

# Southern Heritage

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## A Letter from the Captain

### Attention Company!

#### At Ease!



Well, it is hard to believe another year is winding down. This will be the last letter for this year. I consider this the "Year of

the Roller Coaster". It started out on a high, the middle of the year was a low, and it ended on a high. Hopefully, next year's schedule will provide for an even keel of events.

Our opening event in October was Cedar Creek. To sum it up, it was a good event. It did have a lot of long distance walking, not that there aren't a lot of us who need some long distance walking! The fights were much better, the camp area was new and there was good turn out from the company. On a scale of 1 to 10, I'd give it an 8.

Next came the Ghost Walk at Endview. First off, I want to thank each and every one in the company, their family members and friends who took part in this year's event. I especially want to thank those of you who came out Thursday night and all day Friday to help set up and then helped tear down on Sunday, in the rain. These people deserve a round of applause from those who weren't there - if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have been able to pull this off. Next year I hope that we will get more assistance from more of

the company - not just the same old group who seem to show up whenever work is involved. The event was a great success. We raised over \$7000 in ticket sales alone. When added to the sale of the glow in the dark rings and other items, the total came to over \$8000. After Sunday's clean up, we had a meeting with Endview staff about showing some appreciation for those who worked so hard, not only on this event, but also on all events at Endview. More about that later. On a scale of 1 to 10, I'd give the Ghost Walk a 9.

On Saturday, we held a company meeting. Nominations for company staff were held with the results all positions except one will be filled by the existing staff. The one position that will be voted on is 2<sup>nd</sup> corporal. Bruce Cates and David Adams were nominated. The voting will be held Saturday night at the Christmas event. Remember, you need to vote leadership, not friendship.

The ANV Convention was held the weekend of Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. Ron Pierce, Tommy Mullen and I attended. The Battalion elections were held at Cedar Creek and once again Tommy Mullen will be Colonel (well deserved), your humble servant (me) will be Lt. Colonel, and Al Casper will be Major. The insurance for ANV will be going up \$10.00 for this year. Some numbers for your information - there are about 3800 members in the ANV and 40 artillery pieces. Next year's convention will be the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November for anyone interested in attending. At a Battalion meeting the events for the coming year were decided upon. For dates, please see the schedule section of this

newsletter. There will be some new events and some old ones. I hope to see maximum event participation this coming year. After all, we are the largest unit in the Battalion.

Our last event is Christmas in the Field, the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December. There is a work weekend the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We need to do a lot of work to clean up the camp areas. So let's see maximum participation. Bring your weed eaters, chainsaws, rakes, etc. Two days of hard work will have the camp areas ready to go. Don't forget to bring a turkey or ham to the Christmas event. Endview staff will provide drinks and the vegetables.

I look forward to seeing everyone at these two events!

I remain your obedient servant, sirs!

Capt. B. R. Smith

## INVITATION

The 32<sup>nd</sup> has received the following invitation:

*Lebanon Church of Christ*

*Mr. Prentiss Smith  
and Mr. Fauntleroy Smith Bentien*

*invite you to attend the  
presentation of a Civil War  
Christmas.*

*Saturday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 7PM.*

*Join Ms. Mariah Curtis on  
Christmas Eve 1918 as she tells  
her grandchildren of an 1862  
Christmas.*

This is the Saturday of the Christmas event. Please make every effort to attend. The more

re-enactors present, the more authentic the atmosphere. Thank you.

## REMINDERS

1. Those of you who volunteered to provide uniform items for the Lebanon Church of Christ Saturday night church service during the Christmas event, please bring them to the work weekend.
2. Voting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal will be held on Saturday at the Christmas event. Nominees are Bruce Cates and David Adams.
3. There will be a Sunday brunch provided at 11:30 by the Endview staff. The 32<sup>nd</sup> is invited. This is in appreciation for all the work we've done to support Endview this past year.

## SCHEDULE

December 4-5 - work weekend

December 11-12 - Christmas in the Field - Endview

## 2005

Note: Dates may be subject to change

March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - Battalion drill at Endview

April 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> - Appomattox Campaign

May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - Kelly's Ford

June - 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> - Endview  
Spring event - Cold Harbor and  
North Anna

July - 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> - Loudon  
Heights Tactical

August - 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> - the  
Summer of 62 campaign

September - 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> -  
Stanardsville

October - 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> - Cedar  
Creek

October - 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ghost  
walk

November - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> - company  
event at Oak Grove sponsored by  
Peninsula Artillery

December - 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> -  
Christmas in the Field

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