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FU-GEL-MAN: A WELL-DRILLED SOLDIER PLACED IN FRONT OF A MILITARY COMPANY AS A MODEL OR
GUIDE FOR OTHERS.

PASS IN REVIEW



Thanks to all who attended our annual meeting and to those who were elected to positions with-in the 2nd Wisconsin Vol. Inf. Association. I look forward to working with you as I continue my service with the 2nd as your Lieutenant Colonel. To those who are given much, much is expected. These sesquentsentennial years of the American Civil War will prove to be challenging as we prepare and participate.

A few items will need to be addressed as we prepare for the 150th Bull Run event at Manassas this year. Be sure to keep updated. The registration for the 2nd Wisconsin Regiment will be conducted through John Dudkiewicz jjdudkie@charter.net. There is a \$20 registration fee and this should be sent to John along with the registration form. (His address is: 605 Ridgeview Dr., Onalaska, WI 54650). For forms and information check the web site for the event at www.visitpwc/reenactment/index.html you will be required to sign a waiver and carry a medical form on you during the event.

The 2nd Wisconsin Association will be chartering a bus and you will need to sign up for that as well. Each company should pull together their numbers and contact Dave Sielski dseilski@greenbay.gannet.com There will be deadlines to be met so lets not squander time by not getting registered and deposits in.

Manassas: As we are preparing for this event we must be aware of the time frame in which we are to participate. Because we are members of the Black Hat Battalion, we will be organized under the Cumberland Guard's command structure; Dave Shackleford commanding. Unfortunately for us, as the 2nd Wisconsin, the Cumberland Guard has been designated as the 1st Minnesota for this event. This makes me slightly upset. I am assured that our uniforms will not disrupt any scenario plan and that we may continue to wear our chosen Wisconsin gray uniforms. Col. DeCraine is pushing for all units to fall in wearing some sort of gray uniform. Battle shirts and frock coats should be prevalent.

While we will not be given a specific special spotlight, we will personally portray the 2nd Wisconsin along with our pards from the Black Hat Battalion under Col. Craig DeCraine. We will be falling in under our grand banners, and proudly honor those from our State who were there. The mix of militia and early war uniforms across all the participating units will certainly give us a first hand experience of the confusion and spectacle that our boys encountered. Col. DeCraine knows that we are the only unit that was actually at the battle from the BHB. Because of this, we will set aside part of the event for a ceremony in remembering the Second Wisconsin. *[Three cheers!]*

As I see it, we need direction in uniform and equipment. Here are my requests for the 150th Manassas/Bull Run event:

Recommend: The uniform of Co. B 2nd Wisconsin (1861) Gray frock coat and trousers, gray forage cap and a white haversack with closers like that of photo of 2nd Wisconsin bugler. Weapon and accruements will be the 3 band Springfield or Enfield with black waist belt, cartridge box and sling as per 2nd Wisconsin requirements.

1st Alternate: Period correct shirt, (gray preferred), gray trousers. The forage cap should be gray or covered with a Havelock. A white haversack, weapon and accruements as described above.

2nd Alternate: Grey battle shirt as per BHB which is a three button, block style placket shirt of gray cotton. This shirt should be made with hand sewn button holes and bone or wood buttons. The forage cap should be gray or covered with a Havelock. A white haversack, weapon and accruements as described above.

3rd alternate: This will require the 2nd Wisconsin to form another company for the event. It should also provide the least amount of money to take the field. The only request that I have is that this impression take the field with dark blue trousers per requirements of an Antietam impression without the white gaiters. This should enable any member who is considering the 1862 campaign the opportunity to purchase dark blue trousers at this time and be with-in guide lines for next year.

As we consider our attendance at this year's National Event, keep in mind while we proceed to our school events and other presentations that the Second Wisconsin had a variety of uniforms prior to their famous black hats. As you talk about the Second Wisconsin's history, remember to explain that they wore their towns' militia uniform from where came and the Wisconsin gray uniforms during their first major battle of the war. There is so much to learn as we study our regiment's history. History has a lot to teach us. Let's study it well, so we may teach it appropriately.

Your Obedient Servant,

Lt. Col. Pete Scielstad

A SPECIAL MESSAGE THAT NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION!

Dear members of the 2nd:

It is that time of year for you, your siblings, relatives, and offspring to take a very serious look at the opportunity to apply for the 2nd Wisconsin's annual scholarship program.

It is an excellent way for you to help pay-off some of those high costs for College; this is a great way to do it.

You will find in the newsletter/website the application form and requirements to enter the scholarship program.

Everyone has an excellent chance of receiving the scholarship and yet, at the same time show your knowledge of a conflict that happened so long ago.

You will also help ensure that those who fought, struggled and died in the American Civil War will not be forgotten. Please take a few minutes and look at the scholarship see if it is right for you.

Remember, it is only for those of you that are relative of members that belong to the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, or if you are a member and are going to school, the scholarship is also for you too.

Let us help you get through school, take every advantage of this scholarship program takes the time to apply and you will be aiding in history itself!

**Thank you
Your obedient servant
David Dresang Jr.
Association President**

REGIMENTAL DISPATCHES

**NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS CALLED TO SERVE AND
SOME RETURN TO LEAD OUR MEMBERS**

In January, at the annual meeting of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, a number of men were elected to

corporate officer positions and our Lt. Col., whose role is to lead us on the field.

First, let us extend our gratitude to those men who have honorably served the interests of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association. They have provided remarkably effective leadership in their positions. We are a stronger and better organization for their hard work and dedication to the Second Wisconsin! From this editor's viewpoint, these fellas have been very supportive of the efforts of the *Fugelman* to keep everyone informed and they will be missed for their contributions. Thank you men for a job well done!!

There are some familiar faces and some new ones in the ranks of the newly elected officers. Dave Dresang was promoted from his position as secretary to the Presidency of the Association. Dave did an incredible job as secretary and he will do a great job as President. The new Vice-president of the Association is Tom Bispo. The Association treasurer remains Scott Frank. Dave Sielski was elected Corporate Secretary and also volunteered to serve as the Associations secretary.

On the military side the Quartermaster Sergeant elected was Tom Klas. If anyone should doubt the quality of Sgt. Klas for this position simply review the effort to compile sources of uniforms and equipment for the Association and the same for obtaining the gray militia uniforms and equipment reported below!

Finally there is the position of Lieutenant Colonel. Pete Seielstad was re-elected to serve as our commander on the field. He not only looks the part, but his knowledge and ability to command the regiment is unquestioned! Certainly, he is a valuable asset and as we proceed through the cycle of events for the Civil War Sesquicentennial he will serve the Regiment well and we will be stronger and present that continued reputation as one of the best units in reenacting. Just as those original "boys of '61" (who resisted the constant drill with complaints they didn't want to be like those "regulars") that strength will be apparent when we are called to face our foes on the field in combat. As the editor I will still get to bully our fearless leader for his monthly *Pass In Review* column for the newsletter, a duty he has always complied with in an appropriate way! It is more of a burden since the newsletter moved from a quarterly publication to a monthly production.

To all of our newly elected officers know that we appreciate the effort and time you contribute to the members. Also know that we are here to support your efforts and serve the regiment if called upon.

A LETTER FROM OUR NEW ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Association members:

It is with great humility that I accept the position as Association President. You have shown that you have trust and faith in me that I will be able to do the same kind of job that those who have gone before me have done, and for that I am very grateful.

I will always do my best to the Association and reward your faith in me with the very best that I have. I will do my best not to let you or anyone down in the Association and show to you that you have made the right choice.

I was surprised and honored when I was elected to the office, I thought that after 8 years of being your Secretary that you would want someone else in the leadership, that you might have gotten a little tired of me and would have wanted new blood in the leadership role.

It was very pleasing to me that I was proven wrong and that you thought enough of my abilities that keep me around for a while longer.

I look forward to the new challenges that await me and I look forward to working with those that were also elected to their new positions.

We now have a new Vice President in Tom Bispo from Co. H and Dave Sielski who has taken over as both Association and Corporate Secretary. The only one not to change places or move on is our Association Treasurer Scott Frank and I'm glad to have him stick around.

I will do my best to see the Association grow, to work with our Lt. Col. Pete Scielstad and look forward to the next years with great appeal.

Do not hesitate to call upon me or the others, we are here to help, to keep the lines of communication open and to do what is best for the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, but most of all the honor that you have bestowed upon me will always be looked upon one of joy (I'm sure at times with apprehension)

Always remember that we (as a group) represent the men of the original 2nd Wisconsin and we need to do our utmost to honor those men to the best of our ability to always remember that when we go out in the field or in our tents or talking to each other at events (no matter what type of event) they are looking for us to tell their story.

Once again, I wish to thank the Association members for the honor you have bestowed upon me electing me as your new Association President.

Your humble and most gracious servant

David Dresang Jr.

Association President

TOM KLAS PROVIDES INFORMATION ON UNIFORMS AND EQUIPPAGE & SUTLERS WHO PROVIDE GOOD ACCURATE ITEMS

Below you will find a great deal of information from Tom Klas on the uniform worn by the Second Wisconsin Regiment at the Battle

of First Bull Run. The article submitted by Tom Kas also provides a list of vendors where you can purchase the necessary parts of the uniform and accoutrements for the proper impression. Gary Van Kauwenbergh also sent along the following short dispatch informing us that the man who made his shako hat has passed away and is no longer available to make such a hat . . . so obvious the editor even caught the meaning! Thank you gentlemen for your aid and guidance as we get ready for this year's special National event!!

The person that made my shako died about five years ago. I'm sorry to say he's not an option. - Gary

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 2011 ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The following are the approved annual meeting minutes for the 2011 annual meeting. They were prepared and submitted by then secretary Dave Dresang. This is an opportune time to express the gratitude of the members of the Association to Dave for his dedicated service to our organization. Even though there have been some physical problems for Dave, he has kept the members of the regiment informed and engaged in the work to be done on the field and off. As the editor of *The Fugelman* it has been a pleasure to work with Dave and whatever quality the newsletter has generated is due to his efforts. Thank you Dave on behalf of the regiment for the time and effort you have devoted to the men!!

Minutes of the annual Association meeting

January 29th, 2011 10:00 A.M.

Presiding: Pete Seielstad

Conducting: Pete Seielstad

I. Call to order

A) Invocation: Doug Rasmussen

B) Presentation of Colors: Robert Schwandt

C) Pledge of Allegiance: led by Pete Seielstad

D) New Members Oath: Oath given to 1 new member Paul Reeck Company B
Oath administered by Pete Seielstad

Oath issued is the same one as the original 2nd Wisconsin took.

E) Moment of Silence

Pete Seielstad read a poem entitled "The Bivouac of the Dead" by Theodore O' Hara after which Pete called for a moment of Silence in honor of those of the 2nd Wisconsin and all military personal that are in harms way. Moment of Silence was honored by all present.

II. Minutes

- a) Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the 2010 minutes
- b) Motion made by John Dudkiewicz
- c) 2nd by John Thielmann
- d) Dispensing of reading of the minutes approved and minutes accepted as written.
- e) No changes to the minutes were asked for.
- f) Minutes accepted as recorded and written.

III. Treasurers report

Treasurer's report: given by Scott Frank

The \$2,500 that was put into a money CD (approved at last years meeting) has matured in the past two weeks. Interest made was \$16.00

Scott handed out a 3 page report on the Association's money.

- 1) Budget Report
- 2) Treasurer's report
- 3) Bank Statement from the Horicon Bank

Receipts:

1) Members dues:	\$2,850.00
2) Company K School Day Insurance Rider:	\$ 0.00
3) Donations:	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	\$2,850.00

Disbursements:

1) Reimbursed Costs and Postage:	\$ 150.00
2) Hall Rent:	\$ 100.00
3) Association Liability Insurance:	\$ 793.10
4) Membership Cards:	\$ 260.71
5) Returned Check:	\$ 528.00
6) Scholarship:	\$ 500.00
7) Taxes (Wis. Dept. of Financial Institutions):	<u>\$ 10.00</u>

Total Disbursements: \$2,341.81

Investment-CD Purchase: \$2,500.00

Investment Holding: CD \$2,500.00

Net Income/ (Loss): \$ 508.19

1) Beginning Balance:	\$5,707.99
2) Add Receipts:	\$2,850.00
3) Less Disbursements:	\$2,341.81
4) Less Certificate of Deposit Purchase:	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
5) Ending Balance-12/31/2010	\$3,716.18

Motion made to accept Treasurer's report as given and reported

Motion made by John Dudkiewicz

2nd by Lyle Laufenberg

Treasurer's report accepted

- 6) Gary Van Kauwenbergh started a discussion on the money CD and if there was a better way to utilize the \$2,500 in the CD

- 7) Jeff Blakeley suggested putting the funds into a Money Market or something similar
- 8) Brief discussion ensued on what the Association could do with the \$2,500.00
- 9) Motion made to give the Treasurer latitude to make the decision on the money CD
- 10) Motion made by Jeff Blakeley
- 11) 2nd by Ugljesha Pirocanac
- 12) Motion passed

IV. Board and Military Officers Report:

A) Board President/Lt Col.: given by Pete Seielstad

- 1) Pete Seielstad gave a vote of thanks to Jim Dumke for the printing and handling of the Fugelman and for his professionalism.
- 2) Pete reported that Communication was very good the past year amongst the Company's, the Association and between the members. Need to keep up the good work on Communication
- 3) Pete also stated that the Association (including Officers) had become to lax at some of the events. (one being Norskedalen) Would like to see a better Military decorum at events.
- 4) There were several safety issues and some members (because of these issues) were hurt in the past year. The members need to be more diligent and more aware of safety and practice it better.
- 5) Pete also thanked David Dresang Jr., Scott Frank and Terry Brown for all their assistance and help to Pete while he served as President. He could count on the board for their help and support.
- 6) The members need to remember that we (as an Association of the 2nd WI) need to be aware of the fact that we do portray the original 2nd Wisconsin men and we need to be diligent in our efforts to accurately portray them

B) Secretaries report: given by David Dresang Jr.

- 1) David reported that in 2010 the Association had 164 members that compares to 151 members in 2009
- 2) David also reported that Company C (out of New Jersey) had disbanded for the year of 2010 but were going to look to 2011 to try to reform the Company and re-join the Association.
- 3) Membership cards are available and every Company representative was asked to pick their cards up before the end of the meeting. The membership cards (top portion) need to be filled out by either the treasurer or the Company Secretary before giving the cards out.
- 4) David also reported that the Association has been contacted and invited to many events or invited to join other reenacting groups for the year of 2011, this is in conjunction with the start of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.
- 5) David brought up that the biggest complaint that he received this past year was from those that wanted to take part in the scholarship program but many did not because they said the part about the essay was confusing. The requirement reads:

“Attach a separate sheet, containing a short essay (500 words or less) on the following topic. “How do the events or idea of the Civil War continue to affect the United States today?” He also had informed the scholarship committee of these concerns to see if they could be addressed.

The Committee members are:

Dave Sielski Company E

John Dudkiewicz Company B

Bob Mann Company K

Pete Seielstad Company B (as the tie breaking judge if needed)

This past year’s recipient was Eric Blasing from Company B

- 6) David also thanked the Association for the opportunity he had by serving as Secretary for the past 8 years

C) Major of Infantry Doug Rasmussen:

- 1) Doug expressed gratitude for the opportunity of being Major. He stated that he only gets that opportunity 2 to 3 times a year and enjoys it very much
- 2) Doug thanked everyone for their support and hard work.
- 3) Spring Muster is his most enjoyable event as Major
- 4) The men did a very good job at spring Muster and the maneuvers they were asked to perform, because of this and the quick way the members learned he was able to get in more advanced drill for the men.
- 5) The drills that were learned at Wade House Spring Muster showed everyone at other events (Wade House and National events) how well prepared the men really were and to keep up the good work.

D) Company Officers/Presidents reports

1) Company A: given by Scott Frank

- a. Company A has 2 members and that 100% of the Company showed up for the meeting
- b. Company A members did preservation work at Gettysburg, they made 2 trips out there, 1 in Spring where they had 8 men show-up and in the Fall where they had between 10-12 men.
- c. Tom Klas is going to be a father (in March?) for the 3rd time
- d. Scott Frank is married to his work, but they will do their best to help support the Association events

2) Company B: given by John Dudkiewicz

- a. Company B has 14 members in the Association and a total of 20 on their roster
- b. Norskedalen is B’s big event which will be October 8th-9th
- c. Charles Woods has dropped out of Company B and some of the members that join B come from Ft. McCoy, so they will loose and gain members due to transfers.
- d. Tom Filgrave is being transferred from Ft. McCoy to Virginia?
- e. John then presented the members (at the meeting) a brief history of the original Company B regimental flag.
- f. Company B has replicated the flag to almost look exactly as the original one.

- g. The original flag was presented to Company B on July 4th, 1860 by the ladies of La Crosse.
- h. Company B was known as the “La Crosse Light Guard”
- i. The flag did go with Company B to Washington D.C. but they had to leave it with the War Department when they were sent off to war. The flag was stored in the basement of the War Department where it stayed until a Congressman from La Crosse came across it and had it sent back to Wisconsin.
- j. The flag was brought back to La Crosse where it became lost. It was later found and in 1930 it was conserved and then put on display at the La Crosse Courthouse.
- k. The flag is 2 sided with the State Seal on one side and the Ladies of La Crosse on the other. All members of the Company had their names put on the flag with the exception of 13 men who had deserted at some point during the War and 2 men who were found to young to fight. One name was actually a member of Company K and a mystery surrounds why he had his name on the flag.
- l. Once again the flag disappeared and in 1994 was recovered.
- m. Company B (Association members) raised \$5,000.00 to have it conserved once again and the original flag now exists at the Courthouse.
- n. Pete Seielstad pointed out that the Association needs to be more involved in such work, he used the example of Company E where they held a charity march and Company A’s efforts at Gettysburg.

3) Company C: given by Bill Acheson and read by Pete Seielstad

- a. Effective immediately, I am stepping down from all reenacting duties For awhile-Bill Acheson 2/6/2010
- b. Company C has disbanded, no one has stepped up to take my place so we Will not be part of the Association for the scheduled year of 2010. I will take a look after my break and see if there is an interest for the 2011 season-Bill Acheson
- c. Pete Seielstad expressed that this was sad news, loosing Company C but At the same time it was good news in the fact that they still have some interest.

4) Company E: given by Dave Sielski

- a. Company E has 35 military members and had 4 new members join last year
- b. Company E also has a Father and Son from Canada wishing to join
- c. The Charity March brought in \$625.00 this past year. It is a 2 day March and was held on the property of a member of E who has a lot of land. On Saturday of the March it was known as “The mud March”
- d. The money was donated to the Kings Home and went for the up keep and repair of wheelchairs.
- e. Heritage Hill (June 25th -26th) is E’s big reenactment and Dave invited all to attend the event. It started last year and the event organizers from Heritage Hill were very pleased and had about 500 more spectators show up than they had originally thought would come.

- f. Neville Public Museum in Green Bay is having a special event entitled “Badger Boys from Wisconsin” to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, they are having their Grand Opening of the event on February 4th 2011 and all are welcomed to see the exhibit while it is at the Museum.
- 5) **Company G:** given by Gary Klas
- a. Company G has 2 members
 - b. The big thing for G will be preservation, especially of its members
- 6) **Company H:** given by Tom Bispo read by Pete Seielstad
- a. Company H has 15 regular members and 16 associate members, of which 12 are military. Company H has lost several military members over the years, but they have also gained new members and had former members return. The membership has stayed fairly constant over the past 4 years.
 - b. Company H remains a tight-knit, dedicated unit that enjoys the camaraderie of reenacting and is proud of its identity as 2nd Wisconsin V.I. members.
 - c. Company H has 11 official events listed on their calendar for 2011
 - d. In addition to battlefield events, there are 2 school events, 3 National Park living history events and a Memorial Day ceremony in honor of all veterans of America’s wars in Santa Cruz, CA.
 - e. January 29th they will kick off the 2011 reenacting year with living history day at Fort Point, San Francisco. This National Park site is the only Civil War era brick and masonry fort on the West Coast. The fort stands at the entrance to San Francisco Bay beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. It is similar in construction and appearance to Ft. Sumter, and has remained intact event to this day, although it was threatened many times by the wrecking ball.
 - f. Company H attendance at this first event of the year promises to be the highest in recent memory, hopefully a harbinger of a great year to come.
- 7) **Company K:** given by Ugljesha Pirocanac
- a. It was an active year for Company K especially supporting her sister Company events, along with their own.
 - b. Company K will be having a major school day on May 20th There will be 20 stations; they are looking for help from anyone interested in joining them
 - c. Last year 2200 students attending the school day and they expect the same this year.
 - d. They have had help from a signal company from Illinois along with General & Mrs. Grant.
 - e. It is a very comprehensive event dealing in more active stations and participation from the students.
 - f. They will have a Medical Station along with several Infantry Stations.
 - g. The event is at Blue Mound State Park.
 - h. Companies K has 35 military members and are holding steady at that number.

E) Major of Artillery Brant Doty

- 1) Battery B has 18 members and 1 new member
- 2) John Utterback was promoted from Gun Sgt. to Ordinance Sgt.
- 3) At Battery B's annual meeting several awards were passed out.
 - a. Thomas Sobottke (who has been very ill the last several years with cancer) was given a certificate of Appreciation for his work and dedication.
 - b. The KEARNEY Cross was given to Walter Hlaban for his action at Heritage Hill saving the field piece from being captured.
- 4) A copy of the contract between the 2nd Wisconsin and the National Guard was located and a copy has been secured for the Association. It dates back to 1994. The old National Guard Commander wants to keep the original contract the same, whereas one of the Commanders subordinates wanted the Association to re-do the contract giving the Guard more say in the 12 pound Napoleon. The contract as it was drawn up will stay in tact and there should be no more worries about it in the near future.
- 5) Walter Hlaban was able to acquire a 6 pounder which Battery B uses time-to-time. It is less expensive to use and to haul around.
- 6) The 12 pound Napoleon is in good shape (the tube) and the carriage will be inspected for wear and damage.

F) Competitive Shooting Commander Gary Van Kauwenbergh

- 1) Gary has stepped down as the ACWSA Adjutant and Judge Advocate General (JAG) but 2nd Wisconsin members Rob Weber and Dan Graff are now filling those positions.
- 3) Gary is still handling the ACWSA webmasters position and now that he has spare time (what is that?) he will be able to improve the website, some of the improvements already made are:
 - a. The addition of more pictures
 - b. Current news was added
 - c. Members can view copies of the by-laws
 - d. Members can also view the skirmish rules
 - e. Even the entire insurance policy has been added
 - f. The 2nd Wisconsin's team page on the ACWSA website was also revamped. Links were added to all published pictures of the 2nd Wisconsin troops that Gary knows about, along with pictures of modern team's members throughout the years.
 - g. This year's project is recreating "The Old Soldiers Fiddlers" 4 members of the 2nd plus Gary's son will be playing at the Civil War Expo in Racine during March. This is a great story about a group of Civil War Veterans with ties to the Iron Brigade and Battery B who performed a vaudeville act in the early 1900's.
 - h. Reminder- the 2nd Wisconsin skirmish team is open to anyone interested.
 - i. The 2011 annual meeting for the Skirmish team for the 2nd Wisconsin will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday February 12th in the

home of Roy and Cathi Nelson located at W4982 Woodside lane, Watertown WI.

j. Dues are \$15.00 but they do have a “first year free” program.

k. 2010 Season summary:

- 1) Musket Teams A 4th in a field of 11
 - 2) Musket Team B None
 - 3) Carbine Teams A 4th in a field of 8
 - 4) Carbine Team B 1st in a field of 3
 - 5) Carbine Team Ladies 1st in a field of 2
 - 6) Revolver Team A 2nd in a field of 4
 - 7) Revolver Team B 1st in a field of 2
 - 8) Smoothbore Team A 3rd in a field of 12
 - 9) Smoothbore Team B 2nd in a field of 2
 - 10) Breechloader Team A 2nd and 4th in a field of 10 teams
 - 11) Cannon 3rd in a field of 4
 - 12) Mortar 2nd at Boscobel
- l. The 2nd maintained the same participation levels as 2009, but they did loose one member from their roster. The team attended all 5 skirmishes offered last season entering at least one team in every event except the carbine team at the last skirmish of the season.

G) Keeper of the Colors Robert Schwandt

- 1) The New Colors were not used during the 2010 season
- 2) The Old colors were used during the 2010 season at the following events:
 - a. Association meeting on January 29th 2010
 - b. Appleton School event with Co. E
 - c. Pinecrest Village, Manitowoc WI
 - d. Green Bay Holiday Parade
- 3) The location of the Colors
 - a. New colors are located at the home of David Dresang
 - b. Old colors are located at the home of Robert Schwandt
- 4) Condition:
 - a. New colors have not been uncased during 2010. Condition: excellent
 - b. Old colors have been uncased several times during 2010. Minor repairs have been made. Condition: Good
- 5) Since last report:
 - a. Water-proof covers are being made by Scott Frank for the old Colors.
 - b. Tassels for the old colors were found to be to expensive and Therefore, not purchased
 - c. In-ground stands have been made by Walter Hlaban and Donated to the Association and asked for nothing in return.
Thank you Wally!!
- 6) If anyone would like to use either sets of colors need to contact either Pete Seielstad or Robert Schwandt.

V. Election of Officers

A) Association Officers

1) President 3 year term

Pete opened the floor for nominations

- a. Marv Kostka nominated David Dresang Jr.
2nd by Gary Klas
- b. Patrick Lynch nominated Ugljesha Pirocanac
2nd by John Thielmann
- c. Scott Frank nominated Pete Seielstad
Pete turned down the nomination
- d. John Dudkiewicz made motion to close the nominations
2nd by Lyle Laufenberg
- e. Vote was taken by secret ballot

New President of the Association

David Dresang Jr.

2) Vice President 3 year term

- a. David Dresang Jr. nominated Tom Bispo
2nd by Marv Kostka
- b. No other nominations given
- c. Ugljesha Pirocanac made motion to close nomination
2nd by John Thielmann
- d. Lyle Laufenberg made motion to cast unanimous vote for Tom Bispo
2nd by Brant Doty

New Vice President of the Association

Tom Bispo

3) Corporate Secretary 3 year term

- a. Before nominations were called, Pete Seielstad read the responsibilities of
The office of Corporate Secretary
- b. Patrick Lynch nominated Dave Sielski
2nd by John Dudkiewicz
- c. Jeff Blakeley made motion to close nominations
2nd by John Thielmann
- d. Jeff Blakeley made motion to cast unanimous vote for Dave Sielski
2nd by Bob Mann

New Corporate Secretary of the Association

Dave Sielski

B) Field Officers

1) Lt. Colonel 3 year term

- a. David Dresang Jr. nominated Pete Seielstad
2nd by Bob Mann
- b. Drew Young nominated Doug Rasmussen
Doug Rasmussen turned down the nomination
- c. John Dudkiewicz made motion to close the nominations
- d. 2nd by John Thielmann
- e. David Dresang Jr. made motion to cast unanimous vote for Pete
- f. 2nd by Jeff Blakeley

Lt. Colonel for the 2nd W.V.I. Association

Pete Seielstad

2) Quartermaster Sgt. 3 year term

- a. Before asking for nominations, Pete Seielstad gave a brief description of the position. He also apologized to Tom Klas (current QM Sgt.) for oversight. Pete also told those assembled what Tom has done for the Association the only thing Tom would not do would be ordering powder and caps for the Association.
- b. John Dudkiewicz nominated Tom Klas
- c. 2nd by Scott Frank
- d. Jeff Blakeley moved to close the nominations
- e. 2nd by Scott Frank
- f. No other nominations given
- g. Scott Frank made motion to cast unanimous vote for Tom Klas
- h. 2nd by Jeff Blakeley

Quartermaster Sgt. for the 2nd W.V.I. Association

Tom Klas

D) Appointed positions

1) Association Secretary (no term limits)

- a. Selection from the floor
- b. Before volunteers were called, Pete Seielstad read the responsibilities of the office of Association Secretary
- c. Call for volunteers for the position of Association Secretary
- d. Dave Sielski volunteered for the position
- e. No other volunteers

Dave Sielski appointed as new Association Secretary

VI Old Business

A) 1st Manassas National event

1) The National event for the Association was decided back at the Wade House event. The members voted to make the National event at 1st Manassas the Association's National event.

2) **The date for the event is July 21st-24th**

3) Transportation

- a) John Dudkiewicz and Dave Sielski volunteered (at Wade House) to check into transportation and cost.
- b) Dave Sielski handed out a report on the cost of the bus (depending on how many people were going and the size of the Bus needed) He also reported on the rooms and costs per person depending on how many people wanted to share a room. It went from a single to a quad. The Bus cost approximately \$151.00 per person plus the cost of the room. We would be spending the night at Youngstown Ohio going to the event and then going back home.
- c) John Dudkiewicz volunteered to register those who would be attending the event. The registration needs to be turned in by the end of February. The cost is \$20.00 per person
- d) Charles Bagneski made motion to accept the use of Bus and itinerary as reported

2nd by Robert Schwandt

- e) The only request made was to find a more secure place in for those in Madison that would take the bus. Last year 2 members had their vehicles vandalized at the Park & ride that was used.

4) Alignment of Association

- a) Pete Seielstad reported who we would be falling in with at the National event.
- b) We will fall in with the BHB and then the Cumberland Guard
- c) We will be under the Command of General Shackelford

5) Uniform Requirements

- a) The Association will be divided into 2 groups, those who wish to go as the 2nd Wisconsin wearing the State Militia gray uniforms will be under the Command of Pete Seielstad, those who can't afford the required uniform, they can go blue and they will be under the Command of Doug Rasmussen.
- b) Tom Klas was asked to present examples of the gray uniform that those who wished to go as the 2nd WI would be required to wear.
- c) Smatterings of state issued and federal issued uniform & equipage. some items of known prevalence include the state issue haversacks of heavy white duck with blue stripe and leather closures, state issued seven inch canteens, the double brimmed shako or kepi as the soldiers removed the whale and wire stiffeners, and the gray coat frock coat & trousers encompassing a wide variety of differing materials & patterns that were generally light gray in color to medium gray. Federal leather accouterments, state issue or civilian blanket, Pattern of 1816/1822 Harpers Ferry Conversion Musket in .69 caliber or & Pattern 1855 Maynard Rifle-Musket in .58 caliber issued in Company B. According to Captain Thomas Allen, knapsacks were left behind. Also Allen points out all officers were clad in gray as they packed away their best uniforms of blue.
- d) Jerry Letcher asked if it would be possible to get the patterns of the frock coats and trousers, Jerry knew of a person that could make the clothing at a reduced cost.
- e) Ugljesha Pirocanac asked about the black piping that was worn on the trousers. Tom said that the 2nd Wis. Did have black piping down the trousers that were 1/8" wide and if you wished to put it on, that would be great but not necessary, also the NCOs' had black chevrons.
- f) Tom also said that the leathers that we wear are just fine, but the haversack was white with 2 buttons, one on each end of the flap.
- g) For those that prefer to go blue, the current uniform is fine, frock coat would be better than the sack coat if possible as the sack coat didn't come out until 1862
- h) Also a forage cap (for those in blue) would be preferred, and no leggings to be worn.

- i) Tom will issue an approximate price for the items for those that wish to go gray. He gave some prices but they are from 2007 so the prices have probably gone up.
- j) Gray frock coat \$200.00-300.00
- k) Trousers?
- l) Haversack \$50.00
- m) Canteen \$80.00
- n) Kepi \$100.00
- o) You would not have to get any kind of special Musket, the one that you have would do just fine.
- p) the state issue frock coat should have:
 Gray cloth, plain single breast, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes, nine **federal eagle buttons attached in the front**, a standing collar, tail pockets with two federal eagle buttons affixed, and *without* piping or welting on the collar and cuffs. Coat should be lined.
- q) Trousers should be light gray in color, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes. Militia pattern preferred. If you want a black stripe down the seam as in the original trousers, this can be had but for an additional fee. Materials of jean cloth, satinette, or broadcloth. The state prescribed the following regarding trousers: Gray cloth, plain, black welt 1/8 inch wide in the outside seam.
- r) The ONV had a series of caps made for the Park City Grays based on the 7th New York militia cap and that pattern was similar except for the double brim in the 2nd Wisconsin's cap. These will be without the stiffeners, have the black strip across the circumference of the cap as seen in the 7th New York cap, and the double brim but they can add for an additional cost however I do not feel this should be required. Lined, hand sewn leather sweatband, thin painted leather black brim with no edging, leather chin strap, and two 5/8 inch general service eagle buttons attached on each side of the chin strap. The state prescribed the following regarding caps: Gray cloth, 7th Regiment style- patent leather strap.
- s) I have met with Bill Brewster to see if we can put together an order for Pat Cunningham to make these canteens based on one in the WVM. Pat makes the current tinned ware for the WVM. I should have an answer by early March but with Bill not at the WVM anymore, I do not know if this will be possible. I will send updates and I find out more information. Secondary choice would be federal issue but these would have been a rarity in the ranks. If federal issue is used, avoid bulls eye canteens as these were not in production in 1861. Also the leather canteen strap for federal issue was the standard for New York and Schuylkill Arsenal. – not the cotton strap.
- t) I will be in contact with Richmond Depot to see if they can make the state issue haversack as documented. This was untarred, white with blue ticking strip on the strap. I should have an answer soon on this. If we can not have this made, Richmond Depot would make an

acceptable alternative cotton haversack with button closure as a secondary choice. Tarred haversacks would not have been seen until after Bull Run for those whom lost these items during the battle, therefore the current tarred federal issue should be avoided.

- u) We have no solid documentation at this time on the state issue blanket other than soldiers stated they were of heavy wool. I recommend getting a good 100% wool blanket with hand sewn edges if a folded edge is used. Can be in solid colors (stick to dull colors – earth tones) or solid and stripes, with varying dimensions. These blankets should be around 3-4 lbs. in weight to keep you warm. Civilian Coverlets made of wool and cotton is also appropriate for use as a gift from the home front. Hand sewn borders with documented patterns, construction, and materials. Federal issue blankets should be avoided as the Second Wisconsin had the state issue blanket for Bull Run.

B) Scholarship continuance

- 1)** Last years recipient was Eric Blasing from Company B and he received the \$500.00 scholarship from the Association.
- 2)** The Scholarship offers 1-\$500.00 Scholarship if less than 5 apply and 2-\$500.00 scholarships if 5 or more apply
- 3)** Last year we had 3 applicants for the Scholarship
- 4)** Eric Blasing sent his sincere thank you for the opportunity to apply and winning and receiving the Scholarship
- 5)** Scott Frank told everyone that he has already budgeted the scholarship into this year's budget and the Association has enough money for the program.
- 6)** Dave Sielski made motion to continue the Scholarship program
 - a) 2nd by Drew Young
- 7)** motion passed the Association will continue the Scholarship program
- 8)** The judges and Committee members from last year were:
 - a) Robert Mann Company K
 - b) John Dudkiewicz Company B
 - c) Dave Sielski Company E
 - d) Pete Seielstad Company B (tie breaking Judge if needed)
- 9)** Volunteers were asked for to head up the 2011 Scholarship program
- 10)** The new committee members and Judges for 2011 are:
 - a. Robert Schwandt Company E
 - b. John Dudkiewicz Company B
 - c. John Thielmann Company K
 - d. Tom Bispo Company H (tie breaking Judge if needed)
- 11)** John Dudkiewicz talked about the judging sheet and gave a brief run down on how the scoring went; there was also a discussion on the essay question.
- 12)** David Dresang Jr. reported that most of the complaints he received last

year was about the essay question and if it could not be clarified as to exactly what the committee was looking for. He also stated that we would receive more applications if this was done.

- 13) It was decided that the Scholarship committee look into the essay question and see what can be done to help bring in more applicants.
- 14) Ugljesha Pirocanac also brought up that at last years meeting it was Decided that the Association try to publicize the Scholarship and the Recipient to the local media to try to draw more attention to the Association and what it was trying to accomplish. He also stated that He did not see that this was done.
- 15) John Dudkiewicz did state that Company B did have it in their local Paper (it had Eric's picture and a little blurb about the scholarship).
- 16) David Dresang Jr. did admit that he only sent releases to each Company, The Association newsletter and website for publication.

C) Website/Fugelman discussion:

A) Fugelman discussion

- 1) Pete Seielstad thanked Jim Dumke for all his hard work and dedication And for the excellent job he has been doing on the newsletter. Pete asked if there were any problems or concerns anyone had regarding The newsletter.
- 2) Dave Sielski would like to see it downsized somewhat. At times there is So much information in the newsletter that it takes a while to download Or some computers can't even handle that much volume.
- 3) Bob Mann believes that it needs to be a little more organized, he would Like to see the more important articles nearer to the top of the newsletter.

B) Website discussion

- 1) The main topic is the need to have the website updated. To much old Information on it and not enough new items being added.
- 2) Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to contact Jim Johnson to see if Jim could use help and ideas in keeping the website up to date.
- 3) The Association membership needs to help out and send in items to Jim to help him with the website.

D) Surplus funds disbursement:

- 1) It was decided at last years meeting that anytime the Association has More than \$7,500.00 in our account that the surplus would be donated To a cause to be determined by the membership.
- 2) Pete asked Scott Frank if we did exceed the said amount, the reply was No, so this year we have no surplus of funds.

E) Revision of cannon contract with the National Guard update:

- 1) Brant Doty gave the report that the original contract between the 2nd Wisconsin and the Wisconsin National Guard were still intact.
- 2) The revamping of the contract is no longer a hot topic (the National Guard unit wanted to re-do the original contract giving them more authority over the tube of the piece)
- 3) The contract will remain the same, no changes will be made.

F) Inventory update:

- 1) David Dresang Jr. brought one artifact that was donated to the Association (in the 1990's) by Ernst Frankenberg
- 2) The artifact was a Wisconsin regimental flag flown by Co. C Of the 2nd Wisconsin during the Spanish-American War.
- 3) David had not been able to locate the origin of Company C and He brought it to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to try to verify Its authenticity he was turned away.
- 4) David asked the membership to help out, not only finding more about Company C but also to help out to verify the flags origin and then decide What would be best to do with the flag?
- 5) The discussion was tabled until next years meeting.

G) Insurance Assessment:

- 1) Scott Frank said that last year there were some confusion about the rider That Company K needed for their school day event. Scott has resolved Those problems and they have been dealt with and are no longer an issue.
- 2) Company K will require 4 riders this coming year. 3 are for their drills One will be for their school event.
- 3) The Insurance has been paid already been paid, for the year 2011.

VII New Business:

A) Event Calendar for 2011

- 1) Association event for 2011**
 - a) Floor opened for nominations
 - b) John Dudkiewicz nominated Wade House September 24th-25th 2nd by Ryan Holbrook
 - c) No other events nominated
 - d) John Dudkiewicz made motion to close the nominations 2nd by Jeff Blakeley
 - e) Wade House is the Association event for 2011
- 2) National event for 2011**
 - a) The national event was discussed and voted on at last years Wade House event. No vote or nominations are needed
 - b) Association National event for 2011 1st Manassas July 22nd-24th
- 3) BHB event for 2011**
 - a) The BHB has chosen for their National event for 2011 the 1st Manassas event July 22nd-24th
 - b) Since the Association is already going to that event it will also double as our BHB event along with our Association National event
 - c) No other discussions on the BHB event
 - d) The BHB event will be 1st Manassas July 22nd-24th
- 4) Company event for 2011**
 - a) Company events go on a rotating basis; this year is Company K's turn to decide what they wish to make the Association's Company event.
 - b) Company K has decided on Evansville Wisconsin May 21st-22nd as the Association's Company event.
 - c) Ugljesha Pirocanac gave a brief outline of what to expect at the

event.

- d) There will be an Artillery night time firing demonstration
- e) Saturday Lance Herdegen will be in attendance (author of several books about the Iron Brigade and a Carroll College Professor in Civil War studies and many more credits)
- f) Saturday will be a parade led by the 1st Brigade band
- g) Saturday night will be a Military Ball with the 1st Brigade Band
- h) Special note: Company events are not voted on

B) Other New Business:

- 1)** It was announce by Pete Seielstad that Robert Schwandt would be would be stepping down as Color Sgt.
 - a) Pete thanked Robert for a job well done and for all his research and time that he has given to the Association.
 - b) Robert would retain his duties as “keeper of the colors”
 - c) Color Sgt. would be chosen at every event from any of the Companies present.
 - d) Color Sgt. should be an NCO so stripes would be needed to portray the Color Sgt.
- 2)** Tony Vranicar made up small pocket sized booklets of the Association handbook. He had 2 copies sent to the annual meeting To see if the members would be interested in them.
 - a) Question arose, could the copy be sent to each company Electronically so that each Company could make their own.
 - b) Need to find what the cost would be to make or buy the Smaller version of the Association handbook.
 - c) Tony is asked to contact each Company with the information about the pocket handbook.
- 3)** Scott Frank made motion regarding voting for members outside of The State and how that would be handled
 - i. The motion reads as thus:
 - ii. The 2nd W.V.I. shall accept no votes from absent members from the Central Wisconsin based meeting unless they are received immediately via any means necessary from Company based central meetings in contact with the main Association meeting.
 - iii. 2nd by Lyle Laufenberg
 - iv. Motion passed

VIII Announcements

- 1)** The next Association meeting will be held on January 28th 2012 at The American Legion Hall in Fox Lake at 10:00 a.m. CST
- 2)** Pete Seielstad thanked the kitchen staff for the fine meal that they
- 3)** provided us for lunch
- 4)** Pete mentioned that we normally give the American Legion Hall \$100.00 donation for the use of their building, but because of a mistake that was made at last years meeting (a donation of \$5.00 is asked for the cost of the meal, last year the donation of the food

ended up \$50.00 short) Pete made a motion to donate \$150.00 this year.

- 5) Jerry Letcher made motion for the donation of \$150.00
- 6) 2nd by Robert Schwandt
- 7) Motion passed
- 8) Marv Kostka asked for a round of applause for Pete's service as President of the Association for the past 6 years. That was enthusiastically given by all those in attendance.
- 9) Brant Doty forgot to mention that they will be holding their "School of the Piece" May 14th in Columbus WI
- 10) Gary Van Kauwenbergh told the members that if anyone wishes to get on the Skirmish team's e-mail list all they would have to do is to contact Gary and he will see that they are included.
- 11) John Dudkiewicz told everyone that the MMA (mixed martial arts) has invited members of the 2nd Wisconsin to join them at Wisconsin Dells (no date) They use military color Guards to start their event and this year they would like it if we could be the color Guard, they wish to honor the 150th start of the Civil war.
- 12) John Thielmann invited all to join in the Veterans Parade held in Milwaukee on November 5th

IX Closing:

- 1) Motion made to close the meeting
- 2) Motion made by Drew Young
- 3) 2nd by everyone
- 4) Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Those in Attendance

Charles Bagneski Co. E	Lisa Bagneski Co. E	Jeff Blakeley Co. B
John Decker Co. K	Brant Doty Battery B	David Dresang Jr. Co. E
John Dudkiewicz Co. B	Scott Frank Co. A	Ryan Holbrook Co. K
Wally Hlaban Battery B	Gary Klas Co. G	Tom Klas Co. A
Marv Kostka Co. E	Richard Laddusire Co. E	Lyle Laufenberg Bty. B
Jerry Letcher Co. E	Patrick Lynch Co. K	Bob Mann Co. K
Skip McCutchin Bty. B	Ugljesha Pirocanac Co. K	Doug Rasmussen Co. E
Laurie Rasmussen Co. E	Paul Reeck Co. B	Robert Schwandt Co. E
Paul Seielstad Co. B	Pete Seielstad Co. B	Dave Sielski Co. E
John Thielmann Co. K	Gary Van Kauwenbergh Co. G	
Matt Wierzbach Co. E	Drew Young Co. E	

COMPANY CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES

March

12th **Maintenance Day (Battery B)**

Sussex, WI*

19th **Spring Drill (Co. K)**

Waterloo WI

***Note the change in date from that in the original calendar of events**

AN EVENT OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

On April 12th, inst., Lance Herdegen will give a presentation based on his new book; *The Raising of the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry*. The event will be held at the Wisconsin Veterans' Museum beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members of the Second Wisconsin are being asked to attend in uniform for this special occasion. This is not one of the scheduled events on our campaign schedule, but it is one that may be of special interest to the men of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

A special thank you to Bill Raftery and Gary Van Kauwenbergh, who passed this information along to the newsletter!

REPORTS FROM THE COMPANY CAMPS

COMPANY E

The following information comes from the Company E newsletter, *The Company Letter*, whose editor is Charles Bagneski. It is the time of the year when member companies of the Second Wisconsin Regiment are electing officers for the coming campaigns.

First, let your comrades from the regiment extend their heartiest congratulations to the newly elected officers of Company E. Here is a list of the newly elected officers:

**Company President
Company Treasurer
Company Secretary**

**Dave Sielski (re-elected)
Marvin Kostka (re-elected)
Charles Bagneski (re-elected)**

The following positions are filled by volunteers and the following individuals have stepped to the fore to serve their Company:

Newsletter editor	Charles Bagneski (no change)
Company Supply clerk	Theresa Dresang (no change)
Company recruiter	Dave Sielski (no change)
School Program coordinator	Dave Sielski (no change)

Military officers and NCO's were also elected. The men called to lead by their comrades were:

Captain	Steve Peterson (3 years)
Corporals	Scott Boesel
	Robert Schwandt
	Lief Sjoquist
	Matthew Wierzbach (1 year terms)

BATTERY B

On February 19th, inst., Battery B assembled at the Sussex Armory for a day devoted to maintenance on the Napoleon 12 pounder cannon. The following pictures demonstrate the get to it attitude of the members of the battery.





REPORT FROM THE SKIRMISHERS

Gary VanKauwenberg sent the following information to *The Fugelman* for our information. It also includes a bit of good advice. Thank you Gary for this important news!

Apparently EuroArms is going out of business, and their parts inventory was purchased by S & S Firearms (<http://www.ssfirearms.com/>).

If your EuroArms needs a repair, or you'd like a spare part or two, now is the time to order!

AN UPDATE OF INTEREST FROM GARY VAN KAUWENBERGH

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit this update on the state flag carried by Company C, 2nd Wisconsin during the Spanish American War. This flag was given to the association by the late Ernst Von Frankenburg, but obviously belongs in a museum. David Dresang initially contacted the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum (WVM), but was told by someone that they were not interested in the artifact. At the

association meeting in January, Gary Van Kauwenbergh volunteered to help find a proper home for the flag.

Company C of the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry of the Spanish American War era came from Sheboygan. They were deployed in Puerto Rico. For more information, see:

<http://www.spanamwar.com/2ndwiscroster.htm>

I contacted WMV Registrar Kristine Zickuhr. She expressed an interest in the flag, but all donations now need to be approved by a committee before they are accepted. David Dresang is sending me the flag, and I will let the WMV committee review it. If for some reason they decline the item, I will be contacting historical museums in the Sheboygan area.

I'll keep submitting updates through the Fugelman until the flag finds a proper home.

**Respectfully submitted, by Yr. Obt. Srvt.,
Gary Van Kauwenbergh**

A WEBSITE THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE SECOND WISCONSIN

The following information was passed on to the *Fugelman* by Bill Raftery, of Company K. Thank you, Bill for sharing the following communication from Lance Herdegen.

All:

Check out this website "The Civil War and Northwest Wisconsin on <http://thecivilwarandnorthwestwisconsin.wordpress.com/> It is the work of the Area Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. We are linking to it on the 150th website. They are featuring newspaper stories from Pierce, St. Croix, Polk and Burnett counties reprinted on the same date they first appeared.

Lance J. Herdegen

Chair, Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission

Author: Those Damned Black Hats: The Iron Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign

**Winner of the Army Historical Foundation
Distinguished Writing Award Battle/Operational**

MARCH/APRIL CIVIL WAR MILESTONES

A REQUEST WAS MADE OF THE NEWSLETTER TO COVER MORE THAN ONE MONTH IN THE MILESTONES PORTION OF *THE FUGELMAN*. SO BEGINNING THIS MONTH THE MILESTONES WILL COVER TWO MONTHS AT A TIME.

Mar. 4, 1861 **Abraham Lincoln is sworn in as 16th President of the United States of America.**

Mar. 8, 1862 **The Confederate Ironclad *Merrimac* --named the *Virginia* by the CSA-- sinks two wooden Union ships then battles the Union Ironclad *Monitor* to a draw. Naval warfare is thus changed forever, making wooden ships obsolete.**

Mar. 9, 1862 **The Monitor and Virginia conclude their battle, fighting to a draw, but the Virginia had to withdraw**

APRIL

Apr. 12, 1861 **At 4:30 a.m. Confederates under Gen. [Pierre Beauregard](#) open fire with 50 cannons upon Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. The Civil War begins.**

Apr. 15, 1861 **President Lincoln issues call for 75,000 volunteers**

Apr. 17, 1861 **Virginia secedes from the Union, followed within five weeks by Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina, thus forming an eleven state Confederacy with a population of 9 million, including nearly 4 million slaves. The Union will soon have 21 states and a population of over 20 million.**

Apr. 20, 1827 **Gen. John Gibbon, USA, born**

AN ARTICLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES ABOUT THE FAMILIES OF THE MEN STATIONED AT FORT SUMTER

February 4, 2011, 9:00 pm

Women and Children First By ADAM GOODHEART

Off Cape Hatteras, Feb. 5, 1861

It had already been a long voyage. For almost two full days, the little steamer Marion had lain at anchor at the mouth of Charleston Harbor, waiting for the weather to clear. Winter rain spattered against the decks and landed, hissing, on the boilers' iron flanks. Below, several dozen unhappy passengers huddled in the dimness, mothers consoling their wailing children or staggering over to the portholes to be sick.

But on Feb. 3 they had emerged resolutely above decks, despite the weather, as the steamer passed the high walls of the fortress where they were leaving behind their loved ones. There, silhouetted against the gray sky, were Fort Sumter's defenders, their husbands and fathers. From atop the parapet of Sumter came three rounds of throaty cheers. The women and children, many choking back tears, bravely shouted three cheers in reply.

Then the boat chugged on and Sumter, out of earshot, dropped away astern. "The men lingered upon the parapet until the vessel was lost to view on the horizon," an officer wrote. The wives and children of the Union garrison's enlisted men were headed away from secession and revolution, away from impending war, toward safety in New York.

The role of women in the Civil War began much sooner — and much more dramatically — than most later accounts suggest. At Fort Sumter, wives and children suffered the fears, privations and hard work of the siege for more than a month, alongside the small force of

officers and men under Maj. Robert Anderson. They were even on the battlements when the first shots of the war were fired — and came close to participating in the combat themselves.

In the prewar Army, it was commonplace for the fighting men's wives and children to accompany them from one posting to another. Few first-hand accounts survive, though, perhaps because common soldiers were almost always poor, and usually immigrants, and it is likely that many of them and their spouses were illiterate. Still, we know a good amount about the lives of the women and their families during those months at Fort Sumter.

By late January supplies were running short; the privates had been put on half-rations, while their officers — though not deprived to the same degree — were going without coffee. And the warlike preparations around them grew more and more ominous: the rebels sank hulks in the mouth of Charleston Harbor, while slaves constructed a formidable-looking, bombproof battery at the tip of Morris Island.

Moreover, some of the besieged families at Sumter apparently had reason to feel anxious not just for themselves, but also for the besiegers. One of the Union corporals had a son among the Confederates on Morris Island, while a soldier's brother had enlisted in the secessionist Palmetto Guard. "If war comes," The Times's correspondent wrote presciently, "a father may point at the heart of a son, and brother may meet brother in deadly conflict!"

As for the officers' families, most had already been separated from their loved ones for over a month. In late December, just before withdrawing into Sumter from their original post at Fort Moultrie, the officers had sent their wives and children over to the mainland, seemingly out of harm's way. Mary Doubleday, the wife of Capt. Abner Doubleday, had taken hasty leave of her husband, with barely enough time to throw her clothing into a couple of trunks before embracing him sadly — for, as her husband later recalled, "neither knew when or where we would meet again." She spent that long night pacing up and down the beach, peering anxiously toward Sumter.

Mrs. Doubleday was not one to be kept apart from her husband for long, however. On the afternoon of Jan. 3, she surprised Abner by appearing at Sumter's wharf, bundled up against the intense cold, perched in the stern of a longboat rowed by some civilian laborers returning to the fort. (For the time being, at least, South Carolina's authorities had decided not to interfere with these workmen's comings and goings.) Two other officers' wives managed to come over

separately that day. Captain Doubleday was delighted, but also somewhat nonplussed: in the harsh conditions of the beleaguered fort, with lamp oil and fuel already almost depleted, the ladies could hardly be entertained in the comfort to which they were accustomed. Gallantly, he chopped up a handsome mahogany table in his quarters, burning it for fuel "to keep my wife from suffering during her brief visit."

According to an account that emerged weeks later in The Times and other newspapers, Mrs. Doubleday and Louisa Weir Seymour, the wife of Capt. Truman Seymour, repaid such hospitality by smuggling over "a number of articles, including a box of candles, intended for the use of their friends in the garrison." (The report denied rumors that the ladies had indelicately concealed this precious contraband under their hoop skirts, however.)

Mrs. Seymour, who came from a prominent family of American painters, was as redoubtable a character as Mrs. Doubleday. While at Sumter, she reportedly begged Major Anderson for permission to stay and help load cannons or care for the wounded when the inevitable assault on Sumter came. "The request was, for reasons which were to the Major manifest, respectfully denied," a letter in The Times reported.

Despite this refusal, at least one of the women did nearly experience combat – indeed, she very nearly fired a shot that could have touched off the Civil War three months early. On Jan. 9, one officer's wife — her identity was not recorded — was present with the Union troops on the ramparts when they watched, helpless, as Confederate gunners lobbed cannonballs at the steamer Star of the West, which was unsuccessfully attempting to bring provisions and reinforcement. Less willing than the men to suffer this assault without retaliating, she seized the lanyard of a loaded cannon, intending to fire back at the rebel battery. The quick-thinking Doubleday stayed her hand.

Even after they left Sumter, Mrs. Doubleday and the other officers' wives continued to fight on the garrison's behalf. They went immediately to Washington, where they funneled information about the besieged garrison to President James Buchanan and to President-elect Abraham Lincoln.

As for Major Anderson's wife, she, too, played a role in the armed standoff. Eba Anderson, who suffered chronic ill-health, had remained behind in New York when her husband took over command in Charleston Harbor. But one day in January, the mail boat from Charleston to Sumter dropped her off unexpectedly at the fort's wharf.

Worried by the lack of mail from her husband, the major's Georgia-born wife had traveled by train from New York to see him, and received permission from the rebel authorities because, as Doubleday wryly put it, "she had many influential relatives among the Secessionists."

Eba Anderson stayed only two hours — barely long enough to assure herself that her husband was safe and to take a meal together — but with her had come another visitor who would remain for three months. Peter Hart, a tough former sergeant, had accompanied the major as his orderly all through the Mexican War. Remembering her husband's fondness for him, the resourceful Mrs. Anderson had decided to track him down. She found Hart serving as a New York City policeman in a remote district of Upper Manhattan — just above 26th Street, that is — and somehow persuaded him to join the defenders at Sumter. The rebels refused at first to let Hart stay, but when Mrs. Anderson persisted, they gave in, on the condition of his word of honor not to fight as a soldier. This he gave, but he would still play an important role in the battle to come.

On Feb. 6, the steamer Marion at last drew up to a wharf in New York Harbor. Newspaper correspondents were waiting to interview the enlisted men's wives as they disembarked. A Times reporter wrote:

With few exceptions, they appeared in good spirits, and some of them even in cheerful humor, and were not at all inclined to put a bad face upon affairs in Sumter. The more intelligent and thoughtful among them, however, appeared anxious and care-worn. They had taken leave of their husbands with heavy hearts and might never see them again. ... Great anxiety was evinced by them to know the course events were likely to take, and the most earnest wishes were expressed that affairs might be peaceably settled, and without bloodshed.

Sources: Abner Doubleday, "Reminiscences of Forts Sumter and Moultrie in 1860-'61"; Samuel Wylie Crawford, "The History of the Fall of Fort Sumter"; Official Records of the War of the Rebellion, Vol. 1; Edward M. Coffmann, "The Old Army: A Portrait of the American Army in Peacetime, 1784-1898"; New York Times, Jan. 15, 19, 28, 30, 1861 and Feb. 2, 7, 8, 16, 18, 25, 1861.

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AN APPROVED LIST OF UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT PURVEYORS FOR THE SECOND WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

Hi gentleman,

As requested by Lt. Col. Seielstad, I am happy to present our updated Suggested Uniform and Equipage Listing for all Association members.

Key changes from the 2009 Update:

- **Trans-Mississippi Depot Company is no longer in business**
- **Joe Blunt now owns Carter & Jasper Mercantile. You can e-mail Joe for items at Carter & Jasper and his normal military line of uniforms.**
- **Orchard Hill Suttlers is now longer in business.**
- **With the economy being tight - I still have vendors such as Stefanie Waldron for Fatigue Blouses, Frockcoats and Chris Sullivan for commercial grade trowsers to keep our accuracy at a high level. This should allow for young men to participate but not break the bank while having a garment you can be proud to wear of proper materials and pattern.**

Also with our Bull Run Uniform and Equipage Discussion at the Annual Meeting, I have attached an overview article once again to bring everyone up to speed on what they wore on July 21st, 1861.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an e-mail. Please spread to your company members and quartermasters.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

**Tom Klas
Association Quartermaster**

Introduction:

Welcome to the Suggested Uniform & Equipage List of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, Inc. This list is current as of 1-28-11.

In summarizing Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad's goals for 2011, we want to put forth our best portrayal of the 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment in all aspects, and accurate uniform & equipage is a key component of a well-rounded impression. This list should be used for all new members and established members whom need to replace their worn out uniform & equipage or make their initial purchases. The merchants listed below strive to make reproductions correct in pattern, construction, and materials based on original articles that are in line with our Uniform & Equipage standards for all Association members.

Since merchants come and go, any member who has additional information or wishes to deviate from this list should contact your Company Quartermaster, or Association Quartermaster Tom Klas, or Lt. Colonel Pete Seielstad for further information. This should be done before ordering an item not featured on the Suggested Uniform & Equipage List. As stated in 6.01 of the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Handbook, unacceptable equipment will be removed, so we encourage *discussion before purchase*. As of the date of this publication, we believe the merchants listed below strive for exact replication of the original articles. You also should remember cost considerations in most cases will be increased and time of delivery may be much longer than a typical sutler.

For information on the Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association, Inc., Uniform & Equipment Requirements, consult sections 6.00 - 6.35 of the Handbook.

With the economy being tight, we all need to look at costs associated with our purchases *but we should not settle for an item that is not accurate just to get on the field*. Please note for those on a small budget and our younger members there is nothing wrong in purchasing used uniform & equipage by the merchants approved for each item in this document. In many cases this will give you an accurate item with plenty of life left and having a 30 per cent reduction in price in most cases. Please have your measurements

ready for any clothing items you are looking for and seek out the **Classified Ads on the below forums. To access the Authentic Campaigner forum you need to be a member of the forum which may take up to a month to have the process completed. And if anyone needs assistance and wants to give this a try, please let Association Quartermaster Tom Klas know and I can work with you to assist in what you're looking to purchase. My phone number is (920) 885-9313 or e-mail fallriversoldier@hotmail.com**

- 1. Authentic Campaigner Forum: A solid source for excellent used uniform and equipage.**
<http://www.authentic-campaigner.com/>
- 2. Robert Szabo's Civil War Reenactors Forum: Another good source but they also sell items that are not approved on our listing so make sure it is by a merchant approved for the item you are looking for. You will need to be a member of this forum to purchase used gear.** <http://www.cwreenactors.com/index.php>
- 3. Stony Brook Company - Chris Sullivan's Consignment Sections: Chris is old chum of mine whom makes great trowsers, but he also helps to shed light on items others are trying to sell. Please note that Chris also sells items that are not approved on our listing so make sure it is by a merchant approved for the item you are looking for.** <http://www.stonybrookcompany.com/>

I. Uniform & Clothing for the Enlisted Foot Soldier

A. Fatigue Blouse (Sack Coat)

Morris & Company Historical Clothiers:

Lined Contract pattern fatigue blouse by Todd Morris at a good price. \$150.00.

Joe Blunt/Carter & Jasper Mercantile:

**Lined John T. Martin contract pattern fatigue blouse.
\$165.00**

W, W, & Company:

Dan Wambaugh offers contract issue fatigue blouses based off an original blouse in the collection of Don Troiani. \$185.00 for Museum Grade. Also sells *Schuykill Arsenal fatigue blouse kits for \$130.00* which were completely hand sewn and offers detailed step by step instructions for the blouse the 2nd Wisconsin would have been issued several times during their muster. *Aneta*

Koehn and Scott Frank can put these together for you as well and assist if you get stuck putting your kit together. 3-4 weeks for finished fatigue blouses not in stock. Dan also sells Packaged Deals for those needing both a museum grade blouse & trowsers packaged deal is \$340.00 which is a \$25.00 reduction in cost. A fine merchant from the Old Northwest located in Michigan.

Nick Sekela:

Lined Nathan Gale or JT Martin contract pattern fatigue blouse. \$225.00 - \$230.00. Excellent replica. Available direct from Nick through his website.

John Wedeward:

Lined John T. Martin contract sack coat. \$205.00. Very good mass-produced fatigue blouse reproduction. Ask John to keep off the OCT 1864 stamp as John uses a late war original to make his blouses. This would post date the enlistment term of the 2nd Wisconsin members that did not re-enlist. \$205.00

Stephanie Waldron:

For those on a tight budget or for our younger members, Stephanie can make a lined enlisted fatigue blouse with handsewn buttonholes & correct handsewn sleeve lining as per originals for \$137.00 + \$5.00 shipping. This does not include buttons so you will need to purchase this yourself and sew them on or send some to Stephanie to sew them on. Please write Stephanie for an order form and specify when writing you would like a lined fatigue blouse with the details listed in the first sentence. Price without handsewn buttonholes is \$125.00 + \$5.00 in case you can do this yourself or know someone whom can. If you go this route, ask her to leave the button holes blank for you to sew. You will not find a blouse of this quality on sutler row.

B. Uniform Coat (Frock Coat)

Lynn Bull:

Excellent enlisted uniform coat with correct pattern, materials, and construction. This includes details as exhibited in original frock coats such as correct thin Saxony blue piping, chest padding, functional cuffs, and quite a bit of handsewn details such as the sleeve linings and buttonholes on his contract dress coat. \$375.00 for his very well made frock coats. This is the best deal for

the quality of reproduction out there at this time. Six to eight week wait for finished items. Lynn is a great guy and call him to place your order.

Stephanie Waldron:

Stephanie can make an enlisted Infantry Frockcoat with handsewn buttonholes as per original coats, functional cuffs, padding in the chest, and correct handsewn sleeve lining for \$364.00 + 10.00 for shipping. This does not include buttons so you will need to purchase this yourself and sew them on or send buttons for Stephanie to sew on. Please write Stephanie for an order form or call for details on purchasing a dress coat way better than the sutler row offers. Price without handsewn buttonholes is \$325.00 + \$10.00 in case you can do this yourself or know someone whom can. If you go this route, ask her to leave the button holes blank for you to sew.

Joe Blunt/Carter & Jasper Mercantile:

Very good uniform coat reproduction with correct Saxony blue piping, chest padding, functional cuffs, and quite a bit of handsewn details such as the sleeve linings and buttonholes on his contract dress coat. Currently \$395.00 for a machine topstitched version of this frockcoat.

Nick Sekela:

Excellent contract frock coat with hand sewn buttonholes or you will have to do this yourself. \$450. Available direct from Nick.

County Cloth:

Long wait time for finished items (at least six months) but well worth it. \$525.00

C. Trousers: (Purchase sky blue trousers first, then dark blue trousers.)

Chris Sullivan:

William Deering contract pattern trousers. Museum Grade Preferred at \$145.00. Ask Chris about using 100% kersey for your trousers which is now available for \$165.00. Also makes first rate dark blue trousers. For those on a *tight budget or for the really young members (12-16)*, ask Chris about his Commercial Grade Trousers with some hand details such as buttons, buttonholes, and hand sewn vents in the trouser cuff at \$90.00.

W. W. & Company:

Dan Wambaugh offers JT Martin Contract Issue Trousers. These are the least expensive offering from Dan and were worn in both Eastern and Western Theaters. \$180.00. Do not forget about his packaged deals for those needing both trousers and a fatigue blouse as mentioned in the fatigue blouse section. Dan also offers an excellent *Schuylkill Arsenal Trowser kit for \$115.00* which were completely hand sewn and offers detailed step by step instructions for the trousers the 2nd Wisconsin would have been issued several times during their muster. *Aneta Koehn and Scott Frank can put these together for you as well and assist if you get stuck putting your kit together.*

Joe Blunt/Carter & Jasper Mercantile:

Excellent John T. Martin contract pattern trousers and others. \$150.00 and up.

Nick Sekela:

Well made JT Martin Contract Issue Trousers. Available direct from Nick through his website.

County Cloth:

Three documented patterns to choose from as a kit including J.T. Martin contract pattern and Schuylkill Arsenal pattern. Schuylkill Arsenal pattern trousers were completely hand sewn and take quite a bit of time to complete. Charlie Child's trowser kits are a cost effective way to a great pair of trousers for under \$100.00. Try to find someone knowledgeable about sewing to put these together for you. The J.T. Martin kit would be the far less complicated kit to put together as most of the work is machine as per the original pattern. *Aneta Koehn, Scott Frank, and Stephanie Waldron can put these together for you as well.*

D. Civilian Shirts

Scott Frank:

Scott will make a completely hand sewn civilian shirts at \$75.00 or machine sewn shirts with hand sewn buttons and buttonholes for \$50.00 using shirting fabric from Family Heirloom Weavers. Scott is currently using the County Cloth "Henry Holliday" pattern for all his civilian shirts.

W, W, & Company:

Dan Wambaugh offers completely hand sewn civilian shirts \$115.00 and partially machine-sewn shirts at a reduction in price \$85.00, but still very accurate as a dry goods shirt. Dan also sells shirt kits with all the materials necessary for \$45.00 in cotton and \$60.00 for wool civilian shirts in sizes Medium (42 chest) and Large (48 chest). *Aneta Koehn and Scott Frank can put these together for you as well.*

Nancy Sorchy:

Completely hand sewn civilian shirts. Write Nancy for a price quote and options on shirts. She can also make partially machine-sewn civilian shirts for a reduction in price.

County Cloth:

Kits only. For those who only desire a pattern, try the "Henry Holliday" civilian shirt pattern. Good shirting fabric can be had from the same source. *Aneta Koehn and Scott Frank can put these together for you as well.*

Morris & Company Historical Clothiers:

Todd Morris can make partially machine-sewn dry goods civilian shirts. \$75.00.

Carter & Jasper Mercantile/Joe Blunt

Dry goods shirts that a period merchant would sell.

Nick Sekela:

Excellent dry goods civilian shirts with machine sewn body, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes as per original garments, and half lined in a fine array of fabric patterns. \$95.00

E. Federal Issue Shirts

Scott Frank:

White domet flannel issue shirts just like the boys from the 2nd Wisconsin would have worn.

W, W, & Company:

Dan Wambaugh offers different documented colors of the contract variant issue shirt. White domet flannel issue shirts can be purchased as a special request. Also sells a kit for those whom like to sew by hand as these garments were at \$70.00.

Nick Sekela:

Completely hand sewn white domet flannel issue shirts as well as contract variant issue shirts in an array of

documented colors. Available from Nick online through his Website.

F. Suspenders

Chris Graham:

Excellent replica braces!

Nick Sekela:

Excellent array of documented styles. Available direct from Nick.

Corner Clothiers:

Also available from S & S Sutler of Gettysburg.

Carter & Jasper Mercantile/Joe Blunt

Scott Frank:

Scott will make a simple pair of poorboy suspenders without adjustment tines for those on a small budget.

G. U.S. Pattern Jefferson Bootees (Shoes)

Missouri Boot & Shoe Company:

Recommend style JB-2; the best!

MJN Boot & Leather Shop:

Highly recommended by *The Watchdog*, Vol. 7, No. 3. An excellent Jefferson Bootee!

Mattimore Harness:

Ultimate Campaigner bootees.

H. Wool Socks

Carter & Jasper Mercantile:

Excellent hand knit wool civilian socks.

W, W, & Company:

Nice array of colors for machine knit civilian socks at reasonable prices by *Dave Gerow*.

Nancy Sorchy

Karin Timour

Terre Lawson

I. Cotton Socks

**Mickey Black
Joyce DeMatteis**

J. Army Pattern Drawers

W, W, & Company:

Kits also available for Government Issue Drawers which were hand sewn for \$35.00 with all materials needed and complete directions. Also sells civilian drawers which are a touch cooler in summer months.

Nick Sekela:

Excellent completely handsewn government issue cotton cotton flannel drawers. Available direct from Nick though his Website.

**Scott Frank
Joe Blunt/Carter & Jasper Mercantile**

K. Period Eyeglasses

Antique Stores

**The Grand Spectacle
Re-enactment Eyewear**

II. Headgear & Insignia

A. U.S. Regulation 1858 Pattern Dress Hat (Hardee Hat)

T P & H Trading Company:

Order the reproduced Dress Hat of Sergeant Philander Wright, Co. C, 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. A Superior Black Hat reproduction by Mr. Tim Bender! The original Dress Hat of Sgt. Wright's is located at the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum.

B. Enlisted Worsted Wool Infantry Hat Cord, Infantry Brass Horn, Eagle Plate, Brass Regimental Number, Brass Company Letter, & Black Plume.

The Military Warehouse:

Available from *S & S Sutler of Gettysburg.*

John Zaharias

C. Federal Forage Cap

Greg Starbuck:

Also available from *S& S Sutler of Gettysburg.*

W. W. & Company:

Forage caps made by *Mike Anderson of Anderson Dry Goods.*

Chris Semancik:

Also available from *S & S Sutler of Gettysburg.*

Nick Sekela:

Excellent forage caps. Available from *field agent Robert Collett* direct from Nick.

Brad Keune

III. Accouterments & Trappings

A. U.S. Pattern 1855, 1857, or 1861 .58 Cal. Cartridge Box, Cartridge Box Belt (Sling), U.S. Pattern 1856 Waistbelt (leather keeper preferred), U.S. Pattern 1850 Cap Box, U.S. Pattern Bayonet Scabbard (2 or 7 rivets) with belt frog for M1855 .58 Cal. Springfield or Enfield Bayonet, and Musket Sling for Springfield or Enfield Rifle-Muskets.

Missouri Boot & Shoe Company

L.D. Haning & Company

Nick Duvall

E.J. Thomas Mercantile

Nick Sekela:

Available direct from Nick by ordering online through his Website.

**C & D Jarnigan:
Handsewn items only!**

B. U.S. Oval Belt Plate (Buckle), U.S. Oval Cartridge Box Plate, & U.S. Round Eagle Cartridge Box Belt (Sling) Breastplate.

**The Military Warehouse:
These can be had at *S & S Sutler of Gettysburg* since the Military Warehouse only deals wholesale. Be sure to specify Military Warehouse plates **ONLY!**
C & D Jarnigan**

C. U.S. Pattern 1858 Smoothside Canteen

**The Regimental Quartermaster:
Campaigner Smoothside Canteen. New York Depot Preferred. \$42.95.**

**W.W. and Company:
Cincinnati Depot Canteen.**

**C & D Jarnigan:
Can also request a canteen without a jack chain hole on the bracket.**

D. Canteen Cover (a brownish gray wool jean cover)

**County Cloth:
A great way to improve the accuracy of your C & D Jarnigan Canteen!**

E. Leather Canteen Sling

**L.D. Haning & Company
Nick Duvall
Nick Sekela**

Owens Accouterments

F. U.S. Pattern 1851 Haversack

Haversack Depot:

**Highly reviewed by *The Watchdog*, Vol. 5, No. 2.
Excellent replica & price with a nice delivery time! Stick
with West Point replica as this will fit better with our 2nd
Wisconsin Impression.**

Missouri Boot & Shoe Company:

Three choices to choose from.

Nick Sekela:

**Excellent haversacks available direct from Nick by
ordering online through his Website.**

H. U.S. Pattern 1855 Knapsack, Double Bag

Missouri Boot & Shoe Company

Owens Accouterments

Nick Sekela

C & D Jarnigan

I. U.S. Issue Gum Blanket or Poncho

C & D Jarnigan

Nick Sekela:

**Available from *Carter & Jasper Mercantile* or direct
from Nick.**

J. U.S. Pattern Shelter Tent (Purchased in Halves Three Panel Half Preferred)

Haversack Depot:

**Type II a three panel shelter half preferred. Also sells
shelter tent poles!**

W, W, & Company:

Dan sells correct shelter tent poles and pins as well.

**Cincinnati Depot issue Type II a three panel *preferred*
which is their early to mid war shelter half.**

K. U. S. Issue Blanket (Gray or Brown)

County Cloth:

Excellent Gray U.S. Issue blanket.

Nick Sekela:

Brown U.S. Issue blanket.

IV. Rifle-Muskets, Bayonet, & Accessories

A. Euroarms M1861 Springfield Rifle Musket, or Armi Sport P1853 Enfield Rifle-Musket, and M1855 .58 Cal. Springfield or Enfield Bayonet.

Lodgewood Mfg. - Bill Osborne

John Zimmerman:

Sells “defarbed” rifle-muskets.

The Company Quartermaster:

Sells “defarbed” Enfield rifle-muskets. Ask for Terry.

James River Armory:

Mark Hartman sells excellent defarbed rifle-muskets.

The Regimental Quartermaster:

Sells defarbed rifle-muskets.

Note: Before purchasing a bayonet, fix it on your rifle-musket to insure proper fit.

B. Cleaning Rod, Cone Pick, Cone Wrench, & Wiper.

Lodgewood Mfg. - Bill Osborne

John Zimmerman:

The Company Quartermaster

James River Armory

The Regimental Quartermaster

V. Tin Cup or Fruit Can Boiler, Mess Gear, & Personal Items.

A. Tin Cup

Otter Creek Tinware

Wisconsin Veterans Museum

Carter & Jasper Mercantile

Village Tinsmithing Works (P1858)

B. Fruit Can Boiler

**Otter Creek Tinware
Wisconsin Veterans Museum
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Village Tinsmithing Works**

C. Tin Mess Plate

**Wisconsin Veterans Museum
C & D Jarnigan:
Order a Canteen Half (Pattern 1858 Smoothside), which
can serve as a plate & a skillet!
Wendy Osman
Carter & Jasper Mercantile**

D. Knife, Fork, & Spoon

**Nick Sekela:
Sells a knife-fork-spoon combination set.
Wendy Osman
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

E. Skillet (6 or 12 Inch)

**Frank Ellis
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

F. Ration Bags

**Barb Sonntag:
Will make completely hand sewn cotton ration bags. Ask
Scott at an event about pricing and patterns.
Nancy Sorchy
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

Nick Sekela

Kathy Bradford:

**Preservation Parcels! Selection via the Authentic
Campaigner Vender Section.**

G. Candles & Lucifer Matches

**Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

Kathy Bradford:

**Preservation Parcels! Selection via the Authentic
Campaigner Vender Section.**

H. Hardtack

G.H. Bent & Company

I. Lye Soap & Toiletry Items

**Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

J. Cotton Napkin or Hand Woven Towel

**Nancy Troxel
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

Kathy Bradford:

**Preservation Parcels! Selection via the Authentic
Campaigner Vender Section.**

K. Housewife

W, W, and Company

Kathy Bradford:

**Preservation Parcels! Selection via the Authentic
Campaigner Vender Section.
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

L. Parched Corn, Green Coffee Beans, and Period Correct Groceries

**Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods
Blue Heron Mercantile:
Parched Corn.**

VI. Additional Items

A. Leggings (or called Gaiters)

Nick Sekela:

**Available in three different calf sizes: Size 6 smallest - 15-16 inch calf; Size 7 Medium 17-18 inch calf; and size 8 largest 19-20 inch calf. These are documented from a pair in Don Troiani's collection made by *Nick Sekela*. I hate to admit it, but these are more accurate than our pard Scott Wallick's as they have the correct cast buckle and painted on manufacture insignia as per the original.
\$65.00**

B. Enlisted Foot Pattern Greatcoat (Overcoat)

**Morris & Company Historical Clothiers
County Cloth:**

Kits are quite lower in price. *Aneta Koehn can put these together for you as well.*

**Chris Sullivan
Joe Blunt**

C. Military Vest (Dark Blue) & Civilian Vests

Nancy Sorchy:

Civilian Vests.
Carter & Jasper Mercantile:
Civilian Vests
Nick Sekela:
Private Purchase Military Vests & Civilian Vests. Call to
confirm availability.
Joe Blunt:
Military & Civilian Vests.

D. 19th Century Wallet

Nick Sekela
Corner Clothiers
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods

E. White Cotton Dress Gloves

Carter & Jasper Mercantile
C & D Jarnigan

F. Cravats

Corner Clothiers
Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods
Nick Sekela

G. Buttons, NCO Chevrons & NCO Sashes.

John Zaharias:
The button source.
W, W, & Company:
NCO Chevrons.
Wendy Osman:
NCO sashes.
Nick Sekela:
NCO Chevrons

H. D.W. Baxter's Volunteer Manual (Scott's), Blank Writing Books,
Federal army forms, Stationery, and Books.

Sullivan Press

**Carter & Jasper Mercantile
Ezra Barnhouse Goods**

I. Pocket Watch

Michael Clark

J. Pipes

R. Ubben

K. 19th Century Yard Goods

**Nick Sekela
County Cloth
Ben Tart**

L. Glass Bottles

Dog River Glassworks

M. Civilian Coat & Trowsers

Corner Clothiers:

**Excellent civilian attire from frock coats, sack coats,
trowsers, and much more.**

Carter & Jasper Mercantile/Joe Blunt:

**A fine array of ready made civilian clothing, as you would
find at a period merchant.**

N. Mittens, Scarves, Sleeping Caps, & Balaclavas

Carter & Jasper Mercantile:

Excellent hand knit mittens and scarves.

Kathy Kleinman

Karin Timour

Joyce DeMatteis

Terre Lawson

Nancy Sorchy

N. Civilian Hats

TP & H Trading Company:

Tim Bender offers a fine array of period civilian styles. Try to stick with a black or dark color civilian hat if possible.

O. Corps Badges

IWP Fabrications:

Excellent Corps Badges for Enlisted Men and Officers. Their 1st Corps Badges are the best I have seen reproduced at this time.

VII. Commissioned Officer's Furnishings

A. Commissioned Officer's Blouse & Frock Coat

Joe Blunt:

Excellent Commercial Blouse and Officer Frock Coats.

Nick Sekela:

Can have a wonderful officer's blouse that Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad owns for junior or senior officers, or a fine Junior Officers Frock Coat, which Tom Klas has. Please seek these individuals out to see first hand what these garments look like.

Lynn Bull:

Excellent officer dress coats priced very well. Single-breasted junior officer dress coat is \$225.00 and double breasted officers dress coat is \$275.00 for those officers at or above the major rank.

Stephanie Waldron:

Stephanie is a fine seamstress, and can make a single breasted juniors officers frock coat for \$334.00 with hand sewn buttonholes as per originals and a double breasted frock coat for \$388.00 with hand sewn buttonholes as per original garments. You will need to provide your own buttons and sew them on yourself or send them to Stepahie to sew on.

Officer's Commercial Blouse for \$175.00 and up depending on details desired.

B. Commissioned Officer's Trousers

Joe Blunt:

Excellent Commercial Officer's Trousers available in Sky Blue and Dark Blue wool.

Chris Sullivan:

Excellent Commercial Officer's Trousers available in Sky Blue and Dark Blue wool.

Nick Sekela:

Excellent Officers Trousers by Nick. Both sky blue and dark blue indigo dyed versions available. Seek out Tom Klas as he has both the dark blue and sky blue versions to see first hand what these fine trousers look like.

Stephanie Waldron:

Well made officers trousers but you will need to specify hand sewn buttonholes and sew on your own buttons or send some buttons to Stephanie to sew on.

C. Commissioned Officer's Haversack

Nick Duvall:

Several documented styles available.

Haversack Depot

Nick Sekela:

Excellent Officers Haversack made by *Nick Sekela*. Seek out Tom Klas to see first hand what this fine reproduction officer's haversack looks like.

D. Commissioned Officer's Waist Belt (Sword Belt)

Nick Duvall

Nick Sekela:

Please contact Nick direct to place your order for two excellent versions.

E. Commissioned Officer's Insignia

Wendy Osman:

Officers shoulder straps, collar ranks, sashes, and corps badges.

Nick Sekela:

Officers shoulder straps, collar ranks, hat ornamentation.

IWP Fabrications:

Excellent Officers shoulder straps & hat ornamentation.

F. Commissioned Officer's Headgear

TP & H Trading Company:

Tim Bender offers an excellent Officers Dress Hat and civilian hats for an officer's impression. Try to stick with a black or dark color civilian hat if possible.

Greg Starbuck:

Excellent officer's kepis and private purchase forage caps.

Chris Semancik:

Excellent private purchase forage caps and officers kepis. Also available from *Orchard Hill Sutlery and S & S Sutler of Gettysburg.*

W, W, & Company:

Excellent private purchase Forage caps and officers kepis made by *Mike Anderson of Anderson Dry Goods.*

G. Commissioned Officer's Footwear

Missouri Boot & Shoe Company:

Officer's boots and civilian shoe styles.

MJN Boot & Leather Shop:

Officer's boots and civilian shoe styles.

Mattimore Harness:

Officer's boots and civilian shoe styles.

H. M1850 Foot Officers Sword

Ames Sword Company:

The original company that manufactured swords during the war in now owned by a company out of Ohio. Call to see availability and options.

I. Small Caliber Pistol - Optional Item

Lodgewood Mfg. - Bill Osborne

John Zimmerman:

Sells defarbed revolvers with correct stamps with several options available.

J. Pistol Holster - Optional Item

Nick Duvall

Nick Sekela

VIII. Artillery Uniform & Equipage

A. Mounted Services Jacket

Nick Sekela:

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IX. Further Uniform & Equipment Information

The Columbia Rifles Research Compendium – Second Edition

If you would like a copy, try advertising on Robert Szabo's Recactors Forum or the Authentic Campaigner forum that you would like a copy. They are out of print and will not be re-printed. An excellent resource for all Second Wisconsin members to have and read.

The Authentic Campaigner Website:

A Top Notch Website truly dedicated to progressive Civil War reenactors. Contains great research articles, unit contacts, discussion boards, and resources. Please visit their vendor sections as well and the sell forum to get some good deals on used items made by the merchants listed in this document.

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HISTORY OF THE 2ND WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY UNIFORM & EQUIPAGE AT FIRST BULL RUN

Hi gents,

Lt. Col. Pete Seielstad asked me to provide this primer of the uniform & equipage of the 2nd Wisconsin for the upcoming Bull Run reenactment in 2011. I have put together a small history and potential sources to get the accurate gear while keeping costs in mind too. Having put together a portion of this kit for the Park City Grays back in 2007, I have a pretty good idea for where to go for accurate reproductions of state militia issue clothing and equipage. I invite all members to read Howard Madaus' *Appendix III: Uniform of the Iron Brigade at Gettysburg July 1, 1863* in Lance Herdegen's book *In the Bloody Railroad Cut at Gettysburg* for a fine overall summary of the uniform and equipage of the 2nd Wisconsin in both 1861 and beyond.

Review of Uniform & Equipage on July 21st, 1861

Smatterings of state issued and federal issued uniform & equipage. Some items of known prevalence include the state issue haversacks of heavy white duck with blue stripe and leather closures, state issued seven inch canteens, the double brimmed shako or kepi as the soldiers removed the whale and wire stiffeners, and the gray coat frock coat & trousers encompassing a wide variety of differing materials & patterns that were generally light gray in color to medium gray. Federal leather accouterments, state issue or civilian blanket, Pattern of 1816/1822 Harpers Ferry Conversion Musket in .69 caliber or & Pattern 1855 Maynard Rifle-Musket in .58 caliber issued in Company

B. According to Captain Thomas Allen, knapsacks were left behind. Also Allen points out all officers were clad in gray as they packed away their best uniforms of blue.

Captain Thomas Allen also states, “...for we were all dressed in the dilapidated gray with which we left our state,” from his article The Second Wisconsin at the First Battle of Bull Run. Read October 1, 1890. This means although the 2nd received their summer uniforms of cottonade in July, these were not taken along due to cool nights as written by Alan Gaff in his book If This is War, page 165. This is supported by Allen’s remarks noted above and not the new cottonade uniforms that Charles C. Dow discussed in his letter dated on July 10th, 1861. Because of this I would avoid looking at cottonade uniforms at this time unless more documentation proves it self. My recommendation would be to go with the wool state frockcoat and trowsers issued while in Camp Randall.

Here is a link to the Oshkosh Museum Virtual Museum showing Corporal Walker Rouse in his state issue uniform in Washington from 1861. Just a heads up the leggings worn are private purchase and not state issue to my knowledge.

<http://www.oshkoshmuseum.org/Virtual/exhibit3/e30033b.htm>

State Issue Frockcoat & Trousers.

The 2nd Wisconsin frockcoats would be of similar pattern, material, and construction to the ones worn by the 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry 90 day regiment. An existent state issue frockcoat as worn by Sergeant Warren M. Graham of Company “B” 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment is in the holdings of the Milwaukee Public Museum. Based on this coat and standards put forth by the state, the state issue frock coat should have:

Gray cloth, plain single breast, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes, nine federal eagle buttons attached in the front, a standing collar, tail pockets with two federal eagle buttons affixed, and *without* piping or welting on the collar and cuffs. Coat should be lined.

If you want to have Dan Wambaugh – W, W, & Company or Richmond Depot to make the 1st Wisconsin reproduction frockcoat based off of the one in the Milwaukee Public Museum (we sent them both pictures and measurments), ask for details and cost. In 2007 we had these coats made for around \$300.00 from Dan and \$400.00 from Richmond Depot. Here is a link to the Milwaukee Public Museum

Virtual Tour – look for the Warren M Graham frock coat to see the coat for yourself that would be very similar to the 2nd Wisconsin's state issue frock coat.

<http://www.mpm.edu/exhibitions/featured/virtual-exhibit/> If someone needs additional pictures, I have some I can share from my past inspection of the Warren M. Graham frockcoat.

If you want to *save money*, get an enlisted Confederate frock coat from the below vendors with federal eagle buttons since the patterns and construction features are very similar to militia and state produced frockcoats as seen in the Graham frock coat. Coats were of all different shades of light to medium gray due to the contractor whom procured these items for the state. Made of light gray jean, satinette or broadcloth

Trousers should be light gray in color, hand sewn buttons and buttonholes. Militia pattern preferred. If you want a black stripe down the seam as in the original trousers, this can be had but for an additional fee. Materials of jean cloth, satinette, or broadcloth. The state prescribed the following regarding trousers: Gray cloth, plain, black welt 1/8 inch wide in the outside seam.

Where to Buy. – Discounts can be arranged for group purchases

Richmond Depot

Wambaugh, White, & Company – Note Dan has a package deal for Standard Grade Confederate Frockcoat and Trousers for \$485.00. Also ask for the Park City Grays frockcoat if he can make one for you based on the Warren Graham frockcoat in the Milwaukee Public Museum.

Stony Brook Company - Chris Sullivan – Chris can make trousers in museum grade or commercial grade (cost savings) depending on your budget. Also offers group discounts.

Gray Kepi/Shako with black stripe

The ONV had a series of caps made for the Park City Grays based on the 7th New York militia cap and that pattern was similar except for the double brim in the 2nd Wisconsin's cap. These will be without the stiffeners, have the black strip across the circumference of the cap as seen in the 7th New York cap, and the double brim but they can add for an additional cost however I do not feel this should be required. Lined, hand sewn leather sweatband, thin painted leather black brim with no edging, leather chin strap, and two 5/8 inch general service

eagle buttons attached on each side of the chin strap. The state prescribed the following regarding caps: Gray cloth, 7th Regiment style- patent leather strap.

Where to Buy.

Richmond Depot

State Issue Tin Canteen

I am meeting with Bill Brewster to see if we can put together an order for Pat Cunningham to make these canteens based on one in the WVM. Pat makes the current tin ware for the WVM. I should have an answer by early December.

Secondary choice would be federal issue but these would have been a rarity in the ranks. If federal issue is used, avoid bulls eye canteens as these were not in production in 1861. Also the leather canteen strap for federal issue was the standard for New York and Schuylkill Arsenal. - not the cotton strap.

Where to Buy.

***Wisconsin Veterans Museum (Should know by December)*
*Village Tinsmithing Works - Bill & Judy Hoover (ask for Wisconsin State Canteen)***

State Issue White Haversack

I will be in contact with Richmond Depot to see if they can make the state issue haversack as documented. This was untarred, white with blue ticking strip on the strap. I should have an answer soon on this. If we can not have this made, Richmond Depot would make an acceptable alternative cotton haversack with button closure as a secondary choice. Tarred haversacks would not have been seen until after Bull Run for those whom lost these items during the battle, therefore the current tarred federal issue should be avoided.

Where to Buy.

Richmond Depot (should have an answer by December if they can make)

.69 Caliber Harpers Ferry Conversion Musket & other options

I will leave this up to the group, however there is not a good reproduction source for the cone in barrel conversion .69 caliber Harpers Ferry. For those looking for a project, Pedersoli carries a flintlock Harpers Ferry that can be converted to cone in barrel or french drum conversion. Gunsmith Todd Watts whom can be contacted through the Blockade Runner Sutler would be an excellent source to defarb on these conversions. Another option for the .69 caliber weapon would be to go with the less expensive 42 Springfield. A third option knowing Company B had 55 Springfield's would be to have 61 Springfield reproductions also in .58 caliber to be a close substitute.

Here is a link to Pedersoli Firearms to see their Harper's Ferry Reproductions and Colt (French Conversion) Reproduction:
<http://www.davide-pedersoli.com/?item=ArmiCategoriaDettaglio&CategoriaId=240&lang=en>

Where to Buy.

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***Todd Watts – Blockade Runner Gunsmith for Musket Defarb
John Zimmerman***

Federal Leather Accouterments

Should have Pattern of 1857 or 1861 .69 caliber cartridge box, shield front cap box, and sewn or two rivet scabbard for your bayonet. Can use normal waist belt and cartridge box belt (sling). If using a Springfield, no need to purchase the .69 caliber federal leather accouterments – use what you have for be correct for the .58 caliber rifle-musket. Here is a quote on our Website concerning *accouterments* from Monday, June 24th of 1861 on the Second's arrival in Harrisburg, PA. It is from an unknown 2nd Wisconsin soldier:

About noon, Col. Coon received a telegram from the Secretary of War containing an order on the Harrisburg Arsenal for our muskets and 40 rounds of ball and buck shot cartridges, and directing the Regiment to proceed to Washington immediately. It was a busy time for us the balance of the day and, in fact, nearly all night it is not a small job to distribute arms accoutrements and ammunition to 1,000 and we did not leave for Baltimore till 1 o'clock.

Where to Buy.

Nick Duvall

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State Issue Blanket or Civilian Coverlet:

We have no solid documentation at this time on the state issue blanket other than soldiers stated they were of heavy wool. I recommend getting a good 100% wool blanket with handsewn edges if a folded edge is used. Can be in solid colors (stick to dull colors - earth tones) or solid and stripes, with varying dimensions. These blankets should be around 3-4 lbs. in weight to keep you warm. Civilian Coverlets made of wool and cotton are also appropriate for use as a gift from the homefront. Hand sewn borders with documented patterns, construction, and materials. Federal issue blankets should be avoided as the Second Wisconsin had the state issue blanket for Bull Run.

Where to Buy.

County Cloth - should be in stock by December 1st. Also Needle & Thread of Gettysburg will carry this blanket as well. Checked civilian pattern.

Carter & Jasper

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ON THE MARCH

**Wisconsin Veterans Museum and W. Britain Civil War Day
A 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War Commemorative Event**



This event not only promotes the start of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War but also highlights Wisconsin's famed Iron Brigade. **To this end, the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum would appreciate the participation of the 2nd Wisconsin re-enactor membership to help in successfully making this a great day for all.**

Recently, the Museum started to offer civil war historical miniatures in their gift store. These miniatures are manufactured by W. Britain, the oldest manufacturer of historical toy miniatures in the world. One of their best selling historical ranges is the American Civil War, including a large selection of Iron Brigade soldiers. With the help of W. Britain and the sale proceeds of these figures, the Museum hopes to be able to restore one of the Wisconsin Civil War regimental flags that are in storage. **This would be an opportunity for re-enactors of the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment to make a public appearance to help promote this restorative effort and also to promote your own program**. What better way to enjoy a military history filled Saturday in Madison, Wisconsin?

When: Saturday May 7, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Where: The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin St, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53703

Cost: FREE TO THE PUBLIC (Bring your family and invite your friends)

The Activity Filled Day Includes:

- Behind the scenes tour of the Museum archives
- Private tour of the Museum
- Lecture from one of the Museum curators
- Diorama "how to" seminar by W. Britain master sculptor Ken Osen.
- W. Britain will unveil a spectacular new diorama, figures and 150th Anniversary plans
- Special event figures will be available
- Silent auction for one of a kind and preproduction W. Britain figures
- **2nd Wisconsin Iron Brigade re-enactors**

If you are interested and plan to participate in this event, please contact **Mike Estell** at (608) 846-2641 or mestell@charter.net for more information. This will allow us to inform the Museum of how many re-enactors they can count on for the day. Thank you all in advance for your help.

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DAVE DRESANG HAD A COMMUNICATION FOR THE REGIMENT ABOVE IN THE DISPATCHES FROM REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF INTERESTED APPLICANTS THIS YEAR FOR THE AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP. BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE NECESSARY FORM TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP. IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING YOU CAN PRINT IT OFF FOR USE IN SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association.

The world... can never forget what they did here"

A. Lincoln, Nov. 19, 1863, Gettysburg

The 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (WVI) Association began with the purpose of preserving America's Civil War heritage through reenacting and performing "living history". We now also further that purpose by offering a scholarship to family members.

Background

The 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (WVI) Association began with a handful of members in 1960 dedicated to the purpose of preserving American Civil War heritage through reenacting and performing "living history". In 1990, the Unit was reestablished as a result of a general rekindling of interest in the Civil War. Through the use of authentic-styled uniforms and equipment, along with drills, battles, and camp life portrayals, we believe the general public might become more accurately aware and ponder what life might have been like for the average Northern soldier during America's greatest trial. Further, and with great pride, the Unit attempts to depict and honor one of the greatest Union regiments to take to the field, The 2nd Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. With the 6th and 7th Wisconsin, the 19th Indiana, and later the 24th Michigan, they eventually became known as the famous "Iron Brigade" with their infamous "Black Hats". The original men have long since concluded their Rendezvous with Destiny in such places as Bull's Run Creek, Fredericksburg, the "Cornfield" at Antietam and "McPherson Wood" at Gettysburg.

"The Second Wisconsin Volunteer... keeping history alive in modern times, is proud to offer *TWO* \$500 college scholarships to relatives of Association members, *with the provision that should there be less than 5 (five) applicants, only ONE scholarship will be awarded.*"

Timeline

Closing date for submission of the application is Tuesday May 31, 2011. If you are the recipient of this scholarship, you will be notified by mail by Thursday June 30, 2011.

Eligibility

All of the following conditions must be met for consideration as a recipient of the 2011 Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association Inc. Scholarship:

1. You must be enrolled/accepted in an accredited College or University.
2. You must list your intended field of study.
3. You must be a member, or be related to a member in good standing of the Second Wisconsin Association Civil War Reenactors. (Member, Child, Spouse, Grandchild, Niece, Nephew, Sibling)
4. Attach a complete transcript of your grades (including cumulative Grade point average).
5. Attach a listing of your non-academic activities (extra – curricular, volunteer/community work, club memberships with offices held etc.).
6. Attach a separate sheet, containing a short essay (500 words or less) on the following topic. "How do the events or idea of the Civil War continue to affect the United States of today?"

Once awarded, the funds can be used for tuition books and fees at the college or University you are attending. The scholarship check will be made payable to you and your school.

Award Criteria

All applications will be evaluated on meeting the above requirements. The Second Wisconsin Association Scholarship Committee will make the selection of the scholarship winner. All decisions made by this committee are final.

Financial need is not a relevant consideration in this award.

I _____ will provide a photo of myself if selected and authorize the publication of the photograph and the essay of the Civil War which I wrote for this scholarship. I also specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing other than the award of the scholarship.

2011 Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School enrolled/accepted for the 2011-2012

Academic year _____

Intended field of study

Relationship to a Second Wisconsin Association

Member _____

Please include all of the following when applying:

- 1) Application Page
- 2) Copy of your Grade/GPA Transcript
- 3) List of Volunteer/extra curricular activities
- 4) Essay (500 words or less).
 - How do the events or idea of the Civil War continue to affect the United States of today?

Mail to:

2nd Wisconsin Association 2011 Scholarship Selection Committee
Attention: Dave Sielski—Association Secretary
2316 Serenade lane
Green Bay WI 54301

Because the original due date of May 30th, 2011 falls on Memorial Day the application deadline for the 2011 Scholarship is May 31, 2011.

Thank you

