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Unit Event Schedule & Basic Fact

March Event

Military Through the Ages

First Suspense - Last Day for Guest Names will be 03 February

Final Registration with the Company NLT 07 March.

Dates: Friday-Sunday, March 15TH – 17TH

Type of event: Unique Living History Event where we are both the tourist and the entertainment; Military and Civilian Friendly.

Location: Jamestown Settlement Park, VA

2110 Jamestown Road, Route 31 S., Williamsburg, 23185

GPS coordinates 37.225069,-76.786218

<http://www.historyisfun.org/visit/directions/>

Registration Fee: Free. Volunteer Forms must be completed by first time participants. First Call has been sent out.

Schedule: Drill and interacting with the public all weekend long.

Friday Arrive on-site by 1500 to help set-up our encampment. Vehicles allowed on site at 1700.

Saturday & Sunday: Military demonstration on how we were the Provost Guard and the highlights of Garrison life. The overall background will be 1864 and our focus will be what both the Military and Civilians did during our year in New York City.

Specifics – See content of the First Call e-mail that came out.

Commissary: Haversack/Handbasket Breakfast & Dinner – MTA Saturday Supper

Uniform: 1864 - Forage Caps, Sack Coats, and Sky Blue Trousers. Bottom-line, we want you to be there!

Ammunition: Ten Rounds

April Event

"The Last Battle and The First Surrender" – NPS-
Appomattox Court House, VA

Final Registration with the Company by 04 April.

Date(s): Friday-Sunday - April 12TH-14TH

Type of event: Military & Civilian Friendly Event. Battlefield Demonstration and Surrender Ceremony

Location: NPS Site, Appomattox Court House, VA

111 National Park Drive, Appomattox, VA 24522

(434) 352-8987 x 223 [Call in case you get lost]

<http://www.nps.gov/apco/index.htm>

Registration Fee: Free, First Call has not been sent out.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiv-MxYRiapp2o46GkTIIIm78FKKOnHRhwhk4dJpizcd1Isg/viewform>

Schedule: Drill and interacting with the public all weekend long.

Friday - Arrive on-site by 1500 to help set-up our encampment. Vehicles being allowed on site are dependent upon the condition of the grounds.

Saturday – Morning Battlefield Demonstration against the Confederates; Afternoon Surrender Ceremony and Firing Demonstration.

Sunday – Morning Firing Demonstration; Afternoon Surrender Ceremony.

Specifics – Both Military and Civilians will be able to encamp on-site. See First Call e-mail for the details when it comes out.

Commissary: \$15, 3 meals on Sat./2 meals on Sun.

Uniform: Military – Late War Uniform, have your Great Coat and Poncho handy! Civilian – The fashions of 1865 or earlier.

Ammunition: 60 Rounds & 72 Caps in a marked bag.

May Event

155th Anniversary Battle Reenactment of New Market, VA

Last day to register for the event – 30 April – No Walk-ons!

Final Registration with the Company by 09 May.

Date(s): Friday-Sunday - May 17TH-19TH

Type of event: Military & Civilian Friendly Event. 155th Battlefield Reenactments as part of 1st Regiment/USV

Location: New Market Battlefield State Historical Park; 8895 George Collins Parkway; New Market, VA 22844; Visit to learn more

<https://www.facebook.com/newmarketreenactment>

Registration Fee: Visit <https://vmi.edu/media/content-assets/documents/museums/va-museum-of-civil-war/2019-Registration-Form--Reenactors.pdf> to register at the cheapest rates **NOW!**

\$15 – 01 March 2019 – **30 April 2019 (Last Day to Register)**

Schedule: Drill and interacting with the public all weekend long.

Friday - Arrive on-site and help to help set-up our encampment.

Saturday – Morning Drill, Afternoon Scripted Battle and Evening Tactical Scenario.

Sunday – Morning Drill; Afternoon Scripted Battle and tear-down our encampment.

Specifics – Both Military and Civilians will be able to encamp on-site. See First Call e-mail for the details when it comes out.

Commissary: \$15, 3 meals on Sat./2 meals on Sun.

Commanders Field Desk

By: 1ST Lt. Stier

Soldiers and Civilians of the Buffstick's, when you read this report the Buffstick's will have completed our Second month for 2019, aka, the 155TH of 1864! On the fourth Saturday of February (the 23RD) the Buffstick's would have fallen-in together at Fort Ward, VA for our MTA Planning Meeting and Winter Drill Day. Unfortunately, due to the weather we were unable to do so be on the lookout for what happened next month in our April newsletter.

Also occurring in February was our one Auxiliary event that I am aware of. On Saturday the 2ND, Pvt. Bradley, Cpl. Habel, Pvt. Ross, Cpl. Vaselopoulos and myself, took part in our company's annual equipment inventory. For those members that do not know, we maintain a trailer that allows us to not only outfit a recruit from head-to-toe, to not only ensure that they have a tent to stay in over the course of a weekend, but to also ensure that the entire membership stays fed from what we make within our commissary and stays under the shelter of our fly's. The much needed actions that were performed will allow the Company to continue providing this important service.

Please read elsewhere within our newsletter on what took place and how it will affect our participation in the coming year. Please note that for all these and future Auxiliary events, regardless of your position or rank, you are invited to either participate in or lead one of your own.

For the month of March, the Buffstick's will officially fall-in together over the weekend of the 15TH-17TH. Setting up on the grounds of Jamestown Settlement Park, VA we will participate in their Military Through the Ages program representing the Buffsticks while we were assigned to New York City in 1864. Over the course of that weekend, we will be able to engage with and educate thousands of spectators both within our encampment site and on the drill field.

As for our two Auxiliary Events in March, the first will allow our military, regardless of their current rank, to participate in the National Regiment School of the Officer and NCO in Gettysburg PA on the 2ND and 3RD. The Second will allow both our military and civilians to engage with and educate the public while recruiting new members at Fort C.F. Smith in Arlington, VA on Saturday the 30TH. Be sure to read the details of both events when it is e-mailed to you.

All that being said I look forward to seeing you all at our next official event in March - "Noli Me Tangere" - 1ST Lt. Paul Stier

Save Yourself Money and Frustration! Registering early for our events throughout 2019!

By: 1ST Lt. Stier

So continues another exciting year and reenacting season at events where we will either have to pay a registration fee to attend and/or register earlier than previously experienced! It is my hope that this monthly article within our newsletter will help you to save money and not experience any regret by missing out on a great event.

As with our previous reenacting seasons, do not wait on me to send out my First Call e-mail in 2019. By the time that I send it out any discounts that you may have taken advantage of or being able to participate in the event itself are long gone. When I send out the First Call I am just confirming attendance and any logistical needs, ensuring that all participants are able to enjoy and fully participate in that specific event.

The intent of this continually updated article is to allow you to save as much money as possible and avoid missing an event altogether. As of this newsletter the below events are the ones that we will have to "Register earlier than normal and/or Pay to Attend."

Please note that any information highlighted below in green is my best guess and is subject change one I know the correct date or cost.

From what we currently have on our schedule I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible:

March 15-17, 2019 - "Military Through the Ages"

Please note that for us as the participants we do not have to pay a registration fee.

Unfortunately, we are now past the first suspense. -

Everyone who previously contacted me have been assured that their guest(s) will now get in for free. As for everyone else, they will now be obliged to pay the normal admission fees of: Adult - \$17.50 (13 and above)

Youth - \$8.25 (6 to 12)

Children 5 or younger are complimentary

Second Suspense - March 7, 2019

- By this date I must know if you have need of:

- 1. Any of the Company Quartermaster supplies. After this date I can no longer confirm if we will have what you need when you arrive on site.
2. Confirmation that you will be there. As we are portraying multiple activities, we can only do so much if I know that you will be there.

April 12-14, 2019 - "NPS-Appomattox Court House"

Visit the below link in order to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIv-MxYRiapp2o46GkTIIIm78FKKOnHRhwhk4dJpizcdIIs/viewform

Please note that for us as the participants we do not have to pay a registration fee.

First Suspense - March 28, 2019 - for NPS-ACH

- By this date I must have received from each of you: 1. Confirmation that you have registered for this event within the NPS website. The numbers collected will directly determine if we will be our own company or combined as the junior company within another unit.

Second Suspense - April 4, 2019 - for NPS-ACH

- By this date I must know if you have need of:

- 1. Any of the Company Quartermaster supplies. After this date I can no longer confirm if we will have what you need when you arrive on site.
2. Confirmation on if you will take part in the Company Commissary. Our Section Leaders need that time to plan a menu and purchase our food.

May 17-19, 2019 - "155TH Anniversary Battle Reenactment of New Market"

Visit the below link in order to register:
<https://vmi.edu/media/content-assets/documents/museums/va-museum-of-civil-war/2019-Registration-Form--Reenactors.pdf>

First Suspense – April 30, 2019 – for 155 NM

- By this date I must have received from each of you: 1. Confirmation that you have mailed in your registration form and fee for this event.
 - The numbers collected will directly determine if we will be our own company or combined as the junior company with another unit.

2. Registration Fee is now:
\$15 – 01 March 2019 – **30 April 2019 (Last Day to Register)**

– Nowhere could I find any mention of a Walk-On fee; therefore, I am going to assume that they are not allowing Walk-Ons.

Second Suspense – May 9, 2019

- By this date I must know if you have need of:
 1. Any of the Company Quartermaster supplies. After this date I can no longer confirm if we will have what you need when you arrive on site.
 2. Confirmation on if you will take part in the Company Commissary. Our Section Leaders need that time to plan a menu and purchase our food.

June 21-23, 2019 – "NPS-Spotsylvania Courthouse-Mule Shoe"

Please note that for us as the participants we do not have to pay a registration fee.

Visit the below link in order to register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUkjlRiePNRGzKVMyyXabQ45XtJAcYdy0lOOHfhNx-e5LEQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

First Suspense - May 29, 2019 – for NPS-SC-MS

- By this date I must have received from each of you: 1. Confirmation that you have registered for this event within the NPS website.

- This will be the only 155th of the Overland Campaign.
 - This will have extremely limited numbers of participants.
 - The numbers collected will directly determine if we will be our own company or combined as the junior company with another unit.

Second Suspense – June 13, 2019 – for NPS-SC-MS

- By this date I must know if you have need of:
 1. Any of the Company Quartermaster supplies. After this date I can no longer confirm if we will have what you need when you arrive on site.
 2. Confirmation on if you will take part in the Company Commissary. Our Section Leaders need that time to plan a menu and purchase our food.

October 4-6, 2019 - "Shenandoah 1864"

Visit the below link in order to register:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1788817997876972/>

First Suspense – August 30, 2019

- By this date I must have received from each of you: 1. Confirmation that you have mailed in your registration form and fee for this event.

- The numbers collected will directly determine if we will be our own company or combined as the junior company with another unit.

2. Registration Fees are as follows:

\$35 – 01 February until **TBD (Last Day to Register)**

– Nowhere could I find any mention of a Walk-On fee; therefore, I am going to assume that they are not allowing Walk-Ons.

Second Suspense – September 26, 2019

- By this date I must know if you have need of:
 1. Any of the Company Quartermaster supplies. After this date I can no longer confirm if we will have what you need when you arrive on site.
 2. Confirmation on if you will take part in the Company Commissary. Our Section Leaders need that time to plan a menu and purchase our food.

October 18-20, 2019 – "155TH Anniversary Battle Reenactment of Cedar Creek"

Please note that this is now an Auxiliary Event

- That being stated it is still my intent to participate in this Battle Reenactment; most likely as a Happy Private within one of the Companies of 1st Regiment USV.
 - If any of you wish to join-in with me as part of our own mess then please contact me NLT 10 October 2019.
 - In the meantime please review the below registration fee's in order to take advantage of the lowest rates.

Visit the below link in order to register:
https://www.ccbf.us/?page_id=3058

\$20 – **Now** until **01 March 2019**

\$25 – March 2nd to May 31st 2019

\$30 – June 1st to August 31st 2019

\$35 – September 1st to September 30th 2019

You are all encouraged to register on your own and as early as possible to take advantage of these great discounts. Please note that the unit policy of registering on your own has not changed and will continue to remain the same.

Attention to Orders!

By: *1ST Lt. Stier*

Soldiers and Civilians of the Buffstick's, Attention to Orders! On publication of these orders within the next edition of our monthly newsletter our membership will be informed of the following.

1. Be it known far and wide that should you have any questions relating to what we do and how we do it, to please use your Chain-of-Command. This is for two reasons.
 - a. **The first** is that this is part of our training program for all of our current junior leadership. One of our methods is to have your questions answered at the lowest level possible. If your fellow Private doesn't know the answer to your question, then at the appropriate time, you would bring it up to your Corporal. If he doesn't know, then at the appropriate time, you both would bring it up to the 1ST Sergeant. If he doesn't

know, then at the appropriate time, the three of you would bring it up to me.

- b. **The second** is that we are attempting to portray a Regular Army Infantry Company, just prior to and during the American Civil War. During that time period they were much more formal than we are now. So just as I would never address you by your first name when we are in uniform and in front of the public, I would expect the same from you; to not only me but to your NCO's and our Civilians as well.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the above order, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me where I will do my best to clarify any point that you believe that I was not clear on.

All that being said I look forward to seeing you all at our next official event in February - "Noli Me Tangere" - 1ST Lt. Paul Stier

Vice President Report – Current and Potential Events for 2019

By: Vice President Geoff White

Membership, below are the **Official** and **Auxiliary** events that we as a unit will attend in **2019**. Please carefully look over each one and then inform me, or someone in your chain-of-command, as to which ones you will or will not attend. If you have a question as to what the difference is between an **Official** and **Auxiliary** event, I would invite you to read the Commanders "Official and Auxiliary Events" article where you find each clearly defined elsewhere within this Newsletter.

All that being stated, it is not too early to let me know about any additional **Auxiliary** events for **2019**, or what you want as a **Potential** event for **2020**. Looking forward to receiving all of your responses,

Key:

Official Event

Auxiliary Event

To Be Decided

Lead for an Auxiliary Event

MARCH 2019

2-3: Fort Ward (Snow Make-up Day)

2-3: N.R. Officer & NCO School, Gettysburg, PA – Lt. Stier

9-10:

16-17: MTA, Jamestown Settlement Park

23-24:

30-[01]: Fort C.F. Smith, Arlington County, VA – Cpl.

Vaselopoulos

APRIL 2019

6-7:

13-14: NPS-Appomattox Courthouse

20-21: Easter Sunday

27-28:

MAY 2019

4-5: NPS-Wilderness-Ellwood Manor – Lt. Stier

11-12: Mother's Day

18-19: 155th New Market

25-26-27: Federal Holiday – Memorial Day Weekend

JUNE 2019

1-2:

8-9: Fort Ward Civil War Day – Pvt. Burke

15-16: Father's Day

22-23: NPS-Spotsylvania Courthouse - Mule Shoe

29-30:

JULY 2019

6-7:

13-14: NPS-Fort Stevens-155th of the Battle - Msn. Bauer.

20-21: NPS-Manassas-1ST Bull Run-Henry House

27-28:

August 2019

3-4: Bull Run Winery, VA - Cpl. Vaselopulos

10-11: NPS-Antietam – Dunkard Church

17-18:

24-25:

31-[1-2]: Federal Holiday – Labor Day Weekend

September 2019

[31]1-2: Federal Holiday – Labor Day Weekend

7-8: Yankee's at Falmouth – Stafford County, VA – Lt. Stier

14-15:

21-22: NPS-Gettysburg - PA Monument

28-29:

October 2019

5-6: Shenandoah, 1864 - Chris Anders Event

12-13:

19-20: 155th Cedar Creek – 1st Lt. Stier

26-27:

November 2019

2-3: Belair Manor – Bowie, MD

9-10:

16-17:

23-24: Remembrance Day – Gettysburg, PA

30-[01]:

December 2019

[30]-1:

7-8: NPS-Harpers Ferry

14-15: Fort Ward

14-15: NPS-Fredericksburg – Irish Brigade Walk

21-22: NPS-Chatham Manor

28 -29:

Official Company Events & Auxiliary Events for 2019

By: 1ST Lt. Stier

Membership, below is our **Official Company Event** for March of 2019/1864:

Primary – Friday-Sunday, March 15TH–17TH

Type of event: Military Through the Ages (MTA).

MTA will take place on the grounds of Jamestown Settlement Park. It is a unique event in that we are able to both engage and educate the public while at the same time learn about over 2,000 years of military history.

Location: Jamestown Settlement Park, VA

2110 Jamestown Road, Route 31 S., Williamsburg, 23185
GPS coordinates 37.225069,-76.786218
<http://www.historyisfun.org/visit/directions/>

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Specifics – See content of the UPDATES to the original First Call e-mail as they come out.

Commissary: Haversack/Handbasket Breakfast & Dinner – MTA Saturday Supper.

Uniform: 1864 - Forage Caps, Sack Coats, and Sky Blue Trousers. Bottom-line, we want you to be there!

Ammunition: 10 Rounds.

Please note that our **Official Company Events** will involve the full support and dedication of the company's resources. We as a unit will commit to attending the above listed events well in advance of their actual date; sometimes up to a year in advance.

Membership, the below are the **two** current **Auxiliary Event** for March 2019/1864 that I am aware of. As the months progress this list could expand or decrease as events come up or drop off:

2-3 March – National Regiment School of Instruction – Gettysburg Fire Station – 35 N. Stratton Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (Lead – Cpl. Vaselopoulos)

This school will take place all day Saturday and will end prior to noon on Sunday. Open to all Officers, NCO's or Private's who wish to learn more. Charging \$35 per participant, which includes lunch on Saturday and coffee and

pastry both mornings, it will be payable at the hall when you arrive. In addition to the 22 classes that will take place over the course of the two days, there will also be a Double Feature on Saturday evening in the Firehouse (**Glory / Master and Commander**) with pizza, popcorn and soda being provided. For those choosing to stay overnight, the school has also contracted with a local hotel for a very reasonable group rate for all participants. **Dress is the appropriate uniform and equipment by your current rank. Soft soled shoes must be worn in the Fire House.** See the Company One Time e-mail Announcement for the specific details.

30 March – Fort C.F. Smith – 2411 24th St N, Arlington, VA 22207 (Lead – Cpl. Vaselopoulos) a great opportunity to educate the public about our Company and Regiment, while at the same time enlisting new recruits. Uniform will be decided by Cpl. Vaselopoulos.

Please note that **Auxiliary Events**, especially for Recruiting, are low key and less demanding than the standard Living History or Battle reenactment. Depending upon how much space you have and what the event organizer will allow, your mission is to engage with and talk to the public in a relaxed manner. With the use of a display, i.e. table top, blanket, dog tent, coffee fire, weapons, etc. you would talk to the public about our unit, answer their questions, and take down their contact information if they express the desire to come out to a future event. It is up to individual members to find these types of events and then reach out to the Company for internal advertising and logistical support.

Auxiliary Event Annual Company Equipment Inventory

By: 1ST Lt. Stier

Membership, on the first Saturday of February (*the 2ND*) T.J. Bradley, Doug Habel, Craig Ross, Peter Vaselopoulos and I were fortunate to participate in our company's annual equipment inventory. Starting off with a box of Keto-ish friendly donuts (**maple glazed with bacon**) and coffee we were powered up to take all items out of our Trailer and do a serious vetting on if they needed to be cleaned, repaired, disposed of or replaced. With a slight delay due to frozen locks and overcome by Doug finding a nearby tire shop that was willing to help us out, we all soon went about to this task with a will.

Learning a new word, "**chamfering**", Peter took multiple measurements of the poles as we continue to improve our impression by replacing the current poles with ones that are period correct for the company tents and fly's. Speaking of which, we will also be replacing the metal stakes for both the tent and fly with period correct wooden ones. If you have ever tried to pick up the storage box for the current metal ones, then you would understand the motivation to replace what we currently have. Afterwards we received two quick classes; one on the correct use of the Trailer Dolly "**Little Mac**" and the other on Form 52, which is what the QM would use when issuing out any equipment.

Starting at 8 AM and finishing prior to Noon, it was a productive and enjoyable way to support the company.

YOS, 1ST Lt. Paul Stier

CIVILIAN CORNER

MATERIALS.— $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards of sarsnet ribbon, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide; 1 skein of fine black purse silk; quarter of a yard of black elastic, etc., etc.

In contributing nick-nacks to fancy fairs, or preparing Christmas presents, ladies are frequently puzzled to know what to make, and we are happy to be able to supply a pretty and useful little article suitable for this purpose. It combines all a lady's needle-work apparatus, including scissors, thimble, needle-case, and pin-cushion, and is at the same time rather ornamental to an in-door toilet, being attached to the waistband by a small hook. The model from which we have had our illustration made is larger than the design, and is made of green sarsnet ribbon with a satin edge; the edge to which the working implements are attached being embroidered with a simple pattern in black silk. The taste of the worker



may be developed in selecting the colors or ribbon used instead. Brocaded ribbons, which the pattern for embroidering, which latter may are now so beautifully manufactured, would altogether be omitted, if desired, and a plain answer all the purpose of embroidery, and would

Birthdays

Charles Billingsley Carrell Cochran
Lori Hull David Welker
Janine Stier

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