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PASS IN REVIEW



And what a year it was! Looking back at 2008, whether it was a small school presentation, a small company sponsored event, or the 145th Gettysburg national re-enactment, I am pleased to say, the 2nd Wisconsin Association made a good showing.

On behalf of the association, thanks for helping support the efforts of presenting the American Civil War experience. Second Wisconsin Association events rely on the support of its sister companies to achieve this common goal. Whether your company made it to an event in force or you made it to an event alone, it was your presence that gave strength to the infantry line. It is your presence that adds to the Esprit de Corps of the company you fall in with.

As the Colonel of the Black Hat Battalion at Gettysburg, I had special pride as the Second Wisconsin marched into camp at Gettysburg. It was quite the sight seeing you boys come into the woods, pitch tents and go about the duties of establishing camp. Gen'l Shakleford even commented on the scene

in his after action report: "The 2nd Wisconsin arrived en-mass Boy, when they walked into camp it was a sight to behold. It seemed like there was no end to the column of new arrivals. The Second looked like a regiment on the march." He also was impressed by the performance on the drill field: "Division drill-You guys made reenacting history with your three Division level drills. Never before has that been done. Division reviews and parades, yes. But the drills you did were the first for the hobby and will set the standard for other organizations. The square on Sunday was simply awesome."

That was at the national level. At the association level, we were able to accomplish several goals at Wade House; continuous action on the field, battle scenarios with awareness toward the spectator, an increase in spectator attendance and further enhancement of Esprit de Corps within the association companies.

At the company levels, each event offered a more intimate level of involvement. Also, more one-on-one encounters with spectators and participants, an opportunity to engage in 1st person discussion and scenario situations, and again, development of an Esprit de Corps. The Second Wisconsin at Norskedalen was able to share its knowledge with others who were new to the event. A participant's

response: "Everyone was so friendly! It is something that we don't see at any other place during the year. Confederates and Union talking together? Someone must be doing something right. I would also like to compliment your men on how well they carried out the impressions for the crowd during and after the battle. We don't see that anyplace else. We learned a lot."

As we prepare for next year, let us have some comfort in knowing we have done our job and have done it well.

"For God's Sake, Forward."

Your Obedient Servant, Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad Second Wisconsin Association

Post Script: Be sure your equipment is cleaned and secured for the winter campaign. There will be inspections and there will be drill. Followed by more drill.

EOLIDAY MESSAGE FOR THE MEN OF THE SECOND WISCONSIN

Note that mark the dying of the year. The campaigning season has pretty much ended and the boys are moving into winter camp. For the "Boys of 61" it would mark a time of loneliness and boredom. For us, their modern counterparts, the weeks ahead will instead be a time of family gatherings, feasting,

bright lights, beautiful music, faithfulness to our religious practices and holiday and family traditions.

Thanksgiving, in places where it had been an annual tradition, was a time of celebrating the harvest and the blessings of God for the necessities for everyday life and a bountiful harvest. In 1863, moved by the successes of the Union armies at Gettysburg and Vicksburg and a truly magnificent harvest, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the third Thursday in November as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the entire nation to offer up its gratitude to the Almighty. It has remained an annual tradition for the last 145 years. Let it again in 2008 be so!

When the set of the experiences of those who experienced the years of the 1860's these contemporary problems seem less important

This year as we gather with our families let us truly be grateful for the many blessings we enjoy. Let us also be thankful for the men and women who serve this nation in our military who won't be at home with friends and family for this special American holiday!

n the heels of the Thanksgiving holiday comes one of the most Holy holidays of the year, Christmas. Oh, what a wonderful time of the year!! There is a spirit and warmth to the days leading up to the Christmas celebrations. The outward signs of the holiday thrill the senses. Bright lights, the smell of evergreens, ribbons, the odors of good food and holiday treats titillate us. There is the warmth of good feelings among families, friends and co-workers which is unparalleled during the remainder of the year. Beyond these often secular experiences this holiday is devoted to the birth of Jesus Christ, for Christians the arrival of their savior and hope for eternal life. Churches resound with the most ethereal music. I have often thought that if one wants to prove the divinity of Christ simply look to the expressions of grace found in the music created to celebrate His existence! Such works, simple and complicated, impose awe on those who hear them! On the secular side the holiday music is filled with joyful odes to reindeer, gifts, a dog named Snoopy and so much more!

Pollowing the Christmas festival comes the arrival of a new year. One of the most excessive celebrations Americans indulge in is the New Year's Eve bash. We say goodbye to the old year and welcome the new year and its boundless hopes and aspirations. A feast of football and parades combined with family gatherings highlight New Year's Day. But it is also a time of taking stock. The events of the previous year spice our conversations. Family accomplishments, progress of our careers, and in our case remembering those special events we participated in during the last 12 months.

n behalf of your officers, civilian, company and regimental military, and The Fugelman we would like to extend our sincerest desire for a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your holidays be a time of joy and satisfaction. Hopefully everyone will submerge themselves in all these celebrations with friends and family members. And may the new year be brighter and successful than the preceding year. BLESS YOU ALL!!

"CHRISTMAS BELLS"

The original poem, complete with all seven stanzas

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to

men!

And thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along The unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime A chant sublime Of peace on earth, good-will to men! The cannon thundered in the South, And with the sound The carols drowned Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent The hearth-stones of a continent, And made forlorn The households born Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead; nor doth he sleep! The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882),

Then from each black accursed mouth

WADSWORTH STATUE OVERCOMES SETBACKS

Funding and State's Criticism Pose Challenges

by Howard W. Appell From Livingston County News August 28, 2008

In a prior issue of The Fugelman it was reported that efforts were underway to construct a monument to General Wadsworth in Livingston County, New York. The following is an update on the progress of that effort.

The committee which has charged itself with bringing a likeness of one of Livingston County's greatest Civil War heroes to the County Courthouse lawn continues to make progress in the face of adversities.

The bronze replica of General James S. Wadsworth is approaching completion in a Buffalo foundry under the watchful guidance of sculptor Pepsy Kettavong.

The likeness is a handsome and worthy compliment to the prototype in Gettysburg. However, a mishap which required a recasting of the head, and the mounting cost of foundry time and metallic bronze, has left the committee with \$5,000 of unanticipated expense.

Furthermore, a gift of stock which the Wadsworth Statue Committee received as a contribution turned out to have substantially less value than thought, committee chair Jim McNally confided.

On the positive side of the ledger, the Statue Committee has recently benefited from the generosity of several organizations, including The Sons of Union Veterans (\$500), The Rochester Area Community Foundation (\$1,000), and The Association for the Preservation of Geneseo (\$1,000).

More adverse to the project than the relatively small financial setbacks is the unexpected cool reception the statue has received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

A May 8 letter relayed from Christine Capella Peters of the department's Historic Preservation Field Services suggests that the addition of a monument to the courthouse lawn in Geneseo "has the potential to create a false historic image."

Specifically, SHPO is concerned that the presence of the statue could create a false impression that it had been erected in an earlier historic era. The criticism is very similar to the SHPO's criticism of the recent remodeling of the Big Tree Inn, which created the expanded front porch and gazebo.

Peters insinuates that the statue might in fact be better placed at some other location by "welcoming the opportunity to comment" on such an alternative.

Peters also sets forth rather strict specifications for the base of the monument: rectilinear and no more than four feet high; no ornamentation; no associated benches, lights, planters, flags, or walkways, and a requirement that interpretative plaques must be affixed to the base as opposed to freestanding.

McNally believes that, because of its visibility, central position, and attractive setting, the County Courthouse lawn is far and away the most natural and appropriate place to pay tribute to a great military hero of the county.

The Livingston County Board of Supervisors authorized placement of the statue on the courthouse lawn in a unanimous resolution on February 13, 2002.

McNally remains confident that the statue will be completed and delivered to Geneseo in time for an autumn dedication.

He noted that the base will in fact contain two plaques celebrating the contributions and heroism of General Wadsworth and the NY 104th Regiment which he commanded.

REVIEW OF THE USE OF THE LOYALIST ARMS LORENZ BY THE SKIRMISHERS

<u>The Fugelman</u> received some information from Gary Van Kauwenbergh regarding the suitability of the reproduction Austrian Lorenz sold by the Canadian company, known as Loyalist Arms Inc., as a weapon for skirmishers. The following communication was noted by Gary Van Kauwenbergh in his dispatch to the newletter. It comes from the N-SSA forum.

We've covered this numerous times before, but I don't mind doing it again. These arms are imported into Canada unvented. This means they are imported as decorators. This also means the barrels are not proofed for firing a projectile. That is where the N-SSA's Small Arms Committee parts company with them. We have never even had one submitted to us to see if they are dimensionally correct.

Pat...they must be "...really really cheap..." for a reason!

John Holland SAC

The editor contacted a member of Company K who owns one of the smoothbore Lorenzes to request his impressions of the percussion musket. Tim Grover used his rifle for the Boscobel event for the first time. Tim Grover, a corporal and quartermaster for Company K provided the following information on the Lorenz:

The first issue Corporal Grover discussed was the lack of a bayonet manufactured for the Lorenz. The manufacturer has been promising the availability of the bayonet for some time. In Tim's case he altered a Springfield bayonet for use on his Lorenz. In response to a question about a problem with the Lorenz when stacking arms Corporal Grover indicated that there wasn't a problem, a concern since the Lorenz is shorter than the Springfield or Enfield.

Corporal Grover did say that one advantage to the Lorenz is that it is considerably lighter than his Springfield.

The editor asked if Corporal Grover had live fired the Lorenz. He indicated he had not done so and could not offer any insight into the characteristics of the rifle in that respect. Tim Grover stated that his rifle was a .54 caliber smoothbore. He had contacted the manufacturer to determine if it was possible to get his barrel rifled. There was an exchange of e-mails which Tim gave permission to use in this article.

To all of our past and present customers:

Please be advised that Loyalist Arms & Repairs Ltd. now has a new email address.

We have had to change servers due to continual spam issues.

Hopefully, this new server will be more secure than the last one.

Our new address is

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Milligan's Patent Mess Kettle,

loyalistarms@ns.sympatico.ca

We will be changing our email address links on our web site as soon as possible.

ALSO....NEW ITEM !!! Our 1854 Lorenz is now available with a .54 cal. rifled target barrel.

These will have a custom barrel and will cost \$775.00 US for those

wishing a Lorenz for targeting, hunting, etc.

Once order is placed, it will take approx. 6-8 weeks for the finished _product to be shipped. It will be tested & sighted in by a professional gunsmith.

Those who were interested in the rifle because of its low cost the \$775.00 price tag as considerably more expensive than the regular product. The editor is unfamiliar with the cost of rifles used by the skirmish teams, but this price negates interest in the rifle because of its low cost.

Hello Tim

Thanks for your email.

Actually one of our dealer[gunsmith in the US is currently working on converting some of our Lorenz muskets to .54 cal rifled barrels.

We will not be selling "drop in" barrels for the Lorenz, as they are all hand fitted and the chances of having tang bolt holes, etc, different from the original would be too high.

HOWEVER, our dealer / gunsmith in the US, is actually doing the Lorenz barrel work for us, and we could put you in touch with him directly on this matter.

He could fix you up with a match grade barrel for \$300.00, sighted in, tested, and complete.

This is still less expensive than a Euroarms or ArmiSport, 3 band Enfield.

If interested, please let me know and we will forward our dealers contatc information.

You would be dealing directly with him and avoid the middle man, (us).

Re bayonets for the Lorenz:

They should arrive here soon, (same old story).

The Lorenz bayonets are still taking longer to finish than the 100 years war !!

According to our supplier, the blades are finished, but they still have to complete the

sockets, then do the necessary machining to finish them off.

In all reality, I don't expect anything until late Septembermid October, but I will keep you updated if anything should land here before then.

Hope this is helpful. Looking forward to your reply.

Have a great week Tim.

Your Servant, Linda LAR LTD

The editor asked Gary Van Kauwenbergh to review this article and make comments before it was included in the newsletter. Gary kindly complied and the newsletter will try to do justice to his position.

The main point of the communication was focused on the safety of the Lorenz in live fire events. Gary's theme isn't to approve or condemn the Lorenz, but to warn against the possibility the reproduction Lorenz could be unsafe for competitive shooting. In Gary's words "Buyer Beware".

The original posting reported in the newsletter involved the "proofing" of barrels made in India. Proofing is a testing process that tests pressures imposed when the rifle is fired. Gary makes the point that a rifled musket must be safe even when only firing blanks.

A Gary expressed a concern about the safety of the rifle as follows: "The Loyalist Arms web site says proof data is available when you purchase the guns, yet the Canadian importers seem to be avoiding their import laws by bringing them in as 'display only'."

Gary stressed the fact that the Lorenz is not legal for live-fire events in either the North-South Skirmish Association or the American Civil War Skirmish Association.

In regards to the bayonet for the Lorenz, Gary suggested searching for a bayonet on Ebay. If one uses care and has some patience, according to Mr. VanKauwenbergh, it is possible to find a bayonet for about the same price as a reproduction.

Much thanks from the newsletter to Gary and Tim for their input in drafting this article.

Hopefully this brings to light some of the concerns and issues surrounding the Lorenz and its practicality for skirmishing and reenacting. The fact that the manufacturer is developing a new barrel for live fire purposes suggests that the current policy on use of the rifle in N-SSA events is prudent. Based on the information provided by Tim Grover this may well change in the near future. The Fugelman thanks Tim Grover for his generous input for this article.

PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION IN GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Bill Acheson from Company C provides information on Remembrance Day Activities

Bill Acheson, from our sister company C in the east, has once again taken the lead in organizing the Second Wisconsin's salute to the fallen at Gettysburg. Bill has kindly provided the schedule of activities for this year's events. On behalf of the Association thank you for this service to those fallen young men who, as you have often pointed out, never returned to the state and land of their homes. Also, please note the need to replace the Wisconsin state flags and U.S. flags that are placed on the Wisconsin graves for Remembrance Day. These are the 4" x 6" flags-the editor believes this is the correct size-and if anyone would like to contribute some let the editor know at <u>jamesdumke@sbcglobal.net</u> and I will try to arrange getting them to Bill.

Here's the schedule that I sent to the park service earlier this week.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

0800 Assemble at Holiday Inn parking lot, march to National Cemetery w/ colors and music (drum and/or fife if our

musicians attend), no arms will be carried

0830-0900 Place small flags (US and Wisconsin) on graves of Wisconsinites interred in cemetery

0900-0930 Return to parking lot and carpool to Reynolds Avenue

0930-1000 March to Reynolds monument, place wreath(s), reflect, etc

1000-1030 Walk to other Iron Brigade monuments, refelct, etc

1030-1200 Free time

1200 Assemble for parade

1300 Parade

1700-1800 Return to National Cemetery and Reynolds Monument and retrieve flags, wreaths, etc

after 1800 If anyone is interested in a company dinner somewhere like the Irish pub, please feel free to arrange it.

Our flags are getting a bit old, and each year several of them have their sticks get broken, so if anyone has access to get some, please feel free to do so.

Al Ferranto lives in Gettysburg so he collects the flags and wreath and stored them for the next year.

Your humble servent Sgt. Bill Acheson 2nd Wisc Vol Inf, Co C



On behalf of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association we thank Bill for his ongoing efforts to make sure those young lads of so long ago who sacrificed their all are not forgotten. Your work in appreciated by everyone in the Association!

REPORT OF FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT WITH MUSKET CAUTIONARY TALE FOR ALL OF US!

MAN DIES OF ACCIDENTAL GUNSHOT WOUND NEAR HAYWARD

by Sawyer County Record Published: Sunday, September 14, 2008 10:37

Gary Van Kauwenbergh provided the following to The Fugelman. Herein lies a cautionary tale: AM CDT

A 40-year-old Geneva, Illinois man, James A. Hall, died Friday Sept. 12 of an accidental gunshot wound in Sawyer County. The Sawyer County Sheriff's Department received a call at 6:30 p.m. Friday of an accidental gunshot wound to the 40-year-old male. It was also learned that the victim was being transported to the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital by friends. Hall was pronounced dead at the hospital at approximately 7:15 p.m. by Sawyer County Coroner Dr. John Ryan.

Chief Deputy Tim Zeigle said the preliminary investigation and witness statements revealed that three men from Illinois including Hall were at a cottage on Meadowlark Lane, approximately 15 miles east of Hayward in the town of Round Lake.

The men had been attempting to load and fire a black powder musket.Hall took control of the musket and attempted to fire it. It exploded and shrapnel from the musket struck Hall in the thigh area. Preliminary reports indicate that Hall may have suffered a lacerated femoral artery.

An autopsy will be conducted, Zeigle said.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER ISSUE OF CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN MENTIONS THE SECOND WISCONSIN BOYS

Recognition of the Second Wisconsin in magazine article

In the September / October issue of Civil War Historian there is an article on the alternative Gettysburg reenactment which was named "At High Tide." The article entitled "At High Tide: The US Perspective" was a summary of the event from the perspective of a Union reenacter. The second paragraph of the article reads as follows:

"Two years ago, during the "Summer of '62" reenactment. Members of the 2nd Wisconsin Association chartered a bus to join with elements of the Army of the Ohio and the Western Brigade, to represent the 2nd Wisconsin for the event. It was the first time these western units had attended what has now become known as "Anders Events". The men recognized the potential of events carried out under this model, and so it was natural that the discussion would turn to Gettysburg."

The author of the piece was Mike Lavis. Mr. Lavis lives in Buffalo, New York, and has been a reenacter since 1988. He is currently a member of the 49th N.Y.V.I., a part of the Army of the Ohio.

A MESSAGE FROM BETSY URVEN COORDINATOR OF THE WADE HOUSE SCHOOL DAY EVENT

Thank you all for another successful school day. We had approximately 1100 people attend. I really can't thank you enough. You are all so wonderful to give of you time for our area students. Thank you again more than I can say.

Betsy Urven Lead Interpreter Wade House Historic Site

FEE CHANGES AT GETTYSBURG VISITORS CENTER AND MUSEUM

National Park Service and Gettysburg Foundation decision to amend the fee structure at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania

Summary: The National Park Service (NPS) and the Gettysburg Foundation have decided to charge a single admission fee for venues at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, including museum exhibits, the film ("A New Birth of Freedom"), and the Cyclorama Painting. The Gettysburg Foundation will collect the fee as part of its responsibilities as operators of the museum facility. Admission to the Visitor Center portion of the facility will remain free.

The new "all-in-one" ticket allows the Foundation to lower its fees from the proposed \$12 rate for adults for the film and Cyclorama Painting, to the considerably lower rate of \$7.50 for adults for the museum exhibits, the film, and the Cyclorama Painting. The new "all-in-one" fee creates a higher value for visitors, and allows visitors multiple opportunities to enjoy

The majority of a visit to Gettysburg National Military Park will remain free for all visitors. The park does not have an entrance fee, so the entire battlefield and the Soldiers' National Cemetery are available for visitors to explore and enjoy at their leisure, for

the venues during their visit.

free. In the new facility, there is no charge to enter and use the Visitor Center, the Refreshment Saloon, the Museum Store, the Theater and Museum Lobbies Which contain numerous exhibits \Box , and the Resource Room. Dependent upon fundraising, more exhibits may be placed in the Theater and Museum Lobbies in the future. There is no charge for parking while visiting the Museum and Visitor Center, or for the numerous NPS Ranger programs provided in the height of the visitor season. Students, scholars and visitors may still conduct research in the park's archivaland museum collections for free, by appointment.

The Public Comment Period: Gettysburg National Military Park received 572 comments during the thirty-day comment period which ended on September 29, 2008. Officials from the Park and the Foundation read each and every letter. The letters, notes, and emails included many compelling comments from constituents who live in the local area and from throughout the United States.

Approximately 56 of the public comments received were in favor of the proposal to collect an "allin-one" fee. In addition 5 of the responses were in favor of the proposal to collect an "all-inone" fee but suggested lower fees than proposed; 34 of the responses opposed the proposed fee

change; and 5 of the responses provided comments but were neither in favor of, or opposed to, the new fee.

Comments and Issues of Concern: Many people who provided comments expressed concerns about the affordability of the proposed fees for families with children, and for senior citizens. Others expressed a desire to create a discount for members of the United States military. Numerous responders also wanted the Park and the Foundation to create multi-day passes for the venues. Some comments also asked for opportunities for the local community to visit during fee-free days or at a discounted rate. A number of people raised concerns about ensuring that visits to the museum remain affordable for students in underprivileged schools. Others opposed the implementation of a fee to enter the museum on principle, expressing their belief that the museum collections held by the NPS should be available to all citizens at no

charge. Several respondents

charges, in order to avoid or

lower a potential fee to visit

the museum. Some of these

charge for parking, separate

(and lower) individual fees to

offered alternative fee

each of

included a

the three venues, or donation boxes instead of fees. A few suggested that the entire problem could be avoided if the Gettysburg Foundation cut its costs. The Park and the Foundation have carefully considered all comments received, and have revised the proposed fee schedule where possible to reflect many of those comments. Unfortunately, the alternative fee charges suggested through public comment were not feasible; i.e., parking fees are infeasible due to the many cars and busses that go to and from the Museum and Visitor Center to the battlefield and back again on a regular basis, and would impose a charge upon visitors merely seeking Park or battlefield information. The proposal to try separate fees for the museum, theater, and Cyclorama Painting rather than one combined fee for all three venues would, unfortunately, greatly increase the Foundation's ticketing, reservations and monitoring costs. (In other words, the oneprice proposal helps keep prices lower for visitors, by keeping costs lower for the Foundation.) The Foundation currently has two donation boxes in the new complex. Based

generated by the donation boxes, they can be expected to bring in approximately **\$40,000** per year. The Foundation is – and has been - doing everything possible to keep its expenses as low as possible, while providing visitors to Gettysburg with the quality of visitor service that they expect and deserve. The Foundation's annual operating budget is reviewed and approved by the NPS. As with most other businesses, the largest single cost for the Foundation is salaries for its 42 full-time and 62 part-time employees who provide ticketing and reservation services, custodial services, and visitor services. The Foundation's second-highest annual expense is the cost of energy, which has substantially increased over the years of planning, design, and construction of the new facility. After careful consideration of these issues the Park and the Foundation has made the following decisions. The New Fees: The original proposal suggested for the following fees: **A**dult (ages 13+) \$ 7.50; **A**dult group (16+ visitors) \$ 6.50; Youth

upon previous revenues

(ages 6-12) \$ 5.50; and Youth group (16+ visitors) \$ 5.00. In order to address concerns about affordability for families with children, the elderly, and members of the U.S. military, fees will be: • Adult \$ 7.50 • Seniors and Military \$ 6.50 • Adult group (16] visitors) \$ 6.50 • Youth (ages 6-18) \$ 5.50 • Youth group (16+ visitors) \$ 5.00 * Please note the change in the Youth rate. It now includes ages 6 though 18, where the proposal had previously only included ages 6 through 12. This would make a visit more affordable for families and school groups of all ages. Multi-Day Passes - In order to encourage longer stays in the Gettysburg area, and at the request of many people who commented, Multi-day passes will be available for the following fees: Two-Day Passes • Adult \$10 • Youth (ages 6-18) \$ 8 Three Day Passes • Adult \$15 • Youth (ages 6-18) \$12 Annual Passes - In order to accommodate the large numbers of repeat visitors to Gettysburg, a new

annual pass will provide unlimited admission to all three venues for a year for \$32 per person or **\$63** per family. The annual pass will include a complimentary membership in the Friends of Gettysburg. Complimentary tickets for group chaperones - For every ten students in a student group, one adult chaperone will receive free admission. For non-student groups, for every 40 visitors in a group, one person receives free admission. Community Appreciation Days - The Park and the Foundation are committed to welcoming all residents of our local communities on four fee-free community appreciation days per year. The dates will be announced in advance in the local news media and will include: Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day; Presidents' Day; and a "Back to School" day each year in early September. On community appreciation days all residents of Adams County can enjoy the museum, film, and Cyclorama Painting for free. Affordability for Underprivileged Schools - The Gettysburg Foundation intends to work with the philanthropic community to aid in funding

school visits to Gettysburg for inner city schools in Harrisburg, York, and other areas in order to ensure that underprivileged school students are able to experience the new Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Partnership Model for all National Parks – The nonprofit organization National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) provided comments on the proposal but declined to support or oppose it. Because the public private partnership at Gettysburg is a national model, NPCA asked the Park and Foundation to fully study and document operational decisions based on changes in visitor use patterns so that the new venture can be used as a teaching tool for park managers and potential partners. The Park and the Foundation agree on the concept of undertaking such a study. Visitor Input and Public Feedback – The Gettysburg Foundation will study visitor reactions to these changes, conduct surveys, and will consider comments and feedback on the museum experience in operations of the facility. As stated in the General Agreement between the

Gettysburg Foundation and the

National Park Service, the NPS has the right to review and approve all aspects of the operations of the facility.

Implementation – The new "all-in-one" fee will take effect on October 2, 2008. For tickets and reservations please call 1-877-874-2478, or visit

www.gettysburgfoundation.org or

<u>www.nps.gov/gett.</u>

BOB MANN FROM COMPANY K FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING DISPATCH FROM JEFF MURRAY FROM THE WADE HOUSE.

Well done to all who attended and assisted with the planning!

To the re-enactors and staff who made this year's Wade House Civil War Weekend possible....

THANK YOU a million times over!!!! It was another very successful year, complete with some great battles, wonderful programs, and strong public attendance. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to come to the committee meetings and voice your opinion [s]. As we look to next year I would like to invite you to come and debrief this year's event. We'll talk about what went right and what didn't go so right. We'll work to improve and

strengthen the event. We'll form subcommittees and set meeting dates for the future. My goal for 2009 is to get stronger participation from everybody involved with this great event.....

> To that end, I hope to see you on Saturday, November 1 here at the former Greenbush Town Hall across the street from the Wade House. The debriefing meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

I'll send a reminder to everybody in a few weeks. In the interim, those planning to attend may RSVP via e-mail to me. Again, thanks somuch for all your effort and I look forward to seeing many of you soon....

Jeffrey Murray Curator of Interpretation Wade House Historic Site

SCIENTISTS HAVE NEW CLUE TO Mystery of Sunken Sub

Gary Van Kauwenbergh Sends an Interesting Article on Rebel Sub

CHARLESTON, S.C. - It's long been a mystery why the H.L. Hunley never returned after becoming the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship in 1864, but new research announced Friday may lend credence to one of thoeries.

Scientists found the eight-man crew of the hand-cranked Confederate submarine had not set the pump to remove water from the crew compartment, which might indicate it was not being flooded.

That could mean crew members suffocated as they used up air, perhaps while waiting for the tide to turn and the current to help take them back to land.

The new evidence disputes the notion that the Hunley was damaged and took on water after ramming a spar with a charge of black powder into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

Scientists studying the sub said they've found its pump system was not set to remove water from the crew compartment as might be expected if it were being flooded.

The sub, located in 1995 and raised five years later, had a complex pumping system that could be switched to remove water or operate ballast tanks used to submerge and surface.

"It now really starts to point to a lack of oxygen making them unconscious," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston and the chairman of the South Carolina Hunley Commission, formed to raise, conserve and display the sub. "They may have been cranking and moving and it was a miscalculation as to how much oxygen they had."

In excavating the sub, scientists found little intermingling of the crew remains, indicating members died at their stations. Those bones likely would have been jumbled if the crew tried to make it to the hatches in a desperate attempt to get out.

"Whatever occurred, occurred quickly and unexpectedly," McConnell said. "It appears they were either unconscious because of the concussion (from the attack) or they were unconscious because of a lack of oxygen."

Archaeologist Maria Jacobsen cautioned that scientists have not yet examined all the valves to see if the crew may have been trying to surface by using the pumps to jettison ballast.

"Can we definitely say they weren't pumping like mad to get water out of the tanks? No we cannot," she said. "I'm not really at a point where I think we should really be talking about what these guys were doing at the very end because we simply don't know all the valve settings."

But she said scientists can definitely say the valve that would have been used to remove water from the crew compartment was closed.

By BRUCE SMITH (Associated Press Writer) From Associated Press



The above is a photo of the valve discussed in the preceding article from the aft of the Hunley. It would have been used to pump water from the interior of the submarine. When studied, the valve was closed as discussed in the article.

ASTH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE AND DAY OF HONOR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008 11:00 AM DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE

The Parade Route Map and Information on street closings and parking restrictions on parade day can be found at the website listed below.

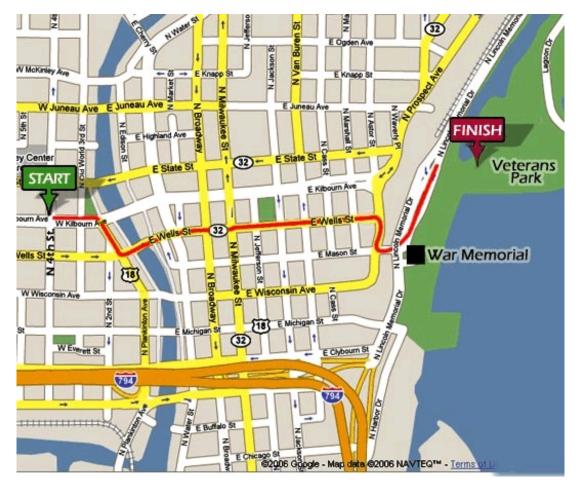
Special Guests of Honor: US ARMY US ARMY RESERVES WISCONSIN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Last year's route, for reference only. 2008 subject to change.

- * 4th and Kilbourn east to Plankinton
- * Plankinton south to Wells
- * East on Wells to Prospect
- * South on Prospect to the Mason Street Bridge
- * Mason Street Bridge past the War Memorial and into Veterans Park

The parade route and cross streets would close at approximately 10:45 AM. The parade lasts 1-1.5 hours. The streets reopen as the last unit in the parade passes that point. The last unit in the parade usually passes the War Memorial between 1:00 and 1:30 PM.

>>>Printable 2007 Route Map (PDF) http://www.veteransdayparade-milw.org/



45TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE AND DAY OF HONOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

Special Guests of Honor: ARMY US Army – US Army Reserves – Wisconsin Army National

Guard

Grand Marshall: The Mark Gundrum Family CPT Mark Gundrum is currently serving in Iraq with the US

Army

Special Guests: Stan Doty – Wisconsin Army National Guard Justin Littman – US Army

PARADE DAY DISPLAYS

The following list are activities associated with the parade and salute to our Veterans

US Army Honor Flights Voice of the Veterans Community Veterans Day Parade of Milwaukee, Inc. Wisconsin We Care 4 Heroes Veterans Gallery – War Memorial Center

9AM – **4 PM** Holidays for Heroes Collection Collecting Christmas items for our troops overseas. Veterans Park

10:45 AM Performance by the Leslynettes Baton Twirling Corps Reviewing Stand – War Memorial

11 AM 45th Annual Veterans Day Parade Parade Announcer Chaplain Ken Leidel

11:30 AM Air Salute over the Veterans Day Parade Commemorative Air Force and Friends

1 PM Memorial Service Reflecting Pool – War Memorial Center

10 AM - 5 PM Milwaukee Art Museum Tours Free to all veterans, active military and their families. Go to Art Museum Admission Counter

The public is encouraged and invited to attend all events. Events held at the Milwaukee Art Museum will require the standard minimal fee.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

* To honor those who have served and those who currently serve in the United

States Armed Forces for their service and sacrifice for The United States of America.

* To provide our veterans and military with the Veterans Day Parade and Day of

Honor.

* To honor the veterans of the United States Armed Forces who live in our

community and our state

* To educate the community regarding the service of our

veterans

* To bring together veterans and non-veterans working toward

our common goal

* To increase patriotism in the general population

HISTORY

For 37 years the city of Milwaukee held an annual Veterans Day Parade. By

2000, after years of dwindling public support, the Veterans Day Parade was canceled. In 2001 a group of concerned citizens brought the Veterans Day Parade back to Milwaukee in an effort to give something back to those who fought for our freedom.

The Veterans Day Parade of Milwaukee, Inc. was formed, a non-profit, 100 volunteer organization to insure that our veterans will never again be forgotten. Veterans and active military participating in the parade has grown to over 1500 strong and come from all over Wisconsin.

For the past seven years the Veterans Day Parade and Day of Honor has been designated as a Regional Site for the celebration of Veterans Day by the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C.

REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES

The Fugelman has received the following important dispatches from the Association's secretary. As the season comes to an end it is a good time to take stock of where we have been and where we want to go in the near future. No organization can succeed unless good men step up to lead the group to its established goals or look to new directions. Please review this dispatch and see it as a call to duty! It is also worthy of consideration the status of dues and other concerns, like our liability insurance, prior to the annual meeting at the end of January.

Dear 2nd:

I know the season has ended, or will end for all us very shortly, what I am doing is sending out an informational letter to the Association (I will repeat this in the next newsletter) letting all of you know about the upcoming positions for the Association in 2009.

This will give you a chance to think about whether or not you would like to run or even nominate someone to a certain position.

The positions that are up for election in 2009 are:

Association Treasurer 3 year term (Scott Frank present treasurer) Corporate Secretary 3 year term (David Dresang present Secretary) Major of Infantry (Doug Rasmussen present Major) Major of Artillery (Terry Brown present Major) These positions are not up for election: Association President (Pete Seielstad 2 years left on term) Association Vice President (Terry Brown 2 years left on term)

Lt. Colonel (Pete Seielstad 2 years left on term)

Association Secretary is not an elected position, it us an appointed position by the board (David Dresang present Secretary)

If you have any questions on what each office functions are, please contact either

Pete Seielstad

Terry Brown

David Dresang

Please, have a safe and wonderful off season, and look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in January.

David Dresang

Association Corporate Secretary

Gary Van Kauwenbergh has agreed to undertake a review of our current liability insurance and possible cost saving changes in the provider of coverage. The following information was provided by Dave Dresang and it deserves your review. The members of the Association join Dave Dresang in expressing our gratitude to Gary Van Kauwenbergh for taking on this extra duty.

Dear Gentlemen:

I wish to thank Gary for his research, I have some answers for him, if anyone has anything else to add, please make sure you include it, and everyone gets a copy.

I checked the Association minutes from 2008, and Gary was asked

to check on the possibility of finding a new insurance carrier.

We do have other property that as of yet has to be categorized. Much of it was donated to the Association by Ernst, approximately 10 years ago. At the present, Gary Klas is in possession of it. I have talked to him, and will be (at some point) going down to his home to pick it up, then (when time is available) I will make a itemized list of it, the Association will have to make a decision on what needs to be done with it. I will not know of the value of what Gary has until Gary & I have a chance to go through the items, which I believe to be substantial.

We also have 2 sets of flags, the original Association colors (which are going to be repaired) and the new ones, along with the protective holders.

Does anyone know if there are any kind of flag holders, in ground or floor flag stands?

Terry can answer better what the Battery actually owns (I will need a list)

Gary, the organization is as follows: President; Pete Seielstad Vice President; Terry Brown Treasurer; Scott Frank Corporate Secretary; David Dresang

The 2nd does have established by-laws (updated last year by Scott Sonntag)

The 2nd has 7 companies and Battery B:

Co. A Southern Wisconsin/Chicago area

Co. B Western Wisconsin/Minnesota

Co. C Covering most of the East Coast

Co. E NE Wisconsin/Upper Michigan

Co. H California and surrounding area

Co. K Madison/Northern Illinois

Co. G All of Wisconsin (made for those who cannot take the field, but wish to participate) Battery B For anyone who wishes to do artillery impression.

Gary, we need to find out if the insurance will cover our 2 sister companies that are out-of-state. (Co.'s C & H)

Again, Gary, thank you for doing this.

David Dresang

Association/Corporate Secretary

Finally, the time for paying dues and completing company rosters is fast approaching. Last year there was some confusion as to when the dues and rosters had to be submitted. Dave Dresang has provided to following guidelines based upon the Association Handbook. Company officers should be aware of these requirements and work with their people to make sure the dues are collected in a timely manner and rosters are submitted to the regimental secretary.

Dear Gentlemen:

The season is done for most of us, but soon, it will begin with the collection of Association Dues.

Last year I stated that dues were to be turned in by April 1st, THIS IS INCORRECT!

According to the Association handbook (Scott Sonntag corrected me on this last year) under the heading

1.01 Rights and Duties

Association dues are to be turned in [or collected and recorded by each company treasurer] by January 1st;

"Renewal payment of dues will be required at the beginning of each calendar year to the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Incorporated in order to maintain membership"

Dues are then to be collected and recorded by January 1st of each year by each company.

We need to get this information out to the entire Association membership, now, so the membership may have time to absorb the change.

Each treasurer will need to get me the Company roster at a much earlier date than April 1st. (I will decide on a acceptable date later) but each company must act soon to get this information out.

Once again, the dues are:

\$20.00 military or if more than one member of the same household are members (living or residing at the same address) each additional family member is \$8.00

If this can be put into the newsletter as well as on the website it will be a great help.

Each company will be responsible to make sure everyone in their respective company gets the information in a timely manner.

Again, this is what I require: Name address phone (optional) Amount of dues paid e-mail address (optional) rank and or title If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me Thank you David Dresang Association Corporate Secretary

The discussion of dues and other matters sparked the following view from the Association Treasurer, Scott Frank. The points made here are significant and need to be considered thoughtfully as we approach the Association's annual meeting.

I don't know if it makes a difference, but:

We DO have written bylaws.

It should be inquired as to whether a written safety manual would make a substantial difference in dues (over \$100 or 10). If it does, I think we could compile one before Feb. 22 rather easily. I kind of have one that many of our members has seen already, and that is on Co. A's web site for years already. Not actually a manual, but it could be made into one with some embellishment. We would have to incorporate information from the battery, but I suspect that they have one written down somewhere. If we collect dues before the first of January, we will have a large year this year (which is fine), but we will have to be sure to continue this trend, or we will have a fiscal year without income (not a real problem, but that is one of those things that raises a red flag with the IRS auditors. Does anyone have a problem with collecting the dues to David by the 1st of January, but my deposit happens some time in January so that the money hits the bank the following fiscal year?

I will also need to know the outcome of this exercise before the middle to end of January so that we can compare and purchase from the right folks. I would guess that this is in line with the thinking of the potential new providers as well?

I have gotten no requests for money that was not in the budget for last year, and this quote appears to be in the neighborhood of the cost for insurance last year (without looking), so we can use the budget for last year as a budget for this year. I would rather put one together to look at while we discuss dues, so PLEASE send me your requests for cash immediately if you spent money this year that you want to be reimbursed for. Also, immediately let me know if you have any needs for money for 2009. Major recurring costs are: Scholarship, Insurance, and Postage (of which we have had none in the last two years running).

The Old \$20 and \$8 dues will NOT cut it for 2009. If we think that we don't have time to change it, then we can collect and worry about shortages or excess for the future (though we should be able to change it in 2.5 months). The cost of the Fugelman has been slashed to \$0, which is GREAT, but we can't discount \$12 to the young-uns for it any longer. How do you attribute \$12 to value of something that has ZERO value? I also proved last year that the actual cost of the insurance is NOT \$8. It is misrepresentation of funds, and fiscal irresponsibility. If we want to try to build up our funds, I am TOTALLY FINE with that, but the guys voting for it need to know that is what is happening. I am also fine with pitching in my fair share to support our future (we can pay part of the minor's dues), but we should ALL be aware of where the funds are coming from.

Just my comments on Dave's (and Gary's) fine e-mails. We can discuss these issues, but for now let's get the

information together, and we can then try to work out discussion on the topics - either face-to-face, or have a top-level meeting before dues are due to work out how it is going to work. We do NOT need to worry about a vote on the \$ prior to the January meeting if that causes a ruckus - but if we know the plan and how it will get presented before the meeting, we can ease the explosion, and get the numbers corrected 11 months before the 2010 dues are collected, and no one can say they were caught off-guard. Maybe nothing will change in the \$ collected, but I WILL NOT ACCEPT the old \$8/\$20 explanation of dues any more after this original e-mail. When the dues collection is brought to the masses for 2009 (right now) it should be stated that dues are \$20 for full members and \$8 for Associates for 2009. No other verbiage necessary.

Thanks,

Scott Frank, Treasurer

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The Fugelman wishes to acknowledge the kind submission of The Company Letter which is sent by the editor, Charles Bagneski on a regular basis. It is well done and very interesting. In the September 26th, 2008, edition there appears an article by Marvin Kostka about a new website put up by the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. It is about the various battle flags of the various Wisconsin Regiments that serve during the Civil War. After reading the article The Fugelman's editor visited the site. It is very well done and although not very thoroughly developed it is worth a visit. The photos are great and the articles a thumbnail sketch of the history of the various regiments. If you are interested the website is located at www.wisconsinbattleflags.com and it is sponsored by the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.

Company E Annual Meeting! The annual meeting to Company E will be held on December 13th, 2008, at the Allouez Town Hall in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 12:00 noon.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE IRON BRIGADE AT Gettysburg

Gary Van Kauwenbergh sent this to the newsletter with the suggestion that it might make a good Christmas gift! This book is being advertised on the Amazon website for \$21.75, it is regularly priced at \$32.95.

Editorial Reviews Product Description

The Iron Brigade--an all-Western outfit famously branded as The Iron Brigade of the West--served out their enlistments entirely in the Eastern Theater. Hardy men were these soldiers from Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan, who waged war beneath their unique black Hardee Hats on many fields, from Brawner's Farm during the Second Bull Run Campaign all the way to Appomattox. In between were memorable combats at South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Mine Run, the Overland Campaign, and the grueling fighting around Petersburg. None of these battles compared with the "four long hours" of July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg, where the Iron Brigade was all but wrecked.

Lance Herdegen's Those Damned Black Hats! The Iron Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign is the first book-length account of their remarkable experiences in Pennsylvania during that fateful summer of 1863. Drawing upon a wealth of sources, including dozens of previously unpublished or unused accounts, Herdegen details for the first time the exploits of the 2nd, 6th, 7th Wisconsin, 19th Indiana, and 24th Michigan regiments during the entire campaign. On July 1, the Western troops stood line-to-line and often face-to-face with their Confederate adversaries, who later referred to them as "those damned Black Hats." With the help of other stalwart comrades, the Hoosiers, Badgers, and Wolverines shed copious amounts of blood to save the Army of the Potomac's defensive position west of town. Their heroics above Willoughby Run, along the Chambersburg Pike, and at the Railroad Cut helped define the opposing lines for the rest of the battle and, perhaps, won the battle that helped preserve the Union.

Herdegen's account is much more than a battle study. The story of the fighting at the "Bloody Railroad Cut" is well known, but the attack and defense of McPherson's Ridge, the final stand at Seminary Ridge, the occupation of Culp's Hill, and the final pursuit of the Confederate Army has never been explored in sufficient depth or with such story telling ability. Herdegen completes the journey of the Black Hats with an account of the reconciliation at the 50th Anniversary Reunion and the Iron Brigade's place in Civil War history.

"Where has the firmness of the Iron Brigade at Gettysburg been surpassed in history?" asked Rufus Dawes of the 6th Wisconsin. Indeed, it was a fair question. The brigade marched to Gettysburg with 1,883 men in ranks and by nightfall on July 1, only 671 men were still to be counted. It would fight on to the end of the Civil War, and do so without its all-Western makeup, but never again was it a major force in battle.

Some 150 years after the last member of the Iron Brigade laid down his life for his country, the complete story of what the Black Hats did at Gettysburg and how they remembered it is finally available.

http://www.amazon.com/Those-Damned-Brigade-Gettysburg-Campaign/dp/1932714480/re f=sr 1 1?ie=UTF8&s=books&gid=1224793928&sr=8-1



The photo above was provided by Lyle Laufenberg from Battery B of the restored cannon dedication at Camp Randall in early October. Thank you Lyle and the photographer who snapped the picture.



Tim Grover and Ugi Pirocanac from Company K participated in the rededication of a G.A.R. monument to the veterans of the Union cause in Columbus, Wisconsin, in mid October.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR OF <u>THE FUGELMAN</u>

This issue of The Fugelman completes the editor's first year of publishing the newsletter for the Association. It has been my great honor to assume this task and I sincerely hope you have enjoyed the different format that it has adopted. At the meeting held at Greenbush's Old Wade House last year it was decided to try this format for one year. That year comes to a close with this issue of the newsletter.

This is the time to thank everyone who has contributed to the quality of the newsletter. This is an impossible task since so many of you have provided information, articles, photos and suggestions to make this truly the Association's newsletter. During the last year nearly every Company has provided material for the newsletter. This includes the Skirmish Team and Battery B. You are the reporters without which no publication could be successful. There are some folks, however, that I want to thank specifically for their efforts on our behalf. The first are the representatives of the various units of the Association who assist in getting the newsletter out to all our members. It is their effort that makes it possible to reach the members of the Association in an inexpensive way that allows for a much longer and more detailed newsletter than was previously possible.

Secondly, I want to thank Jim Johnson for his suggestions at the beginning to assist in formatting the newsletter, it was indeed very helpful. Jim also deserves our gratitude for posting the newsletter on the Second Wisconsin's website to allow even broader dissemination of the newsletter.

The officers of the Association have been more than helpful. Always quick to respond to my requests for additional details or information and providing direction for information beneficial to the members of the Association. Dave Dresang has been a stalwart source throughout the year.

Finally, my deepest gratitude to Lt. Col. Seielstad for his assistance. The only times he has not provided a "Pass In Review" column was when the editor simply failed to request one! In the beginning I think everyone assumed that the newsletter would continue to publish only quarterly, but in order to reduce the size of each issue it became nearly a monthly submission. It isn't always easy to find the time to do an article and so often, but our commander has never failed to assist with good, timely and considerate postings. Thank you!

There will be an issue of the newsletter in January as we prepare for the annual meeting. It is my assumption that the issue of continuing the newsletter in the current format and with the current editor will be addressed at the annual meeting. Let me lobby for the opportunity to continue this effort into the future. I originally entered into this effort with some trepidation but at the urging of Captain Mickelson he convinced me to give it a try. As most of you know from past issues I also publish the Company K newsletter. It was a concern that I could do a creditable job on two newsletters. Your assistance has really made that a reality and I thank you for allowing me to serve the Association in this way.

The following people have contributed to the newsletter over the past 12 months:

- □ Lyle Laufenberg
- □ Gary Van Kauwenbergh
- □ Dave Dresang
- □ Craig Mickelson
- □ Frank Medina
- □ Patricia Lynch
- 🗆 🛛 🗆 Bob Mann
- Dave Sielski
- □ Charles Bagneski
- □ Bill Acheson
- □ Doug Rasmussen
- 🗆 Gary Klas
- □ Tim GroverJohn Dudkiewicz
- □ Betsy Urven
- □ Pete Seielstad
- □ I appologize for not know Dave Sielski's wife's name, but she has provided a number of photos for the newsletter
- And for those I may have forgotten accept first my appologies but know that our members and I do appreciate your input here!!!!

Let me close here by extending my own heartfelt wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families. I look forward to seeing everyone on the field in 2009!

Jim Dumke Editor, The Fugelman