

Southern Heritage

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A Letter from the Captain

Attention Company!

At Ease!



Due to modern technology, (my computer crashed again) this edition is a bit late. However, lots to cover, so let's get started. First off, the April event at the Prentiss House went very well. Thanks to all of you

who attended. The sponsors treated us very well and as a first year event, they did a good job. Those of you who weren't there missed a good one, even if we were Yankees! The 32nd was the highlight of the event. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to do it again next year. On a 1 to 10 scale, I'd give it a six. Next, 140th Spotsylvania. One word describes it - Awesome! As many years as I have been re-enacting, it has been a long time since I participated in an event of this quality. In every aspect, the event organizers looked out for the reenactors first and foremost. There was no pressure put on us - plenty of relax time built into the event. The battles were absolutely great! The earthworks were incredible! The camp area was excellent - right in the middle of a giant complex of strawberry patches. Well laid out - easy to find - easy to get in and out of. Hopefully, in a few years, this will be held again. The weather on Saturday and Sunday was perfect. On a scale of 1 to 10, this one gets a 9.5, only because of the terrific storm Friday night and the damage it did. Not the fault of the event organizers. If you missed this one, too bad for you! Next event is the tactical weekend at Loudon Heights. Prepare yourself for hot weather for this one. Most are going campaign style, but as a reminder there will be a camp area for those who wish to set up camp. Remember to plan to travel light on the field,

and to eat light. Only what you can carry with you. Ammunition - place cartridges in groups of 20 or so and wrap them in foil. Wrap the foil in a period proper paper (no Christmas wrap, please) and write your name on the pack. Company ammo boxes will be set up in the rear of the line for storage. I want to thank the officers, NCOs and privates who came out and supported these events. We need to get more of you to show up, so please check the schedule and come to as many events as you can.

I remain your obedient servant, sir!

Capt. Billy R. Smith

A word of advice!

In June we will be going to a tactical weekend in Loudon County Virginia. If you don't have a knapsack, I would invest in one if you can. It will make life for you out there a lot better.

Capt. Billy

ANV-USV Tactical Encampment Directions

Neersville, Virginia on Loudon Heights

Directions: from the north, take Route 340 S over the Potomac Bridge. Make first left onto County Road 671 (Harpers Ferry Road. Go about 4 miles. Driveway is on the right - look for CW sign. From the south: take Route 340N over the Shenandoah bridge. Make first right onto County Road 671 (Harpers Ferry Road. Go about 4 miles. Driveway is on the right - look for CW sign.

ANV-USV Tactical Encampment Ammo Info

Per rules of the tactical, we will be carrying all of our ammo in company ammo

boxes. When making rounds for this event, please follow the following rules:

1. After rolling rounds, place them in groups of 10.
2. Wrap them in aluminum foil.
3. Wrap them in brown paper, from a paper bag, and write your name on it.

It is recommended that you bring at least 200 rounds. Tony suggests you may want to place your rounds in groups of 40, instead of 10.

Event Schedule

The event schedule for the coming year is posted on the company web site (www.32ndvanews.homestead.com).

June 4-6 Loudon Heights ANV-USV Tactical weekend - AANV event

July - attempting to schedule a drill weekend at Endview

Aug 21-22 White Sulfur Springs - 2nd Batt. Event **NOT A COMPANY EVENT - ON YOUR OWN**

Sep 17-19 Hupps Hill - 2nd Batt. Event **CANCELLED**

Oct 16-17 Cedar Creek - ANV event

Oct 22-23 Ghost Walk - Company event

Nov 13-14 ANV Convention

Dec 11-12 Christmas in the Field - Endview

Registration dates:

Cedar Creek - May 31st

People can sign up via the website or call Mark at 871-1487. (If he doesn't answer, leave a message telling him you're what event you are going to.)

Rules of Engagement for Loudon Heights Tactical

To Btn POCs
From Capt. Stevenson
By Order Col Mullen

All,
See attached rules of engagement for the ANV tactical at Loudon Hts. All Officers and NCOs need to be familiar with them.

Gentlemen,

In accepting a request from our very own Capt. Henry Wirz of Andersonville, (Capt. Larry Murray of the 10th Bttn) who will be overseeing the prisoner exchange and detention of our prisoners. General Tolar has agreed to allow the following, under these conditions which will be strongly enforced, period. Capt. Murray will be in charge and responsible for our youngsters between the ages of 14-15 who normally cannot participate in battle reenactments due to our bylaws and event regulations, but for this event may be allowed to participate as Guards at our very own Murraysville Prison. These are the conditions that have been set up for their participation and more may be added if need be.

If they can participate according to these rules fine, if not I'm sorry - no exceptions. Also, none of them may enter the battlefield or combat zone at Loudon Heights; they may not pass the buffer zone separating the town and the battlefield, which will be clearly defined.

Just a reminder for how prisoner exchanges work for Loudon. Officers will be paroled and expected to report to the town till properly exchanged. Mounted officers will be allowed two choices after giving their parole 1. return to their base camp for one hour, and not participate or 2. go to the prisoner collection point dismounted signifying their capture and picket their horse till exchanged. Prisoners will be allowed to keep possession of their weapons at all times, after they have

cleared them on the field and moved to the prisoner collection point under guard. At the collection point, they will stack weapons and they can post their own guard to watch their weapons. Under no circumstances is any escort or guard to touch a prisoner or his possessions, including his weapon. At the collection point, prisoners will be checked out by a doctor and can refill canteens and relax till properly exchanged, which will occur once an hour.

Capt. Murray, or shall I say Capt. Wirz, is in charge of the prisoners and compound and any men temporarily assigned to guard prisoners. Men assigned to escort prisoners back to the compound may have to stay for a little while to assist in the guarding of prisoners. They shall not be required to stay more than 45 minutes.

Any questions, please ask. I want this to be clear and run smooth. We feel we need to do something historically correct for our younger reenactors on the cusps of being actively involved but we want them to be safe and have the proper supervision. We believe by doing this we can achieve that.

Thank you,

Ray

(From Larry Murray, approved by Gen. Bob Tolar) I have permission from the General of the ANV to let the young boys play also at Loudon Heights. The only thing is there are a few rules they and you have to understand first:

- 1) They will **NOT** allow to use **ANY** black powder or caps or have any on them for the whole weekend.
- 2) They will **NOT** be allowed to carry and bayonet or knives.
- 3) They will be **used as guards ONLY** for me at "Andersonville Compound".

They will be under my command only, they will be staying in the garrison camp with their parents at night.

They will be eating lunch at Andersonville from their haversacks.

- 4) They must be in **full** uniform, from head to toe. **NO EXCEPTIONS.....**

5) IF ANY OF THEM BREAK ANY OF THESE RULES THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING AND WILL BE SENT BACK TO THEIR GARRISON CAMP AREA FOR THE REST OF THE WEEKEND.

- 5) At the end of each day I will march them back to the garrison camp area to be dismissed

GENERAL INFO

On Thursday June 3rd the site is open for Division, Brigade, Battalion and Regiment. Staffs may arrive in the afternoon. Division staff will be on site Thursday morning. Wood, Water, and portajohns will be onsite by then. There is no straw at this event. Ice will arrive on Friday afternoon - you will have to walk up and get it, its not a far walk. Registration opens Friday for the general membership. Volunteers are needed to assist in registration. It is simple - just check a name off of a list, and if they are walk on, they pay the walk on fee of \$15.00. A few people may be needed to help get cars parked. General Tolar will not be accepting registration the last week of May or before the event, so please send it in now. There will be four sutlers there, plus whatever civilian activities that Stacy and Maggie have worked out. The Tactical begins at 8am on Saturday and runs to 1pm on Sunday. Brigade Commanders should have operational staffs and be ready to be operational by Friday late afternoon; there will be orders coming out. Plus we will need some workers to assist in a detail supervised by our Chief Engineer on Friday and first thing Saturday, more information on this will be sent to the brigade commanders.