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Membership Renewal

Even if you are a long-time member, we do need to receive a complete renewal packet from you including a signed release form for each family member who will participate with the unit. (Exception - if you are signing a form for more than one minor child to participate, you may list all their names on one release form to save paper.)

Please take a few minutes to complete the new forms included in this newsletter and send them along with your dues payment to the unit Secretary, Heather Faust, at 124 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228.

As of November 23, membership dues have been received from the following people – Bill Goumas, Joyce Mader, Marshall Smith, David White, Nancy Olds, Wayne Higdon, Glenn Deiters, Walt DeGroot, Marjorie Moran.

Membership forms and dues payments must be received by the Secretary **no later than 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting** in order for a member to be in good standing and able to cast a vote at that meeting. The membership and release forms are also posted on the 3rd US website at <http://www.buffsticks.us/membership.html>

<p align="center">December Primary Event Ft. Ward Christmas</p>

Date: Dec. 11, 2010;**Location:** Ft. Ward Park,
4301 West Braddock Road
Alexandria, VA 22304**Registration Fee:** No fee**Schedule:** Open to Public 10:00am to 5:00 pm.**Type of event:** Living History, Drill Practice & Recruiting
day**Commissary:** Haversack.**Uniform:** Forage Cap with Horn & regiment number 3,
Company Letter K, corps badges if desired. Sack coat, Sky
blue trousers, all accoutrements.**No ammunition or caps allowed****Activities at Event:** Living History & Drill.**Board Elections for 2011**

Elections for Board positions for 2011 will be held at the Annual Meeting. The positions of Vice President and Treasurer are open this year along with the Member at Large. The Vice President and Treasurer each serve a two-year term, and the Member at Large serves for one year. The Vice President serves as Chair of the Scheduling Committee.

All members in good standing are eligible for nomination. So far the following people have been nominated or have expressed interest – for Vice President: Paul Stier; for Treasurer: Claude Bauer and Jim Burke; for Member At Large: Glenn Deiters and David Welker. Additional nominations are still being accepted and will also be accepted at the Annual Meeting.

If you want to nominate someone, check with them first to make sure they would be willing to serve. If you are interested in serving in one of the open positions, please contact the Board and let them know of your interest or ask someone in the unit to nominate you.

You must be present at the Annual Meeting to vote, but you do not have to be present to be elected as long as you have indicated your interest and your willingness to accept a nomination prior to the meeting and you are a member in good standing.

If you have questions about the duties of any of the open positions, please talk to the current office holders for more info. Outgoing Vice President is Jim Tate, and outgoing Treasurer is Joyce Mader. Current Member at Large is Glenn Deiters.

1st Sergeant's Report

Gettysburg: Remembrance Day at Gettysburg 2010 will be remembered for many years to come for those who attended this year's event. Again we were honored to have the students from UMW attend fully dressed and uniformed. It was pretty sad to see one of my frock coats fit perfectly on a college sophomore! By now, it was announced earlier to the membership that, we are no longer associated with Vincent's Brigade and because of this Lt. Eckhart planned a special remembrance ceremony for the Regulars who are interned at the cemetery. There are 138 Regulars buried there and an American flag was placed on each grave by a gentlemen who we found out later does this for the regulars. More about him later from Lt. Eckhart. Our ceremony was conducted by each member in the ranks reading a passage biography of 13 Regular soldiers who fell at Gettysburg. At

the conclusion, the City Brass Band playing nearby at another location, suddenly broke into Taps. It was extremely moving. Afterwards we all went out for breakfast and later met up at the field for the Parade. The weather was perfect and the crowds large. When the parade ended Lt. Eckhart and David Welker organized with all the Regulars to march and do a special ceremony at the Regular's Monument. With City Brass Band leading the way we headed down that path that so save the Union lines on that Third Day. The ladies presented wreaths at the base of the monument and we listened to a "short" 35 minute speech from General Childs. This concluded out activities at Gettysburg. That evening we gather at the Cozy Inn for our buffet dinner. It is with sadness that our "Mother" of the 3rd U.S., Mrs. Mary Ritenour was not able to attend because of the loss of her brother two days before. David Welker and many volunteers donated books for our door prize specials. Seems like everyone one something that night. A Great weekend. I wish to have seen more out.

Submitted by
2nd Sgt. Bill Goumas

The Boys of 1860

Compiled by Greg Kostka
Edited by Darrell Cochran

On Dec. 6, 1860, the Third Infantry received a large batch of recruits. Of those, Company B received 23. Some statistical information about those 23 offers a snapshot of the regiment on the eve of the Civil War.

Only nine were born in the United States - five in the New England States, three in New York and New Jersey, and one in Michigan.

Of the 14 foreigners, seven were Irish immigrants, four were German immigrants, two were from England, and one was from Canada. Regarding the Germans and Irish, one soldier described the Germans as the cleanest, best-drilled and best all-round camp and garrison soldiers. He regarded the Irish as the best fighters. "The Irish are naturally so pugnacious that where they might lack an enemy, they were quick to fight among themselves, for little or no reason, and to disturb the 'good order and discipline' of a camp with their ructions."

The group ranged in age from 19 (one recruit) to 33 (one recruit), seven were 21 years of age at enlistment and another nine were between the ages of 24 and 26. There were six farmers, five laborers, four shoemakers, and two painters. Other occupations that had a single representative were teamster, cigarmaker, clerk, printer, sailor, and soldier.

The first recruit enlisted on August 29th, 1860, and the last on October 25th, just six days before they departed from New York. In fact, nine of the recruits were enlisted after October 3rd. This allowed for little training of the recruits, who were enlisted not only in New York City, but also in Boston, Buffalo, and Rochester and had to be sent to Governors Island.

The basic purpose of the depot at Governors Island was to instruct the raw soldier in basic drill, the manual of arms, and the care and use of his weapon.

Major Theophilus Holmes of the Eighth Infantry, superintendent of the recruiting service, continually complained that he was given neither the staff nor the time to properly prepare his charges. He sought at least two months instruction at the depot for each recruit: "I do not doubt that the inconvenience of a temporary deficiency of men in

regiments would be greatly overbalanced by the efficiency consequent on their being well drilled."

Only one of the 23 recruits for Company B was able to receive Major Holmes' minimum training. And there was little likelihood that the officers of Company B could remedy the deficiency: "Every officer who has much experience in frontier service knows, that from the dispersed condition of the troops, they have very little time for drilling, and it not infrequently happens that the instructions recruits receive at the depot constitutes the greater part of the knowledge they have of their duties when discharged."

Only five of the 23 additions would serve their entire enlistment. One would die of disease, one would be transferred to hospital steward, and the rest would desert.

1860 in the Third Infantry

Compiled by Greg Kostka
Edited by Darrell Cochran

December 1860

December 1, 1860

As the battalion of Companies B, C, E, and G nears Fort Clark, Captain Shepherd writes the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Texas to bring charges against Capt. William Johns of Company C, 1st Lt. William Whipple of Company B, and 2nd Lt. John McLean Hildt of Company C. These three officers constituted the garrison court martial that Shepherd feels refused to comply with his instructions regarding the trial of Privates George Brewster and Edward Murphy of Company E for their failure to guard the mule herd of the battalion in September.

The three had dismissed the charges against Brewster and Murphy at a Court-Martial in October, after they pleaded that they had already been punished for the offense.

Shepherd wants them tried, as "it is not very uncommon for Garrison Courts Martial to assume frivolous positions, to the prejudice of proper discipline ..."

December 2, 1860

Companies B, C, D, and G arrive at Fort Clark after a march of 1072 miles from Fort Defiance, New Mexico. Only Companies B and G join the garrison at Fort Clark. Companies C and E have another 280 miles to march to reach their new post at Ringgold Barracks. 1st Lt. William Whipple of Company B also does not stay at Fort Clark. He is assigned to temporary duty at San Antonio with Department Headquarters.

December 4, 1860

The detachment of recruits intended for the five companies at Fort Clark arrive at the post. They are led by Capt. William Brooks of Company G and 2nd Lt. Alexander Shipley of Company E who will join his company for its march to Ringgold Barracks.

December 6, 1860

Colonel Bonneville assigns the recruits at Fort Clark to their companies. The band receives nine new members. It now consists of two principal musicians and 18 first, second, and third class musicians. Company B receives 24 recruits (two promptly desert); Company D, 31; Company H, 28; Company G, 16; and Company K, 30. Six boys "learning

music" are unassigned. Even with the addition of the recruits, Company B can muster only 61 privates at the end of the month, the lowest number in the regiment.

December 13, 1860

Brig. Gen. David E. Twiggs relieves Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee of command of the Department of Texas in San Antonio. Twiggs harbors no illusions regarding the chances of compromise in light of the election of Abraham Lincoln, telling Lee that the Union would be dissolved within six weeks. Convinced that the "game was up," Twiggs - a Southern sympathizer - counsels officers from southern States to take advantage of his liberal leave policy in order to return home to attend to their professional interests. In Department Special Order No. 104, Twiggs orders a General Court-Martial to convene at Fort Clark on January 28th to consider Shepherd's charges against Johns, Whipple, and Hildt. The three officers are placed in arrest and deprived of their swords. Regimental Adjutant William Wood is appointed judge advocate to prosecute the case.

December 14, 1860

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December 17, 1860

1st Lt. Laurence O'Bannon of Company K arrives at Fort Clark from seven months leave and resumes the duties of regimental quartermaster. O'Bannon is responsible for clothing, housing, supplying, and feeding the garrison and regiment. He has served as regimental quartermaster since February 1856. With his return, acting quartermaster Matthew Davis leaves Fort Clark to rejoin Company F at Fort McIntosh.

December 18, 1860

Capt. Daniel T. Chandler of Company I, on detached service at Army headquarters, is ordered to rejoin his company at Fort McIntosh. He has been absent from his company since August 20, 1858.

December 19, 1860

Companies C and E join Company A at Ringgold Barracks.

December 20, 1860

The State of South Carolina becomes the first State to secede from the Union.

December 20, 1860

Department Commander Brig. Gen. David E. Twiggs orders all enlisted men held under general charges, except desertion, to be released from arrest and restored to duty.

December 20, 1860

Lt. Col. Electus Backus assigns the recruits under his command to the companies at Ringgold Barracks and Fort McIntosh. Company A receives 34 recruits; Company C, 27; Company E, 17; Company F, 30; and Company I, 45. With the addition of these recruits, several of the companies are almost at the authorized strength of a frontier infantry company, 84 enlisted men. Company A, although without one sergeant and one corporal, has 73 privates. Companies F

and I each have 72 privates and Company E has 70 privates. Unfortunately, these recruits are replacing experienced soldiers just when such soldiers are going to be needed.

December 23, 1860

2nd Lt. Edward Hopkins, West Point Class of 1860, arrives at Ringgold Barracks and joins Company A.

December 24, 1860

2nd Lt. Alexander Shipley is dispatched from Ringgold Barracks with the recruits assigned by Lt. Col. Backus to Companies F and I at Fort McIntosh.

December 28, 1860

With the recent return of Capt. William Brooks to command of Company G, 2nd Lt. Thomas Walker leaves Fort Clark with 60 days leave. The leave will be extended an additional 4 months by the War Department on February 4, 1861.

December 29, 1860

The detachment of recruits under Lieutenant Shipley arrives at Fort McIntosh.

**3rd United States Regular Infantry Reenactors
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2010
Summary prepared for the December newsletter by
Heather Faust**

Present – President Bill Goumas, Vice President Jim Tate, Secretary Heather Faust, Treasurer Joyce Mader, Member at Large Glenn Dieters
Guests – Jason Eckhart

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Goumas at 8:32 pm

Vincent's Brigade

Results of member poll at Cedar Creek were strongly in favor of leaving Vincent's and finding a new umbrella organization. Glenn Dieters submitted a motion to the Board in writing before the meeting and Heather seconded the motion. After further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the motion that the 3rd United States Regular Infantry Reenactors officially end its membership in Vincent's Brigade. As Board President, Bill Goumas will notify Wayne Wolff and Bob Crickenberger of the decision to leave Vincent's Brigade.

Search for new umbrella organization

Discussion on how to conduct a prompt and thorough search for a new umbrella organization. Jason has drawn up some criteria which the Board thought were excellent and should be refined into an actual checklist that can be used to assess the other groups and determine whether they meet our standards and needs in various areas. The goal will be to conduct a thorough search and have a recommendation for a new umbrella organization by the end of 2011. A search committee was proposed and the following names were recommended –

Jason Eckhart, Chair
Paul Stier
Dave Welker
Glenn Dieters (Member at Large for 2010)
A civilian member TBD
Member at Large for 2011 TBD

The Vice President and the 2011 scheduling committee will need to work closely with the search committee to identify events that the unit can participate in with the organizations under consideration, or that a couple of representatives from the search committee could attend if the unit cannot go as a whole.

Board positions and interest for 2011 Annual Meeting

Nominees for Board positions must be members in good standing (must have paid their 2011 dues at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting and do not owe the unit any other fees). Heather will write something for the December newsletter.

Financial

Joyce requested that those who collected the fees and paid the registrations for Cedar Creek double check to make sure there are no outstanding amounts owed to the unit from members who were registered but did not pay.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Faust, Secretary

**Poster Children- Yankees in Falmouth 2011
Nov. 25, 2010**

For those of us who attended the 2010 event "Yankees in Falmouth", we remember being treated to a very good living history venue. The key features of this event were:

1. Good publicity which generated solid crowds of Civil War-minded spectators.
2. An excellent location close to home (short drive) with an historic dwelling on site.
3. Good treatment by the event organizers to include a breakfast each morning.

The result of this event was excellent contact with interested spectators and potential recruits, and good publicity for the Regiment.

The event organizers have advised me that in their preparations for 2011, they reviewed the photos taken at this year's event. Because of our authentic appearance and performance in the ceremony and parade to the dedication site, the photos of the 3rd US Regular Infantry will be used in the 2011 publicity campaign. Al Conner, one of the event organizers, and as an alumnus of VMI '66 knows a well drilled unit when he sees one, notified me of our selection. We are the "poster children" for "Yankees in Falmouth 2011".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Walt DeGroot Lisa Denton

AAR for Remembrance Day 2010

This year's Remembrance Day saw excellent weather and good attendance of the "Buffsticks". In attendance were; Lt. Eckhart, Sgt. Goumas, Cpl. Deiters, Cpl. Welker, Pvt. Bauer, Pvt. J. Burke, Pvt N. Burke, Pvt. Clousher, Pvt. Denton, Pvt. Elkins, Pvt. D.

Hable, Pvt. J. Hable, Pvt. Higton, Pvt. Ramsey, Pvt. Redmiles and our friend Pvt. Randy Valle joined us.

Our day began at the National Cemetery. We marched and faced front in a single line at the US Regulars final resting place. We had the names of thirteen that were interred here, who gave their lives at Gettysburg. We all took turns reading their names and a brief history about them. As we turned to leave, "Taps" began to play. It was right on time and the perfect end to our ceremony. It was a very solemn occasion for us all.

In this year's parade we marched with the USV's headed by Col. Dave Childs. The 3rd met early at the school to sharpen our skills at marching drill. As the parade began we marched out in columns of four. At the left turn at Baltimore St. the crowd thought we were going to march right into them. As Lt. Eckhart commanded "by the left flank - march" we all turned as Regulars, in step and not missing a beat.

It was PERFECT! The crowd applauded us as we proceeded along. I don't recall hearing "Iron Brigade" but did hear "US Regulars" from a few in the crowd. Bearing right at Steinwehr Ave we all heard "Huzzah for the Old Guard". Can you imagine! A very educated spectator. We proceeded

along to the field by the old cyclorama and had a short break to facilitate the other Regulars coming to the memorial at the Regular's Monument. Soldier's from Sykes Regulars joined us as well. With the FCBB in the lead and colors flying behind them the Battalion marched to the monument and formed an open square. Cpl. Welker said a short speech followed by Col. Childs. The ladies from UMW placed the wreaths. One each for infantry, artillery and cavalry. Yari played "Taps" and that ended our ceremony.

Our Regimental dinner was pleasant. Members were asked to bring a book or two and these went in a raffle. Good food and conversation was had by all. It was a memorable day for the 3rd U.S. Reg. Inf. Co.K members attending. Many thanks to Lt. Eckhart for all of his work getting the services at the Regulars Monument together. Many thanks to Cpl. Welker for making the wreaths. And many thanks to Yari and the FCBB. and lastly many thanks to Greg Kostka for his research and QM Cochran for providing the names of the men we proudly portray. They all deserve 3 cheers. Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

Respectfully submitted, Cpl. Glenn Deiters

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