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PARADE REST

By Brad Bodoh

Hey y'all. First off, let me thank you for your vote of confidence when you elected me to serve as your captain. I promise that I will do my best to be the military commander you deserve. I am looking forward to a great year; I hope you all will join me. We have an official schedule that only contains seven events. The more of us at each of these, the better and stronger our company will get. I hope everyone feels the same sense of commitment to their comrades and duty to attend every official event possible that I have felt since I joined the company more than 8 years ago. Individually we are nothing to the hobby; together we are a company.

This is going to be an interesting but fun year. Terry and I will be settling into our new roles, which should in itself create some fun. I plan to screw up at full speed. A big concern that I have heard from many members is that we lost something last year and we need to get back to where the company was a couple years ago. Well, I agree. So, what do we do about it? We need to get back to a few of the basics that have made this company great in the past:

41st Virginia, Co. E Official 2003 Schedule

Apr. 12-13 Drill—Wilmot, WI
May 3-4 McDowell, VA
May 31-June 1 Galena, IL
July 4-6 Gettysburg, PA
Aug. 30-31 Eagle, WI (Old World)
Sept. 27-28 Greenbush, WI
Oct. 11-12 Coon Valley, WI
 (Norskedalen)

Alternate Events

March 29 Blue & Gray Ball—
Belvidere, IL

May 3-4 Brookfield, WI
(Dousman Inn)

May 10 Greendale, WI
(Trimborn Farm)

May 10-11 Cedarburg, WI
(Pioneer Vlg.)

May 31-June 1 V.A. Center

June 13-15 Watertown, WI

June 14-15 Danbury, WI
Billie Creek, IN
Fond du Lac, WI

June 20-22 Clermont, IA

July 19-20 Menomonee Falls, WI
Hastings, MI

Aug. 1-3 Boscobel, WI

Aug. 9-10 Green Bay, WI (RR
Museum)

Aug. 16-17 Wauconda, IL
Ft. Snelling, MN

Sept. 7-8 Lockport, IL

Sept. 19-21 Marengo, IL

Oct. 4-5 Stockton, IL

ATTENTION ...

Please make your dues out to Brad Bodoh and send them to him by Tues., April 1. No foolin'.

330 Neville Dr. #1
Grayslake, IL 60030

\$15/individual or family

esprit de corps, first person, and attendance.

Since I joined this company, it has had its ups and downs. Something that has marked us during all the ups has been our esprit de corps. We worked together as friends to have fun even in the face of adversity. When we went to crappy events, we made our own fun instead of just sitting around complaining. When there was a downpour at Billy Creek we stood out in the rain getting soaked singing songs, telling jokes, and smoking cigars. When the rain slowed we worked together to make a fire and were the only company to have a fire when it stopped. And more recently, in May of 2001, we went to McDowell, Virginia, and slept in a church that Stonewall Jackson prayed in after the original battle. We woke up at 4:00am climbed to the top of a mountain and stopped for lunch, which we cooked together. Then, together, we fought our way down the mountain and back to town. This was one of the high points of my 8 years in the hobby. Our ability to not sweat the small stuff, endure the rough stuff, enjoy being together during the great stuff, and have fun no matter what, have been our greatest strengths. We need to start approaching everything with a positive attitude again.

Last year our first person slipped quite a bit. We need to get back to doing first person from morning to night. This is no small task. We have to get back to helping each other stay in first person. If someone starts to slip, do not join in and compound it. Instead, either pull them aside and remind them in a positive way, or stay in first person and try to lead them back. If you want to break

first person, then simply leave camp and have your conversation; remember that your comrades may be enjoying the experience of first person. Let's help each other in a positive way, and if someone helps remind you, take it for what it is: help.

I know I already covered this a bit, but it is so important. Everything depends on us being together. Two years ago we averaged 18 military members at events. We had a couple with 20 and we had one with 10. We were riding high because we could count on having 16 to 20 muskets at each event. We had everything clicking because we were doing it together. Everyone is important at events, and when someone is missing, the group is diminished. I know that not everyone can make every event, but it is important that everyone make every event they can. It is when this happens that we are strong and have the most fun.

I am looking forward to a great year of fun with my friends. I cannot wait for company drill.

Your humble servant,
Capt. John B. Vincent
Commanding Co. E 41st. Va. Vol. Inf.



3rd Annual Spring Blue & Gray Ball

March 29th
8-11 pm

Boone County Community Bldg.
Belvidere, Illinois

Desserts, punch and coffee served

\$10/person
\$25/family

Hosted by Marengo Civil War Weekend Reenactors' Committee

Please mail your check made out to *Marengo Park District* with form below to:

Tim and Char Stratton
15297 Beaverton Rd.
Poplar Grove, IL 61065

815-765-9322 for more information

Name: _____

Address: _____

of Tickets: _____

Company Meeting

Hey Pards,

The Company Meeting took place last Sunday, Feb. 9, in Brodhead -here is a short summary:

Parliamentary Officers for 2003 -

- *James Schumann - President
- *Jon Van Beckum - Adjutant
- *Brad Bodoh - Sec./Treas.

Military Officers, 2003 -

- *Brad Bodoh - Captain (** Take note - Brad is no longer Thomas W. Clements, this season on he is Capt. John Bell Vincent, who historically commanded Co. E, starting 10/64.)
- *Terry Sorchy - First Sgt. (now Sgt. Smith)
- *Nick "Bird-Dog" Davies - Second Sgt.
- *Jeff "Hudge" Bodoh - First Cpl. (** Hudge will have to learn to read some this year!)
- *Andy Ackert - Second Cpl.

Company Events for 2003 season -

- ***April 12, 13 - Company Drill, in Wilmot, WI** (this is very near the IL border, west of Kenosha, on some Boy Scout land that Brad got us the use of - pump yer own water!)
- ***May 3, 4 - McDowell, VA**
- ***May 31, June 1 - Galena, IL**
- ***July 4, 5, 6 - Gettysburg, PA**
- ***August 30, 31 - Old World Wisconsin, Eagle, WI** (we will be portraying Confederate prisoners on their way to Camp Randall in Madison - bring surly attitudes!)
- ***Sept. 27, 28 - Wade House in Greenbush, WI**
- ***Oct. 11, 12 - Norskedalen/Coon Valley**

Motions and amendments - the two amendments before the membership concerning the creation of an independant yet affiliated civilian group were tabled after some discussion - it was decided that we would wait one year for all members

to familiarize themselves with the particulars of these amendments, and that they will be voted on at next year's Company Meeting.

It was decided that we would re-establish a site on the Internet like we used to have - \$80 was set aside for this purpose, and Terry Lemke has volunteered to help us get it started and maintained.

Twists of tobacco will be part of the Company Rations this season - 10 pounds each of brats and cheese will be brought to McDowell for a sort-of barter - now we can trade with Billy Yank for coffee again! No more acorn coffee!

Here's to a great and glorious season filled with authenticity, comradeship and fun - hope to see ya'll there! ("Hold on just a gol-dang minute there - I thought the new Cap'n was suppos'd ta do all the windy speech-e-fyin' here-abouts ...")

Yer messmate and friend,
Jim Schumann
aka Benjamin L. Davis

4th U.S. Medical

Margaret Gilbert, Head Nurse of the 4th U.S. Medical in the Stillwater, Minnesota, area, has sent along her group's URL: <http://4thus.com>. The site has descriptions of their presentation and events, registration information, and a photo gallery.

Midwest Civil War Events Calendar

To All Reenactors in the Midwest:

This is to inform you that the Midwest Events section of the 3rd Wisconsin Infantry is now back online. As some of you may recall, after a short promising start our website company suddenly shifted

things around which resulted in the shutdown of the website with the loss of a considerable amount of information. Well, the website is now fully back on line with a new look to our events section.

The Midwest Civil War Events section of our website will allow all Civil War related events in the Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri to be posted. The reason that there is a need for this is that there are numerous civil war related events happening in these states which have little or no advertising. This website now allows units to post event happenings in these listed states in which individuals and units alike may examine and possibly attend. This website will hopefully allow all of us in the Midwest to get to know each other and be able to offer the public and the reenactor alike more quality events.

In order to access the Midwest Civil War Events Calendar of our website, the address is www.3rdWisconsin.org. Look for the DIRECTORY, next look for the LIVING HISTORY section, access that and then look for the FEATURES section, which you will access. Next you will notice the MIDWEST CIVIL WAR EVENTS CALENDAR. This is it. The Calendar is divided into states as well as a national event board for those who wish to list larger events out of state. In order to post or edit events, one must be registered with a username and password of one's choosing. List events now so that individuals and units alike can schedule them in for 2003. Sometimes all of us are looking for new events to attend. Should you have any questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to email me directly at caroman@execpc.com or leave a message for the webmaster.

Best Regards,
Joe Roman
3rd Wisconsin Infantry

Trimborn Farm May 10

Hi all,

I was hoping to get this info in time for company meeting, but I didn't. I know that it is probably too late to add this event to our official, so here is what I propose:

Last year, Dave B. and I (along with two other feds, whose names I can't remember- sorry), went to Trimborn Farms for a one day event. It was fun, but rainy. This was basically an educational event. With a secondary goal of getting new members. Myself and Dave commented on how fun this was and how we'd like to do this again and build this event up....

With that in mind, my contact at Trimborn invited us back again this year. The event is on May 10, from 10 am to 4 pm and coincides with their open house. There would be other people there selling crafts, explaining the farm and it's functions, and also people from UW-Milwaukee explaining the archaeological progress being made at the farm. (the site is an active dig site with crews there during the summer...)

We again would be there as an additional "attraction" and to educate the public on the civil war since the farm was in existance, at that location, during the civil war. There would be no fighting, just living history. Plus, we can be as authentic as we want. In addition, our civilian crew and come too and do what they do best.

So, what I am asking is for volunteers. I would like to have a minimum of 3 fed and 3 rebels to give a balanced portrayal of the Civil War. Civilians, if you are interested, let me know and I can see if you can use the house as a place to do your impression.

Finally, I know that this is right after McDowell. So, I understand those of you going who can't do 2 events back to back. But, for

those of you who aren't going to McDowell (or are going and want to help), this is a nice one-day local event with a lot of possibilities for expansion and growth in the future.

So, what do all of you say? I would like to go to this, but I need some additional people to make it work. Let me know what you think either via email or phone 414-453-0096.

As a final note, if there is enough interest, we could possibly vote this event on to our calender and give people another event to choose from to make their 3 (?) event minimum needed for voting rights and running rights.

A lot to think of here, so let the emails start rolling!

Your faithful adjutant,
Jon Van Beckum

PS: Below is the address to Trimborn and a paragraph that I found about it online. Also, I scanned the flyer of the farm last year and placed it in our "file" section on the yahoo group page under the name "Doc1.doc"

PSS: those of you who know people in the 3rd WI, feel free to mention this to them. They could be our feds...

Trimborn Farm Park
8881 W. Grange Ave.
Greendale, WI
414-529-7744

Trimborn Farm, the site of a pioneer lime operation, was established in 1851. It was the largest supplier of lime in Southeastern Wisconsin and remained so through the turn of the century. Later operations shifted to agriculture, dairying and horse boarding. In 1980, Trimborn Farm became Milwaukee County's only historic park. The Jeremiah Curtin House, c.1847, is an adjoining attraction.

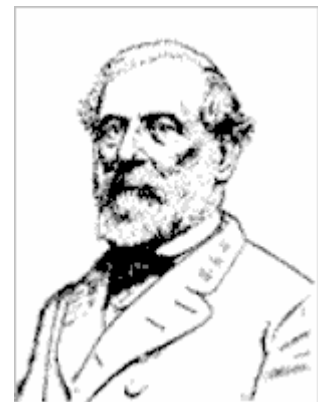
Dousman Inn, May 3-4

For those not able to go to McDowell, here's a local...

Dousman Inn
1075 N Pilgrim Rd
Brookfield, WI

For you old guys, the 41st started this one back in the early 90s, Confederate only - and it rained. We tried the next year, with Feds, and it was 110 in the shade. I went last year on Saturday. Had a great time pretty much by myself. Talked to a lot of people, taught Cub Scouts how to drill, did a bunch of food talk and cooking demos and -yeah- participated in a silly little skirmish (but that's what the public partially paid for). Also, talked to a reporter was featured in a front page story in the Waukesha Freeman. I'll be doing the same this year, since I have to work on Sunday the 4th and won't be making the McDowell trip. If anyone else is interested in attending, let me know. I have a registration sheet and will include your name. At least we'll get some credit in the program.

Munt
414-464-7377



Not Munt

Civilian Activities?

Hi All,

I was wondering if anyone would be interested in getting some civilian activities going. I know Jason is planning on going to the drill in April and thought that would be a nice time for us civilians to get together. I have some ideas for things we could do, such as sewing and a project or two, but am open to any ideas you all may have. Please let me know if this is of interest to you. We all received an email about the Brookfield event from Munt, which I will be going to, and was wondering if any other civilians would like to get something going at this event. Thought it might be a nice small event to demo or try some new things especially since a lot of the guys will be in McDowell that weekend.

Please let me know your thoughts on these things,

Stephanie Reinholz
jreinhol@wi.net
 262-642-3508

FYI on Waukesha

(contributed by Marc Reed)

As all of you know, even prior to the 2002 *Days of Glories Past* encampment here in Waukesha, it had become quite obvious that for the event to continue in an appropriate manner, the Waukesha Downtown Business Improvement District (the governmental body under whose umbrella we operate) would have to assume a much larger and more aggressive role in staging the encampment. At the end of our fall encampment, we forwarded an initial memorandum to the BID outlining operational requirements for 2003. We also felt the City of Waukesha should be providing expanded involvement, since it had become clear to us that Civil War encampments cannot sustain themselves without the full and

complete support of local government, including equipment and personnel. However, this was to be phase two of this year's strategic efforts, once BID's cooperation was secured.

That cooperation was not forthcoming. At the BID meeting of February 13, the board voted to only support the event at current levels, with perhaps some additional fundraising thrown in. We were encouraged to raise a committee on our own to run the event, and then let BID continue as it has. This is unacceptable to us. We feel that our efforts should be directed towards the reenactors who make the event possible, not being dissipated on forming additional committees, soliciting and supervising volunteers, and interfacing with the City, when the Downtown Business Improvement District has salaried employees who should be doing exactly these things to accrue the benefits of such events for the property owners they assess annually.

Each year, the BID Director has billed our event as "one of the four events BID holds each year" and has claimed credit for such. We feel the expanded role (200 to 300 staff hours by their own estimation) that we requested to support this event was well within BID's wherewithal, especially since those hours would be spread over the entire year. Nor do we feel that we should be personally tasked with forming additional committees, and continuing to assume all the basic hands-on work that is needed to make this event a success. Therefore, we are not seeking renewed funding for a 2003 encampment.

Additionally, we believe there has always been an element on the board which was hostile to our event. Whether they desire more political correctness, or are just antiwar in any form, they seem more interested in art crawls and bike races than having children

learn their own history. It saddens us to see this little group prevail and cost our community a fabulous and exciting encampment, which was well known and highly respected throughout the Midwest.

We wish to thank each and every one of you--our friends, supporters, and fellow reenactors who have made this encampment such a success. We are truly proud of what we were able to accomplish together here in Waukesha. We will surely see you in other communities and look forward to continuing this wonderful hobby we love so much.

If you have any feelings or comments regarding the Waukesha Downtown Business Improvement District's loss of the *Days of Glories Past* Civil War Encampment, please feel free to contact the BID Board President:

Mr. David Smart
 (262) 547-7755
dir.smart@wauknet.com

The *Waukesha Freeman* editor can be contacted at:

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 Waukesha, WI 53186
tperet@conley.net

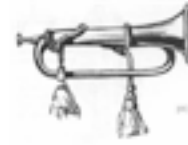
And the Editor of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* can be contacted at:

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
 Letter to the Editor
 333 W. State St.
 Milwaukee, WI 53201
jsedit@journalsntinel.com

NOTE: Remember, all letters to the editor must include name, address, and telephone number. They will only print your name, but must have the rest to avoid spurious letters.

Please pass this information on to your fellow reenactors who are not online. Again, thank you, and God Bless you all.

Larry and Ingrid Huebner
 Event Coordinators



McDowell & Gettysburg Registration

Hey Pard,

Here is the information on these two events: there are two great websites to visit -

www.mcdowell1862.com/reenactors/general.shtml www.gettysburgreenactment.com

If you are going to either/both event, I highly recommend you check these out.

MCDOWELL REGISTRATION:

There is an **INDIVIDUAL Registration Form** for this one; it was decided at the Company Meeting that each person would be responsible for his or her own registration (Civilians take note - Print out the Civilian form). Forms are available at the website above, or if for whatever reason this won't work for you, let me know and I will mail you one.

Each member is also paying the **\$20 registration fee** themselves – as it was pointed at the meeting, if we reimburse on this one, it is \$5 more than our yearly dues. For an event of this quality, it is well worth it, we get rations for this fee and any money left to the organizers goes straight into preserving this battlefield.

The cut-off is: **postmarked by April 23** - there will be **no walk-ons**. Under "Unit Name" put 41st Virginia, 2nd Co. E; under "Company you'd like to be affiliated with" put 16th Virginia (we threw in with them at Sharpsburg). I will bring extra forms along to company drill. I'm not sure if a photo ID is required here as at Gettysburg, but it couldn't hurt to bring one along.

GETTYSBURG REGISTRATION:

This is a **Unit registration**, so send your check/money to me or Brad - my address is:

James C. Schumann
842 Harmel Ave.
Oshkosh, WI 54902

E-mail: jschumann@new.rr.com

Fees: *if registered before March 15th - \$10 [****Editor's note—I apologize profusely to anyone who did not know this already; I should have had the newsletter out earlier. —Sheri****]

*if registered **before May 1st - \$15**

***until June 1st - \$25**

Again, **absolutely no walk-ons**.

The \$10 fee will be reimbursed out of Company funds. If you go beyond this in time & money, you pay the extra. Please get your fees in by March 10, so we can be sure this gets to the organizers by the first cutoff date (I work for the Post Office, so I know whereof I speak on this one!) [****Again, I apologize. —Sheri**]

Photo ID is required - don't forget. Absolutely no walk-ons. **NO sign-ups after June 1st.**

Again, please visit these sites - the McDowell site is one of the best I have ever seen. That's about all for now.

Yer messmate,
Jim Schumann
aka Benjamin L. Davis

Please send submissions to 41stbabe@joltmail.com or
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Grayslake, IL 60030.
Thank you! My regards.