

The Rebellion Crier

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A Letter from the Captain

Attention Company! At Ease!



Were does the time go? It's already June!! That means half of the season is already gone. It has been a busy one for me this year.

Company business, Battalion, County, etc.! Plus, the reenactments themselves. Speaking of reenactments, we just got back from Ft. Pocahontas. The event was small but we had a blast. Saturday's tactical was fun. We kicked some A----! Then the battle was as much fun as the tactical. We were treated well and the camps were good. Sunday's battle was great too! The whole weekend we were impressed with the USCTs. They had 2 cannon crews, plus a number of infantry companies. There must have been close to 100 of them. I have never seen so many at a reenactment. On a scale of 1-10 I give it an 8!! I look forward to next year. While there, I started selling the new unit window stickers. I sold enough to pay for the printing. The money from the rest sold is all profit for the company. If you have not gotten yours yet let me or Tim know. The cost is \$5. Please support your unit. Show it with pride! See you all in blue at Mechanicsville. Plan for the next 2 events to be very hot. Please bring lots of bottled water frozen, and eat light. I got a fan at Wal-Mart that runs off batteries for 24 hours. This will help me at least get some sleep. It cost

\$12.88 plus batteries. Just a few words of advice from an old war horse!

I remain your obedient servant,
sirs!

Capt. Billy Smith
16th VA. Co D

SCHEDULE 2006

June 9-11 Mechanicsville - 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.

From the desk of the Quartermaster

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well, Captain Smith tells me that I missed a good event for the month of May, but my wife and I went to Phoenix with my dad. It has been almost thirty years since I have

seen the Grand Canyon and it is still a breath taking sight! I hear that the window stickers went over well and I am very happy about that. We have lots more for anybody that did not get one at the last event. A white vinyl four inch circle sticker that you can put on your car or truck and tell the world that you are a member of the 16th Virginia. The unit is selling these for five bucks each, and the money goes into a fund to buy things the unit may need in the future. As Captain Smith may have mentioned, we had a meeting in Isle Of Wight last week and this whole long process of working with the county is all falling into place. This is going to be a very exciting year for us and the citizens of the county.

Sgt. Tim Downey

Acting Quartermaster 16th Va

NOTES

Red Battle shirts - if you need to order one, contact Tim Downey ASAP!

The stickers Tim talked about will be on sale at Mechanicsville. \$5.00 each. Remember, after the first \$20, the rest is company profit!!!

POWDER ORDER

Gentlemen,

I have an opportunity to purchase some black powder at or below market price. It should be in 1# cans and is either FF or FFF. If you are interested, I need to know how many pounds you would be interested in as soon

as possible. (I realize price may be a factor so until I can get a definite price, assume \$8.00/pound). If I get enough response, I may be able to have it available at the reenactment this weekend. Please pass this along to members that may not have e-mail.

Thank you

Mark Doughty
16th Va Co D

Meeting With Isle Of Wight Officials and Yankees!

Wednesday May 24th, Ron Pierce, Tim Downey and I attended a meeting with the parks and recreation and historical services. The meeting went very well. The events and locations for the events were set. Plus, much was discussed about advertising to the public and getting re-enactors to come and see the events. The county is ready to roll on this now. There are a couple of issues yet dealing with log splitters and insurance that have to be worked out. I will discuss this at the next event with the membership.

Sunday morning May 28 Ron Pierce and I met the Yankees and the officials at Dairy Queen at 10 AM. We took them to both sites. They were very impressed with the sites and how the county officials were so friendly and excited about the events. The officials were just as happy to see the Yankees come to look. All is on a roll now! We are almost home!!

Capt. Smith