necessary articles but not one like heard the other day, boasting that his profits were just five percent, that is what he bought for one dollar he sold for five.

Congress has also under consideration some way by which the soldiers may be allowed to save a portion of their pay, for the use of their families at home. This is an excellent idea..... The weather still continues delightful.

To us Badgers, who have been used to storming December, it is a treat, and frequently the question is asked: 'When does winter set in?'. The evenings are particularly lovely.

To one of a romantic nature, it presents all of the employment his mind wants.

The round full moon shines forth brilliantly, and opens distinctly to any eye any object within a long range - The evening air is balmy with music coming from every quarter, in full strains from bands near us, and less distinct, yet not less sweetly from the distance....All it wants to carry a mind back to those romantic times of which the novels speak, is the lovely red-skinned maiden Wash-ta-willow, Ash-to-gusha or Minnegusto, and oft times as the mind is wound up in the subject thought, and the eye meets some object in the distance, you imagine that she, too, has come, and the romance is complete.

You watch and watch her light and airy foot-step, as the heart bounds with life and happiness. Never, still never comes she, and you feel that you are too happy to live, yet, oh!, too eager to die, Nearer still, and your lovely dark skin is a greasy contraband, who is hastening home with some soldiers washing, and - you leave the subject with disgust.

Quite an amusing thing occurred while the Second was out on picket Thursday. I say amusing because nothing serious turned up out of it, although the chances are ten to one against such a prank being played without serious results. The regiment was in the outer line, doing duty, when a contraband told some of the boys there were some chickens at a house about two miles off.

Now, there have been so many stories circulated about the rebels being badly fed, the boys determined to test the question, and go take a look at the chickens, reasoning in this way: If the chickens were fat, of course the rebels were well fed; if poor vice versa.

Leaving their coats behind but taking their muskets, they managed to get by the pickets and picked their way along, keeping out of sight of headquarters until nearly at the spot. About this time the boys started off, Lieut. Col. Fairchild and some half dozen officers, mounted, rode out to an eminence overlooking the country and with the glasses discovered a body of rebels, in red shirts, some distance off, and made up their minds they would capture them, and taking a round about way, started off for that purpose. Meanwhile, the boys had visited the house, satisfied themselves on the chicken question\* and were carefully making their way home, when they discovered a small body of rebel cavalry which they determined to capture.

The cavalry were making their way around a swamp, and the boys seeing their guns carefully capped, worked their way up, until they came to the spot where the cavalry were emerging from a path along the edge of a light piece of woods, when suddenly the two parties met, and when the boys were just ready to demand a surrender, they discovered the rebels to be Col. Fairchild and his party.

The surprise was mutual, and you may guess some boys soon reached home as prisoners, when they expected to be marching someone else home the same way.

C.

\**I have just been eating some chicken. I think it pretty fat for Virginia.*

# VA Medical Center

## Milwaukee, Wis

### Living History

### May 31 - June 2.

The VA Medical Center in Milwaukee has invited us to do a two day living history program on the grounds of the hospital.

We will be portraying ourselves during the weekend. A variety of activities are planned including a parade, medical scenarios and lantern tours of the cemetery on Saturday. Sunday will be living history.

Meals will be provided for Saturday lunch and supper and for Sunday lunch so you will have to provide food for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

There is a requirement to do a little shooting for the medical scenario so I'm asking everyone to bring 10-20 rounds per man.

#### **Impression:**

For the weekend we are doing our usual late fall of 62' impression. Frock or sack coat, sky or dark blue pants, some gaiters if you want to wear them, dress hat without corps badge. I am asking people to bring dog tents if you have them because this is supposed to be an encampment. Be prepared for the weather because it has been pretty unpredictable as of late.

#### **Reenactor schedule.**

The schedule in the brochure is for the public.

Arrival should be either Friday night after 5:00pm or Saturday before 9:00am. You may also arrive on Sunday morning before 10:00am.

#### **Saturday.**

Grounds open at 9:30am

Parade at 11:00am

Medical Scenario at 1:00pm(Some shooting is required)

General camp scenarios for the rest of the daylight hours.

Cemetery Lantern tour at 8:30pm.

Lights out at 11:00pm

#### **Sunday.**

Church service in the old chapel - Time ???between 8:30am and 10:00am - no time has been set.

**Grounds open at 11:00am**

**Living History for the rest of the day.**

**Grounds close at 4:00pm**

#### **Directions to the VA Medical Center.**

##### **From: Chicago, Racine, etc.**

Take I-94 West into Milwaukee and west toward Miller Park. Take first exit after exit for Miller Park which is for General Mitchell Blvd. Take General Mitchell Blvd. south under I-94 into the cemetery grounds. Follow the road through the cemetery to Medical Center grounds and to the West side of Lake Wheeler(See the map). Signs should be posted for registration and parking.

##### **From Madison and points west**

Take I-94 east to the VA Medical Center Exit (Warning: exit is in the LEFT lane) which is east of State Fair Park and follow the directions above.

**From Dodge County:** Take Hwy 41 south to the Bypass and take the Bypass to I-94. Take I-94 east and follow the above directions.

**Alternative entrance is to take exit for Miller Parkway and go south to National Avenue.** Take National Avenue west(left) to 47th St. Take 47th street north(right) into the VA Medical Center and follow signs to registration and parking.

*Everyone needs to let me know if you will be attending this event because they will be checking against a list and there will be no walk-ons.*

**This should be a great event and I hope to see everyone there.**

# Greetings Gentlemen,

The 2nd. Wisconsin Association's and the Black Hat Battalions first Maximum Tier 1 event is just around the corner. We need to start putting this together so the host and the park will know what numbers are planning to attend.

As you all know this event is essential for us this year as it is the first event that will have the BHB drill combined with a event.

The event is June 21 to the 23rd.

Here is the info on this event....

## The Battle scenario is the Battle for Corinth.

So it's an EARLY western battle, note I did not place emphasis on western, as when you say Western people break out the grubbiest uniform they own. It is basically an early war event late 1862. The Union Troops are a mixture of garrison troops and In the field troops.

The battles are set to be the Battle of 7 Mile Creek on Sat., and the Battle of Corinth on Sunday, featuring Battery Robbinette.

There is a 5 camp set up, Camp 1 & 2 is for the Military Re-enactor only.

They are asking for Dog Tents and A frames. I am told that the Union camp will be much better and close to town. Camp 3 is Union with Dependents in Period Dress. Camp 4 is the Confederate counterpart. Camp 5 is Civilian.

Civilians are encourage to portray citizens of Corinth and are asked to move freely about the town.

With Company A NOT going to be at This event, it is important that we have "GREAT" attendance at this event especially for those going to Antietam.

Company Commanders or Presidents, please canvas your members and send

Gary Klas and I your attendees by Noon June 7th, so Gary can get us registered and I can make the Military arrangements.

Regards,  
*Scott Wallick*



# reclaiming our heritage

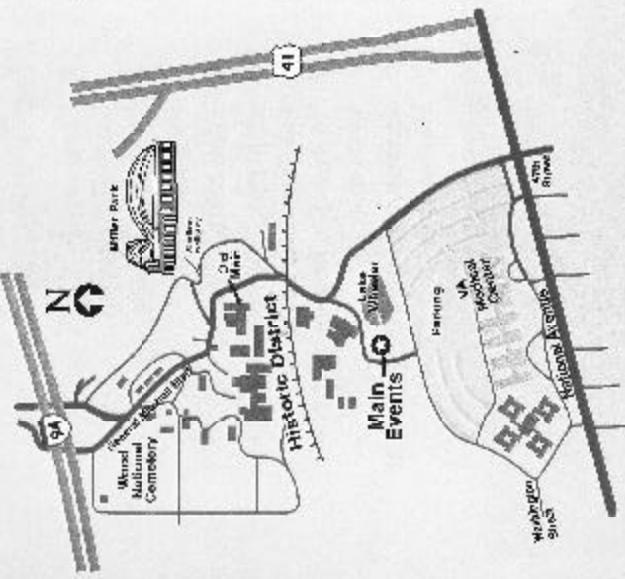
A Living  
History &  
Encampment  
Event

**June 1-2, 2002**

VA Medical Center grounds  
5000 W. National Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

FREE ADMISSION and PARKING

## The Location:



## HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...

- What it was like to be a Wisconsin soldier in one of the most turbulent times in American history?
- What kind of food the soldiers ate?
- What kind of medical care the soldiers received?
- If you had a relative who fought during the civil war? (OK...)
- What it might be like to be in America's armed forces today?
- What kind of medical care American soldiers receive today?

*Join us for the weekend and see for yourself!*

**SOLDIERS HOME FOUNDATION**  
(414) 389-4135

*All donations and proceeds from this event will be applied directly to restoration of the historic chapel, built in 1889, closed in 1996.*

# The Fourteenth Wisconsin at Corinth 1862

The Fourteenth took part in several reconnoitering expeditions to points in the vicinity of Corinth, and on the 16th of September marched with the left wing of the Army of the Tennessee, under General Ord, to the east side of Iuka. The battle before that place was fought to the south of the town, on the 19th by the divisions of Generals Hamilton and Stanley. Near this place two companies of the Fourteenth had a small skirmish with the enemy. Price having evacuated Iuka, and Van Dorn threatening Corinth, General Ord's forces, by a forced march of thirty miles, reached that place on the 21st.

Here the regiment remained until the 1st of October, when it marched with the Eighteenth Wisconsin to Chewalla to join the Second Brigade at that point, and watch the enemy, who was supposed to be approaching by that road. They went to within two miles of Chewalla and formed in line of battle. On the approach of the enemy next day the whole force fell back, skirmishing, the men sleeping on their arms that night within two miles of the old breastworks at Corinth, Companies C and K as skirmishers, bringing up the rear. About an hour and a half after daylight of the 3d of October, the skirmishers of the Second Brigade became engaged, but the enemy approaching in force they were obliged to fall back, after obstinately contesting the ground.

The Fourteenth, under Colonel Hancock, was sent forward and drove back the enemy. Orders were then received to fall back to the hill north of the railroad, and hold that position at all hazards. At the foot of this hill, near the old line of breastworks, Company E, Captain Vaughn, supported by Captain Samuel Harrison, of Company F, were deployed as skirmishers. When the battle became

general the enemy made their appearance before the old breastworks in great force, compelling the two companies to retire behind the old works.

Here they gallantly fought the enemy until the rebels rushed from the woods, over the entrenchments, where they fell back fighting, toward their brave Captain Vaughn. Captain Harrison was mortally wounded. The position on the hill was held by the Fifteenth Michigan and Fourteenth Wisconsin, from nine o'clock till one in the afternoon, although suffering severe loss, and until the troops on the right and left retired after being flanked.

The artillery was then ordered to the rear, and Colonel Oliver retired in good order with his command, to near Battery F, from whence they fell back into the town, and were placed by General McArthur to the north of General Rosecrans' quarters, and remained until morning. From the above it will be seen that the battle of Corinth was opened by the Second Brigade, of McArthur's Division, preceded by skirmishing from Chewalla to the outer works, on the 1st and 2d of October, and on the 3d they held their position until they found themselves flanked on both sides, and the enemy charging upon them in columns.

It was madness to remain, and they were retired by Colonel Oliver, as stated. The Fourteenth Wisconsin was always steady, cool and vigorous, and was the one to rely upon in any emergency. Though suffering more loss than any other regiment in the command, they maintained their lines and delivered their fire with all the precision and coolness which could have been maintained upon drill. Such was the encomium passed upon the Fourteenth by the Brigade Commander, Colonel Oliver.

On the morning of the 4th of October, the Brigade was marched to the rear of the Seminary Building, formed columns of attack and took position in support of batteries, and held them. The command was very much exhausted, having been continually engaged since Thursday in marching and skirmishing.

The regiment and its officers were highly spoken of in the reports of superior officers, and Colonel Hancock also makes special mention of many of his line and noncommissioned officers, among the latter were Sergeant H. W. Durand, of Company A; Private Thomas Tompkins, of Company B; Sergeant Joseph Wells, of Company C; Sergeant B. F. Goodwin and Private Andrew Flagg, of Company E; Sergeant E. A. Moore, of Company H; Private Warren Foster, of Company T; and Private Charles F. Davis, of Company K; also Sergeant Major John M. Reed, and Color Sergeant Dennis Murphy, who bravely clung to his flag, though three times wounded. The color guard for that day were volunteers their names were Corporal Joseph Doucett, of Company E; James A. Thompson, of Company B, (killed;) William Carrill, of Company F, (wounded;) Joseph Meek, of Company I; John Noon, of Company G; and Gilbert Waldron, of Company C. The Colonel says they were all brave and trustworthy fellows, and worthy of mention.

The casualties, as officially reported, were 30 killed or died of wounds and 48 wounded.

# Reclaiming Our Heritage

Where the past is  
Working with the present  
To preserve our future

## The Schedule:

### The Present:

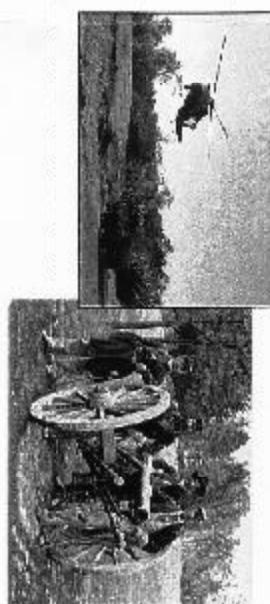
The Soldiers Home Foundation

### The Purpose:

To promote awareness through the generations of the sacrifices of our veterans and the value of the historic district that once served them

### The Past:

- \* The 2nd Wisconsin Company B of the famed Iron Brigade [www.sacredlwic.com](http://www.sacredlwic.com)
- \* Cushing's Battery-4th U.S. Artillery
- \* 6th Wisconsin Volunteer Hospital
- \* 2nd Corps Field Hospital
- \* Angels of the Battlefield
- \* The Regimental Volunteer Band of Wisconsin
- \* Civil War presentations, with emphasis on the role of the Wisconsin soldier
- \* Civil War Fashion Show
- \* Food of the era
- \* Tours of historic buildings and Wood National Cemetery



### The Future:

- \* Restoration and reopening of buildings in the historic district
- (Reenactors and Suders (Civil War merchants) by invitation only)

## Saturday

9:30 am

Grounds open

11:00 am

Positively Patriotic Parade

12:00 noon

Opening ceremony

12:15 pm Reopening of the historic fountain, circa 1870 (tentative)

1:00 pm Tours, special events, living history & military exhibits

Special Exhibition: A comparison between the treatment of battlefield wounded, 1863 versus 2002. (*Watch for helicopter and horses!*)

8:00 pm Exhibits close & building tours end

8:30 pm Cemetery-by-lantern tours (pre-register day of event)

## Sunday

11:00 am Grounds open for tours, special events, living history & military exhibits

4:00 pm Grounds close

Times/events subject to change

James Johnson  
4810 Chippewa Drive  
Mequon, WI 53092

## **140th Antietam Civil War Re-enactment**

**September 13th \* 14th \*15th 2002**

Artz Farm , Allegheny Energy Site, Hagerstown, MD

**A.P. Hill Assault, Bloody Lane, The Cornfield**

Mark your calendar make your plans. The Second Wisconsin as it did 140 Years Ago will be going to Maryland