

## 41<sup>st</sup> Virginia, Co. E Official 2002 Schedule

<b>April 13-14,</b>	
<b>Co. Drill</b>	Rome, WI
<b>May 4-5</b>	Peoria, IL
<b>June 1-2</b>	Galena, IL
<b>June 29-30</b>	Morseville, IL
<b>July 13-14</b>	Menomonee Falls, WI
<b>Aug. 3-4</b>	Boscobel, WI
<b>Aug. 24-25</b>	TBA
<b>Sept. 13-15*</b>	Sharpsburg, MD
<b>Oct. 12-13</b>	Coon Valley, WI

\* Dates may change

### Alternative Events

<b>May 11</b>	Trimborn Farm (Contact Jon Van Beckum)
<b>May 11-12</b>	Pioneer Village
<b>June 22-23</b>	Rockford, IL
<b>July 6-7</b>	Wauconda, IL
<b>July 20-30</b>	Hastings, MI
<b>Aug. 24-25</b>	Jackson, MI
<b>Sept. 28-29</b>	Greenbush, WI
<b>Oct. 4-6</b>	Perryville, KY
<b>Oct. 12-13</b>	Waukesha, WI

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### First Call

By Brad Bodoh

Hey, y'all. Well, we are all looking forward to another spectacular season of reenacting. Having dug through my plastic bins of equipment recently, getting a smell of jean cloth and smoke, I am really waiting in eager anticipation. This year bears some unique challenges and changes for the 41<sup>st</sup>.

For those of you who were not at the company meeting, we unanimously voted to end our affiliation with Medich's Battalion. The reasons are varied. It basically comes down to a difference in philosophy. We go out of our way to eat, speak, live, dress, and act as close as we can to the soldiers we portray. It is through intense research that we attempt to achieve this goal. This style and philosophy of reenacting is how we enjoy our hobby.

As we have seen in the last few years, the majority of the units in Medich's Battalion simply do not share this philosophy and choose to enjoy their hobby in a way which is less authenticity intensive. They like to participate in battles and drill but in camp be a bit more relaxed in both military conduct and authenticity. They enjoy being able to bring McDonalds and other modern food and equipment into camp and speak and act entirely 21<sup>st</sup> century. Just as we do not need/want to have our enjoyment of our hobby lessened by camping with and closely working with units who choose to reenact in this way, they do not need/want to have their enjoyment of their hobby lessened by affiliation with a group who chose to do things the way we do. There is nothing wrong with either philosophy—it is just a difference.

This decision does not reflect badly upon the abilities or leadership of Colonel Medich, Lt. Colonel Blackstone, or Lt. Williams. I personally will greatly miss reporting to and working with the Adjutant and Sgt. Major. We are still the unit that would sleep in a mud hole because Col. Medich said it was needed.

There was a time when, if the Colonel said, "Strike the shelters and pack up; we are moving camp," the battalion did so with a smile. No one asked why or complained about it. We followed orders and enjoyed the fact that we could do it; and we did do it at every national. No one stood up at a meeting and listed the only good reasons for ever moving camp at a national event, most of which had to do with convenience. The reasons we did it was because we were Medich's Battalion, we could do it, and we were proud of both of those facts. It has become clear in the last few years that this is no longer the philosophy of the majority of the units of the battalion. Since we still like to pack up camp and move because we can, this is precisely what we voted to do.

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Hope you enjoy this newsletter. Please send submissions to Sheri Bodoh at [41stbabe@joltmail.com](mailto:41stbabe@joltmail.com) or 4403 W. Shamrock Ln. #2A McHenry, IL 60050 by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Thank you!  
My regards,  
The Letter Lady

I will miss a lot of things about Medich's Battalion. There are a lot of great guys in all of the affiliated companies. There is a lot of great camaraderie in the ranks of the battalion. I will miss being under the direction of the Colonel and Lt. Colonel. Of course, we will probably have the opportunity to fall in under the command of Lt. Col. Blackstone and next to our

friends in the 154<sup>th</sup> at several local events this year. I look forward to that. But since we have been feeling increasingly unwelcome and uncomfortable, it has come time to leave. We will, of course, persevere with true grace, strength, and a little drunken stumbling.

I apologize, but I will be unable to attend the cartridge rolling party. I will be boarding a plane to Fort

Worth, Texas, at the time the party starts. I will be there for two weeks on business. So, in closing, I really look forward to seeing you all at company drill. I cannot wait for the season to get rolling.

Your humble servant,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Thomas Clements  
Co. E 41<sup>st</sup>. Va. Vol. Inf.



Hello Everyone!!!

With Beth's help a decision has been made regarding food for the Cartridge Rolling Party. We will plan on ordering pizza. I have the soda from the meeting that was left, four 2-liter bottles. If anyone wants chips or other snacks, please feel free to bring them. Please bring your own beer, or a run can be made after a collection is made. I will leave that decision to those who imbibe. I have plenty of disposable plates and utensils.

General directions from Interstate 94:

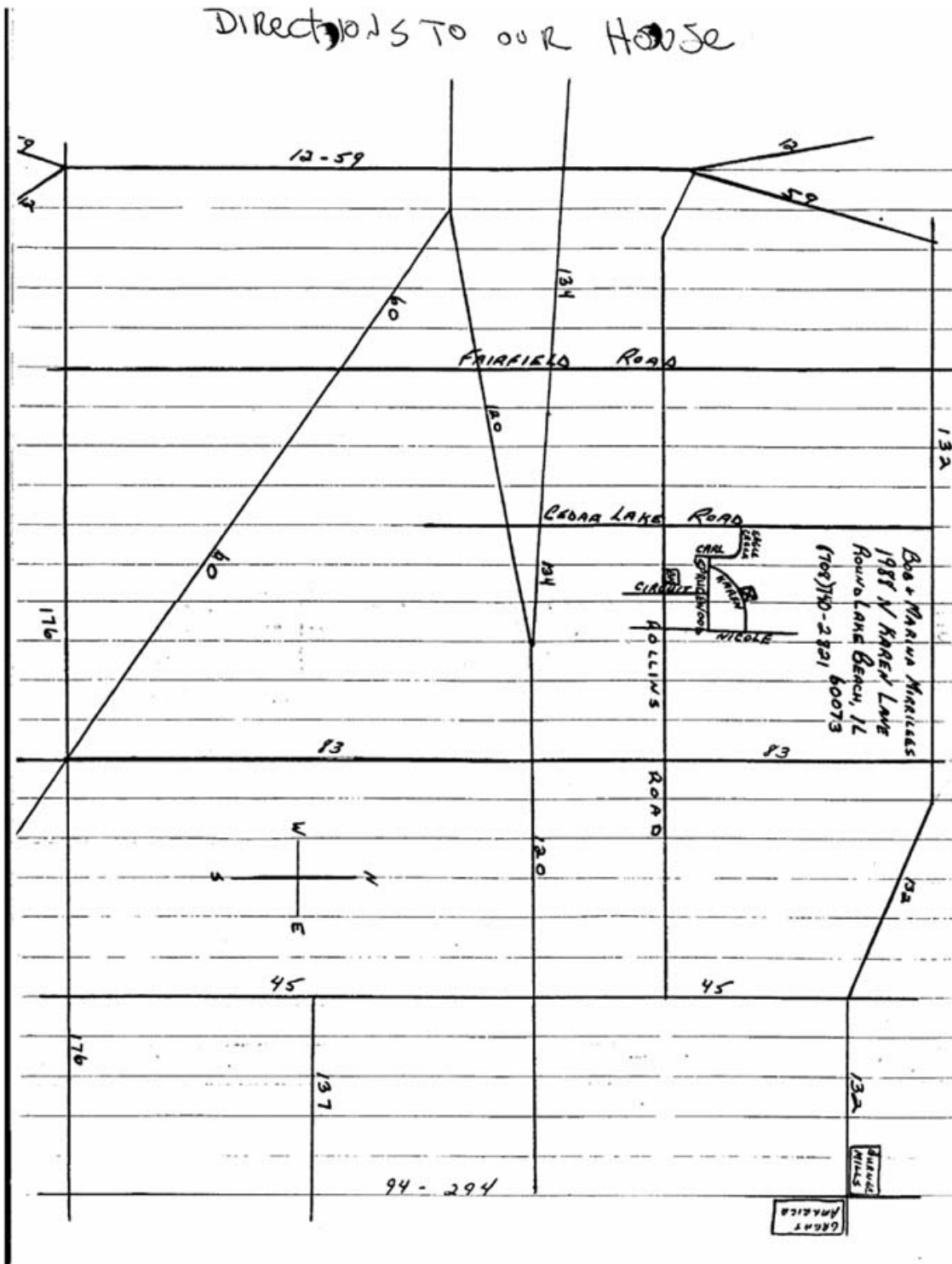
- Head West on 132/Grand Ave (Gurnee Mills Exit).
- Go South(left) on Rte 45; this is a traffic light.
- Go East(right) on Rollins Road, which will be the first traffic light.
- Go North (right) on Nicole Lane; this is a traffic light where the street runs between the Condell Medical Building and the Aldi grocery store.
- Continue to the second street to your left; this is Karen Lane. Our house number is 1988; we are located across from the children's park.

If you are not coming from the direction of 94 and need different directions, send me an e-mail or feel free to contact me and Bob at home in the evenings at 847-482-2762.

See you all there.

--Marina

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Sorry there's not much this month. The letter will grow with my talents. -Sheri ☺