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### ANNUAL DUES

If you have not paid your annual dues you should do so now. Dues must be paid before December 30, 2009 in order to vote at the meeting. The individual or family membership is \$30 ; Associate membership is \$20. And an additional family member is \$15.

### Important Reminder

**Deadline for Dues is December 30<sup>th</sup> to be Eligible to Vote at Annual Meeting**

This is a reminder that to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting scheduled for January 9, 2010, you must be a "member in good standing". You are a member in good standing IF your dues and any amounts you owe to the unit (such as fees for Commissary and registration) are paid by December 30, 2009. The provisions of the Code of Virginia that govern non-stock corporations such as ours require that a list of members eligible to vote must be available 10 days prior to the meeting. This is the reason that dues and other amounts owed must be paid by December 30<sup>th</sup>. You have already been notified if other amounts such as registration or commissary fees are owed.

### Events Schedule and Details

**December Primary Event**  
**Harpers Ferry Christmas**  
**Living History**

**Date and Location:** Dec. 5-6, 2009; Harpers Ferry National Park

**Registration Fee:** No fee

**Deadline:** Nov. 23rd

**Type of event:** Living history

**Commissary:** Haversack

**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn, and Company Letter, no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers, All accouterments.

*No ammunition or Caps.*

**December Alternative Event**  
**Ft. Ward Christmas Living History**  
**Fredericksburg Staff Walk**

**Date and Location:**

Dec. 12 at Ft. Ward, Alexandria, VA;

Dec. 13 at Fredericksburg, VA

**Registration Fee:** No fee

**Deadline:** Nov. 30th

**Type of event:** Living history

**Commissary:** Haversack

**Uniform:** Forage Caps with Horn and Company

Letter, Frock coats with Scales, Sky blue trousers, All accouterments. 5<sup>th</sup> Corps Badges on left chest. Shined Brass, Blackened Leathers

**Activities at Event:** TBD

**January Primary Event**  
**Annual Corporate General Membership Meeting & Social**

**Date and Location:** January 9, 2009;

Ft. CF Smith, Arlington, VA

**Registration Fee:** No fee

**Deadline:** TBA by Military Commander

**Type of event:** Corporate Meeting

**Commissary:** No; Potluck Dinner

**Uniform:** Hardee's Hat, with Horn, regiment number, and Company Letter, Frock coats with Scales, Dark blue trousers, Waist Belt only, no other Accouterments, 5<sup>th</sup> Corps Badges on left chest. Shined Brass, Blackened Leathers, White gloves.

**Activities at Event:**

Corporate Meeting      Bylaws Amendments  
 Election of Board:      Silent Auction  
 - President              Pot Luck Supper  
 - Secretary  
 - Member-at-Large

**PRIMARY EVENT:**

If you can only make one event for the month then this is the one that we want you to attend. It will receive the highest amount of logistical support from the Regiment, both with the Commissary and the overall Military and Civilian involvement.

Alternate Event:

If you can make more than one event for the month, then please consider attending this one in addition to participation in the PRIMARY EVENT. While the logistical support from the Regiment will not be as involved as what is offered in a PRIMARY EVENT, we offer it as we believe that it will be enjoyable for you.

**Tentative Event Schedule****First Half 2010****October, 24, 2009**

The Scheduling Committee (Jim Tate, Paul Stier, Janine Stier, Glenn Deiters, Jim Burke, and Wally Owen) met recently to complete a tentative schedule for the first half of 2010. This preliminary schedule covers the period from January 1 to July 4, 2010. The purpose of the committee is to assemble a schedule of events in keeping with the criteria set by the board of directors. These criteria are that we will have at least one event each month; There will be at least a week between each event; only one event will be scheduled on a given weekend; there will be a mix of living history and battle reenactment events; and consideration will be given to the anniversary events in the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary cycle.

The following list of events will be presented to the board for approval or revision. In compiling this set of events we had to look a situation where the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary cycle ends in April.

Several of our usual events were replaced on this year's schedule with special events that only come once every few years. Other events were replaced because of poor attendance in the recent past year.

The board would like to hear your input to this schedule over the next month and especially at the Remembrance Day dinner.

Note: Everything in italics and after Jul 3, 2010 is not firm.

Weekend Date	Event Name	Event Type
Jan 2-3		
Jan 9-10	Annual Meeting	
Jan 16-17	Vincent's Brigade Training	MLK Holiday Weekend
Jan 23-24		
Jan 30-31		
Feb 6-7	Ft. Ward Drill Day	Drill/ Recruit
Feb 13-14		Valentine's Day
Feb 20-21		
Feb 27-28	Drill Day- Fredericksb'g	
Mar 6-7		
Mar 13-14		
Mar 20-21	Bentonville, NC	Battle reenactm't 145 <sup>th</sup> Anniver
Mar 27-28		
Apr 3-4		
Apr 10-11		
Apr 17-18	Appomattox NP	Living History
Apr 24-25		
May 1-2	Social/Cookout	
May 8-9		Mother's Day
May 15-16	Carlisle Barracks	MTA/Living history
May 22-23		
May 29-30		Holiday Weekend
Jun 5-6		
Jun 12-13	Civil War Music School	Living history
Jun 19-20		
Jun 26-27	Ft Ward Camp Day	MTA/Living History
Jul 3-4		
<i>Jul 10-11</i>		
<i>Jul 17-18</i>	<i>White Oak Museum</i>	<i>Living History</i>
<i>Jul 24-25</i>		
<i>Jul 31- Aug 1</i>		
<i>Aug 7-8</i>	<i>Montpelier, VA</i>	<i>Living History</i>
<i>Aug 14-15</i>		
<i>Aug 21-22</i>		
<i>Aug 28-29</i>		
<i>Sep 4-5</i>		
<i>Sep 11-12</i>		
<i>Sep 18-19</i>	<i>Falmouth, VA</i>	<i>Living History 3<sup>rd</sup> US camp site</i>
<i>Sep 25-26</i>		
<i>Oct 2-3</i>		
<i>Oct 9-10</i>		
<i>Oct 16-17</i>	<i>Ft. Sanders, TN Or Cedar Creek</i>	<i>Battle Reenactm't: Mainstream &amp; Campaign</i>
<i>Oct 23-24</i>		

Oct 30-31	Battle of Bethesda Church, Walkertown, VA	Battle Reenactm't
Nov 6-7		
Nov 13-14		
Nov 20-21	Remembrance Day	Gettysburg
Nov 27-28		
Dec 4-5		
Dec 11-12		
Dec 18-19		
Dec 25-26		

To all members, associates, and friends of the 3rd US Infantry Co "D", The Military Commander Selection Committee after a long and exhausting search that covered the four corners of the earth, have determined that there is no candidate existing better than, or equal to our own interim MC 1st Lt Jason Eckhart. Therefore upon passing a vote of confidence at the Annual Meeting next month 1st Lt Jason Eckhart will lead the unit into the future. HUZDAH to you sir!!! The search will continue for a capable junior officer to step up during any absence by Mr. Eckhart.

President Bob Elkins

### 1SG's Corner

Gentlemen, November was a fine month as we first put on an excellent Living History program at a new location at Fort Ethan Allen and then went onto Remembrance Day in Gettysburg where we came together with our fellow Regulars to honor what they accomplished. December will be fun for many different reasons. First off on the first weekend we will gather together in Harpers Ferry where we will meet up with our brothers from Company B, 3<sup>RD</sup> U.S. to work with the National Park Service. The following weekend will be split with Saturday being spent at Fort Ward and Sunday at Fredericksburg.

As we close out the year 2009 we as a unit have accomplished many things on my list of where I want you all to be as you continue to improve your technical and tactical knowledge of what it takes to portray a Regular Infantry Soldier during the American Civil War. Speaking of which, 1864 was a remarkable year in that soldiers in the field were allowed to vote. Now that I am on that topic you owe it to yourself to have your yearly dues and registration mailed into and **received** by Mary Ritenour no later than Wednesday the 30<sup>TH</sup> of December. Long story short, in order to be able to vote on Saturday the 9<sup>TH</sup> of January you must have your yearly reenlistment paperwork and payment

for 2010/1865 completed and turned-in ten days prior to the Regiments annual meeting. The days of being able to show up to the annual meeting with check in hand and expecting to vote are over.

One final thing that I will leave you with for what we will be doing for the following year and that is '**Rope Drill**'. Simply put, a minimum of four 20' sections of rope are needed along with 8 men. Each section of rope will represent a 10 man front or 20 man section. The two men holding the rope would represent the two Cpls that would normally be assigned to that section. Four sections of rope means that you will have 8 Cpls maintaining tension on their section of rope, meaning you now have a representation of what a full sized company would look like (**4 Sections or 2 Platoons, both = 1 Company**). Add to it two more men on either end of the formation and you now have the first and second sergeants. Add to that the remaining sergeants, junior officers and company commander you now have a full sized company, just minus the privates. At a minimum you need 9 men (**eight Cpls and one Officer**) and at a max you would need 16 men (**eight Cpls, five Sergeants, two Lts, and one Cpt**).

If you are willing take it a step further, you could envision the same 20' sections of rope to represent four individual reenacting companies. The same original 8 men are now four 1Sgt's and four 2nd Sgt's. Add to it four more men as company commanders and the 13th man would now be a battalion commander in charge of a four company strong battalion. Double the amount of rope and with 27 men you now have 8 companies (**3 men per company**), two battalion commanders and one brigade commander. Double the amount of rope again and with 53 men you now have 16 companies (**3 men per company**), 4 battalion commanders, and one Brigade commander.

The other training that we will do is more NCO training, i.e., what we as NCO's are supposed to be doing on the battle line.

That being said, keep your brass shined, your leathers blackened, and your Rifle clean.

1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt Stier

### Walter Reed Living History: 10/3/2009 After Action Report

On Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> the unit held our much anticipated Living History event at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

**First and foremost I need to give special thanks to Pvt. Kelly Cochran for all his efforts toward ensuring an excellent experience was had by all. Kelly is currently stationed at WRAMC and played an instrumental role in our pre-event planning. He attended multiple meetings with Base and Museum staff where he communicated to them our planned demonstration content and acted as the point of**

needs with the proper Base authorities. This was no easy task and it is due in large part to his efforts that the event went as smoothly as it did. Personally this was my first visit to WRAMC so I gave myself plenty of time to make the trip up from Charlottesville, and thus I arrived before 8:00 am and was the first member on sight. We had been asked to have all the License Plate numbers of our attending members collected and provided to the Base Guards for security reasons, but at no point did the Gate Guards make any attempt to check anyone's plates as we arrived.

I was very pleasantly surprised to find that the area designated for our Camp setup was significantly larger than I had expected based on pre-event descriptions. In the last few days before the event I was quite concerned that we would not have room for all our planned tentage and demos; but once I saw the area it was clear that we would have plenty of room for our three flys and other demos. Indeed, the space was larger than the space we had at Jamestown MTA. We were graced with very nice weather, sunny and warm but not hot, and the camp set up area was nicely shaded by several trees. As more members arrived the camp began to take shape. This included a Medical demo Fly, a Civilian demo fly, and another fly for the Federal City Brass Band. In addition we had extensive soldier equipment displays, Mike Schaffner discussing Civil War Red Tape, and a military cooking demo lead by 2<sup>nd</sup> Sgt Goumas. As a special touch, based on period reference from the U.S.S. Monitor, Bill brought some fresh oysters in the shell that he roasted on the grill over the camp fire. Jim Burke contributed an excellent poster describing the nature of the average soldier's food ration in the Union Army.

It was a special honor to be asked to do an event for the service men & women at WRAMC and we heavily promoted the event to the membership in the weeks leading up to it. Thus, it was gratifying to see that we had a good turnout including several members who had previously not been able to get out with us much this year.

Last	First	Rank	Roll Call
Eckhart	Jason	6 1st Lt.	1
Schwatka	Brian	5 Surgeon	1
Stier	Paul	4 1st. Sgt.	1
Goumas	Bill	3 Sgt.	1
Cochran	Darrell	2 Corporal	1
Welker	David	2 Corporal	1
Billingsley	Charlie	1 Pvt.	1
Burke	James	1 Pvt.	1
Cochran	Kelly	1 Pvt.	1
Elkins	Robert	1 Pvt.	1
Higdon	Wayne	1 Pvt.	1
Reeves	Dana	1 Pvt.	1
Schaffner	Michael	1 Pvt.	1
Smith	Marshall	1 Pvt.	1
Talbot	Brett	1 Pvt.	1

Tate	James	1 Pvt.	1
Villanueva	Jari	0 Musician	1
			16
Campbell	Barbara	Civilian	1
Faust	Heather	Civilian	1
Stier	Janine	Civilian	1
			3
			19

Additionally, The Federal City Brass Band turned out with about 12 more participants and it was a great pleasure to have them join us.

The FCBB did four separate ½ hour concerts at different times throughout the day; performing their special Lincoln themed play list in honor of his birthday anniversary year. I was forcibly reminded how amazing it is to have the finest period Brass Band there is attending the same events as us. The 3<sup>rd</sup> US should never forget what an asset our special relationship with the FCBB is. It is a rare thing in this hobby and is the envy of many.

I led the military members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US in several different Drill sessions throughout the day. The first formation included Roll Call & Forming the Company by the Left Flank. This was followed by Uniform and Accouterment Inspection. The second drill session covered Inspection of Arms, manual of arms with & without the Bayonet, loading in nine times, firing commands, and finally stacking arms. The third session covered left and right facings, and marching by the left and right flank. We had a very limited area for Company Marching drill but I did what we could. In between the drill session and Band performances everyone spent time meeting and greeting the spectators. There seemed to be a steady flow until late afternoon, but I would not describe it as a big crowd. In the months and weeks leading up to this event we took special steps to prepare all our members for the experience of having a large number of severely wounded soldiers in attendance as spectators. While a number of wounded warriors did visit us they were fewer than the other spectators by far, and were not suffering from wounds of the magnitude that we were perhaps anticipating. We made several attempts to gather more spectators from around the campus, but for reasons unknown we simply did not see many wounded warriors.

At the end of the FCBB's last performance we where treated to a vocal performance by Heather Faust. I must admit this came as a very pleasant surprise to me as I had absolutely no idea that Heather is a trained singer! What other talents are lurking unknown to me in our unit?

**Summary:** The event went smoothly and all the members attending enjoyed a good day in each other's company. The warnings to be mentally prepared for the possibly serious condition of our expected audience, while undoubtedly prudent, turned out to be unnecessary on this particular weekend. If we return,

as I hope we intend to, we must still be prepared for all possible conditions. The Medical Museum docents were extremely impressed with the Medical Demo conducted by Surgeon Brian Schwatka, and emphatically requested that he return to do it again. Additionally the Museum director has offered to give our unit a special private tour of the museum; an offer I strongly recommend taking up. I believe we have a purely Social/Cookout type event planned for next May, perhaps a Walter Reed Museum tour would be a n interesting activity to focus our social time around.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jason Eckhart**

The Civilian Editor is seeking articles for the January 2010 edition of the Civilian Corner. Please submit all articles in Microsoft Word to Janine Stier @ [Cwspy@hotmail.com](mailto:Cwspy@hotmail.com) by 15 December.

**3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry Reenactors  
Minutes of the meeting of Board of Director  
November 12, 2009**

Board meeting was held as a telephone conference call.

Attending were:

Bob Elkins, President  
Jim Tate, Vice President  
Joyce Mader, Treasurer  
Mary Ritenour, Secretary  
Wally Owen, Member at Large  
Jason Eckhart, MC

Joyce stated that dues must be paid by Dec. 31, 2009 in order for people to be able to vote at the annual meeting. There is a state law in Virginia that stated that a list of voting members must be posted ten day before the meeting. The membership will have several reminders about paying their due in Dec. The members will have to pay the 2010 dues and pay their outstanding debts for 2009 before being considered eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

Joyce Mader will write a newsletter article for the December newsletter explaining the new requirement that members send in dues and membership forms by 12/31/09 to be eligible to vote or run for office at the annual meeting.

Jason Eckhart will have announcements made at all event roll calls in the next 6 weeks to remind members of the new dues deadline.

Jim made a motion that the treasurer reimburse Mark Lee for the Battle of Atlanta Registration fees.

Wally seconded the motion.

Motion was passed unanimously

Jim made a motion to reimburse Mark Lee for the \$15 that was paid to the 3<sup>rd</sup> for Gettysburg registration.

Wally s seconded the motion

Motion was passed unanimously

This reimbursement will be made when Jim Tate submits an expense voucher to the Treasurer.

Joyce stated that Mary Lou Taylor was due a refund for registration fees that she paid for her and her granddaughters; because she was not on the list of people that the unit registered for Cedar Creek.

Wally made a motion to refund the registrations fees to Mary Lou in the amount of \$60.

Joyce seconded the motion.

Motion was passed unanimously

Jim presented the following schedule for the first half of the year to the board: See schedule in the newsletter page 2.

It was agreed that the Regiment would not attempt to allow members to attend MTA in place of Bentonville. The operating rule is that only one event is scheduled for a given weekend and the board agrees that the March 20-21 weekend event will be Bentonville. The military commander has a Dec. 7 deadline to advise MTA that we will not attend this event in 2010.

Joyce made a motion to accept the schedule as presented with the exception of the Fort Ward Camp Day on June 26. Wally was not sure this date will fit the park's schedule.

Wally s seconded the motion

Motion was passed unanimously

The board agreed that all board members should take time to explain to the members why we are dropping MTA, New Market and Gettysburg and adding Bentonville and Carlisle Barracks to the 2010 schedule. Explaining the reasoning for these changes before the annual meeting will help members understand and accept these changes.

Jim stated that the scheduling committee should have second half of the year done by May 23; so that it could be printed in the June newsletter. The Scheduling Committee will have

a preliminary schedule ready for the board by May 2. The board should have this schedule approved and ready to be published in the June newsletter by May 23.

The board agreed to assign Jim Tate the task of investigating liability insurance with Yates Reenactor Insurance. The major issues were the cost of the insurance and the coverage for directors and officers. A report will be made at a future board meeting.

The board tabled the Black Powder Safety and Camp Safety procedures until Dec. meeting. Jason Eckhart was asked to develop a plan on how he plans to implement this procedure.

Jim moved that the meeting be adjourned  
Wally seconded the motion

Meeting was adjourned  
Mary Ritenour, Secretary

### NEW MEMBERS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> U. S. wishes to welcome the following new members to the unit.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Walter DeGroot

Lisa Denton

### Corrections to Address List and New e-mails

Brett Talbot cell Phone is 801 641-8047 rather than  
801 645-8047.

If you have any questions regarding the policies or schedule of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S Regulars Infantry, Company D contact only the following people:

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