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Wauconda Dropped -- GB RR Added

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ON THE WEB: www.41stva.org

Greetings:

We finished the VA Center event with a rebel yell and charge! The skirmish the second day saw elements of the 41st Virginia and 10th Tennessee join forces to push the yanks back. I personally notched my rifle after shooting my first “dismount”. Not that I have not shot at any before, but until I was never able to hit one until that day. (And most of you told me that it was impossible to hit one!)

We had a good crowd for the skirmish and the ‘taters were very friendly and appreciative. But we were not the premier Living History at this event. The men and women, the real veterans that served their country had that honor. It was with mixed emotions that we marched the “Main Street” on Saturday. Seeing those men, some in wheel chairs and walkers, all proud, saluting us, clapping for us, was moving. I did not know if I should be embarrassed or proud myself. They came and shook our hands and thanked us. That made the whole weekend worth while.

Your humble servant, Terrence Lemke

BIG NEWS:

At a company meeting at the VA center event, the present membership voted to remove the Wauconda, IL event from our list of company events. While coming short of making the Green Bay Rail Road Museum event an official “Company Event” it was agreed that there was interest enough to encourage the membership to participate. Don’t forget, the event registration and event information that I have received is posted on the web under the Event Calendar. Available information for each event has been added including, map, description, dates, and a registration form.

VA CENTER EVENT: by NCO Marc Reed. (Abridged from post)

I'd like to personally thank all of you who attended the event at the V.A. center. Although it may fall into the category of an "ultra-unauthentic" event, the 41st - along with the 10th TN - had an authentic camp, great camaraderie, and a good time.

The goal was for the VA to preserve Civil-War era buildings from the bulldozer as well as to pay tribute to those veterans who gave a portion of themselves for preserve our way of life. What higher tribute could we have given them, but to attend this event in honor of them? Those that attended may have had an experience over the weekend that made it worthwhile to attend. I had many. On Saturday morning, I had the honor of training children, ranging from 5 to 12, the to march and drill. (Sorry boys, but they were able to pick up the routine in 20 minutes.) Throughout the day, I heard "Hi, Mr. Munt," shouted across the fields. They learned about the Civil War, they remembered who taught them (The South), and they were thankful for it. That alone would have been enough.

Later, the unit was thanked by a relative of a Marine, killed in Baghdad a few days earlier trying to lead Iraqi civilians away from a potential bomb. A terrorist detonated the bomb and 3 Marines were killed. The man was grateful that we would care enough to be there.

On Sunday, as Mr. Lincoln was speaking, I had the experience of feeling like Moses. A wheel-chaired veteran was trying to hear Abe's presentation and I overheard him saying that he couldn't hear. I asked him if he would like to move closer, but he replied that there were too many people in front (about 6 deep). I asked the person in front of him if he would mind moving aside for a veteran. The man did as did the woman next to him. She tapped the person in front of her and like the story in Exodus, the sea parted. The vet was wheeled to front. He turned and thanked me, to which I replied, "Thank YOU! I'm here because of what you gave to me." His "you're welcome," made the weekend more than worthwhile for me.

Then, there was the part where I beat a Yankee in a firing competition...but I won't dwell on that. HOORAH FOR VIRGINIA! (And kudos for Sgt. Schneider of the 5th WI for taking me on!) To those that made the event: You guys made a difference this weekend. And I'm proud to be to be associated with you -- and even prouder to call you friends.

Marc Reed, NCO, 41st Virginia

Franklin TN National:

Anyone of the 41st who is interested in going to the National Event at Franklin TN, in October is welcome to fall in with the 10th Tennessee. The point of contact interested parties would want is John Baumgart (baumgarj@uwgb.edu). He is the 10th's secretary handling the registration for the unit. They would love to have members of the 41st fall in with them. Sgt. Matt Olsen says, "Over the last several events we've had several of your members fall in and it has made it all the more enjoyable. Welcome!"

Please feel free to contact John by phone (may be faster) (920) 468-4267

Also feel free to contact Matt at home (262) 740-1086, or by cell at (262) 745-1743.

Paymaster's Report:

The current balance of the coffers as of June 22nd, 2004, is a total of \$245.30. There was no disbursement or receipts since the last report.

The following have been recorded as having paid dues.

ANDY ACKERT	NANCY TROXEL
MARC REED	JIM SCHUMANN
JOHN FRITZE	JOHN VAN BECKUM
TERRY LEMKE	KEN & BETH SOCH
BRAD BODA	DAVID BUSHMOLE
MIKE RUSSEL	KENT AND ZACH COCKROFT
KEVIN WEINSHROTT	

Thanks to those who have paid. Send your dues check to the following address:

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Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Company Meeting:

We had a company meeting on June 6th during the VA Center Event. Present were, Terry Lemke, Jim Schumann, Marc Reed, John Fritze, John Van Beckum, Kent Cockroft, and Zach Cockroft. The business at hand was to quickly discuss the Wauconda event. A motion was made and seconded that the event be dropped from the "official" event list for the company making it an alternative event. Discussion followed that it was just too close to the Old Falls event and that attending both would not be possible for most members. The vote followed and the motion passed. Without making it an official event it, the Green Bay RR event, hosted by the 10th TN was recommended as an alternative event. The meeting closed in regular order.

Terrence J Lemke.

Coon Valley Promo:

As many of you may know, our own Brad Bodoh will be the overall Confederate commander for this years Coon Valley Event. This is always a great event at a great location. We would really like to encourage all members, civilian and military, to attend this event. The scenario will be placed in the early war period of 1862. Brad, I'm sure, will let us know more of what he has in store for us. We are also told to prepare for a challenge of a momentous nature. Our honor is at stake and will be tested at the Saturday Night Talent Show. Period songs, stories, skits, etc will be presented. We have the duty to show our talent (or lack there-of) – so git those wheels in yur head a grindin' and put something together!



Events:

May 1,2	Dousman Inn, Elmbrook Historical Society - Brookfield, WI
June 5,6	VA Administration, Milwaukee, WI - Company

June 11,13 Galloway House & Village (3rd Wisconsin) - Informational
 June 26,27 Boltonville Sesquicentennial, WI - Company
 July 10,11 Wauconda, IL Dropped
 July 17,18 Old Falls Village, Menominee Falls, WI - Company
 Aug 7,8 Boscobel, WI - Alternate
 Aug 14,15 Green Bay RR Museum, WI – Alternate w/High Interest
 Sept 11,12 Lockport, IL - Alternate
 Sept 25,26 Wade House, WI – Company
 Oct 1,2,3 Franklin TN. National – 10th Tenn
 Oct 1,2 Spring Hill - Alternate
 Oct 9,10 Coon Valley, WI – Company

Good of the Order:

Thank you to Jim and Mary Schumann, Terry Lemke, Jon Van Beckum, Marc and Cindy Reed, Michael, Tricia, and Nathan Russell, and everyone else for their get-well wishes and prayers this spring while I dealt with another round of Crohn's disease fun. I was off work for two months (holy crap), a wee bit more than the couple days I expected when I first went into the hospital. Almost completely recovered now, though, and I appreciate all of your good thoughts very much.

Sheri Bodoh :)

From Lt. Dan McGraw of the 10th TN (As posted on the 10th Xoops site)

Chums,

My thanks to all who attended the VA event. It was a pleasure to serve with you. A very special thanks to those lads from the 41st Virginia who joined our ranks. I think that those several thousand spectators enjoyed the event immensely. The crowd was awesome. How about the wonderful applause that the 10th/41st received during the parade and following the skirmish? Great food, great weather, great cause and great comradely. You just can't beat that.

Regards,

Dan McGraw

Images: I'm not sure, but I think this is the judge for the Coon Valley competition, the Honorable Joseph Tightagain. (Ok, it has nothing to do with anything, but I did want to have at least one image.)