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## Events Schedule and Details

### Primary February Event Ft. Ward Drill/Recruiting Day

**Date:** Saturday February 6th;**Location:** Ft. Ward Park,  
4301 West Braddock Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304**Registration Fee:** No fee**Deadline:** 1/25/2010**Schedule:** Arrive at 9:00 am; Open to Public 10:00am  
to 5:00 pm.**Type of event:** Living History, Drill Practice &  
Recruiting day.**Commissary:** Haversack Lunch, Eat Out for post  
event Supper.**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn, and Company Letter,  
no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers, and all  
accouterments.**No ammunition or caps allowed**

### Secondary February Event North Anna River Battlefield Tour

**Date:** Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**Location:** Hanover County, VA**Registration Fee:** Approx. = \$10**Deadline:** 2/8/2010**Type of event:** Battlefield tour & Lunch**Schedule:** In planning stages, will be announced via  
Email.**Commissary:** Haversack Lunch/potluck**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn, and Company Letter,  
no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers.Haversack & Canteen recommended. **No Muskets.**

### March Event 145<sup>th</sup> Battle of Bentonville

**Date:** March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**Location:** Bentonville, NC**Registration Fee:** \$10**Deadline:** 2/13/2010**Type of event:** Battle on Original Battlefield**Commissary:** Unit Commissary, \$10 fee**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn & Company Letter,  
no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers, and all  
accouterments.

### April Event

#### 145<sup>th</sup> Appomattox Living History

**Date:** April 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**Location:** Appomattox National Historic Park**Registration Fee:** TBD**Deadline:** TBD**Type of event:** Living history**Commissary:** Unit Commissary; \$10 fee**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn, and Company Letter,  
no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers, and all  
accouterments.

### Secondary May Event

#### Walter Reed Museum Tour/Cook-Out

**Date:** Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>**Location:** National Museum of Health and Medicine,  
Washington D.C.**Deadline:** TBD**Schedule:** Tour will start at 10:00am. After we finish  
at the Museum we will go to nearby Rock Creek Park  
for a Cookout.**Type of event:** Museum Tour/Cook-Out**Commissary:** Cookout**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn, and Company Letter,  
no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers, no  
accouterments. **Military Members will wear a Black  
Mourning Arm-Band on Left Sleeve to mark the  
death of A. Lincoln in 1865.**

### Primary May Event

#### Army Heritage Day at the Army Heritage & Education Center (Carlisle Barracks)

**Date:** Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>**Location:** Army Heritage and Education Center,  
Carlisle PA**Registration Fee:** None**Deadline:** TBD**Schedule:** TBD**Type of event:** MTA Style Living History**Commissary:** TBD**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn, and Company Letter,  
no corps badges. Sack coat, Sky blue trousers, and all  
accouterments. **Military Members will wear a Black  
Mourning Arm-Band on Left Sleeve to mark the  
death of A. Lincoln in 1865.**

## ISG's Corner

Gentlemen, December was the month where we represented Co. D of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. at three separate locations: Harpers Ferry, WV; Fort Ward, VA; and Fredericksburg, VA. For the members who were able to attend I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your personal schedules during the Holiday Season to support the unit while teaching the public about what it means to be a Regular. For myself I was only able to attend one event where I was joined by newly returned member Pvt. Bauer and Cpl Glenn Deiters where we retraced the steps of the Irish Brigade as we marched through the very rainy streets of Fredericksburg, VA.

In January our Primary Event was our Annual Meeting, which took place on Saturday, the 9<sup>TH</sup> of January 2010 at Fort C.F. Smith, VA. Two of the events that took place were:

1. 1Lt Eckhart was confirmed as our military commander and we all participated in the Change-of-Command ceremony.
2. We voted in three new Board Members: President – 2<sup>ND</sup> Sgt Bill Goumas, Secretary – Civilian Heather Faust, and Member-at-Large – Cpl Glenn Deiters. Just as a reminder next year we will nominate and vote for our Vice President, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large.

The Alternate event in January was the Officer/NCO School at Fort Lincoln of which you may read about in the following AAR.

I would like to thank you all again for falling in with your fellow members this past year and I look forward to seeing you all again this coming year. It takes something special to be a Regular and I am honored that you do this with me. That being said, keep your brass shined, your leathers blackened, and your Rifle clean.

1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt Stier

## Fort Lincoln/Point Lookout AAR

On the weekend after our annual meeting Srgn Schwatka and myself were able to attend Vincent's Brigades School of the Officer and NCO at Fort Lincoln located adjacent to the Union Prison Camp at Point Lookout, MD

Fort Lincoln overall is an excellent facility for a unit to do a Living History Program with firewood nearby and potable water within the fort. The sinks are quite a walk and a lot of guys chose to drive out to the port-a-potties. The buildings and bunks/tables/benches while simple are well built and the stoves are in excellent shape. Bob Crickenberger and crew did an excellent

job re-building the entire fort. Overall a great place in cold weather to do training away from the public but in the summer, you better have bug repellent and fans.

Saturday Morning started with the colors being raised at 0800 followed by breakfast and training started at 0900. Saturday morning training allowed the men, NCO's, and Officers to participate in Rope Drill. Ironically we thought that there would be "PLENTY" of room on the Drill Field but quickly learned otherwise. Starting out with eight sections of 20' rope, we portrayed two full size companies. I am glad that I told everyone that initially that they would be confused and possibly frustrated; after the first ten minutes however, everyone started to get it and it worked beautifully. I brevetted all the Privates to Cpl and made the actual NCO's the 1st and 2nd Sgt's with the ISG of the 20th Maine becoming the Bn SGM. The Company Commanders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Delaware and 66<sup>TH</sup> Ohio were the respective company commanders and Bob Crickenberger became the Battalion Commander with Srgn Schwatka and I serving as staff officers to help move things along. Afterwards we added two more sections of 20' rope to represent a total of 10 reenacting companies. Everyone was jumped up in rank and the two Company Commanders became Bn Commanders with five companies each and Bob Crickenberger becoming the Regimental Commander. During one of the breaks we were thinking that realistically by 1863 the 200' that we needed on Saturday morning for the 10 companies was very realistic to what many Regiments had back then, if they even had 10 companies by that point. To help the Commanders and men have a better understanding of who they represented I went ahead and made up company signs, put them in document protectors and then hung them from the rope with string. For Company drill a sign would look like 'A 1-1' or A Company, first section-first platoon so in total it would look as follows, " A 1-1, A 2-1, A 1-2, and A 2-2; B 1-1, B 2-1, B 1-2, and B 2-2." For the Regimental drill, the signs were simply listed as: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and K. I believe that those simple little signs went a long way in everyone understanding what was going on. Two things to add from the morning training. (1) When asked if I had either done this before or if the 3rd U.S. did this I would respond with, "of course, all of the time", everyone seemed to believe me. (2) I emphasized and re-emphasized to them that by incorporating the public into their own rope drill that if they were not careful they might end up with a new member. I saw a number of light bulbs, so hopefully this will continue when they conduct their own living history programs.

In addition to the Rope Drill we conducted the normal company drill, skirmish drill, bayonet drill, and Srgn Schwatka gave an excellent class on Sick Call procedures and the history behind it. At the conclusion of the training day interested participant partook in an excellent tour of the fort and prison compound.

After supper the musically inclined provided the entertainment while the musically challenged attempted to sing along. The following day due to heavy rains activities were called off and we all helped to clean-up before driving to our respective homes; overall a good event and worth returning to in the future.

YOS, 1SG Stier

## Civilian Corner

A group of eight civilians from the 3<sup>rd</sup> US met at the Annual Meeting to discuss civilian plans and goals for 2010. Ordinarily we would also have elected a new Civilian Coordinator and Civilian Corner Editor for the year, but no nominations were received, so both positions are currently vacant. This writer has served as Civilian Coordinator for 2002-2005 and 2008-2009 and felt it was time to take a break. Special thanks to Janine Stier who served as our excellent Civilian Corner Editor last year, coordinating the interesting columns and articles that you have all contributed to this newsletter.

With vacancies in the civilian leadership, the responsibility falls to each and every individual member to make sure that certain things are done in a timely fashion.

Please respond to the calls for headcounts for upcoming events! Quite frankly, it has always been a challenge for the Civilian Coordinator to collect this information from you promptly, and we owe it to the unit to be responsible for responding with the requested details by the deadline posted. You will need to watch your e-mail closely (please check it at least once per week!) and be diligent about responding either via the unit website muster roll or directly to the First Sgt. or Military Commander. If you are part of a military household (if your spouse, father, son, or other household member is a 3<sup>rd</sup> US military member), you may also submit your headcount via that member's Corporal.

Please continue to submit items of interest for the Civilian Corner of the unit newsletter. These items may be something you yourself have written, such as a book review, a commentary on an event you attended, or an article on a topic of interest. They may also be a pattern or recipe you enjoy and want to recommend, a period poem or story you select for reprint, or anything else of this nature. Please credit all original sources and authors, and send your submissions directly to the newsletter editor.

We all need to continue to mentor new civilian members and offer them our advice and encouragement. The Civilian Coordinator has been seen by many as the primary mentor for new members, and the question was raised at the meeting as to how this would be done if we had no Civilian Coordinator. However, the civilian membership has always exhibited a willingness to work together in this regard,

taking advantage of our broad knowledge base and many years of combined experience to collaborate on mentoring and advising both new and experienced members. There is no reason why this cannot continue. If you are new and need advice, or if you are asked a question and you don't know the answer, please refer the question to another member who you think may be able to help, or put it out to all of us to see who can respond. As long as we stay in communication with each other, I do not believe we will have any difficulties in this area.

We will be looking for civilian members to take the lead on planning activities for various events during the year, so please look at the schedule of events you plan to attend and think about how you might be able to volunteer to help coordinate civilian activities for one of them. Many hands make light work!

Finally, if anyone who was not at the Annual Meeting has an interest in becoming Civilian Coordinator or Civilian Corner Editor, please let others know, as we could certainly fill these positions at a later date during the year. I wish you all a very pleasant and successful year in re-enacting, and I look forward to seeing you at events.

Warm Regards,  
Heather Faust

## Scheduling Committee -Accepting Volunteers Jan. 23, 2010

The principal duty of the corporate vice president is to develop an events schedule to present to the board of directors. The event schedule is created in two phases. In the late Fall of the year a schedule for the first 6 months of the next year is presented for board approval. In the Spring of the year, a schedule of events for the last 6 months of the year is sent to the board.

The vice president develops these schedules with the help of a scheduling committee composed of several members. The committee meets to study available events. Assignments are given to each committee member to research one or more events. This research is brought to the full committee and a final schedule is created with the assistance of the vice president.

The vice president presents the recommended schedule to the board for approval. During the board discussion, committee members may be asked to explain the details of a particular event which they have studied for the committee. The scheduling committee will begin its research and meetings in March. Anyone wishing to join this committee should contact me at ([jtate3us@aol.com](mailto:jtate3us@aol.com) or 540-989-0298). At present the following members have agreed to participate on the Scheduling Committee:

Glenn Deiters, Jim Burke, Brian Schwatka, Paul Stier and Janine Stier.

**3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry Reenactors  
Minutes of the meeting of Board of Director  
December 3, 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  
Paul Stier, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.

Motion was made and approved to reimburse Mary Ritenour for costs of Cozy Inn dinner.

Motion was made and approved to reimburse Mark Lee for registration costs for Stanardsville event.

The board defined a member in good standing as one with all fees or funds owed to the Regiment paid by end of year 12/31/09. Paul Stier will send weekly e-mails to all members reminding them of the need to have their dues paid by 12/30/09 to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. Joyce Mader will write an article for the newsletter explaining this change from past procedures.

Jim Tate reported that he had gotten information on liability insurance for the unit. There was only one quote and the board raised questions that need more research.

The insurance was tabled until the January 2010 meeting.

The revised Black Powder and Camp Safety procedures were presented for discussion. There were concerns raised by board members about the implementation of these procedures and the training methods. After a discussion on black powder safety procedures it was tabled until a later meeting when the new military commander will present a plan for training.

The Search Committee report, on the search for a new military commander, was presented by Jim Tate. The board accepted the committee's recommendation that Jason Eckhart be presented as the new military commander. There was no candidate for the second officer.

Wally Owen made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation; Seconded by Jim Tate; Motion passed unanimously.

Annual meeting Agenda was agreed upon by the board:

Joyce Mader made motion that the meeting be adjourned

Wally seconded the motion  
Motion passed unanimously

Meeting was adjourned  
Mary Ritenour, Secretary

**3<sup>rd</sup> United States Infantry Reenactors  
Minutes of the meeting of Board of Director  
January 7, 2010**

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  
Paul Stier, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt.  
Heather Faust, Civilian coordinator

The board met to confirm the Annual meeting agenda

Wally moved to adjourn the meeting

Joyce seconded the motion  
Motion was passed unanimously  
Meeting was adjourned  
Mary Ritenour, Secretary

**3<sup>rd</sup> US Regular Infantry Reenactors, Inc.  
Annual Meeting – Ft. CF Smith  
January 9, 2010**

Attending:

Jim Burke, Barbara Campbell, Darrell Cochran, Walter DeGroot, Glenn Deiters, Jane Dittamo, Jason Eckhart, Bob Elkins, Heather Faust, Jackie Fitzgerald, Bill Goumas, Douglas Habel, Jared Habel, Dan Meushaw, Joyce Mader, Todd Mayer, Nancy Olds, Wally Owens, Mary Ritenour, Brian Schwatka, Paul Stier, Janine Stier, Brett Talbot (with his father), Jim Tate, Mary Lou Taylor,

Meeting was call to order by the President Bob Elkins: The group broke into two groups, Military and Civilian. Each group had their own meeting before

coming back together for the general membership meeting.

General Membership Meeting:

Before the Vote on the Military Commander, Jason Eckhart spoke to the following topics to inform the membership on what he perceives as important issues facing the unit, and his agenda if he is confirmed as military commander.

1. Bylaw Revisions
2. Trailer: New Home, reorganize and repair
3. Commissary Procedure & Director
4. Military Command Structure
5. Junior Officer position
6. Company K
7. Safety Procedure
8. Section Assignments/Soldier Numbers
9. Manual of Arms drill
10. Ad hoc Battalion of Regulars forming for 150<sup>th</sup> cycle events.

Heather Faust reported that the civilian group was unable to elect a **Civilian Coordinator**.

Bob Elkins reported that Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Regular Infantry has been in existence for ten years.

Paul Stier conducted roll call and the eligible members were identified for voting purposes. There were 21 members in attendance and eligible to vote.

There was a vote of confidence by the membership for Jason Eckhart as Military Commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> US Regular Infantry. Jason was confirmed by a vote of 20 to 1.

Election of board positions for President, Secretary and Member at large

Nominations were opened for President.

Jim Tate nominated Bill Goumas. Darrell Cochran seconded. Bill accepted.

Bob Elkins nominated Brian Schwatka. Wally Owen seconded. Brian accepted  
Nominations were closed.

Bill Goumas was elected as President for next two years (2010 - 2011). His term of office will begin on Feb. 1, 2010.

Nominations were opened for Secretary.

Janine Stier nominated Heather Faust as Secretary.

Heather accepted

Bill Goumas moved that nomination be closed. Doug Habel seconded

Jim Tate moved that Heather be accepted by acclamation. Darrell Cochran seconded this motion; Motion was passed.

Heather Faust elected as Secretary next two years (2010 - 2011). Her term of office will begin on Feb. 1, 2010

Nominations were opened for member at large.

Bill Goumas nominated Glen Deiters, the motion was seconded by Jim Tate. Glen accepted

Barbara Campbell nominated Jim Burke. Paul Stier seconded. Jim Burke accepted.

Brian Schwatka made a motion that nomination be closed. Darrell seconded. Motion was passed.

Glen Deiters, was elected as member at large for 2010. This is a one year term.

Jim Tate presented the Schedule for the first six month of 2010 to the membership, with discussion after each event. The schedule for January thru June 2010 is as follows:

February:

February 6, 2010 - Fort Ward Civil War Day, Fort Ward, Va. – Living history, Demonstrations, & Recruitment

February 27, 2009 – Overland Campaign walking tour – North Anna Battlefield, North Anna, VA

March 19-21, 2010 - 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Battle of Bentonville, NC., Bentonville National Battlefield, NC.

April 16-18, 2010 – 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Appomattox Courthouse, VA, Appomattox Courthouse, VA

May 1, 2010 – Social gathering for unit.

May 14-16, 2010 – Military Through the Ages – Living History, Demonstration & Recruitment, Carlisle Barracks, PA

June 11-13, 2010 – School of the Civil War Musician: - Living History Demonstrations, & Recruitment – Pamplin Park, VA

June 26, 2010 – Fort Ward Civil War Day, Fort Ward, Alexandria, Va. – Living history, Demonstrations, & Recruitment

The preliminary schedule for the second half of the year was presented, but members were advised that a final schedule would not be available until June 2010.

A formal change of command ceremony was held for change of command from Jim Tate to Jason Eckhart  
Joyce Mayer gave a report on the action to restate the current bylaws. The committee assigned to this task has completed a preliminary document. This document must be reviewed and approved by the board of directors. After this review, the membership must approve the restated bylaws in a separate membership meeting.

Joyce Mayer presented the Income and Expense Statement for year 2009. (These statements had been previously sent to members by email.) Members with

questions were advised to bring them directly to Joyce for an answer.

Barbara requested that an open time at each general membership meeting be arranged to allow members to bring up topics for the board to discuss and return answers.

Bill Goumas made a motion that meeting be adjourned.

Jackie Fitzgerald seconded. Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed the pot luck dinner followed by parlor games.

Mary Ritenour, Secretary

## Historical Timelines

By Joyce A. Mader

### Introduction

The following is the first installment in a series that will trace events and development from the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century up to the beginning of the War. We are all quite familiar with the events during and immediately preceding the war. If we were soldiers and civilians living in mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century America we would have been shaped by prior events, inventions and developments. Some of these events would have been news and some would have been taken for granted but they would have been part of our lives.

In this timeline I have attempted to pull together the major political and world events that would have affected us as well as the technological developments, with a sprinkling of cultural, literary and, of course, food-related developments that I found interesting and informative for portraying a mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century individual.

I plan to maintain and add to this timeline. I will provide additional years which can be published in the newsletter as space permits. I welcome your contributions to years already published as well as for future years. My sources are available to anyone who wants them.

## Historical Timelines

### 1800

US population 5,308,483; Black population 1,002,037 (18.9%).

US Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

US Congress divided the Northwest Territory into two parts. The western part became the Indiana Territory and the eastern sections remained the Northwest Territory.

John and Abigail Adams moved into "the President's House" in Washington DC. It became known as the White House during the Roosevelt administration.

Washington DC was established as the capital of US. The Sixth Congress (2nd session) convened for the first time in Washington, DC, in the partially completed Capitol building.

In the presidential election Jefferson and Burr tied in electoral votes. The election was then moved to the House of Representatives where on the 36th ballot Vermont and Maryland switched their votes to Jefferson. The American political "revolution" brought the Republicans to office in the first peaceful transition of power between rival political parties in human history.

Worcestershire sauce introduced.

Alessandro Volta (1745-1827), Italian physicist, first demonstrated the electric pile or battery.

Robert Fulton tested his torpedo-armed submarine Nautilus on the Seine.

Richard Trevithick constructs a light pressure steam engine.

Eli Whitney makes muskets with interchangeable parts.

### 1801

US Secretary of State John Marshall nominated by President Adams to be chief justice.

The House of Representatives broke the electoral tie between Jefferson and Burr, electing Jefferson president. Burr became vice president. Jefferson won the White House vowing to get rid of all federal taxes. He was supported by a new coalition of anti-Federalists that was the ancestor of the Democratic Party. Jefferson became the first President to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.

The District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

Paul I, Czar of Russia (1796-1801), was strangled in his bedroom in St. Petersburg ending 4 years of insane rule. His son Alexander I Pavlovich (23) succeeded him. Act of Union of Great Britain and Ireland comes into force.

The British navy under Nelson defeats the Danes at the Battle of Copenhagen.

The North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean after the U.S. refused to pay tribute. The war continued 1805.

Kentucky banned dueling.

The 1st edition of New York Evening Post was

published. Alexander Hamilton helped found the paper and served as editor.

## 1802

Congress passed an act calling for a library to be established within the U.S. Capitol.

The US Congress authorized the establishment of the US Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

Richard Trevithick granted a patent in London for his steam locomotive.

John Dalton introduces atomic theory into chemistry.

German naturalist Gottfried Treviranus coins the term "biology".

Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city, with the mayor appointed by the president and the council elected by property owners.

Great Britain declared war on Napoleon's France.

The first comic book was published in Hudson, NY. "The Wasp" was created by Robert Rusticoat.

Capt. Meriwether Lewis left Pittsburgh to meet up with Capt. William Clark and begin their trek to the Pacific Ocean.

A French aeronaut dropped eight-thousand feet equipped with a parachute.

James Callender, an English-born journalist, published a report in the Richmond, Va., Recorder about Thomas Jefferson and his relationship with the slave Sally Hemmings.

"The Rights of Neutral Nations in Time of War" by Daniel Webster, published.

Andrew Jackson was elected to command the Tennessee militia.

Eleuthere Irenee du Pont de Nemours (d.1834), a French immigrant, set up a saltpeter mill in Wilmington, Del., on the banks of the Brandywine River. In 8 years it grew to become America's largest black-powder plant as it supplied gunpowder to the US for the War of 1812.

The Rosetta Stone was seized by the British in Egypt after the defeat of Napoleon's army and was sent to England.

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