

The Rebellion Crier

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A Letter from the Captain

Attention Company!

At Ease!



Well, this is the first news letter this year. As you may notice, a lot of change has been made to the news letter. First a new name! After 18 years I felt it was time to retire the *Southern Heritage*. I hope you like the new name. Tim Downey helped find it, so I hope you will enjoy the *Rebellion Crier*. As you will notice, there will be more information for the membership to enjoy. There will be an article called "Meet the real members of the 16th Va.Co D". This will come from the records of the company. Also, I will do a little history on the 16th as well. This will give you the history of the regiment from the beginning to the end. I am sure you will enjoy it. Also, I will give my usual discussion on past events and their ratings. We hope members will send in items to keep this newsletter fresh. In other words, please help! Now, on to the past event. That of course was the last Christmas event at Endview. It turned out very well. Thanks to all who brought food etc. Thanks to Armand for all the work preparing, etc. Thanks to all who helped out. It was a success. On a scale of 1 to 10, I give it a 7. On a down side I was sorry to hear Pop Cates fell and broke his hip. We wish him well. Also, the flag ceremony was very moving and sad for many of us. The old 32nd flag was as

good to us as the original boys. I can only guess how they felt when they retired it on Dec. 7, 1862. Now, on to the work weekend. My God it was great to see all that help. We got a lot done. We got so much done that I was able to cancel the work weekend of Feb. 25-26! That's right! No work weekends this month. We will have one the weekend of March 11-12. Please come and help again. This is the weekend before the event. We want it to look good. I hope to see you all at Lebanon Church on the 12th of February. Well, I will close for now. See you all real soon.

I remain your obedient servant,
sirs!

Capt. Billy Smith
16th VA. Co D

SCHEDULE 2006

Feb 12 - Noon - Ceremony at
Lebanon Church

March 18-19 Endview Battalion
event

April 21-23 Living History in
Smithfield - Company event
Please try and arrive Friday
night

May 20-21 Ft. Pocahontas Company
event

June 9-11 Hanover, NC - Dixie
Days - battle of Shady Grove
Road - Battalion event -
battalion going Federal and
being paid for it!

July 21-23 at Cedar Creek -
First Manassas - ANV event

August - open

September 9-10 - Chesapeake
Civil War Days - Company event

September 23-24 Stanardsville -
Battalion event

October 20-22 Cedar Creek ANV
event

November 4-5 Locust Grove
Company event

December 9-10 Heritage Park,
Isle of Wight - Company event.

HISTORY

History of the 16th Virginia
Infantry, Army of Northern
Virginia

According to the state records, the unit was accepted by the Confederate government for military service on June 11, 1861. At first it was the 26th Va. Once reorganized, it was renamed the 16th Va. There were, in the beginning, 9 companies. One of the companies was the Norfolk Light Blues. Later the companies were reorganized again. This time the Blues left. The company we portray is Company D., the Isle of Wight Rifle Greys. The Captain was George H. Jordan. Most of the men in the company came from Smithfield, Windsor, Ivor, etc. Many were sworn in at the depot in Windsor. From there the men loaded the train for Norfolk to join the rest of the regiment. The first Colonel of the 16th was Raleigh Colston, an alumnus of the Virginia Military Institute (class of 1846). This is where we will stop for now. Until next time.

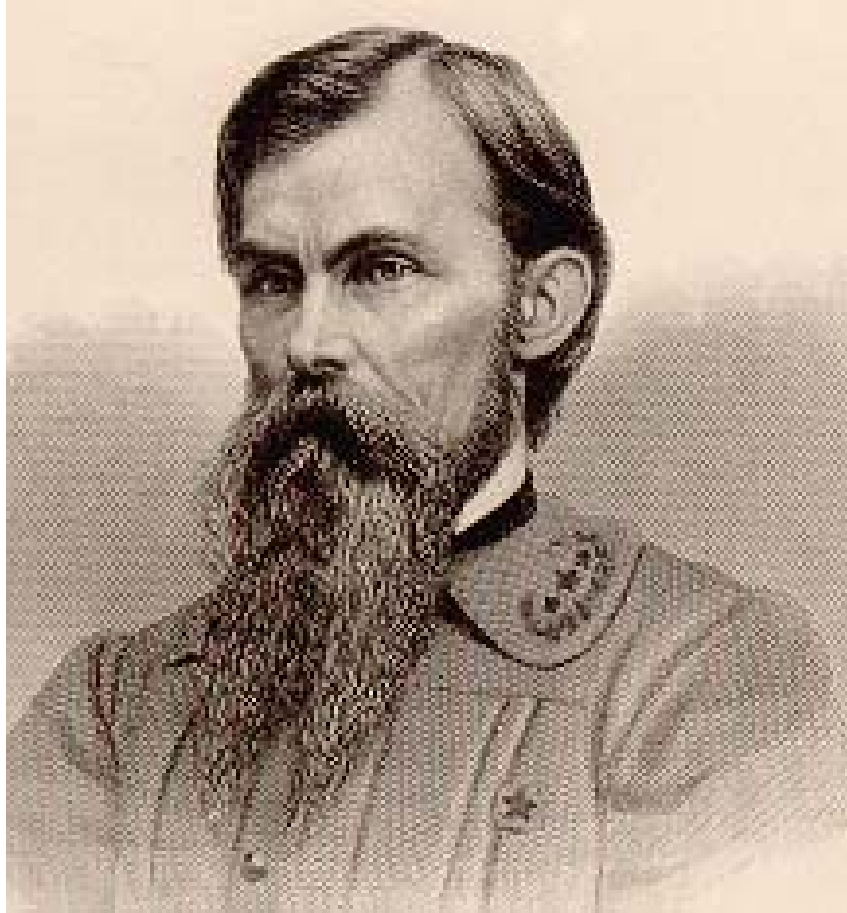
Capt. Smith

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

I will be writing a column in

each newsletter that will cover a lot of different subjects, from equipment to history and everything in between. I will also throw in a little "did you know?" and some trivia. Alright, lets get going! I am trying to do inventory on the company's equipment, always important but even more so now that we will be moving to Isle of Wight Co. after the March event. If ya'll have any gear that is company property, please let me know and I will add it to the list. Also, and this one will not be easy to do, but must be done. If you know of a former member that has company property, please let me or your NCO's know so that we can try to get it back. Also, after the March event I will be passing out the "Mahone shield". This is a small shield that is about the size of a quarter that will be sewn on your jacket. You will be issued two of these, no charge to you, but after that if you need more they will be \$1.00 each. My wife has been making these for a while now and they are a pain to produce so take care of them. Captain Smith wants the unit to wear only these so we will all have the same type. Do you know what these shield are? For those of you who may not know, it was a small patch made out of wool that was worn by all members of Mahone's Brigade just above the left breast. See photo of Gen. Mahone below.

Tim Downey



Note the location and size of the shield!