

The Rebellion Crier

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A Letter from the Captain

Attention Company! At Ease!



Well
Gentlemen, as
they say in
the movie
industry -

**ITS A
WRAP!!!.**

Another
famous phrase
- The FAT
LADY HAS

SUNG!!! Dadadadada That's all
Folks!! I guess you get the
point. We have completed our
commitments to Endview. Thank
you all for helping do this.
Yes, it comes with mixed
feelings, but change is good! We
have a lot to look forward to
for the future in our new home.
The county people came out both
days. From all the feedback I
received by e-mail, they were
pleased at what they saw. The
event went off ok, I guess. I
wasn't happy with the City over
numerous items, hay, portapots,
etc. I wasn't too happy with the
battle on Sunday, either.
Nothing you all did. Things just
didn't seem to go off as
planned. The best times were
when we were all together.
Burying the time capsule was
cool, and the photo shoot was
great!! The period photo was so
cool. It was good to see you
all. I would like to thank POP
for the new flag and the watch
he gave me. I wish to thank Tim
Downey for the good meals,
especially Saturday evening
diner. It was great. Thank you
also to Ray for helping out plus
Joy, Missy, and Lloyd for
serving. I almost forgot, thank
you Joy for the soup Friday.
That helped us out a lot. It was

very good. I want to thank Tony
and Ray for helping me try to
clean the johns as best as we
could. Thank you all for showing
up for the work weekends. I have
so many people to thank that I
can't remember you all! If I
missed anyone I am sorry. It
appears the ladies are forming a
new organization. I wish them
the best. On a scale of 1 to 10,
I give the last Endview event a
7. Now for the ceremony at
Lebanon Church. All went well
there. We were fed well and
treated as guests. We did a good
job for them, even though we
didn't make the paper. We were
over-shadowed by Mr. J.
Quarstine's speech. We know who
the real stars were. Need I say
more? We had 15 people there for
this event. I thank you all for
that kind of support. As a
reminder to you all, get your
personal property out of Endview
as soon as possible. It was good
to see Vincent and David last
weekend. We are proud of you
both. Don't forget about the Red
fireman shirt. If you haven't
gotten yours yet, please contact
Quartermaster Sgt. Tim Downey to
get them ordered. We want to
have them by Manassas this
coming July. I look forward to
next month at Smithfield for
Patriot's Day. Please try to be
there Friday to set up. It will
be busy Saturday morning. I hope
we have a good showing for our
first event in the county. We
have the 61st coming as well. We
should have a great time. After
we get up Sunday and pack away
every thing, we will convoy to
the new site. Until Smithfield,
I bid you all good-bye.

I remain your obedient servant,
sirs!

Capt. Billy Smith
16th VA. Co D

SCHEDULE 2006

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 Continued

Well, for the first six
months or so the regiment
drilled in Norfolk where it was
sent to defend the city and to
become a military fighting
machine. While there, the
regiment was sent to Tanners
Creek. There it drilled and
helped support the shore
batteries. At the end of the
year, Col. Colston returned back

to VMI and was promoted to Brig.
Gen. The regiment now was under
the command of Col. Henry Tucker
Parrish. He was also a VMI
alumnus. On Col. Colston's
departure he bragged, "I will
make bold to say the 16th Va.
bears the reputation of being
the best in the service!!!!!!!"
1862 would truly begin to make
soldiers out of the men of the
16th Va. Until next time.

Capt. Smith

MEET THE REAL BOYS of 16th VA. Co D.

Pvt. George F. Atkins, Enlisted March-1-
1862 at Huger Barracks near Norfolk Va.
KIA June 12, 1864 at Cold Harbor.

Pvt. Murdock T. Atkins Farmer, Enlisted
April 22, 1861 at Windsor Va. age 34. No
more info!

Isle of Wight Historical Society Newsnotes

Newsnotes 0617

Our very own CSA reenactment unit,
Company D (the "Isle of Wight Rifle Grays"),
16th Virginia Infantry Regiment was featured
on the cover of this month's "The Observer"
magazine which highlighted the upcoming
events of Smithfield Patriots Day, April 22nd.
Attached is a short history of this local unit
which may appear in the next issue of the
magazine. "Co. D" was formed shortly after
Virginia declared her secession from the
USA and the unit was initially comprised
mostly of Smithfielders.

Newsnotes 0618

**Next Saturday, March 18, at Endview
Plantation** in Newport News will be your last
chance to see the 32nd Virginia Regiment
(CSA) in action before they "reflag" as our
very own Company D, 16th Virginia
Regiment "Isle of Wight Rifle Grays" and

relocate over here to the Southside. Look for a capsule history of this unit in next month's The Observer magazine published for distribution in Isle of Wight County by The Virginian Pilot.

Ordnance Note

This just a reminder, please fill out the cards I gave out at Endview. This is for your protection. If your weapon was stolen at an event, we will have a copy of your info. This info WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANYONE. Please do this and get it turned in to me ASAP! Keep those weapons cleaned and have plenty of rounds. It looks like a busy campaign season. Also save those empty black powder cans.

Ordnance Sgt. Ray Steveson

From The Desk Of The Company Quartermaster

I hope everyone had a good time at the last event! I sure did, but I was ragged out Monday when I got to work! I guess it just takes a little longer to bounce back these days. A few words about the weekend are in order. The staff dinner went well. I had a few small problems serving a four-course meal in the woods, but the little things that went wrong were so small that the members of Col. Smith's staff never noticed. These duties kept me so busy during this event that I had no time to shoot the breeze with the boy', but things will be different in Smithfield on the 22nd of April. To the business at hand. I will be trying to get the last order for any red battle shirts for the members that are going to Manassas in July. If you were at Endview, you already know that Col. Smith cut a deal with one of the Sutlers to buy the shirts for \$30.00 instead of \$38.00. If

you didn't get your shirt then, I will be taking an order, so bring the cash and what size and I will get the order out. It may cost a little bit more because of the postage, but it may be our last time at this discount. Last time I mentioned that from time to time I might throw a bit of Civil War, wait I dislike that description, "The War Of Northern Aggression" that's better, trivia at you guys just to see how sharp you are. Tell me the answer at the next event and you will get a slap on the back and an "Attaboy" and maybe a "damn good job" thrown in. Of all of the Confederate Generals killed during the war only one was an army Commander. Who was he and where was he killed? If you feel that one was to easy tell me the three Corps Commanders that were killed, where and in the order of their deaths and I will throw in a "damn, your Good" on top of the rest.

Acting Company Quartermaster
Tim Downey

An E-mail from the 13th VA Cavalry

Congratulations Col. Smith,
With the publicity of your current picture on the front cover of the Isle of Wight magazine, a lot of community members have been giving out fresh, positive questions, and feedback. I was overwhelmed by the pride that the "locals" have, for Civil War History. Great Job by you, and your unit. David

Respectfully,

David Fay

An E-mail from Phil Michael

Billy,

I just got home a while ago from cleaning up our camp. One of your guys was there and we had a chat about the future of Endview. I saw where they had placed the development markers and it gave me a feeling of sorrow seeing that little red plastic flag planted in the middle of the path underneath where our sign use to be before Isabelle took it down. There were many rumors about the site but you were always up front and a reliable source of information. I just want you to know that the 6th's support lies with the 16th, a fellow Mahone's Brigade unit. By the sounds of the future, Isle of Wright looks to be a wonderful relief of months of living in the shadows of the unknown.

Phil

Editor's Comment:

As you can see from the many Newsnotes and e-mails, there is much excitement and positive things related to our move to Isle of Wight!