



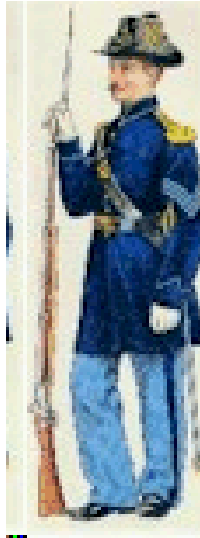
THE FUGELMAN

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PASS IN REVIEW

OK, so you have gone to the meeting, been doing drill, and your uniform and equipment are ready for the campaign. Now what? Well, in my opinion you're almost there. Take a moment to address the issue of your haversack. Is it stocked with trail mix and candy bars wrapped in plastic? Part of soldier's lifestyle was his diet. He most certainly complained about his rations.

A great source for information can be found in A.V. Kautz's Customs of Service. 148. *"The supply of necessary articles in the field should be limited to the smallest possible amount and industry will make up for many a deficient article. Messes unite, and each carries an article that can be used in common."* In other words work together during meals by organizing your own mess with some of your comrades. Three, four or more friends can produce a fairly good meal and sharing in the cooking and clean up is always a good idea.

At Wade House in 1994 the suggested rations for three days' were: *24-30 hard crackers, 2 ¼ lb. pork or bacon, one cup roasted coffee (whole or ground) and 1 ¾ cup brown sugar. In camp, add: 2.4 oz. of beans or peas, 0.6 oz. of salt, 0.64 oz. soap and 0.2 oz. candles to the marching ration, per day. Apples, dried fruit, desiccated vegetables, onions, corn meal, rice, red potatoes, soft bread, tea, sweet potatoes. Also appropriate are foraging items as well as gifts from home.* As you can see there is a lot of food to be had while in camp. Why support the food vendor? With a little forethought a group of men can put out a small feast.

Here is my challenge to the men of the Association: While you are preparing yourself for Gettysburg, form a mess, practice some of your culinary skills, and enjoy your rations while in Gettysburg.

Your Obedient Servant,
Lt. Col. PD Seielstad

First let the editor take this opportunity to thank the representatives of the various

companies of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association for their

assistance in putting out the January issue of the newsletter. They all were prompt and generous in their efforts. In particular, the newsletter wants to thank Lt. Col. Seielstad. He has been quick to respond to the requests for his Pass In Review Column, in a supportive manner. Thank you.

While it may sound like a cliché, this is your newsletter and the editor seeks your articles, advice and suggestions. You can pass them along directly to the newsletter at jamesdumke@sbcglobal.net and they will be appreciated.

The editor understands that the newsletter was a little long, but it was chock full of important information and that is why the membership wanted to continue the newsletter—to keep our members informed!

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE GENTLEMEN, PLEASE SEE TO IT!

The following communique was received from Scott Sonntag. Review the information contained therein and followup with your company treasurers.

Gentlemen,

One clarification to the notice for dues from Dave Dresang in the *Fugelman*. Dues are to be paid by each member of the Association by January 1st of each year. They should be paid to each company by January 1st not April 1st.

Here is what it says in the Handbook.

1.01 Rights & Duties

Persons are granted membership upon personal signature on the appropriate membership application and payment of dues. Excepting invited guests or units, no individual may participate with the Unit in any form unless there is a completed application on file. *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.* Tardy dues will be subject to cancellation of membership.

Sorry if it seems like I'm yelling a bit but we have gone through this each year for the past several years.

Dues need to be paid now. The official recording date is April 1st in order to give each company time to collect from each member. Please start collecting dues now because Dave would like to record them on April 1st and not have to wait.

Thanks,

Scott Sonntag

Please take note of the need to get your various company dues paid as quickly as possible so our company secretaries can complete their rosters and get them to Dave Dresang in a timely fashion.

NEW EDITOR OF THE COMPANY E NEWSLETTER

In the January *Fugelman*, the new officers for Company E were announced. Since then, the Company Secretary, Charles Bagneski, sent the *Fugelman* a copy of their newsletter, *The Company Letter*. It was reported that David Dresang has stepped down as the former editor and that Charles

Bagneski would assume the role of editor for the newsletter.

To the outgoing editor one must say a heartfelt thank you for years of dedicated service to his company in the form of the editor and publisher of their newsletter. It is a great deal of work and at times gritty determination that gets the job done, but it is a valuable communication tool and the men of the company appreciate the effort. Mr. Dresang should be proud of the results of his years of service to Company E. Well Done, sir!

And to the incoming editor good luck and God speed in your new role. When frustration sets in, and it will from time to time, may the knowledge of how your members rely and look forward to the results of your work carry you through!

**MESSAGE FROM
BETSY URVEN
REGARDING THE
GREENBUSH-
WADE HOUSE
SCHOOL
PROGRAM**

Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed happy holidays. Believe it or not it's time to start thinking about the Wade House Civil War School Day for 2008. This year's date will be September 26. Last year we hosted 700 people. This year I know will be asked to host more. I would like to ask for your help in how we can host more students. Last year we had scheduled stations of 15 minutes each. Should we stay with that or maybe open it up to touring on your own with presentations still at 15 minutes. I

did a school day in Platteville where groups came through at their own pace but they were assigned an arrival time. I did a similar type of day at Apple River Fort. Another thought might be to have large group presentations and stations at the same time and then have the groups flip flop (if that makes any sense). One comment I did get from many of the students was that they wished they could have gone to all the stations. I know that may never be possible but we may be able to accommodate a few more. I've rambled on enough. I would really like to hear what you think. No idea is too outlandish. Thank you so much for your willingness to help with this exciting program. If you would like to be removed from this list please let me know. If you know of others who would like to be included please send along their name and contact information.

Betsy Urven
Lead Interpreter
Wade House Historic Site

**MORE
INFORMATION ON
THE WADE HOUSE
EVENT IN 2008**

The Wade House event in 2007, was a huge success. In large part this was due to the input and efforts of the reenacting community, including the fellows of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association! The following comes from the Wisconsin Historical Society newsletter:

"There has been a slow deterioration of events (Wisconsin Historical Society) where participation and attendance have declined or events have ended altogether. However, with the input of re-enactors and event staff

at Wade House, the 2007 season saw the largest attendance increase of all Wisconsin historic sites at nearly 20%. This year's Civil War Weekend held during the last weekend of September was one of the largest in the event's 17 year history. More than 8,200 visitors experienced the hard-fought battles that the Union soldiers encountered on their way to the conquest of Vicksburg."

The scenario for 2008 will be the Shenandoah Valley campaign of 1862. It is an eastern theater campaign, which is more closely related to the impression of the Second Wisconsin.

Given the huge success of the 2007 event, the Wade House plans on an extensive promotion campaign for the 2008 event. The publicity campaign will be both statewide and it will also focus on the Midwest region.

Now is as good a time as any for *The Fugelman* to encourage all the members of the Association to plan to attend and support the efforts to put the Wade House event up there with Boscobel and some of the other premier events in the Midwest! Note it on your calendars now and plan to join your comrades in Greenbush, Wisconsin.

UPDATE ON GRAY UNIFORMS WORN BY THE SECOND WISCONSIN REGIMENT

The following information is part of an ongoing process to determine 1) what the gray uniforms initially issued by State authorities to the 2nd Wisconsin Regiment would have looked like, and to determine the

feasibility of obtaining such uniforms for our regimental members. Gary Vankauwenberg has been dedicated to seeing the completion of this search!

This idea germinated with Company C's suggestion that the Association members consider obtaining a gray uniform to wear for the 145th Anniversary event for First Bull Run. That event has come and gone but there is still interest in the possibility of purchasing such a uniform for impressions from the early formation of the regiment, and as Gary indicates for the smoothbore skirmish team. Thank you Gary for the efforts you have made and be sure to pass our sincerest gratitude on the Mr. Herdegen!

Gentlemen,

I don't know if anyone is still interested in gray uniforms, but I'm still hoping to see the smoothbore team of the 2nd Wisconsin skirmishers shooting in them.

I talked to Lance Herdegen last night about his research on the gray uniforms he's done for the Kenosha Civil War Museum. Lance plans to use his 2 ½ foot high stack of research to write a book on early Wisconsin troops. He said many of the same sources for the 1st Wisconsin uniforms were used for the first 2nd Wisconsin uniforms.

The main points of the conversation:

1. The 1st Wisconsin uniforms were put together by at least 30 different makers in various towns. While the two surviving examples in Madison and Milwaukee are very high quality, as a whole the uniforms varied in appearance and quality. Lance has a quote from one person saying no two people in his unit were the same color or quality.

2. The frocks reproduced for the museum

cost \$550.00 each.

3. Lance said a Jarnagin confederate frock coat with Skoville eagle buttons was so close even a progressive should find it acceptable.

4. Hats were also mixed. Ill' be talking to Lance more about hats next Sunday.

5. Lance said shortly after leaving Madison, the 2nd received black leathers. I'll be talking to him more about this as well.

Gray uniforms are a low-priority on my list of things to do, but I'll continue to keep you posted when ever I find something out.
YOS,
Gary

RECRUITING THROUGH A VENTURE B.S.A ORGANIZATION

The following information was forwarded to the *Fugelman* by Lt. Col. Seielstad. Recruiting is a consideration for most companies even when they are determining which events to attend and support during a season of reenacting! The time is propitious for a recruiting effort this year and the next couple of years. 2008 through 2009 are devoted to the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. No one person in American history is noted for a connection to the Civil War than President Lincoln. Two years after the Lincoln celebrations America will commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. T.V. specials, movies, books and special events will compel an interest in the history and meaning of these events. The men of the Second Wisconsin stand poised to make a mark on these events and encourage an interest, and maybe fill the

ranks with like minded youth and adults.

One request of the members of the Association at this year's annual meeting was to engage in recruiting. I would like to take this time to address recruiting via Venture Crew II and give some insight into its development.

It has been my privilege to have been a crew advisor to Venture Crew II, BSA from its inception to the present. The challenges that we encountered were: Meeting Boy Scout of America guidelines for a Venturing crew, Getting young men to become involved, Acquiring equipment and uniforms, and Gaining the respect of the 'old corps' of reenactors. With a core of committed people of Company B, we began our program. Our senior advisor, Jeff Blakeley obtained the endorsement from the Gateway Area Council in the La Crosse area and with membership forms in hand we were on our way.

A great tool for recruiting is to take an active part in demonstrations at schools, church groups, Boy Scout meetings, and other public outlets. These demonstrations often spark an interest in young people. Using the Venture Crew, we have been able to provide for these young people (ages 14-20) a program in which to pursue their interest in the American Civil War.

Crew membership has been steady over the years and we have been fortunate of our chartering organization (Company B, 2nd Wisc. Vol. Inf.). When asked, the members of Co. B were able to look into their closet and produce old uniforms and some equipment. When opportunity arises, the crew will purchase items from retiring reenactors and add to its supply. When a crewmember purchases his own equipment he returns his issued equipment and it is cleaned and ready for the new recruit.

At our first meeting the crewmembers looked at its goals and committed themselves to them. These goals were: Drill and Impression. “What good are you if you don’t know how to handle a gun on the field?” was the question asked of the few crewmembers. And with that, the books were opened and class began. Drill became the theme at many drill session and an esprit de corps emerged. Many were not yet 16, but they too were drilled. Soon to be ready when their hunter’s safety course was completed and when they would be given a weapons proficiency test. We supplemented our impression by issuing pioneer tools. What youth does not like to dig?

With knowledge and skill the crew debut occurred at Norskedalen. With the guidance of the advisors, the crew became a functional part of the event and exceeded early expectations.

What I ask of the association is to look into its membership and address the question: Is there room in our company to have a Venture Crew? Do you have young family members who accompany you to events? What do you do for the young man who would like to become an infantryman? How do you keep this recruit to task in becoming proficient? If these are questions you have, the answer is the poor boys of Venture Crew II. The crew has been given permission from the Gateway Area Council for Venture Crew II to register any young person within the scope of the 2nd Wisconsin Vol. Inf. Association. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. With a few dedicated association members in each company, acting as crew advisors, your company can begin recruiting immediately.

If you have additional questions and are willing to work with other dedicated Boy Scout leaders please contact Jeff Blakeley

jblake47@yahoo.com or Pete Seielstad at captlacey@hotmail.com There is great accomplishment when a young recruit develops and takes on the role as sergeant and trains his own infantry platoon of venture crewmembers.

UPDATES OF PLANNING AND REVIEW OF THE 2007 OLD WADE HOUSE EVENT

The following information derives from the organizational meeting to prepare for the 2008 Wade House event. Please review these items. If you have any comments or suggestions *The Fugelman* will pass them along to the committee for consideration.

Civil War Weekend: Items to improve in 2008

Camp areas:

1. Some re-enactors complained about the lack of garbage cans in the camps. We need to remind them that this is the case because we are attempting to portray an accurate camp area without these obvious modern items. Re-enactors should pile their garbage at a nearby woodpile to be picked up by Wade House staff/volunteers.
2. There were issues with water distribution. We need more water locations and better ways of distributing water to re-enactors. Also, re-enactors need to be instructed to put their empty water jugs by a nearby woodpile to be filled by Wade House staff/volunteers. The possibility of bottled water sales to the public has also been suggested.
3. It would be nice to have designated camp Provost Marshalls help organize camps and maintain order within each camp.
4. We need to find a way to accommodate those infantry (especially Confederate) who wish to camp campaign style in or near the battlefield. Also, if Confederate troops want to camp in the woods Wade House needs to know beforehand. The public must be able to find the bulk of the Confederate camp. In 2007 it was mostly artillery and cavalry only in the CSA camp. We need a contingent of infantry in this camp.
5. Camp tours are a great idea. We need a better system for doing the camp tours along with more participation. Also, we need experienced volunteers who can lead the camp tours, some of which may need to come from the ranks of the re-enactors. However, those who participated in the school day also did a great job of making the camp tours a good special attraction for visitors during the weekend.
6. Re-enactors cannot portray hookers in their underwear! A statement must be made that all re-enactors are to be fully clothed in appropriate period clothing. This includes the Saturday evening dance as well!!

Logistics:

1. We need more of the large visitor shuttles (five has been the number most frequently discussed). Also, shuttles should be marked so that seniors and handicapped are preferred above able-bodied visitors.
2. The Greenbush Cupboard should handle the making of volunteer lunches.
3. There seems to be no need for the large dumpster. Three small dumpsters will suffice for this event.
4. Due to the fact that re-enactors had to enter into the event before being able to register, do not hold any re-enactor registration at the Civil War Building. We can easily revert back to having registration at the Town Hall on Saturday. We need to consider whether having re-enactor registration open on Sunday serves any purpose.
5. We need to purchase some new, adequate first aid kits for use in non-ambulance emergencies during the event.
6. In 2007 we still had cars in the camps at 4 p.m. The bounty distribution was at 3 p.m. and concluded by 4 p.m. Should we move the battles on back on Sunday in order to keep re-enactors on site longer? We still need to solve this problem.
7. If the event continues to grow where will we park all of the cars? Without Borowicz's field we may experience parking problems in the future. We need to secure additional parking rights (perhaps at the Legion Field).

Staffing/Security:

1. We need more volunteers for a variety of tasks. All volunteer needs should be communicated to the volunteer coordinator to help fulfill volunteer goals for the event.
2. Security guard coverage for the dance should begin at 7:30 p.m. This will enable the guards to get wristbands out to those who are eligible. Also, re-enactors start crowding the bar 30 minutes before the dance and security is sometimes needed to keep order.

Sutlers:

1. We still need more, better quality, sutlers. Finding and attracting these folks to the event should be a priority for 2008.
2. Not having designated sutler spots seemed to work better in 2007. A starting point with

the fronts marked may be the best way to do things. This way there are no “empty” spaces in sutler row because of no-shows. However, the front of the street needs to be laid out carefully with special attention that there is enough room available for everybody.

Battlefield/Battle:

1. Should we move the Saturday battles to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. or even 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.? Later battles may better accommodate the spectators and allow for additional interpretive programs during the daytime leading up to the skirmishes.
2. There were lots of complaints that people could not see what was happening. Should we extend the battlefield viewing line or otherwise provide for better viewing? A new battlefield will probably be utilized, but spectator sight lines must be better taken into account. Also, a longer viewing line will mean that people aren't 10 deep when trying to watch the battle. Bleachers would be nice, but they seem to be too expensive.
3. We may wish to experiment with opening up the battlefield to spectators in between the two battles.
4. There were many spectators who did not want to walk up the hill to go to the battlefield. If such a walk is required in the future additional or dedicated shuttles are needed for the route between the camp areas and the battlefield.
5. We need to do a better job of interpreting battlefield actions to the public with or without an announcer.
6. We still need to attract more good quality infantry on both sides. This remains a priority.
7. We cannot have battlefield “executions” or other dangerous play on the battlefield. This was handled well by the 2007 commanders but must be further emphasized in our rules and regulations.

Food vendors:

1. We need more modern food vendors and need them in more locations. This may be tough to accomplish given that many food vendors have electricity requirements.
2. In 2008 the new Greenbush Cupboard can serve as a modern food vendor (a satellite location or two away from the actual restaurant should be attempted).
3. In the future we need to get menus, setup and equipment information and needs, and

number of participants from all modern food vendors who want to participate. This is important information to consider in the setup process and has up until now been lacking.

School Day:

1. It has been suggested that teacher surveys be performed during or after the school day to better assess program goals.

Other:

1. The event could use additional sponsors, including some bigger dollar sponsors who could stand to benefit from the publicity of the event. It may be important to come up with a better benefits package for bigger dollar donors (i.e. signs or other high visibility ways to recognize larger donors).
2. It has been suggested that the stagecoach take part in the event in some fashion
3. On-line registration and advanced ticket sales should be coming in 2009, but will not be available for 2008.

2008 Wade House Civil War Weekend
Re-enactment Advisory Committee Meeting
December 1, 2007
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Wade House Town Hall

Jeff Murray explained to those present that three things had already been decided for 2008. The first is that there will definitely again be two battles per day at the 2008 event (this has already been released to the public). The second is that the scenario must be an eastern theater scenario which continues the trend of alternating between the two theaters every year. The third is that Abraham Lincoln impersonator Fritz Klein will again play a prominent role in the event.

Jeff Murray presented the 2007 event from the site's perspective. These notes can be found on the other document attached to this e-mail (Civil War agenda items – re-enactor). In general, the site had a fantastic event with great weather. Marketing, logistics, and gate receipts were greatly improved. The attendance for the event was 5,500, up some 85% from 2006. The site is now looking to build on 2007 and offer an even better event for re-enactors and public in 2008.

There were problems with visitors' ability to see the battle in 2007. Jeff Murray re-stated the site's position that large stands of bleachers are simply not within the site's ability to afford at this time. A suggestion was made that the direction of the battle (i.e. up the hill toward the crowd)

contributed to this problem and that it could be solved by running the battle across the field horizontally. No decision was made. However, the site will need to ensure that good viewing of the battle is available for spectators. Another way of accommodating spectators might be to lengthen the battlefield and extend the viewing line.

One item up for review is how the “in-between” periods are handled between the first and second battles. Some have suggested allowing spectators onto the field to interact with re-enactors and see things first-hand. We may want to have different scenarios in between battles or no scenarios at all to allow re-enactors to eat lunch in the camps. This will be decided at a later date.

The on-site registration for re-enactors at the Civil War building did not work quite as well as planned in 2007, primarily due to the location of the building inside the gates. This meant that re-enactors arriving Saturday or Sunday had to pass through the admission gates to get to their registration area, causing some confusion. It was suggested that a tent be stationed outside the gates for re-enactors to register on Saturday or Sunday.

The camp layout in 2007 was well-received by all. There were many who said they would leave it the same in 2008. Visitors were forced to go through the camps to get to the battlefield. However, modern and historic food should be scattered throughout the grounds rather than placing everybody up at the battlefield area. Also, additional modern food vendors should be secured.

Most re-enactors stated that the 5 p.m. closing time should be left as is, because if an earlier closing time is announced there will be re-enactors attempting to get into the camps with cars even earlier. With an event this size there will always be some who want to leave as early as possible. Keeping the bounty scenario after the final battle is yet another way to keep re-enactors at the site. Again, Sunday’s close/take down is still a problem that continues to need attention.

Suggestions were put forth that involved going to other events and inviting good period sutlers to attend, and also relying on contacts within the reenactor community to seek out and invite quality sutlers. This may require additional action by committee members as we seek to locate quality vendors and retain the ones we have.

Seating of some sort is needed in the sutler area.

There was a comment regarding the lack of enforcement pertaining to civilian women in the military camp. This may be something a provost marshal could (or should) handle. I’m not sure the Wade House staff can pay this detail enough attention during the event, although volunteers could be assigned such a task.

Regarding the Friday school event, all involved thought it was a major success. Some minor suggestions were put forward:

1. Have the stations closer together if possible (I explained to the re-enactors that the reason for



the stations being so far apart had to do with participants not wanting to have to set up twice for the weekend).

2. Use a louder signal to change stations (possibly a cannon?).
3. Have on-site event registration in the camps for the school day participants (I think this actually was offered in 2007).
4. Avoid having any students eat lunch right in front of the sutlers. Sutlers were unable to continue their

setup while the kids were milling around in and directly in front of their tents.

The meeting adjourned early due to the arrival of the season's first snowstorm.

A PROPOSED STATUE TO HONOR JAMES S. WADSWORTH IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY, NEW YORK

At Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 1, 1863, the Iron Brigade (including the Second Wisconsin Regiment) were assigned to the First Corps, the First Division, the First Brigade. Their Division commander was James S. Wadsworth. Now a statue and, if adopted a wonderful amphitheater, will be constructed to honor this man in front of the county courthouse.

At a special luncheon hosted by the General Wadsworth Statue Committee Tuesday, sculptor Pepsy Kettavong unveiled a scale model of his vision for the General James S. Wadsworth statue proposed for the Livingston County Courthouse.

Committee members were anticipating merely a statue on a pedestal, but were surprised when Kettavong presented a model of a small, sunken amphitheater on the western sidewalk near the county courthouse. The statue would be set against a circular wall containing a bronze background relief featuring a group of Union soldiers.

"The General was the leader, but he didn't wage his battles alone.

All he accomplished was done with the help of others," is how Kettavong explains the presence of the soldiers.

"These are the faces of the 2,000-or-more people in Livingston County who also fought and died in the Civil War."

A large scale model featured the amphitheater, statue and relief wall in actual bronze. A small scale model showed the monument as part of the overall front lawn layout at the court house.

While the designs were received with unbridled enthusiasm by the committee and guests, Committee member Judith Hunter pointed out that County Board of Supervisors' approval is necessary for realization of the project. The supervisors have given a go-ahead for statue planning, but have not yet voted on--or have even seen--the proposed design.

"There really isn't anything in this community to force you to acknowledge that someone so important and so significant in the history of our country came from here," Hunter told the gathering.

"Wadsworth was a man who saw what needed to be done and then did everything he could to make sure it got done--whether it was sending grain in a chartered ship to starving Ireland before the war, or making sure that Abraham Lincoln moved towards emancipation."

While Wadsworth's exploits as a general in battle are familiar, his role as an advisor to Lincoln has largely gone unheralded, Hunter said.

Wadsworth, who served as military governor of the District of Columbia during the early period of the war "had Lincoln's ear every single day," according to Hunter.

"During that time Wadsworth was relentlessly pushing Lincoln towards emancipation," Hunter's research claims.

"Kids driving by the statue on the school bus will not be able to grow up in this area thinking nobody important ever came from here," Hunter stated.

"The monument is meant to convey a sense of Democracy, of equality and the country as a whole," Kettavong said. "From reading about

Wadsworth's life, I learned how connected he was--with the people who did business with him and with his soldiers."

To date, the statue committee has raised \$75,000 to cover the cost of the statue and pedestal, and was anticipating a late summer-early fall dedication. Given the new, elaborate design, additional funding and time may be needed. (This article comes from a Livingston County newspaper.)

Report of Brig. Gen. James S. Wadsworth,
U. S. Army, commanding First Division.
O.R.--SERIES I--VOLUME XXVII/1 [S# 43] -- Gettysburg Campaign

1HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION, *FIRST ARMY CORPS*,
In the Field, near Gettysburg, Pa., July 4, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to report to the major-general commanding the movements of this division during the last three days.

On the morning of July 1, at 8 a.m., the division moved from Marsh Creek on Gettysburg, under the immediate direction of our deeply lamented commander, Major-General Reynolds. I understand that the general received information when we were within about a mile of the town that the enemy were approaching from the direction of Cashtown. He immediately turned the head of the column to the left, across the fields, and struck the Cashtown road about three-quarters of a mile west of Gettysburg at about 10 a.m. The Second Brigade, Brigadier-General Cutler, led the column, followed by the Second Maine Battery, Captain Hall, the First Brigade, Brigadier-General Meredith, bringing up the rear. Here we met the advance guard of the enemy. Three regiments of the Second Brigade were ordered to deploy on the right of the road, the battery was placed in position near the road, and the balance of the division ordered up to the left of the road. The right became sharply engaged before the line was formed, and at this time (about 10.15 a.m.) our gallant leader fell, mortally wounded. The right encountered a heavy force, were outnumbered, outflanked, and after a resolute contest, bravely conducted by Brigadier-General Cutler, fell back in good order to Seminary Ridge, near the town, and a portion of the command to a point still nearer the town. As they fell back, followed by the enemy, the Fourteenth New York State Militia, Colonel Fowler; Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers, Lieutenant-Colonel Dawes, and Ninety-fifth New York Volunteers, Colonel Biddle, gallantly charged on the advance of the enemy, and captured a large number of prisoners, including two entire regiments with their flags. The other regiments of the First Brigade advanced farther on the left, and captured several hundred prisoners, including Brigadier-General Archer. The enemy fell back. I reformed the line, the Second Brigade on the right, on a ridge, the First in a piece of woodland on the left. The battery had fallen to the rear, disabled by the loss of horses. I found Tidball's battery on Seminary Ridge, and advanced it to the front line, where it engaged a battery of the enemy in front of us. Major-General Doubleday, commanding the corps at that time, arrived on the ground about the time, or very soon after, General Reynolds fell, with the Second and Third Divisions.

The enemy advanced in heavy force on our right, and placed a battery in position to enfilade the line, and I was obliged to order the right to fall back to Seminary Ridge, forming the line northwesterly and diagonal to the Cashtown road. Two brigades of the Second Division were sent to our right, and gallantly held the enemy in check for an hour, capturing a large number of prisoners. I received orders direct from Major-General Howard to hold Seminary Ridge as long as possible.

Tidball's battery had been driven back, but at 2 p.m. Battery B, Fourth Regular Artillery, commanded by Lieutenant Stewart, came to our assistance, and rendered effective service, demolishing a brigade of the enemy by a desultory fire of canister and shell. Battery L, First New York Artillery, and the Fifth Maine Battery were likewise engaged in position near the seminary. At about 2.30 p.m. Major-General Schurz, who had been advanced on our right, fell back after partially engaging the enemy, and left our right exposed. The enemy advanced in large force from that direction, and on our left the Third Division of this corps was driven back. Finding myself outflanked on both right and left, heavily pressed in front, and my ammunition nearly exhausted, at 3.45 o'clock I ordered the command to retire. The movement was effected in good order, and all the artillery brought off safely, excepting one caisson, the Seventh Wisconsin bringing up the rear, and suffering heavily, with the whole of the command, from the fire from our front and both flanks.

The severity of the contest during the day will be indicated by the painful fact that at least half of the officers and men who went into the engagement were killed or wounded.

On the evening of the 1st, we were ordered to occupy a hill on the right of the cemetery, which we held on the 2d and 3d against a sharp attack of the enemy on the evening of the 2d and morning of the 3d, with small loss to us.

The officers of my staff and of my command performed their whole duty without an exception.

Under these circumstances I cannot particularly commend any of them without doing injustice to others equally meritorious.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
JAS. S. WADSWORTH,
Brigadier-General of Volunteers.

DISPATCHES FROM THE CAMPS OF THE SECOND WISCONSIN

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

On January 26th, 2008, the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association held its annual meeting in Fox Lake, Wisconsin. The photo on the left is of a new member of Company E going through the mustering in ceremony at

the annual meeting. If you have not had the pleasure of going through this moving ceremony plan to attend next year's meeting and experience hosting in ceremony yourself! The new recruit in the photo is Richard Laddusne from Rhineland, Wisconsin.

Please review the minutes of the meeting below. If you were there it will serve as a reminder of the various discussions. If you weren't there it is an excellent way to get up to speed on the business of the Association! *The Fugelman* extends its gratitude to Lyle Laufenberg for the photo from the Association meeting!

Scott Frank sent the following communication to share with the members of the Second Wisconsin members.

Scott,

I received your envelope with the scholarship check inside. I want to thank you and the association as a whole for the very generous \$500 scholarship which I am using as I attend Grove City College (PA) for a BS in Economics and a BS in Finance. See you on the field soon!

Patrick Weeks



Company K is in the process of planning its annual school day event. Last year 2,080 students passed through the various stations covering cavalry, artillery, medical, civilian and military aspects of the civil war era. Lynn Wirl has undertaken the difficult job of organizing this event, replacing

Vic Penman who had served the Company very well as coordinator the last couple years. The numbers of students anticipated this year will equal or surpass the numbers from last year.

In the spirit of this successful program Company K would like to extend an offer to any and all members of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association to join us on May 16th, 2008, at Blue Mound State Park, near Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. If you can serve as a presenter or

simply hoist a musket and drill for the students you will be welcomed by your comrades. If you can join us contact Lynn Wirl at the_wirls@msn.com or call her at (608) 825-7833.

Company K needs to know if you plan to join us as we are planning a catered dinner following the event. The Company has allocated \$500.00 for the dinner. A small donation is being requested to help defray the costs of the dinner, but it will be a great way to end the day and renew acquaintances of friends, new and old.

The Following information is of import to all the members of the Association, at least those planning to take the bus to the Gettysburg National Event! ***PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE DEADLINES FOR PAYMENTS AND THE NEW LOCATION FOR PAYING THOSE PAYMENTS!*** Again we extend our thanks to Captain Mickelson for his leadership on this project!

Co. K has a new Treasurer: Jeff Meicher, yes, that Jeff. Send your trip payments to Jeff Meicher, 705 Copernicus Way, Madison, WI. 53718.

*Checks made out to: Co. K, 2nd Wisconsin.

REMINDER TO PAY YOUR FIRST OF TWO DEPOSITS FOR YOUR GETTYSBURG TRIP!

We are going to have 2 payment deadlines of 50% each for your trip cost.

*****Payment Deadlines: are March 3, 2008 & May 1, 2008*****

Total Trip cost includes: one night in a motel, bus rental, Gettysburg Battlefield Tour Guide, Tip for Guide, Tips for 2 bus drivers, ice, soda & beer on return trip, and Thursday dinner in Gettysburg at General Pickett's Buffet. **IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PAY \$12.15 FOR THE General Pickett Buffet YOU MUST LET ME KNOW BY MARCH 3, 2008. YOU WILL THEN BE ON YOUR OWN FOR DINNER.** The current menu includes a soup & salad bar with 3 homemade soups, salads, Amish Macaroni Salad, Dutch Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, fresh fruit, Jell-O. The dinner buffet includes Carved Top Round of Roast Beef, Carved Virginia Ham, BBQ Pork Spare Ribs, Southern Fried Tilapia, Alaskan Pollock, Baked Chicken, Rice, Pastas, Potatoes & Veggies. They also have a dessert table with fresh pies, cakes and brownies. You can pay cash for any adult beverages.

To figure your Total Trip Cost use the info below.

If you know who you want to room with, let Jim Johnston know that when you send in your check; otherwise we'll pick a roomie for you....

MOTEL COST ONE NIGHT----- SUNDAY JULY 6:
Ramada Inn, Breezewood PA. INCLUDES FREE HOT BUFFET
BREAKFAST!

Single \$60.00
Double \$ 32.50 per person
Triple \$ 23.50 per person
Quad \$ 19.00 per person

TOTAL TRIP Cost (bus & motel) - COST CALCULATION EXAMPLE :

Co. B, K, & Batt B People: IF YOU WANT A 4 MAN ROOM (\$19.00) + BUS \$165.29 + \$12.15 *General Pickett's Buffet* = \$196.44/person.

Co. E People: IF YOU WANT A 4 MAN ROOM (\$19.00) + \$15.93 (Green Bay pickup surcharge) + Bus \$165.29 + *General Pickett's Buffet* \$12.15 = \$212.37/person. [NOTE: Dave Sielski says the Co. E kitty will pay the Green Bay pickup surcharge].

WE HAVE DISCOVER COACH'S BIGGEST BUS, A 56

PASSENGER! We have 60 bus riders at this point. IF we end up with more than 56 riders, the first 56 that pay, get a bus seat. Any above 56 go on a waiting list or into another vehicle. I do expect that we will have cancellations (we already have) especially when we have to start making the payments.

Wednesday, July 2 evening, bus picks up Co. E guys & gals in Green Bay (we're expecting about 26 at Green Bay, this saves them sending 8-10 cars to Sheboygan).

One person pick up in Fond du Lac now.

Wednesday July 2 evening...later on, bus departs from Madison.
Everyone sleeps on bus (the seats do recline some).

Thursday, July 3 breakfast along the way somewhere.

Thursday, July 3 arrive Gettysburg Battlefield appx 10:00 am.

Thursday, July 3 tour with Battlefield Tour Guide at 11:00am (2 hour tour), and tour new National Park Visitor Center (Cyclorama is closed).

Thursday, July 3 dinner in Gettysburg at *General Pickett's Buffet* at 4pm. The cost per person is \$12.15 inclusive. I will need a final count for dinner by March 3. Discovery Tours will send in the payment for this since it must be paid by 1 check in order for us to get the group rate

There is a 22 minute film at the Visitor Center, there is a \$7.00 charge for this.

Thursday, July 3 arrive at the event around 7:30 PM.

*FYI We are registered as 2nd Wisconsin Association Infantry, Cumberland Guard/Black Hat Battalion.

WEBSITE: Shortcut to: <http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com/index.htm>

As always ask if you have a question.

Craig S. Mickelson, Capt.
President, Co K

BATTERY B

The following information was provided by our comrade from Battery B, Lyle Laufenberg. It is disheartening news in so many ways! Certainly our condolences go out to those grieving parents. Your editor can't imagine the depth of their sorrow, but it is as certain as the rising sun that all of us are prayerful for God's healing power in their lives, and that He also extends His healing hand to all of those facing physical struggles from the Battery! And to the members of the Battery, "Well done good and faithful servants"!

Well, it seems like we just can't quite shake the ills and ails within our group. BUT, the care, thoughts, prayers, supporting messages from everyone truly is what makes our unit unique - a true family group, who are also reenactors!

who for health reasons are not able to make Green Bay, I've been getting updates heard from - please let us know! to Battery business items.

Yr. Serv't, Lyle

First - Battery Info: * If you haven't sent in your due\$, get them to Capt. Terry ASAP (or at GB), as the 2nd Ass'n (including the Battery) is supposed to have them in January. Also, check the latest schedule Terry sent out for event dates.

* **Mt. Horeb** will need people to help out in many ways, as we will be in a new location (Blue Mounds State Park just past MH; and the number of students promises to be over 2,000 again. *



As we have a number of people to make the annual meeting in on people (AND, anyone I've not send this out, along with some

+++++ haven't sent in your due\$, get

Our training and biannual **Safety School** is the next day or two at **Boscobel**.

* The **Milwaukee VA - ROH** event promises to be even better than before, Brian & Char Staples will fill us in on that soon.

* **Sauk City** has Co. K revved up for drill competitions and skirmishes with the Rebs.

* **Wade House** is continuing to evolve into a bigger and better event. Chris Bestul is representing us there.

Second - Member Health & Care:

* **Cliff Olson** is off work for the next 3-4 weeks, after having knee surgery on the 24th. Also keep Debbie in your thoughts.

* **Skip McCutcheon** had vascular surgery on his leg Monday, to improve circulation; he hopes to go back to work part time in the next few weeks. Mary Ellen is home with him.

* **Jim Bieberman** continues to do well with his leukemia, and the rod in his leg. After another chemo session, he plans to be back at work Feb. 11.

* **Katie Kalmerton** is still scheduled to have a Bone Marrow Transplant on Feb. 11. Her stem cells being harvested are showing good numbers. The family is taking a break at the Dells this weekend with her.

* **Tom Sobottke** will be having surgery on Feb. 26 for a pituitary tumor next to the optic nerve (near the base of the brain). He will be off work for 5-6 weeks (?Is a teacher ever really off work, and then getting back in step from the sub teacher?) He also reports that his leukemia treatments are continuing to go well. Prayers are requested!

* No new info on the **Gardners**; Ted and Bev plan to be at GB for the meeting.

Third - Appreciations:

* from Walt & Rachel Scott (part of their letter here)"

"Grieving Steve's death is proving more difficult than we had anticipated for us. As a pastor and nurse we have stood with many families for whom the lonely vigil was their lot. But we feel supported and very thankful for our children and friends as we walk love's final journey. Again, thank you for your pre-death and post-death caring.

...We are exceedingly impressed at the deep fellowship of caring which you...encourage among the comrades of Battery B. Cards of concern came from many during December, and we are grateful.

...We will try to keep in touch with you dear people, and wouldn't it be great if sometime in the future our paths actually cross.

Blessings... Walt and Rachel"

The Fugelman received this dispatch from our comrades in Company A. Thank you for the information and we all are glad to hear that Company A may be refreshed and back on the field. Sharing the history of those who have left us generations ago and have no voice, other than those of us who recognize their sacrifice and struggle to achieve great things for this nation and her

people, is important work and more hands make light work of the task.

I just wanted to drop everyone in the association a line letting them know what is going on with Company A. I was once again elected President after a year off, so I am the best and quickest contact for the association once again. The contact information is the same:

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Beaver Dam, WI 53916
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I will admit that we were not overly present the last season, and it was for a variety of the usual reasons:



School,
Work,
Family,
and lack
of time in
general
(usually
due to all
of the



above). I took the year off from presidency, nco-ship, and cut the reenacting schedule way back for myself due to work responsibilities, but it looks for now that I have put in my last 16 hour day for the foreseeable future, and might actually get most weekends back as well. I would like to thank Scott Sonntag for taking over President in my absence from the position, and Tom Klas for helping out both of us Scotts with keeping the company informed and together.

Our schedule is going to be light again this year, but we have some quality events on the list and will do some decidedly good work. We have plans to give the last event in Fox Lake for a while in May, and will be raising some much needed funds for the preservation of the building in which the company was formed. We also will be helping out with the opening of the Kenosha CW Museum at several events to highlight the museum in its inaugural year.

We are going to continue to work on getting things right and helping others interested in doing the same. We will continue to strive to make the men who went before us proud of the work we do to uphold their memory. We also are going to concentrate on our numbers and recruiting efforts in an attempt to regain the numbers we had a couple years ago. We already have several new members this year, primarily thanks to the efforts of Tom Klas.

With that I look forward to a great 2008 Reenacting season, and look forward to seeing you all again in the field.
Scott



The picture on the left above is a newly constructed 210 feet stone wall for “Pickett’s Charge” scenario at the site for the 145th Gettysburg National event in July. The picture on the right shows the construction of a road to the rebel camps. The photo at the bottom left is a



gathering of wood for our camp fires during the event!

The 210 feet wall for the “Pickett’s Charge” scenario at Gettysburg on the bottom right.

THE SKIRMISH TEAM



Headquarters

2^d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (ACWSA)

5692 Williamsburg Way

Madison, Wisconsin 53719

February 2, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honor to report,

The 2008 organizational meeting for the 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment (ACWSA) was called to order shortly after 2:20 p.m. on Saturday, February 2 at Camp Nelson. Sincere thanks to Cathi and Roy for opening their home to us again and the extra-special sloppy-buffalo-joes this year.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Karen and Dan Graff, David Listug, Cathi and Roy Nelson, Gary and Darlene Van Kauwenbergh, Rob Weber, Mike Young, Ben Barbour,

Absent Members with dues paid: Lee and Nancy Arnold, Matt Barbour, Chris Bestul, Nate and Angie Brown, Bill Graff, Jim and Sam Leinicke, David May, Doug Ortwerth, Bill Weedman, Wayne Weinert, David Roemer, Dan Young

Absent Members without dues paid: Gwen Barbour, Bonnie Weinert

Minutes - We dispensed with reading our last minutes.

Logistics:

Black powder was distributed at the meeting. The only powder remaining to distribute is to Nate Brown and David May.

Musket caps were discussed. Mike wants 1,000 CCI caps, Ben wants 1,000 and Dan wants 2,000. We'll pick them up at the N-SSA nationals.

Lead: Roy sold lead to Dan and Mike. Anyone else needing lead should see Roy.

2008 membership dues were collected.

Financial Report – Paymaster Darlene Van Kauwenbergh reported a balance of \$214 in the team coffers. We started the year with \$39, added \$75 from the Appleton skirmish, and another \$100 after the Rhinelander skirmish. There are no “2nd Wisconsin” team dues. The \$15 membership dues you pay all go to the ACWSA, and most of that amount pays for insurance.

2008 Elections Commander (Sergeant) Van Kauwenbergh was unanimously reelected. Adjutant (Corporal) Roy Nelson was re-elected with one dissenting vote from wife Cathi.

Darlene Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to be Paymaster

Roy Nelson volunteered to be Carbine Team Commander

Revolver Team Commander was left open, hoping Nate Brown would volunteer???

Smoothbores: David Listug volunteered to be Smoothbore Team Commander

Henrys: Dan Graff volunteered to be Henry Team Commander if the opportunity arises.

2008 Schedule - The official skirmish schedule for the 2008 season will be published with the ACWSA Board meeting minutes. Our one-day skirmish on the Saturday of Fathers Day Weekend at Bristol, June 16, was added. This is opening weekend for the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha. If you're considering getting a motel room, you may want to do it soon. The group agreed to make this an “open” skirmish. Mike volunteered to procure cardboard and wire. Roy volunteered to take care of the pigeons and tiles. Gary will take care of everything else. We'll offer soda, water at the skirmish but no lunch will be planned as we plan to start as soon as possible and get everyone out in time to go to the new Kenosha Civil War Museum. Ben offered his garage as a staging area for any targeting.

Other Kibitz:

Mike and Dan Young won't be able to attend the Bristol skirmish. Gary may not be able to be at the Appleton skirmish on Sunday.

Bill Graff update: Bill has been in Iraq for about two weeks now, and is currently operating just west of Fallujah. He said this is very different from his first tour, and they're being used more like police than Marines. He should be home in about seven months. Before Bill left, he and Leah got engaged, but I don't think they've set a date yet. Dan's contact information is:

CPL Graff, William J.

2/24 G Co, WPNs PLT

Unit 43510

FPO-AP 96426-3510

or

Dvldog84@yahoo.com

Mike is in the throes of making an original Lorenz smoothbore ready for shooting, and is also beginning to look around for a 44-40 Henry.


Gary has his bullet and load figured out for his 44-40 Henry, and still putting a new stock on his original Lorenz.

The meeting ended just past 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Yr. Obt. Srvt.

Gary Van Kauwenbergh

The following information was provided by  John Dudkiewicz, editor of *The Light Guard Lantern*, the newsletter of the boys in Company B. On behalf of *The Fugelman*, thank you for your support of this newsletter and for sharing this information with our brothers-in-arms from the Second Wisconsin Regiment!

In recent elections Company B elected the following men for a two year term:

President:	Jeff Blakeley	Officer:	Jeff Blakeley
Vice-president:	John S. Dudkiewicz	First NCO:	John S. Dudkiewicz
Secretary/Treasurer:	John Stellflue	Second NCO:	John Stoltz
		Third NCO:	Bill Wojahn

Congratulations to these men who have stepped up to serve their respective companies and for the confidence expressed in their leadership by their fellow members of the Company.

The following is the Campaign Schedule for Company B as currently comprised. Voting on the final calendar of events will take place during their March Meeting:

April 26-27, 2008	Regimental Spring Muster	Old Wade House
May 16, 2008	West Salem School Days	
May 17, 2008	Fort McCoy	
May 26, 2008	Memorial Day parade	
July 3-6, 2008	Gettysburg National Event	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
September 26-28, 2008	Wade House Civil War Weekend	Greenbush
October 10-12, 2008	Norskedalen Civil War Weekend	

John Dudkiewicz reports that 17 members of Company B and their Venture Crew members have signed up to attend the Gettysburg National Event in July.



[Ed] This cartoon isn't offered here to make a political statement, but to point to a larger issue; one has to wonder what President Lincoln would have thought about the future possibility of a descendant (sort of) of the newly freed

slaves one day competing for the job he had once held. It is a manifest example of Abe's legacy to his nation. Although it took us a long time to get here, get here we did, and it is a credit to the man who insisted on maintaining this nation as an undivided home of freedom and democracy.

Greetings:

I am looking forward to Spring Muster and Wade House. I see this as an opportunity to become reacquainted with one another after a long, snow-filled winter. It is also a chance to welcome "fresh fish" and bring them up to speed.

At the Annual Association Meeting there was a lot of talk about the need for a Spring Muster to prepare us for Gettysburg in July. With this being true, you are still encouraged to come even if you are not going to Gettysburg.

Even though interest in Civil War reenacting seems to be declining, Spring Muster and the September Wade House event rebuilding can only help the 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and Battery B.

Just a quick note about snowfall. I always watch the Wisconsin weather broadcasts on T.V. and have seen snowfalls in excess of 20 inches. In the U.P. we call those 3 inch snowfalls. What that means is when we get done shoveling we wear 3 inches off our snow shovels!!!

Ever ready,

Major Doug Rasmussen

The following communication was received from Patricia Lynch. This information applies to the "Reclaiming Our Heritage" event on May 30-June 1, 2008, at the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee. This is an excellent and enjoyable event attended by many members of the Second Wisconsin's companies. We thank Patricia Lynch for providing us with the information.

RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE NEWS SERVICES

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For immediate release: FEBRUARY 11, 2008

"Proud to Be a Woman and an American Veteran"

Annual Event at Milwaukee VA Will Pay Tribute to Women Vets

MILWAUKEE — Event organizers have announced the honored group of veterans for the seventh annual **Reclaiming Our Heritage** event at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee: our nation's women veterans and those in active duty. The 2008 event will take place on **May 31** and **June 1** with the annual Civil War School Day on **May 30**.

Betty Mosely Brown, associate director of the Center for Women Veterans, will be among the guest speakers that weekend. Women veterans will be featured in the **Positively Patriotic Parade** on Saturday, May 31. They will also receive a hand-crafted ornament with the phrase "Proud to Be a Woman and an American Veteran."

Reclaiming Our Heritage provides veteran benefit information for all veterans, but this year a special area will be devoted to women's health information and support services. Special exhibits will follow "Women Veterans Through History."

Other weekend activities will include:

- New! Timeline of American Fire Power, a multi-era demonstration, all day Saturday
- New! Multi-Era Dance on Saturday evening
- New! Civil War Battle of Belmont on Sunday—the first time the Navy will come into action at Reclaiming Our Heritage
- Popular Cemetery-by-Lantern Tours of Wood National Cemetery
- VA Chaplain's Field Mass (10:30 a.m.) and Reenactor Worship Service (9:00 a.m.) Sunday
- Tours of historic district and select historic buildings

A free-admission, family-friendly patriotic celebration, Reclaiming Our Heritage is hosted by the staff of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center at 5000 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, and sponsored by the Soldiers Home Foundation. For schedules, event news and driving directions, visit www.rohmilwaukee.org or call (414) 902-5599.

UPDATE AND CONCERN FOR A COLLEAGUE FROM BATTERY B

As the newsletter gets ready to go to publication, it received the following from Lyle Laufenberg from Battery B. Let us all remember Katie in our prayers (let us be persistent in our prayers and God will hear them!) that God will sustain her during her trials and lift her up to his healing powers! Thank you Lyle for sharing this news with us, your brothers-in-arms.

Battery B Members & Friends,

Received this updated information today from Katie's Mom - Robyn Baerenwald. If you haven't, please add her to the prayer list of people ailing, and recovering, as she will also be tho slower. There are 2 weblinks lower, and take note of Robyn's PS.

Yr. Serv't, Lyle Laufenberg

Robyn's eMail is: 1RobynB@CharterInternet.com Her cell phone is listed below.

The following information has been provided by Katie's parents to update those who may know Katie. The newsletter encourages everyone to take a few moments to send Katie a get well card with our best wishes.

To Katie's Reenacting Buddies.

As we prepare for Katie's admission to the hospital tomorrow, I just wanted to let you all know what Katie will be doing in the months to come. She will undergo intensive chemotherapy for the next 6 days, followed by a Bone Marrow Transplant to rescue her marrow. She will be hospitalized for approximately 6 weeks followed by a very long year of slow recovery. Her activities will be extremely limited due to her immune system being compromised. She will be at risk for many months, making it nearly impossible to participate, again this year, in the reenacting that she so loves. She misses the fun and the people so very much! I only have emails for the 6 of you, and hoped you would share Katie's situation with the many friends she has made through reenacting.

Visits will be limited to 'very' healthy folks, but I know it would mean so much to her if she knew you were all cheering her on and looking forward to having her back with you at events.

She can receive phone calls either direct to AFCH or my cell 608-445-8677.

Her address will be :

Katie Kalmerton

c/o American Family Children's Hospital

1675 Highland Avenue

Madison, WI 53792

People can follow her treatment progress by visiting her CaringBridge website at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/katiekalmerton , I try to update the journal daily, with medical news and specific prayer requests.

Lastly, I have put together a photo montage of Katie on YOUTUBE, you can click on this link to view the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llJeuOxHDtw>

Thank you for standing with us and believing together for her complete recovery!

Pressing On,

Robyn Baerenwald

PS: Katie is going to be featured in BRAVA Magazine in March, so watch for the COOL KID column.

A MUSICAL SALUTE TO THE IRON BRIGADE

On January 12th, 2008, Company K held their annual dinner and dance in Oregon, Wisconsin. During the dance there was a short musical interlude where six members sang the song “The Iron Brigade”, a contemporary song honoring the regiments of the Iron Brigade. If you are interested you can go to the YouTube site where Trevor Warmuth, a member of Company K, posted the video. The singers (whose identity they would likely want to keep anonymous) were Frank Medina, Ugi Pirocanac, John Thomsen, Don Noble, Jim Dumke and Tim Grover.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFVHfJiJaQc>

145TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

The following schedule of events has been posted to the 145th Gettysburg site. It is included here to inform the members of the activities and events during our foray to Gettysburg for the National Event. Craig Mickelson also has advanced plans to visit the new museum in Gettysburg during our time there. Company K contributed to the Gettysburg Foundation which supports the museum and it will be a great chance to see what our contribution supports!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 4, 5, & 6, 2008

Friday, July 4th

- 8:30 - Gates Open
- 9:00 - C.S. Generals: Lee, Pickett, Jackson, Ewell, AP Hill & more - (Tent 1)
- 9:30 - Civil War Infantry Talk presented by Brandon Booth, great grandson of John Wilkes Booth-(Tent 2)
- 10:00 - U.S. Generals, Meade, Hooker, Hancock, Reynolds, Gibbon - (Tent 1)
- 10:30 - Artillery by author and living historian Jack Travis - (Tent 2)
- 11:00 - U.S. Christian Commission: Local Director John Wega explains the overwhelming task of the U.S.C.C. - (Tent 1)

- 11:30 - General Grant on Vicksburg - (Tent 2)
- 12:00 - General Longstreet portrayed by Ron Hawkins - (Tent 1)
- 12:30 - A.P. Hill as portrayed by actor/historian Patrick Falci of the film Gettysburg (Tent 2)
- 1:00 - Brigade Commanders of the C.S.A., Generals Kershaw, Davis and Barksdale (Tent 1)
- 1:30 - Battle: "The Devil's to Pay", First Day Struggle at Willoughby Run2:30 -
- Medical Demonstration by the Antietam Army Hospital - (Tent 2)
- 3:00 - Civil War Wedding in the 1860's Victorian setting (Tent 1)
- 3:30 - Gettysburg Ghost Stories - Hosted by guides from Gettysburg Ghost Tours (Tent 2)
- 4:00 - Victorian Fashions by Carolann Schmitt (Genteel Arts Academy) - (Tent 1)
- 4:30 - Drum & Bugle demonstration by the Indiana 1st Infantry - (Tent 2)
- 5:30 - Live Mortar Fire Demonstration (Field)
- 6:00 - **Battle: "Holding the High Ground", Defending East Cemetery Hill**
- 7:00 - Band performance by the 46th PA Brass Band - (Tent 1)

Saturday, July 5th

- 8:30 - Gates Open
- 9:00 - U.S. Generals: Meade, Hooker, Reynolds, Gibbon, Hancock - (Tent 1)
- 9:30 - C.S. Generals: Lee, Pickett, Stuart, Ewell - (Tent 2)
- 10:00 - Civil War Medicine presented by the Antietam Army Hospital - (Tent 1)
- 11:00 - **Battle: "Polished Sabers Dazzling in the Sun", Cavalry Engagement at Hanover Road**
- 12:00 - Live Mortar Fire Demonstration (Field)
- Independence Day Artillery Commemoration

- 1:00 - A.P. Hill as portrayed by actor/historian Patrick Falci of the film Gettysburg (Tent 1)
- 1:30 - General Longstreet - Portrayed by Living Historian/Actor Ron Hawkins (Tent 1)
- 2:00 - Brigade Commanders of the Confederate States: Generals Kershaw, Davis and Barksdale-(Tent 1)
- 2:30 - Victorian Fashions by Carolann Schmitt (Genteel Arts Academy) - (Tent 2)
- 3:00 - Gettysburg Ghost Stories - Hosted by guides from Gettysburg Ghost Tours (Tent 1)
- 3:30 - Civil War Wedding in the 1860's Victorian Setting (Tent 2)
- 4:00 - General Grant on Vicksburg (Tent 1)
- 5:00 - **Battle: "Hold The Line", Gallant Rally at the Klinge Farm**
- 6:15 - Civil War Religious Revival Service by Rev. Farley - (Tent 1)
- 6:45 - Masonic Meeting - Gathering of the Brotherhood (Field)
- 8:00 - Reenactor's Camp Dance - (Tent 1)
- 8:00 - Reenactor's Camp Dance - (Tent 2)

Sunday, July 6th

- 8:30 - Gates Open
- 9:30 - Period Worship Service - Reverend Farley (Tent 1)
- 9:30 - Catholic Worship Service - (Tent 2)
- 10:30 - U.S. Generals - Meade, Hooker, Hancock, Reynolds, Gibbon (Tent 1)
- 10:30 - C.S. Generals - Lee, Pickett, Stuart, Jackson, Ewell and more (Tent 2)
- 11:00 **Cavalry Battle - "We Must Cross The Potomac to Virginia", Protecting the Retreat**
- 12:00 Live Mortar Fire Demonstration (Field)
- 12:30 - General Longstreet - Portrayed by Living Historian/Actor Ron Hawkins (Tent 1)

- 1:00 - A.P. Hill as portrayed by actor/historian Patrick Falci of the film Gettysburg (Tent 2)
- 1:30 - Drum & Bugle Demonstration - Presented by the Indiana 1st Infantry (Tent 1)
- 2:00 - Brigade Commanders of the C.S.A. - Generals Kershaw, Davis, Barksdale & more (Tent 2)
- 3:00 - **Battle - "The High Tide Crashes", Pickett's Charge**
Independence Day Artillery Commemoration
- 4:00 - Gettysburg Ghost Stories - Hosted by guides from Gettysburg Ghost Tours (Tent 1)

In addition, the 46th Pa Brass Band and other musical groups will be performing throughout the weekend

RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE NEWS SERVICES

Below is a news release regarding the "Reclaiming Our Heritage" event at the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee, scheduled for May 30-June 1, 2008. It sounds like a lot of effort is being made, as always, to make this a memorable event. This is becoming a well attended event by members of the Second Wisconsin. If you haven't attended this event in the past, consider giving it a try this year.

Thank you Patricia Lynch for forwarding this to our newsletter. [Ed.]

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"Proud to Be a Woman and an American Veteran" **Annual Event at Milwaukee VA Will Pay Tribute to Women Vets**

MILWAUKEE — Event organizers have announced the honored group of veterans for the seventh annual **Reclaiming Our Heritage** event at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Milwaukee: our nation's women

veterans and those in active duty. The 2008 event will take place on **May 31** and **June 1** with the annual Civil War School Day on **May 30**.

Betty Mosely Brown, associate director of the Center for Women Veterans, will be among the guest speakers that weekend. Women veterans will be featured in the **Positively Patriotic Parade** on Saturday, May 31. They will also receive a hand-crafted ornament with the phrase "Proud to Be a Woman and an American Veteran."

Reclaiming Our Heritage provides veteran benefit information for all veterans, but this year a special area will be devoted to women's health information and support services. Special exhibits will follow "Women Veterans Through History."

Other weekend activities will include:

- New! Timeline of American Fire Power, a multi-era demonstration, all day Saturday
- New! Multi-Era Dance on Saturday evening
- New! Civil War Battle of Belmont on Sunday—the first time the Navy will come into action at Reclaiming Our Heritage
- Popular Cemetery-by-Lantern Tours of Wood National Cemetery
- VA Chaplain's Field Mass (10:30 a.m.) and Reenactor Worship Service (9:00 a.m.) Sunday
- Tours of historic district and select historic buildings

A free-admission, family-friendly patriotic celebration, Reclaiming Our Heritage is hosted by the staff of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center at 5000 W. National Ave., Milwaukee, and sponsored by the Soldiers Home Foundation. For schedules, event news and driving directions, visit www.rohmilwaukee.org or call (414) 902-5599.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE 2008 WADE HOUSE EVENT

The following information was provided to the newsletter by both Captain Mickelson and First Sergeant Bob Mann. Bob has been functioning as the Company K representative at the planning meetings for last year's and this upcoming year's events. Our thanks to Bob for his service to the Company and his efforts on behalf of the Wade House event.

***2008 Wade House Civil War Weekend Re-enactment
Advisory Committee Meeting #3
February 9, 2008
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Wade House Town Hall***

Acting upon a battle scenario submitted via e-mail, the committee took another look at the battlefield. After some discussion it was agreed that the submitted idea, while good, would not allow enough room for all three branches of the military to safely engage. It was decided that the original battlefield location and direction decided upon at the

January meeting would still be attempted. The committee should know more about the battlefield and possible battle scenarios after the April meeting when access to the battlefield grounds area improves after the snow melts (at least we hope it melts someday).

A slogan was submitted by e-mail and the committee chose this for the event. The tagline/marketing slogan will be “Shenandoah ’62 – The Gathering Storm.” All agreed that this statement will provide an excellent means of marketing the event to both public and re-enactors.

A program that was originally developed for the 2007 event was submitted for the 2008 event. It is a well-researched scripted court-martial scenario which is based on the field court martial of Carl J. Goesser of the 14th Wisconsin. This program will be on the schedule and carried out in the Union camp.

Regarding possible other programs, Jeff Murray submitted the idea of having a night firing as part of the event. After some discussion it was agreed that Jeff would attend the night firing at Wauconda to see how another event handles this type of program, especially with regards to public interpretation and safety. Everybody agreed that taking such a big logistical leap forward should wait until the event coordinator can get an idea of what is truly involved in hosting such a program.

A general discussion took place regarding existing sutlers and attracting additional quality sutlers to the event. None of the committee members present found fault with any sutlers in attendance at the 2007 event. Jeff Murray announced that he is actively researching and inviting new sutlers to the event. It was also suggested that Wade House staff attend the Wauconda, Boscobel and Menomonee Falls events to personally invite some of the sutlers that attend those events. Jeff Murray responded that he will definitely attend the Wauconda event and also try to attend the Menomonee Falls event this summer.

There was a lengthy discussion on rules and regulations, with the decision that there would not be any formal authority given to a provost marshal at this year’s event. Certain other changes were made to the rules and regulations which will be provided to each re-enactor at registration. One major addition was the institution of quiet time in the camps from 11:30 p.m. until dawn each night.

The Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association announced that they had chosen the Wade House event as their event to endorse for 2008. They will continue to endorse the event by word of mouth throughout the upcoming re-enacting season.

Jeff Murray announced that event registration forms will be going out to respective unit commanders/secretaries in the next few weeks.

Artillery will not be requested to do any firing to signal the changing of stations at the Civil War School Day on Friday. School Day coordinator Betsy Urven will actively

pursue an alternative means of letting students know when it's time to change.

In addition to using word of mouth and phone campaigns to recruit additional infantry and other units, Jeff Murray announced that recruitment display ads in the Camp Chase Gazette and Civil War News will be placed very soon and run throughout the spring and summer. Also, following up on a lead provided by e-mail, Jeff will also investigate the possibility of advertising in the Civil War Historian.

Jeff Murray announced that Pete Seielstad of the 2nd Wisconsin and Chuck Larscheid of the 10th Tennessee had accepted the roles of overall Union and Confederate commanders, respectively.

David Simmons announced that the site would be meeting with marketing professional and 10th Tennessee re-enactor Matt Olson in the next few weeks to begin the process of developing marketing posters and rack cards which should be available for distribution prior to the Milwaukee V.A. event at the end of May.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. because Jeff Murray had another scheduled meeting on-site. The committee was not able to discuss camp tours, visitor orientation or the scheduling of on-site work days for the fall at this meeting. Those items will be discussed at the next meeting on March 1.

A PERSONAL JOURNEY

By James H. Dumke

It is February 12th as I sit here somewhat disappointed as the anticipated kick off of the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration has been cancelled due to an ice storm in Hodgenville, Kentucky. Some wonderful memories and my reenacting experience are tied closely to another event back in 2002. C-span had created a reenactment of the Lincoln-Douglas debates and they were traveling from site to site and re-creating those famous debates. I grew up in a small town, Marseilles, seven miles east of Ottawa, Illinois. This was the site of the first of the debates on August 27th, 1858. No one in this area of Illinois grew up without establishing an intimate knowledge of President Lincoln and the Civil War. I became an huge admirer of Lincoln, spent a great deal of time in New Salem and Springfield, and visited the sites related to Lincoln in Ottawa. A plaque on the LaSalle County Courthouse (in Ottawa) points out that it was the original building from that period and that it had served as the Illinois Supreme Court and that Lincoln had practiced there before that Court. Washington Park, the site of the debate, sat on the north side of the City. In the park was also a monument to the fallen Civil War soldiers from LaSalle County. It bore the names of soldiers, cavalry, artillerymen and sailors from the war and numbered over seven hundred names!

It was also the home of Lincoln's close friend, William H. L. Wallace, who was killed at Shiloh in 1862. Wallace's home and his grave site still exists there. My grandfather worked for Wallace's widow as a caretaker and I have a number of Wallace's books that were given to my grandfather when Ann Dickey Wallace closed the house and moved in with

her only child, a daughter, due to her advancing years. Wallace was going to work in Lincoln's law office as he studied the law, but decided eventually to study under his future father-in-law, Judge Dickey in Ottawa.

No one can study Lincoln without becoming intimately aware of the Civil War, and I was enthralled with the Battle of Gettysburg. My Civil War ancestor, Thomas Kelly (a farmer from Deerfield Township) fought with the 52nd Illinois Volunteers.

All this directed me towards attending the C-Span re-creation of the debate in Ottawa, Illinois. Frank and Judy Medina joined Gayle and me to travel to Ottawa for the days events. We attended a lecture by Harold Holzer, watched Lincoln impersonators in a competition to select the best one of the group, and visited a Civil War camp set up by the 104th Illinois.

While visiting the camp there was a great deal of talk, and excitement, about the upcoming 140th Anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. I determined initially to join the 104th in order to participate in that event. During my discussions with a member of the 104th about joining up, that fellow suggested that since I was from Wisconsin I might want to consider joining up with Company K, as it was closer to where I lived. The rest, as they say, is history. *As an aside, note that the 104th was exactly double the 52nd Illinois. There was a 52nd Illinois reenacter group, but it was defunct when I looked for an opportunity to join up with them.*

My original intent was to stay in reenacting until the Gettysburg event and then retire. I never dreamed I would make it to attend the 145th Gettysburg event! My admiration of Company K and its personnel convinced me to hang in there. It was a decision I have never regretted. I also try to remain active in the 104th, particularly because of its ties to LaSalle County, both historically and contemporaneously.

When I look back, it seems as if only a short time has elapsed since I joined Company K! But I note that the newsletter is also in its 5th year and Gettysburg's five year cycle as a huge national event is rolling up again. And I owe it all to the Lincoln-Douglas debates. My students note that in my U.S. Government classes I tend to speak of President Lincoln in the present tense, a hang-over from reenacting to a large degree, and it is true. How many folks can say they have walked with General Grant, visited with General Custer or General George Thomas, been reviewed by General Sherman and stood in awe of the presence of President Lincoln!

It is also the sesquicentennial of the Lincoln-Douglas debates in 2008. Galesburg is planning a huge celebration to commemorate the event. Douglas Wilson, author of books on Lincoln and a professor at Knox College (site of the Galesburg debate), is deeply involved in planning this event.

Others will certainly follow. Harold Holzer has indicated in an interview that all seven of the debates will be recreated in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the debates. If you would like to see the debates as they were recreated in 1994 you can go to c-span.org to see them. This will indeed be an exciting year for Lincoln's admirers and historians of the Civil War!

Below find the C-Span schedule for events associated with the Lincoln Bicentennial. I apologize for the fact that the schedule isn't specific as to the event being broadcast, but C-Span is the official network for Bicentennial and will carry all the major events live. As a final note (of interest to those who may be planning to attend Remembrance Day at

Gettysburg in November) Sam Waterston will be giving the Gettysburg Address in Gettysburg on November 19th, 2008.

C-Span will have a two hour Lincoln program the first Saturday of every month between April and November. On some occasions it will be programming based on its designation as the official network of the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and at other times it will be shows produced by C-Span.

11 February 12	ALBC Inaugural Event at Lincoln Birthplace	Hodgenville, KY	C-SPAN 10:30am ET
April 5	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
April 12	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
April 19	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
April 26	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
May 3	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
May 10	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
May 11	ALBC Mother's Day Celebration at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial	Lincoln City, IN	C-SPAN Time TBA
May 17	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
May 24	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
May 31	C-SPAN's Lincoln 200 Years Programming	Washington, DC	C-SPAN 8pm ET
November 19	ALBC Dedication Day Ceremony — 145th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address	Gettysburg, PA	C-SPAN Time TBA

New photos of Lincoln's Second Inaugural in 1865

The following essay was written by Kitty Eisele and was found on the NPR web page. At the end of this piece is a citation where you can go to hear the interview with Ms. Eisele if you so desire. {Ed.}

news item caught my eye a few months ago that made me smile in wonder. The Library of Congress had discovered unseen photos of President Abraham Lincoln's ^Asecond inauguration. They'd been housed at the library for years, hidden by an error in labeling.

As one of the producers of *The Civil War* series with Ken Burns, I have a personal interest in these photos.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that our crew spent literally months in the Library of Congress, some two decades ago, poring over and filming the photos of the Civil War. I spent a lot of that time wearing white cotton gloves, pulling dusty photos out of filing cabinets and making notes, while Ken and the cameraman filmed. Then I'd return to the library as we edited the series to order prints of pictures we needed for more footage.

At one point, I probably could have told you not only what photos of Lincoln existed, but cited all the negative numbers they were filed under. It was the first war to be widely photographed, and Lincoln the first president to understand the power of photography.

So learning there were ~~new, unseen photos of Lincoln's last great speech~~ was a little like being a detective who comes across key evidence in a case that's long been closed.

I had to take a look.

At the library's Prints and Photographs Division, Carol Johnson, the curator of 19th century photography, pulled out a familiar file, filled with photos of the March 4,

1865, inaugural ceremony.

It turns out there were some pictures that weren't housed in this folder when we were filming. They were glass-plate negatives, and they'd been filed under President Grant.

Johnson explained. The library had received a large collection of Civil War photographs in the 1940s, with handwritten logs. Some of the writing was hard to make out.

Over time, the caption for these photos had been misplaced, and it just never made it into our records," Johnson said.

The library recently put its photographic images online, and a researcher in Colorado spotted the error. Johnson says it was an amazing discovery.

One of the photos was labeled as Grant's inauguration; the other one was labeled as the Grand Army of the Republic parade," she said. Johnson showed me the log book, and, indeed, there was a question mark beside the photo — "1869?" it read. "1865?"

The pictures do show the Union Army parading, and they do indeed look grand. They stand at attention, awaiting the president's speech in parade dress — rows of soldiers in buttoned uniforms with hats, horses, rifles and caissons, and regimental flags. They had marched from the White House to the Capitol and cleared a path for Lincoln's carriage to pass.

You can see how wet the ground looks, because it had rained for days before the inauguration.

Johnson said that's one way she knew this was from Lincoln's era: "When you read accounts of the inauguration, people talked about how muddy they got."

And yet this is a buoyant crowd. You can sense their exuberance, amid the military bands and large marching drums. Lincoln has even taken his hat off!

And there was another surprise, which Johnson pointed out to me: This was the first time that African-American troops had marched in an inauguration.

And you can see them, if you look closely, in the front row.

This is the speech in which Lincoln becomes, to my ears, most resonant and most

heartbreaking. He knows the war is almost over, and he's preparing the country for what comes next: Binding the nation's wounds, caring for the veteran, his widow and his orphan. With charity. Without malice.

And, ultimately, without this president. The war would be over within a month, and the president dead just days after.

But on this day, after years of war and days of rain, the sun really does come out during Lincoln's speech — the photos are proof.

And I'm glad to be reminded of a moment that meant so much such a long time ago, and still plays out in my own life.

And I'll spend this Presidents Day thinking about what it means to govern during war, and what the duty of the living is to the dead.

These photos are an incredible find! The Second Inaugural Speech, given on March 4, 1865, is considered one of the best American speeches ever given. These photos evoke the

that special
hear the high
Lincoln's voice
unforgettable
American
thanks Craig
in these photos



feelings and sights of event. One can almost pitched twang of as he recited this message to the people. The newsletter Mickelson for sending and story.

Figure 12Note the presence of black troops who marched in the procession to the Capitol.



Figure 13Lincoln reads the superlative effort known as his Second Inaugural speech.



Figure 14Union soldiers in full dress uniform provide a barrier between the crowd and the Capitol building—also note the African-American troops behind the line of soldiers.



Figure 15 The crowd looks to the Capitol steps where Lincoln will address the crowd.

A MESSAGE FROM LANCE HERDEGEN REGARDING THE NEW CIVIL WAR MUSEUM IN KENOSHA

The following information was provided to the *Fugelman* by Shar Fellmuth (a civilian member of Company K) and Gary Vankauwenbergh. Thank you folks for passing this along to the newsletter!

Ladies and Gentlemen, a message from Lance

Herdegen,

lherdegen@tds.net,

YOS - Gary

KENOSHA, Wis - The Civil War Museum of the Upper Middle West will be dedicated Saturday, March 29, 2008.

The formal ribbon cutting will take place at noon and will be followed by an exhibit preview from 1-8 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

The new museum is located on the Lake Michigan lakeshore at Kenosha between Chicago and Milwaukee. It highlights the roles of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa during the Civil War.

“The story how the war affected the Upper Middle West is often overlooked. The states provided almost three-quarters of a million soldiers. We are telling the personal stories of soldiers, nurses, chaplains, and the families left behind. The human cost was staggering,” said Museum Director Paula Touhey.

The full exhibit area will be opened June 14, 2008.

The block square, two-story museum features a 15,000 square foot permanent gallery entitled “The Fiery Trial,” a research center, veterans’ memorial, gift shop, second floor temporary gallery, and class and seminar rooms. The \$16.7 million facility was funded partially through tax incremental financing.

The building is located at 54th Street and First Avenue north of the Kenosha Public Museum. For additional information please call 262-653-4140 or visit www.thecivilwarmuseum.org.

Greetings Association Leadership and Company Quartermasters,

Attached in Microsoft Word 2007 is our updated 2008 Suggested Uniform & Equipage Listing. If anyone has problems opening the new version of Word, please let me know and I can send a version in Open Office which should be compatible for computers with Microsoft Word 2003. I apologize for a slight delay in getting this out as my computer went down and now I am enjoying the use of a new model.

As for major changes to our last document: **Chris Daley** is now in a completely in-stock business by visiting his Website or Gettysburg store and has a limited production run, **Joe Hofmann - the Jersey Skillet Licker** has closed his business, **Eileen Herr** has retired and no longer in business for seamstress work, **Nick Sekela** is taking orders direct and via his regional representative **Robert Collett** and now longer using **EJ Thomas Merchantile** as a secondary outlet of his wares. Additions to our listing include **Morris & Historical Clothiers** for many uniform items and **Ezra Barnhouse Goods** for period correct personal items, groceries, and literature.

Once again, I also would like to point out to everyone's attention a publication that **the Watchdog** is selling right now. It is the 2nd Edition of the Columbia Rifle's Research Compendium and I urge all Quartermasters & Association Leadership to get the word out about this upcoming publication to your men. It will be a treasure trove of research on Uniform & Equipage, Army Life, and how to act like the real boys of 1861- 1865 did. Here is a Website link to the content of the Publication: <http://www.columbiarifles.org/crhandbook.htm> and will have a link on the upper top to the Watchdog for order information. Cost is \$39.00 plus three dollars shipping. If you want the Association to look, act, and campaign to honor the real Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment, this research publication is must reading for our Association Leadership and all of our membership.

If you have any questions about a merchant listed in this document, please feel free to contact me at klastom@charter.net or by phone at (920) 885-9313. We want all Association companies to start using this document for new members and to replace worn out uniform & equipage for established members. ~~Once again I am here to help anyone whom has questions or shy about~~ using some merchants which may be new to your company.

Yours in a accurate 2nd Wisconsin,

Tom Klas

Regimental Quartermaster

2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, Inc.

Minutes for the 2nd Wisconsin

Volunteer Infantry Association
January 26, 2008

Fox Lake WI

10:10 am

Presiding: Pete Seielstad

Invocation: Jeff Blakely

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Pete Seielstad

Initiation of new members: Oath given by Pete Seielstad

One person took the oath Richard Laddusire Company E

A moment of silence was observed by those assembled for the passing of 2 members

Steve Scott (battery B) passed away December 22, 2007

Warlita Golemme (wife of Co. E 2nd Sgt. Ed Golemme) passed away January 5, 2008

Motion made to dispense with the reading of the Association minutes from the 2007 meeting

Motion made by John Dudkiewicz

2nd by Wayne Vawter

Motion passed

Motion made to accept minutes as recorded

Motion made by John Dudkiewicz

2nd by Terry Brown

Motion passed minutes accepted as recorded, no changes made

Treasurer's Report:

Scott Frank not in attendance (Scott Frank Association Treasurer)

Report from Scott (read to assembled)

Motion made to accept report as read

Motion made by John Dudkiewicz

2nd by Andy Seymour

Treasurer's report accepted as given (see report attachment)

Presidents report:

Scott Sonntag (current Association President) not in attendance

Letter from Scott read to the assembled

Read by Pete Seielsatd (see letter attachment)

Scott to resign as Association President effective immediately (Scott had one year left on his

present term as President)

Due to employment changes, and family commitments, Scott has found it necessary to resign; he will continue his membership, but will inactive for a few years.

Pete Seielstad called for applause for all the hard work and dedication that Scott has shown over the years.

Secretary's report:

Report given by David Dresang Association/Corporate Secretary

Several issues were brought up

- Requirements for General Roster

- Requirements for Military Leadership Roster

- Requirements for Civilian leadership roster

- Requirements for Association leadership Roster

- Dues, how they are to be recorded and that ALL dues are to sent to Association Secretary first, then forwarded to the Association Treasurer

- Company Calendar's need to be sent in ASAP so they can be listed in both the Fugelman and the website

- Membership forms need to be properly filled

- (see attachment for complete breakdown of report)

Regimental Commander's report:

Report given by Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad

Pete passed out a flyer regarding what he saw with the Association and its goals this past year (see attachment)

Recruitment needs to be emphasized, along with better communication.

3 goals for the upcoming season

- 1) Communication

- 2) Accurate portrayal

- 3) Recruiting

Company Officers report:

Company A

Report given by Tom Klas

Company A is in a re-building process, they currently have 25 members.

They will have a smaller schedule and try to attend the Max effort events with better participation.

Apology was given for the poor attendance by A membership over the past year.

A is busy with fund-raising for a Church where the original Company A met.

Company B

Report given by Jeff Blakely

Company B is in a re-building process, they currently have 25 members and they are very involved in the Venture Scout program which has 10 members.

Company B has been able to support most of the events this past year

They have been involved with the refurbishing of a Civil War mortar that is located in the Campbell Cemetery in LaCrosse WI, the mortar was used in the siege of Vicksburg.

Company C

No report

Company E

Report given by Doug Rasmussen:

Co. E has 5 new members

31 Co. E members had made at least one or more events over the past season.

Company E has 41 members on its roster.

E has several school events in May (3 of them) which makes for a very busy May

A general invitation was made to the entire Association to attend E's annual Sweetheart dinner and dance being held February 16th in Green Bay

Company G

Report given by Tom Klas for Gary Klas who was unable to attend the meeting

On March 29th, the new Civil War Museum in Kenosha WI will have its ribbon cutting ceremony, but because several exhibits are still under construction; Gary is looking for 15 volunteers to help with interpretations. Reenactors will help with the telling of soldier's stories. Those interested need to contact Gary Klas.

The Museum is dedicated to those men from the mid-west and is the largest of its kind.

Company H

Report read by David Dresang for Tom Bispo

Tom Bispo will be stepping down as Lt. of Company H.

Tom has been elected to the position of Lt. Col. Of the American Civil War Association (aka ACWA) Tom will remain the main contact for Company H

Company K

Report given by Craig Mickelson

Company K had there meeting/dance on January 12th.

Co. K has approximately \$10,000 in there treasury

K has 7 new members

K has 40 members on the roster, which $\frac{3}{4}$ are active

May 16th is K's major school event at Bluemound State park

Last year 2,080 students attended.

K will pay a bounty of \$15.00 per person who shows up to help.

Lunch will be provided

Afterwards, and catered dinner will be provided

K was approached by Mid-Continent Railroad (North Freedom) for a possible event

K has a new treasurer Jeff Meicher

Artillery Commander

Report given by Terry Brown

Battery-B had a very successful season, outstanding support for sister Companies with school events and special presentations.

3 new families have joined Battery-B

Gaining on membership

Regretfully Battery-B had a former member pass away this past season Steve Scott

Again Battery-B will be participating in the Regional Safety School for artillery.

Anyone who is interested, and would like to learn more about the piece, are more than welcomed to join and participate in the school, are encouraged to attend. After completion of the course you will then be certified by the Safety administration.

The school is May 17 & 18th held in Boscobel WI

Last event an issue came up with the gun, (Napoleon) damage was done to the trail, possible repair or worse, replacement will have to be done.

Competitive Shooting Commander

Report given by Gary Van Kauwenbergh

The Skirmish team has seen a decline in membership

29 members are currently on the roster.

The competitive shooting as a whole has seen a decline in membership and several teams have dropped out altogether

The Skirmish team was very competitive

Event attendance remained very constant

Musket team:

1st out of 8 teams

Carbine:

2nd and the B team 1st out of 5 teams

Ladies competition:

1st out of 2

Revolver:

2nd

Smoothbore:

1st out of 4

Cannon (rained out)

Mortar:

2nd out of 2

Combined annual award

1st

The Skirmish team has a good schedule for 2008

Election of Offices

Association Board positions

President (3 year term)

Floor open for questions

An explanation of each position was discussed, with duties for President and Vice President given.

Floor was open for nominations for Association President:

David Dresang nominated Patrick Lynch

Patrick declined nomination

John Dudkiewicz nominated Pete Seielstad

2nd by Terry Brown

No other nominations given

Motion made to close nomination

Motion made by Jeff Blakely

2nd by Wayne Vawter

Pete Seielstad elected by unanimous vote

New Association President Pete Seielstad

Vice President (3 year term)

Floor open for nominations

Gary Van Kauwenbergh nominated Terry Brown

2nd by Andy Seymour

No other nominations given

Motion made to close nominations

Motion made by Jeff Blakely

2nd by Wayne Vawter

Terry Brown elected by unanimous vote

New Association Vice President Terry Brown

Lt. Colonel (3 year term)

Floor open for nominations

Bob Mann nominated Pete Seiestad

2nd by Doug Rasmussen

No other nominations given

Motion made to close nominations

Motion made by Terry Brown

2nd by Lyle Laufenberg

Pete Seielstad re-elected by unanimous vote

Lt Colonel for the Association Pete Seielstad

Chris Bestul reported how pleased the staff at Wade House (Jeff Murray) was with the 2 Commanders (Pete Seielstad and Chuck Larscheid) where the staff did not have to contend with the military portion of the event and could concentrate on other matters.

Pete was then herald for his excellent leadership at Wade House, and his leadership of the Association.

Pete was given a round of applause for his efforts.

No other Offices open for elections

Old Business

Pete pointed out that to keep control of the meeting; each topic would be limited to 2-3 minutes only.

Motion made by Jeff Blakely

2nd by Tom Klas

Motion passed

Scholarship program do we continue?

\$500.00 awarded to applicant with the best score

John Dudkiewicz gave report

System seems to work well

This year, each applicants name was removed so the judges had no knowledge of the person, blind judging, worked very well.

Each Judge (3 judges) worked on a point system worked out by the committee.

Last years 3 judges:

John Dudkiewicz

Dave Sielski

Scott Sonntagg

Major problem, David Dresang reported that each company failed to notify it membership about program in a timely fashion, and this failure led to only one applicant getting paperwork by the deadline, the deadline was extended by committee.

A total of 7 applicants participated this past year. Patrick Weeks of Company A recipient.

Terry Brown to head the scholarship committee.

Motion made to continue the scholarship

Motion made by Terry Brown

2nd by Chris Bestul

Scholarship to continue for 2008

Judges for the scholarship program for 2008 are:

John Dudkiewicz

Dave Sielski

Bob Mann

Fugelman newsletter

Jim Dumke new editor of newsletter

2 editions have been sent out.

The Fugelman to be sent out to each Company electronically, anyone not having access or cannot access the newsletter needs to report this to Company and that Company will then be responsible for sending it out hardcopy.

Fugelman to be posted on the website.

Handbook Committee

Andy Seymour, no new changes to bring to the membership.

Only 2 companies have representation on the committee, need more cooperation. Each company should be represented.

Website

Report given by Jim Johnson

Website has an average of one million hits per year.

Jim will be re-doing the website in the coming year.

System needs to be upgraded.

Recognition given by Pete Seielstad to Jim for all the hardwork on keeping the website going. A round of applause was given.

Gary Van Kauwenbergh brought up the possibility of getting a new insurance carrier.

It was tabled for next year, it was determined that it was to close to the season to try to get a new carrier. Company K paid for a special rider and felt that changes carriers now would not be in the best interest for the Association.

Gary Van Kauwenbergh to check into new insurance, the cost, and report back to the Association.

New Business

Association Calendar

The Association has what is termed as 4 MAX effort events.

National

BHB

Company

Association

The National event was determined back in September at a special meeting held at Wade House, it was decided the Association would attend the 145th Gettysburg mega-event July 4th-6th

Association event

Floor open for nominations

Doug Rasmussen nominated:

Spring Muster (hosted by the 10th Tennessee) April 25th-27th

Chris Bestul nominated:

Wade House September 27th-28th

Discussion was made on both events.

Doug Rasmussen said that this would be a great chance for battalion drill, to help those going to Gettysburg to better prepare.

Chris Bestul reported that Wade House was asking our help in making Wade House bigger and better, and that our endorsement of Wade House was very important, it would also send a clear message to the staff that we were committed to that event.

A vote was called for:

Spring Muster Wade House April 25th-27th (15votes)

Wade House September 27th-28th (8 votes)

Association event for 2008

Spring muster Wade House April 25th-27th

Company event

Company event goes on a rotating basis

Company A deferred, have no event this year.

Company B Coon Valley (Norskedalen) October 11th-12th

Company event for 2008

Coon Valley (Norskedalen) October 11th-12th

BHB event

Since the BHB has not yet met, no decision can be made on what the BHB event will be.

John Dudkiewicz pointed out that we cannot designate a BHB event until the meeting.

Motion made to let the Executive Board decide on BHB event

Motion made by John Dudkiewicz

2nd by Chris Bestul

Motion passed

Executive Board to decide on BHB event

Motion made to endorse Wade House September 27th-28th

Motion made by Doug Rasmussen

2nd by Andy Seymour

Motion passed

Wade House to get a special endorsement from the 2nd W.V.I.

(Wade house to be presented at the BHB meeting to make it the BHB Max effort event)

Association Max effort event calendar

National 145th Gettysburg mega-event July 4th-6th

Association Spring Muster Wade House April 25th-27th

Company Coon Valley (Norskedalen) October 11th-12th

BHB TBD by Executive Board

Scott Frank proposed that we raise (by letter) Family membership dues from the present \$8.00 per person to \$13.00 per person to help offset the cost of rising insurance rates and to help offset other costs.

“I propose we leave the annual Full membership Dues at \$20.00 and up the Associate Membership dues to \$13.00, to more accurately reflect the cost of carrying a person on the roster for insurance

purposes and the costs associated with a year worth of Association Operation. The additional funds (the \$5.00 difference) will be used for the scholarship, meeting place(s), and other expenses for the Association as they come up.”

Scott Frank

A discussion on the proposal ensued. The matter was tabled for a latter date, not enough information was available to warrant the raising of the dues.

Motion made to table for future date

Motion made by Chris Bestul

2nd by Jim Johnson

Terry Brown placed an amendment on proposal; a complete budget breakdown was needed before further discussion on matter. A complete breakdown to be presented at the 2009 meeting

Motion made on amendment

Motion made by Terry Brown

2nd by Jeff Blakely

Motion passed

Jeff Blakely talked about the Venture Crew, that anyone young man or young lady between the ages of 14-21 can join, they do not need a parent on the field since an adult leader can substitute for a parent and take responsibility.

If any company has a young man interested in the program, Company B would be willing to help out.

The benefits of the program was discussed at length with John Dudkiewicz and Pete Seielstad threw there support behind the program.

From the Association

Motion made to spend \$100.00 for the Hall rental (American Legion Hall Fox Lake)

Motion made by Lyle Laufenberg

2nd by Jeff Blakely

Motion passed

Motion made to spend (app.) \$210.00 for membership cards

Motion made by Chris Bestul

2nd by Lyle Laufenberg

Motion passed

Announcements

Terry Brown, need help by those present for clean-up

Pete Seielstad The next annual Association meeting will be January 31 2009 at the American Legion Hall Fox Lake WI

Meeting adjourned

1:45 pm

Reported respectfully submitted by

David Dresang

Association/Corporate Secretary

Those in attendance

Charles Bagneski	Company E
Chris Bestul	Battery-B
Jeff Blakely	Company B
Terry Brown	Battery-B
Brant Doty	Battery-B
David Dresang	Company E
John Dudkiewicz	Company B
Tim Grover	Company K
Walt Hlaban	Battery-B
Jim Johnson	Company E
Richard Laddusire	Company E
Lyle Laufenberg	Battery-B
Patrick Lynch	Company K
Tom Klas	Company A
Bob Mann	Company K
Craig Mickelson	Company K
Donald Noble	Company K
Steve Peterson	Company E
Doug Rasmussen	Company E
Robert Schwandt	Company E
Pete Seielstad	Company B
Andy Seymour	Company A
Gary Van Kauwenbergh	Skirmish Team

Pete Van Steen

Company E

Wayne Vawter

Company K

Dear Gentlemen:

I am sending out what I have for the Association calendar. I will ask Jim Johnson to post this as soon as he can so we can get something on the website.

I will update the calendar just as soon as I receive more information.

You may add this to your newsletters so that way everyone can choose what they wish to attend.

Please send me your calendars quickly so I can get the information to both Jim Johnson and Jim Dumke.

Jim D. if you can include this information in the newsletter that would also be a big help.

Thank you

David Dresang

Association/Corporate Secretary

Association Calendar for 2008 season

March

15th Co. E Company E Drill National Railroad Museum Green Bay WI

April

25th Battery B & Co. E Hartland School Day Hartland Park Hartland WI

26th & 27th ASSOCIATION MAX EFFORT Spring-muster Wade House Greenbush WI

May

2nd Co. E Franklin School Day Erb Park Appleton WI

5th & 6th Skirmish Team Appleton WI

9th Co. E Charter School Day Pierce Park Appleton WI

16th Co. B West Salem School Days Salem WI

16th Co. K Company K School Day, Blue Mound State Park Blue Mound, Wisconsin

16th Co. E Prairie River School Day Stanges Park Merrill WI

17th Co. B Ft. McCoy Living History Ft. McCoy WI

17th & 18th Co. E Hazelwood Living History Hazelwood Historic House Green Bay WI

23rd Co. E Valley View School Day Ashwaubenon WI

26th Co. B Memorial Day Parade location? Co. B Max effort event

26th Co. E Oshkosk Memorial Day Procession & Ceremony Oshkosh WI

31st & 1st Co. K Woods VA Hospital Milwaukee WI

June

31st & 1st Co. K Woods VA Hospital Milwaukee WI

2nd Co. E Howard School Day Heritage Hill State Park Green Bay WI

8th (??) Co. B Sparta Butterfield Parade Sparta WI

13th-15th Battery B Sauk City

16th Skirmish Team One Day Musket and Carbine Teams only Bristol WI

21st & 22nd Co. E & 10th Tennessee Cudahy Reenactment Cudahy WI

July

4th-6th ASSOCIATION MAX EFFORT event Gettysburg 145th Mega event Gettysburg PA

14th & 15th Skirmish Team Stonebrook Sportman's Club Oconomowoc WI

19th & 20th Co. B Hastings Michigan

19th & 20th Co. E & Battery B Old Falls Village Reenactment Menominee Falls WI

25th-27th Co. E Fort Wilkins Living History Copper Harbor MI

August

1st-3rd Co. B Boscobel Reenactment Boscobel WI

15th & 16th Co. B Johnny Clem Days Living History, Trempealeau WI

September

1st & 2nd Skirmish Team Tomahawk WI

6th Co. E American Legion Military Show Appleton WI

20th Co. E Crossroads Living History Sturgeon Bay WI

26th-28th ASSOCIATION MAX EFFORT (BHB) EVENT Wade House Greenbush WI

October

10th-12th ASSOCIATIONMAX EFFORT EVENT Norskedalen Nature Center Coon Valley WI

November

22nd Co. E 52nd annual Gettysburg Remembrance Day Gettysburg PA

December



Annual meeting Allouez Hall Allouez WI

K

The Company K calendar of events was inadvertently left off the above calendar and so the editor has taken the liberty to include it below.

Company K 2008 Campaign Schedule

TIER:	EVENT:	LOCATION:	DATES:
	Company Spring Drill	Waterloo High School	February 23, 2008 / 9:00 a.m.
	Company Spring Drill	Oregon High School	March 8, 2008 / 9:00 a.m.
	Company Spring Drill	Oregon High School	April 5, 2008
	Second Wisconsin Spring Muster	Greenbush, Wisconsin	April 26-27, 2008
1	Company K School Day	Blue Mound state Park Blue Mound, Wisconsin	May 16, 2008

1	Forest Hills Ceremony (SUVCW)	Forest Hills Cemetery Madison, Wisconsin	May 26, 2008 (Memorial Day)
1	Reclaiming Our Heritage	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	May 30-June 1, 2008
1	Sauk City Event (Battery B)	Sauk City, Wisconsin	June 14-15, 2008
	Gettysburg National Event	Gettysburg, PA	July 4-6, 2008
1	Wauconda Civil War Weekend	Lake County Forest Preserve, Wauconda, IL	July 11-13, 2008
2	Old Falls Village Civil War Event	Menominee Falls, WI	July 19-20, 2008
1	Muskets & Memories Reenactment	Boscobel, WI	August 1-3, 2008
1	Old Wade House Civil War Event	Greenbush, WI	September 26-28, 2008
3	Trimborn Farms Civil War Living History	Milwaukee, WI	October 4-5, 2008
2	Norskedalen Civil War Weekend	Coon Valley, WI	October 10-12, 2008
	Mid-Continental RR Museum Event (Company K to host this event)	Freedom, WI	August 23-24, 2008
	Remembrance Day	Gettysburg, PA	November 22, 2008

happy St. Patrick's Day



