

The Rebellion Crier

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A Letter from the Colonel



Attention
Brigade!

At ease!

Well, here is the second issue this season. We have not had a lot happen lately to

send one out. Now we have Patriot's Day Behind us and Ft. Pocahontas behind us as well. As for the Smithfield event, it went off well. Small compared to the numbers we had last year. Hey, I understand. Most of us were worn out by Cold Harbor! This will most likely be the last year for it due to the lack of interest from volunteers. But thank you to all that came out. We even got \$100 for coming! Now on to Ft. Pocahontas!! We had a great time there. This was the best time I can remember there in a long time. Thank you Armand for getting there and getting the camp laid out. It looked great. The battles were fun but the camaraderie was the best part to me. I had a chance to hang out with the guys. That was fun. History came to pass while we were there. The 61st Va. has decided to become part of our brigade. We have a couple of things to work out but it looks like a done deal. Also since Armand is only two people short of 12 people, I have started the ball rolling on the formation of the 12 Va. Co. H. They will be under the command of Tony Rejuney with Robert Vernon as 1st Sgt. This will begin as soon as Armand completes his 12. Congratulations to the both of

you. You will need it. You have a lot of work ahead of you. Tony has begun research on the unit. The company was from Norfolk. Once Tony gets his unit up, we will have four companies. That only leaves one to go!! Thank you to the ladies for the great breakfast Sunday morning! It was great. While I am on the subject of our ladies, I forgot in the last news letter to thank you all for helping out Saturday morning with registration at Cold Harbor. Joy, thank you for the glasses and Donna and the ladies that helped out with the officer's dinner. The stew was great as was all the corn bread etc.! On the subject of Cold Harbor, I have received a statement of how much money the Brigade made from the event. Our 25% came to be \$1,556.86. We never got that at Endview!! I am currently on the final stages of planning with the county for next year's event. Just a reminder, if you miss an event please pay the unit back ASAP! You can not go to the next event until you pay up what you owe! Well, I will close for now. Remember we will be doing Federal as last year at Dixie Days. The Battalion gets paid to do this. It is a good fund raiser for the Battalion. Please come out and support it!! We will be discussing the future of Mahone's Brigade and we will also be having a Battalion meeting on the bylaws that the committee worked on this past winter. We were going to go over it at Cold Harbor but we just did not have the time. That sure sounds different!

I remain your obedient servant,
sirs!

Colonel Billy Smith

A letter from Captain Pierce

Well guys, what can I say. As always you guys were great. I want to thank the NCOs for doing a great job. As always, you were on the ball. I think every thing went great, from the battles to the drills. You guys looked good. The battles were a bit too long and many of you ran out of powder. There at the last I think some of you were down to sticks and rocks! And for the first time we were out numbered. I think for me the best time was sitting around the camp fire with you all, although the McCoys had to act up. But I think me and Tony put them back in their place(it ain't over yet boys). The family will be back together at Dixie Days. Please guys remember to bring your blue to Dixie Days as we are doing blue there. This is a battalion event. We got the 61st coming, it will be great, and they feed us.

Well until next time,

Your obedient servant

Capt. Ron Pierce
16th VA. Co. D

A letter from Captain Dufresne

First, I would like to welcome Alton and Adam to the unit. We now have 10 members. Although we still fall in with the 16th as the Brigade grows, I want all to remember that we are still one big family of brothers. I saw that unity in the camps at this event. The camp looked great all weekend. Keep up the good work men. The weather was great all weekend. I know I got eaten up with red bug but no ticks. I enjoyed the battles and it was an honor to command the 44th VA while their Captain was on sick leave. We also saw that Tony

commanded the 61st VA, as their Captain was missing. It shows us that the rank and structure system works - we are an army. Tony, you did a great job out there. I am looking forward to helping you build the 12th Va.

I would like to thank the IWSAS for the wonderful breakfast that they cooked on Sunday morning and offered to everyone. They also made some home made butter by hand that they passed out as well. Great job ladies. Their web site is up and running. Check it out when you can.

<http://www.geocities.com/iwsas/>

Dixie days is coming up soon. Again, I want to remind all of you that will be going to let me know at that event if you will be going to Chesapeake Civil War Days. Again the cost is \$5.00 and you can pay me when you come to the event. We had another meeting this past week. Here is some good news, looks like the city parks and rec dept will take up the event next year and it will be held at the park on Greenbrier Parkway. I will explain more when I see all of you.

Just want to remind everyone that we will be doing the new Battalion by-laws at Dixie Days. We did not have enough time at Cold Harbor to do this.

Until next time, gentlemen.

Yours in Service

Capt. Armand Dufresne
41st VA. CO. F

From the desk of the Quartermaster

Well here we are heading into the summer season again, and I thought I might cover a few heat related subjects. Last July when

we did Manassas the heat was bad but was not as bad as when we did The Battle of Big Bethel. When we came off the field I thought that I going to pass out. The water was just pouring out! Most of the young guys and a few of the old ones never worry about this, but I have found that if I drink a few bottles of water before I go onto the field ,I feel much better. Stay hydrated! Fresh fruit like Pineapple or oranges will help keep that water in your system. Now to the good stuff. Have you seen the portable fan that Billy and a few others are using ? These fans are about twenty bucks in the camping section at Wal-Mart and they run on eight 'D' batteries and will last through the weekend. We have all been in our tent and felt like we were going to melt. Well this fan will make the night a lot cooler. Stay cool! See you at next event.

Quartermaster Sgt. Tim Downey

2007 Schedule

June 9th -10th - Dixie Days Battalion Event

July 28th - 29th - The Crater Living history
Petersburg Va. DATE TENTATIVE

Aug 11th - St. Lukes Smithfield living history.
1 day event.

Sept 8th - 9th - Chesapeake Civil War Days

Oct 19th - 21st - Cedar Creek ANV Max
event

Nov 3rd - 4th - . Locust Grove

Dec 8th - 9th - Christmas event. IWC