



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.



Above 2d Wisconsin, Company C
The Photo above thanks to Donald & Linda Kellogg
Related to Sgt, Train Co. C, in the above photo
Spencer M. Train
Corp, Sergt. Pris. Gainesville, Wnd. Fredericksburg
Died of wounds Aug 12, 63 received on July 1, 63 Gettysburg



Pass in Review

By Gary Klas

Annual Business Meeting

Our annual business meeting has been set for Saturday, January 29, 2005. The meeting will be held at Cecil's Place in Allenton, WI. It will begin promptly at 10:30 AM, and end at ? I will be retiring from the position of Lt. Colonel this year so we must vote in a new Lt. Colonel at this meeting. I wish to thank all of our members, both past and present for giving me the great honor of serving the Association over the past years.

I especially want to thank the ladies of the Second Wisconsin, for letting their husbands and sons participate in the hobby, for the wonderful meals they allowed me to partake of, and finally, for all the kindness shown to me and my wife over the years. Thank you all very very much!

Your support and friendship is something that I will always treasure.

There also are some very important issues that face our Association and they will be discussed at this meeting. I urge every member to attend, if you do not take part in the annual meeting your opinions and comments will never be made known.

This meeting is for the Association members and it gives each member an opportunity to express their concerns.

Besides, it has been a long winter and the meeting gives us all a chance to meet and talk about the Civil War, new equipment, and related hobbies.

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

CALENDAR 2004

January 29,
Allenton, Wis
Regimental Meeting
1PM

February, 5
Meeting Co. K
Annual Company Meeting

Directions to Cecil's Place:

From Milwaukee, take Highway 41 North to Highway 33; take Highway 33 west into Allenton. Cecil's Place will be on your left and is the building located just before the grocery store. If you cross the railroad tracks **YOU HAVE MISSED IT.**

From Green Bay, take Highway 41 South to Highway 33; take Highway 33 west into Allenton. Cecil's Place will be on your left and is the building located just before the grocery store. If you cross the railroad tracks **YOU HAVE MISSED IT.**

From Madison, take Highway 151 North to Highway 33; take Highway 33 east into Allenton and cross over the railroad tracks. Cecil's Place Will be on your right and is the building located just after the grocery store. If you pass Resurrection Catholic Church

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Skrimish Information

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Dear Gentlemen:

The Association Meeting is fast approaching, and my health is such that I can resume my duties as Association Secretary.

I need items from each company to be brought to the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, please give the information someone that will be at the meeting.

1) I need your calendar of events. Remember, we are an Association first, companies second. I need to start putting the calendar together so that it can be published for all members to see.

2) I need a complete roster up to this date (I will check it against the one that I have) (this will include phone numbers, address, and email, plus if they paid as full member or family)

3) I need the names of each company's military Officers (this will be sent to all companies so they know what each company's military structure is) I will need the rank of each individual, phone number, and email (if they have one)

4) I need the names of the civilian Officers of each company, including title, phone number and email address (if they have one)

5) Dues will be collected by the company treasurer (DO NOT SEND ME INDIVIDUAL CHECKS!!) I want the company to send me a check. We had trouble last year with checks that bounce. I will not, nor do I have the time to track those down that do this, and try to get the money. I feel that each company is responsible for their own members and dues.

6) Membership cards. The cards that were passed out last year are good for only the 2004 season. New cards will be issued, so I need an approximate number of cards so I can go and have them printed.

I'm sure that many of these items will be discussed in the upcoming meeting. If you disagree or cannot meet any of these items, let me know, but for now, to keep the Association up-to-date I need this information.

Thank you for your time in this matter.
David Dresang
Association Secretary

Company K of the Second Wisconsin Dispatch to the troops:

Company K Annual Meeting and Dinner and Ball

The annual meeting of Company K will be held on February 5, 2005, beginning at 9:30 A.M. The proposed agenda for the meeting has been e-mailed and was in the January Newsletter.

Copies will be distributed at the meeting for everyone's convenience. The meeting will be in the usual location at the Oregon Police Department on Park Street. **383 Park St, Oregon, WI 53575-1569** The meeting will last until approximately noon.

Site of Dinner and Ball
711 Jenifer St, Madison,
WI 53703-3530

Let me put in a plea for those who may not otherwise have made plans to attend the Dinner and Ball scheduled for the same evening as the annual meeting. We currently have 27 committed to attending the dinner. There is still time to join us and send in your dinner requests. You will need to do this ASAP, however

One final suggestion, for the convenience of the ladies, they could all meet at the Oregon police station and organize their day at that time. (9:30)

I look forward to seeing all of you and Saturday, February 5, 2005!

All members are invited

Your respectful and obedient servant,
Pvt. Jim Dumke

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These Virginians are by no means so intelligent as they might be. They hold strange notion of the Badger Boys, they think we are mostly made up of savages and that our tents are hung around with scalps by way of ornament. A couple of our boys, Bauman and Huggins, went on a foraging expedition yesterday to a farmer's near by. The man enquired if they were the soldiers who could hit an Indian's eye at 10 rods. They

Company E of the Second Wisconsin

Cordially invites you to attend our annual Sweethearts' Dinner on Saturday February 12th at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Green Bay
Cost for the event is \$19.00 per person

Dinner includes family style Chicken and tenderloin tips, vegetable, potato, garden salad, dessert and coffee. Cocktails will be at 6PM with dinner being served at 6:30. Cash bar will be available in the banquet room.

Music by Irish Band
"Poor Man's Labour".

For anyone wishing to stay overnight we do have a block of rooms reserved at the low rate of \$59 per room. When calling to reserve a room let them know you're with the Civil War dinner group. Phone number to make reservations is (920) 499-5121.

Please RSVP by February 7th to one of the following people:

Dave Sielski (920) 433-9716
or email

dsielski@greenbay.gannett.com

Laurie Rasmussen
(906) 786-9248 or

email lkrasmus@up.net

Theresa Dresang (920) 338-5048
Lori Mayefsky (920) 465-6971

replied 'yes' and turning round pointed to an animal not far off, enquired innocently what that critter was?

They were informed it was a cow - the like of which they said they had never seen before in Wisconsin, they did not have anything but Buffalo!

We are all well and feel ditto.
July 4, 1861

Letter from Cap't McKee

We are requested to print the following letter from Capt. McKee; Camp Peck near Washington July 4, 1861

Friend Mills:-I have waited for a long time to hear from you.

When at Madison I wrote to you and never received any answer, and of course, I expected a reply.

After leaving Madison we had a very pleasant trip to Washington stopping one day at Harrisburg. We were met by crowds of people - men, women and children at every station along the route; more enthusiasm was shown than I ever expected to see on any occasion.

It would astonish you to see the intense excitement and feeling exhibited by the women; they excelled if possible the men in their manifestations of joy, and their welcome to the soldiers as they advance in their travels to the seat of war. In some instances, yes, in many instances, you could see tears starting from the eyes of people who had never before seen us.

When the cars would move off after having stopped but a moment at the depots where they were congregated in some instances, strangers would think it the separation of old friends. Not a farm house was passed in the free States but had handkerchiefs and banners waving and flying, and the ladies as well as men seem to have abandoned everything else to the promotion of the glorious cause we are enlisted in.

The Historian who shall record the great event of this epoch and who fails to award to the women of the time at least one-half of the credit of the brilliant victories which await our armies will have committed great injustice to the kindest portion of community will be looked upon as a perverted of history; his works consigned to oblivion and he forgotten as he should be. When those citizen soldiers who are now in the service of their country shall, in after year, sit by their hearth stones listening to the reading by their children of the history of this great war for human rights and human liberty, they will not be satisfied unless the little incidents of womanly kindness and her magnanimity of heart are related therein.

It must speak of the sad parting of soldiers from their wives, mothers, sisters, sweethearts and the last expressions of those virtues and noble spirits, their admonitions to pursue religious and virtuous habits, to stand by the good cause to the last and to die, if they must, facing the enemy and fighting bravely in the cause. I tell you candidly that I believe that the individual who is not made better and who is not encouraged by the man exhibitions of womanly patriotism and womanly devotion and virtue as brought out and exhibited in this great struggle of a free government for its own existence is fitted only for an inheritance with traitors Jeff Davis and the balance every little kind office performed by the hand of woman, every word of encouragement, every kiss given to departing soldiers must be remem-

bered in making up the history of this great campaign. It is the remembrance of them now by those in action that inspired them to acts of daring bravery and adventure on the field. Every individual must endeavor now to make himself worthy of the meeting with these dear hearts which are in waiting for him on his return.

This war must put an end to the institution of slavery. And should something, now by us unforeseen, happen which would cause the defeat of our arms, it still makes no difference with the ultimate destiny of this institution.

I have conversed with some of the slaves I have met here. They say they expect better time after while. I don't think that insurrections among them will amount to much from the fact that their extreme ignorance will prevent the formation of any fixed purposed or places among them and consequently they cannot design and carry out any definite plan of operations. The Negroes on the plantations seem to be ignorant almost of the existence of a great North and, at the present time, all the knowledge they have is derived from rumors set afloat amongst them. The fact is strange, as it may seem if the Negroes on the plantations here were to be now freed and turned loose with full permission to go where they chose, they could not, without great difficulty, make their way to any of the northern states.- That this deplorable state of ignorance does exist among the slaves is true. But Oh! if there is a just God how I pity those who are responsible for this damnable and deplorable state of human degradation. The extermination of this institution is, at most, now but a question of time. You and I, if we live to the allotted days of man will have seen it exterminated. God grant that it may be speedily accomplished.

We are now stationed about seven miles from Washington in Virginia. We will probably leave here for a more active scene in a day or two. We are within twelve miles of a large body of the enemies forces. All we want is to get at them. This "sacred soil of Virginia", if located in Grant County, would not be entered under the graduation act for the next twenty-five years. The dirt thrown out around our mineral holes looks better. I verily believe it is too poor to raise good healthy ants on. There is no use in my attempting to give you the news respecting the movements here. You receive them through other sources long before this would reach you. The boys are all getting along very well and keep in good spirits. The change of water has created some little diarrhea amongst them otherwise they are all well. I think the Second Regiment of Wis. Vol. is the finest body of men in the field. All think they will do good execution where ever they have an opportunity.

Remember me to all the friends in Lancaster. Let us hear from you as often as you can make it convenient. I would write for Cover's proper occasionally but I have been so very busy and the mails are so slow in convey-

ing news that I thought it useless; besides I learn that others are corresponding with him.
I have not seen a Grant Co. paper since I left Madison. I should like to get them because we are anxious to know what is going on at home.
Any communication or paper directed to us in Company C, 2d Reg. Wis. Vol., Washington City will be received by us or forwarded to where ever we may be.
Yours very truly,
David McKee

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2. No updates from our members in Iraq. 2nd Wisconsin member SPC Matt Barbour is involuntarily being called to active duty "overseas." No final destination given, but he reports to a state-side duty post for processing on February 10.

3. The tentative 2005 ACWSA schedule remains:
June 12 ACWSA @ Wade House (2 people per team needed for set-up on June 11)

July 23-24 66 NC @ Appleton

August 6-7 1USSS @ Boscobel

Sept 3-4 8 & 2 WI @ Tomahawk

Sept 17-18 15 & 6 WI @ Bristol

4. Changes to the 2005 N-SSA Western Region Schedule. The 15th Tennessee could not get the Sandy Ford Range in October, so they traded dates with the 114th ILL. This does NOT match the schedule posted at
<http://www.n-ssa.org/NATIONAL/allsched.html>
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The Western schedule is now:

April 22-24 Sandy Ford (Streator) 46th ILL

May 18-22 Spring Nationals

June 24-26 Sandy Ford (Streator) Battery H

July 29-31 Sandy Ford (Streator) 56th VA

Aug. 20-21 Sandy Ford (Streator) 15th TN

Oct. 5-9 Fall Nationals

Oct. 22-23 Camp Lincoln (Springfield) 114th ILL

Yr. Obt. Srvt.,
Gary Van Kauwenbergh

Just received this note from Pat Dugan if any one can help please contact him.

Hello,

My name is Pat Dugan and I am writing to you from Plattsmouth Nebraska. I currently reside in the home built by Captain John O'Rourke of Company D, 6th Regiment and I have been reading the documentation posted on your site that references him several times. I would like to thank you for posting this information as it is very interesting reading.

I would also like to ask if you might be able to assist me in finding a photograph of Captain O'Rourke. I am busy restoring his 1882 Victorian home here and would like to be able to display his picture as part of the history of the house. I do not know if you are interested or not but I can tell you that the Captain became Mayor of Plattsmouth in 1881 and unfortunately died from an illness shortly after moving into the house here which is still referred to as the "*Captain O'Rourke House*".

Any assistance you may be able to provide me would be sincerely appreciated and again I am would like to thank you for posting the information you have on him on your web site.

My email address is dunnagan@charter.net

Sincerely,
Pat Dugan

James Johnson
100 East Main Street
Apt 228
Waukesha, Wisconsin
53186

COMPANY K DINNER AND BALL!

In order to serve a group of our size, it is necessary to order our meals at least two weeks prior to the date of the dinner. Below you will find a place to put your name, the name or names of guests and your selection from the menu for the dinner. The selections will also include the price for the menu selection.

PLEASE mail the completed form and a check for the cost of the dinners to James H. Dumke, 2831 Carrousel Lane, Janesville, Wisconsin 53545. Make the checks payable to Company K.

Dinner Menu

All dinners include House salad, Choice of starch and vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee, tea or milk.

- 1. Baked Icelandic Cod.....13.95
- 2. Prime rib..... 10 oz. ...15.95....14 oz....19.95
- 3. Chicken Cordon Bleu.....17.95

NAME MENU SELECTION PRICE

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