



# **COMPANY K GAZETTE**

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## **SPECIAL EDITION**

**JANUARY 2010 SPECIAL DISPATCH**

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### **LATE BREAKING NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS!!**

#### **COMPANY K DINNER AND BALL CANCELLED**

It has been my sad duty to inform the members of our Company that the annual dinner and ball for 2010 has had to be cancelled. Last year a last minute problem arose and we had to find a different location virtually at the last minute. This year another problem surfaced after the organizer believed everything was in place. By the first of November I believed all was in place for another great year, but at the last minute, again, there was a problem which proved to be insurmountable.

The band that has performed for our dances, *Torn Jacket*, informed me the day after Christmas that they would require a payment of \$300.00 for the night. The ball has always been self-financed in the past as required by the Company. It would make the cost of the event prohibitive.

The membership was polled by e-mail as to whether we should try to organize a dinner without the ball as part of the evening. To the credit of some members they felt it was important to have an opportunity to gather as a group whether there was a dance or not. However the majority of the respondents felt that if there would not be a dance it was not likely that

they would attend just a dinner. Given that circumstance it was decided not to have either this year.

I would like the Company to know that Howard and Dayle Spicer generously offered to pay the \$300.00 fee in order to save the dinner and ball. They, like many of us, really enjoy the camaraderie and dancing very much! I sincerely appreciate the offer, but in good conscience I could not accept that offer. On behalf of the Company we thank you for the very generous offer.

If it appears there is sufficient support to organize such an effort in the future I have looked into a source for music and it has been suggested that I try the local college as they may have a group that would play.

Again I apologize to our members for this failure. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity over the last 5 years, and if the interest remains hopefully we can do this event again in the future.

## **ANNUAL COMPANY K MEETING MOVES TO A NEW SITE**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

A new site has been selected for the January 16<sup>th</sup> annual meeting for Company K.

As a result of the canceling of the dinner and dance the officers determined to find a new location for our annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the Lake Mills EMS building. Wayne Vawter arranged the location for us and we extend our gratitude for this effort. Wayne has provided the following

directions to the site of the meeting:

**Lake Mills EMS building is located at 603 E. Lake St. in Lake Mills.  
My cell is: 920 988 5481 if you get lost or need help.**

**Here are the directions**

**From Milwaukee take I-94 west to the Lake Mills Exit (259)**

**From Madison take I-94 east to the Lake Mills Exit (259)**

**Exit to the south on Hwy 89 (Main St.) to the stop light.**

**Continue south on Main St. to the 4-way stop (about 6 blocks)**

**Turn left at 4-way stop -- Main and Madison Sts  
Continue on Madison St. for 2 blocks to the stop sign at Lake St.**

**Turn left on Lake St. and go about 3 blocks to the Lake Mills EMS building on the left.**

**Parking is on the street or in back of the building (entrance is in the back also)**

**DO NOT PARK IN FRONT LOT**

Wayne Vawter

## **INFORMATION ON THE ALL IOWA EVENT**

**A DISPATCH FROM ONE OF  
THE ORGANIZERS OF THE  
ALL IOWA EVENT**

**One of the events on the Company's agenda is the following event. The Gazette has received the following information for your consideration prior to the meeting:**

Sir,

I am going to be sending out an Email with information to all who plan to attend or show interest in the near future. I can tell you the following: The scenario may be Shiloh, that has yet to be finalized but was the general consensus. The overall Federal Commander will be Col. Rich Hunt of the 24th IA. Rich is very active with his company commanders, he likes to keep them informed and give them instruction on what he wants accomplished. As for how to get from "Point A" to "Point B" is usually left up to the company commander.

He does very strongly encourage not only good company drill but battalion drill as well. He is not a commander who expects a company to be perfect. He wants a safe, nice looking, and smooth performance. He listens well and loves input. If you have not met Rich or know him, he is well worth your time to sit down with and enjoy a cup coffee with.

The site is quite large, not as big as some fields but will allow for some very decent large scale maneuvers. Rich has sat down with the confederate Commander, Maj. Dick Pohorsky, and they are devising a battle plan that allows for plenty of leeway and uses as much of the battle field as possible. The location is at Seminole Valley Park in Cedar Rapids, IA. I plan to

post a picture of the site in my next Email to give those who have not been there a bird's eye view of the site.

Last year we were provided a few meals, as for this year we are unsure. There has been a shift in the overall care and control of the event. Myself and the other members of the All Iowa Events are merely servants to the event hosts. We will try to assist them with anything we can. We have our own agenda and plan to use this time as an educational tool for as many people as we can.

There is a planning meeting that will take place in the near future and I plan to assist and gather as much information and pass it along as I can as soon as I can.

Our goal is to have 5 companies of rifles, 1-3 companies of cav, at least 2 cannons and medical staff for each side. Obviously company size will vary and we willingly take any man or woman who is willing to fight for Old Glory or the Stars and Bars.

There is quite a bit of shade and since you are 2nd Wis and I have a feeling we have met before, at Boscobel in Gray or at Adams in Blue, will mostly likely camp near us.

Sir this is all I know for now. If there is anything I can answer that I did not for you please feel free to write back or call me at the number below.

Respectfully,

*Alan Cannon*

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**INVITATION  
FROM  
COMPANY E,  
SECOND  
WISCONSIN  
VOLUNTEERS**

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**The following event was not placed on the Company K agenda because it arrived after the first of the year. The following is a dispatch arriving at headquarters from our brothers in Company E. It is also well to note that Company E is the Company who will have an event of their choice put on the Association's calendar for maximum effort by the member companies of the Association.**

November 18, 2009

Second Wisconsin Company K

Dear Company Commander,

As you prepare your event calendar for 2010, we invite and encourage you to include the return of the Civil War to Heritage Hill State Park in Green Bay, Wisconsin among your scheduled events. After an absence of many years we are pleased to announce the return of this event, which will be held the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2010.

This reenactment has been developed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Co. E and the 10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Volunteer Infantry. With the event planned by the reenactors and supported by the Heritage Hill staff, details critical to reenactors have been given a high priority. The result will be an environment

that is friendly to reenactors, allowing them to focus on their presentation of the Civil War.

The weekend's activities will make full use of the grounds at Heritage Hill and will include a battle each day of the event. In addition civilians will get the opportunity to play a key role in the event by letting the women, children & others utilize some of the buildings on the grounds to portray every day life of the 1860's.

This year's event will take place after a 4 year absence of a Civil War event in Green Bay and marks the return to Heritage Hill after more than 15 years. While many of the events for the weekend are still in the planning stage we will be having a band for your dancing pleasure on Saturday night. Should you have any ideas or questions about this year's event please contact Steve Peterson or Dave Sielski. To help manage the event this will be a by invitation only event to manage the size of the event and to make this a quality event for the public. We hope that you can join us for the return of Heritage Hill June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2010.

With warmest regards,

David Sielski

Steve Peterson

Second Wisconsin Volunteer  
Infantry Company E

**A PROPOSAL  
FOR A  
NATIONAL  
EVENT IN 2010!**

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**AN  
INTERESTING  
PROPOSAL FOR  
CONSIDERATION  
BY MEMBERS  
OF THE  
SECOND  
WISCONSIN  
VOLUNTEER  
INFANTRY  
ASSOCIATION**

**The following proposal has been submitted by members of Company B for consideration at the Association's annual meeting scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It is worthy of our consideration and the Company representatives at the Association meeting could benefit from the input from Company K.**

**We are grateful for the attention and effort Pvt. Dudkiewicz and his comrades have undertaken on our behalf.**

Gentlemen,

As we have discussed informally at several events last season, I would like to propose a possible Battlefield Trip in lieu of attending a National Event, as we start to gear up for the big 150th cycle in 2011. 2010 will be 1865 in the current cycle. There has been no big buzz about nationals this year.

The Black Hat Battalion has decided to do the living history at Antietam. I am certain that starting in 2011, we will all be in high demand in our areas, and all of the events nationally will be wanting to do special things for the next 5 years

Dates are hard to determine in right now. Not having full knowledge of

company schedules, two weekends that look like they **Might** be between things are July 22-26, and September 9-13.

As on an Event trip, I would propose we leave Wisconsin on a Thursday morning, and return on Monday night. The difference being, we only visit battlefields, and do not do an event.

I was trying to come up with places we may not visit often, or ever in other circumstances.

**SCENARIO A:**  
Ft. Donaldson  
Stones River  
Atlanta Cyclorama  
Andersonville

**SCENARIO B:**  
Fredricksburg/Spottsylvania  
Richmond (Cold Harbor, Gaines Mill, Fraysers Farm, Malvern Hill, Drewry's Bluff)  
Petersburg  
Appomatox

**SCENARIO C:**  
Springfield IL  
Wilson Creek  
Vicksburg

These scenarios are staring blocks, some may be too limited or too ambitious, especially Richmond. Richmond may be a bit depressing as well. Those listed above have some acreage set aside, but very nearby, Oak Grove, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines and White Oak Swamp are pretty well swallowed up in development.

If any of these is a go, and a date is agreed to, logistics would have to be worked out. I have not talked to Craig recently, but if I remember

correctly, the bus sizes are 28, 46 and 54. Motels will be more costly, as we would have 4 nights instead of 2. Obviously, meals would be a bit more.

Again, I would like to put this proposal in front of the membership for this year. I volunteer to be part of, or in charge of logistics for this. The areas of attention will obviously be 1. Travel, 2. Lodging, 3. Meals. I will attempt to send some potential costs to this same mailing list prior to the Annual Meeting. If anyone has any suggestions, or can help in any area, please let me know.

Your humble servant,  
Pvt. John S Dudkiewicz  
Co B, 2nd Wisc. Vol. Inf.

**ANOTHER  
PROPOSED  
EVENT TO  
CONSIDER AS A  
POSSIBLE  
NATIONAL  
EVENT**

The secretary of Company K received this information from Tim Suprenant, through Pat Lynch. The event is being touted as "Return to Manassas". It is being organized by the same folks who brought you "September Storm", "Summer of '62", and "At High Tide". These prior events have been very popular with members of the Association and the editor suspects that it will likely be considered by that body as a possible national event.

This event intends to feature the battles at Thoroughfare Gap, Brawner's Farm, Chinn Ridge and the

Railroad Cut at Gettysburg. The event is proposed to be held at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania on August 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The following is a link to the site for the event, but there isn't very much there as yet.

<http://www.returntomanassas.com/>

**ANOTHER  
POSITION TO  
OPEN FOR  
ELECTION AT  
COMPANY K  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

It has been learned that Company K treasurer, Jeff Meicher, has expressed his desire to step down from his position in the Company. The Company appreciates Jeff's valuable service to our members. He has served us well and our thanks go out to one who stepped up to serve when the need presented itself.

Please consider whether you would be willing to serve in this capacity and if you have such an inclination contact the secretary, Jim Dumke, or the president, Craig Mickelson. This is YOUR call to SERVICE.