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# "The Old Guard"

## 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Regular Infantry

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The American  
Civil War:

1860 - 1865

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## Unit Event Schedule & Basic Fact

### February Event

**"Winter Drill Day" – Fort Ward - Alexandria, VA**

Final Registration with the **Company** by **15 February 2019**.

**Date:** Saturday, FEB 23<sup>rd</sup> (**Primary**)/MAR 2<sup>nd</sup> (**Snow Day**)

**Type of event:** Plan for MTA, Drill and Recruiting; Military and Civilian Friendly

**Location:** Fort Ward - Alexandria, VA

**Registration Fee:** Free; First Call **has** been sent out.

**Schedule:** Arrive prior to the start of the 0900 morning planning meeting, followed by Afternoon Drill. Drill and interacting with the public all day long.

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

**Commissary:** Haversack/Handbasket Dinner

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

**Ammunition:** **TBD**.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

**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 Dinner

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

**Ammunition:** **TBD**

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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

**155<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**Type of event:** Military & Civilian Friendly Event.

155<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Reenactments as part of 1<sup>st</sup> 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!**

**\$10** – **Now** until 28 February 2019

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

### Message from the President

I would like to thank all who attended the annual meeting despite the threat of poor weather. It would appear the "Eat and Meet" format was well received. Please extend your congratulations to the following members who were elected to the board:

Geoff White - Vice President  
 Craig Ross - Member at Large  
 Kevin Franklin - Treasurer  
 Janine Stier - Secretary

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Rebecca Welker and Mark Block for their service. Your contributions are much appreciated. Finally, please check out the following link on our website and review our goals and objectives for the year.

<https://www.3rdusreenactors.com/home/organization/goals-and-objectives/>

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's events.

Sincere regards,  
 Peter Vaselopoulos  
 President, 3rd US Regular Infantry Reenactors

### Commanders Field Desk

By: 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Stier

Soldiers and Civilians of the Buffstick's, when you read this report the Buffstick's will have completed our First month for 2019, aka, the 155<sup>TH</sup> of 1864! On the third Saturday of January (*the 19<sup>TH</sup>*) the Buffstick's were able to fall-in together for our Company Annual Meeting. The **33** soldiers and family members who participated were able to confirm me as your Military Leader for another year. More importantly you were able to vote for your representative on our Board within the positions of Vice President (*2-year term*), Treasurer (*2-year term*), Member-at-Large (*1-year term*), and a special election for our Secretary (*Finishing the 2nd year of a 2-year term*). As soon as you are able, please be sure to send your congratulations (*or condolences* ☺) to Geoff White as our Vice President, Kevin Franklin as our Treasurer, Craig Ross as our Member-at-Large, & Janine Stier as our Secretary. At this time, I would like to commend the following members for their actions rendered behind the scenes that you might not be aware of. Please note, that the below are not the only actions that the Buffsticks performed, they just happen to be the ones that came to my attention. As we are all Regulars, we are all **'Quiet Professionals'** and sometimes our important actions, while not noted, are still greatly appreciated. As it stands, had not all of them been performed then our recent event would not have been as nearly as successful as it ended up being (*in alphabetical order*):

**Everyone** – **Action:** Everyone's cheerful attitude regardless if we were participating in the numerous behind the scenes activities, or stepping up to help the new members, everyone did a great job.

**Mary Ritenour** – **Action 1:** Her cheerful willingness to be our advocate and allow us the free use of her church to conduct our Annual Meeting. **Action 2:** Her continuous dedication to role every cartridge that our soldiers use during Firing Demonstration's, Battle Demonstration's, and Battle Reenactment's; their level of quality always passes the rigorous standards as set by the Nation Park Service. **Action 3:** Putting together and publishing our monthly newsletter; you may not know this but our newsletter goes much further than just within our membership.

Also occurring in January was one Auxiliary event that I am aware of that four of our members supported. On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, Jason Eckhart, Peter Vaselopoulos, Janine Stier and myself, participated within our umbrella groups annual meeting. For those members that do not know, we belong to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the United States Volunteers, a.k.a. the USV. Being an active member of this group covers our annual insurance, allows us access to sites that are normally not available to other units, and allows us to participate as part of a Battalion at the larger events when a unit larger than a Company is needed. 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 February, the Buffstick's will all officially fall-in together on hopefully the 23<sup>RD</sup>. I say **'hopefully'** in that we will not have any snow. If we are snowed out, then we will do the same on the following Saturday of the 2<sup>ND</sup> of March as our **Snow Make-up Day**. Meeting at Fort Ward in Alexandria, VA we will partake of two activities. Starting promptly at 9 AM we will have a planning meeting within the 2<sup>ND</sup> floor meeting room of the museum. If you wish to have an active role at our March event at Military Through the Ages (MTA) then you must attend. After a quick Haversack or Handbasket Dinner we will conduct our winter drill session, starting promptly at Noon. Going from Noon to 4 PM (*or later...*) we will issue members of the public (*a.k.a. potential recruits...*) wooden rifles and have them join us within the ranks as we go over stationary and marching drill. The stationary drill will be led by the Corporals, Privates and supervised by the 1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt. and myself. The marching drill will be led by the Corporals, 1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt. and supervised by myself. In addition to fine tuning our skill at drill, we will actively engage with and make the potential recruits feel welcome.

As for our Auxiliary Event in February, both the military and civilian membership are encouraged to travel to Alexandria, VA on Saturday the 2<sup>ND</sup>. There you will have the opportunity to participate in our annual company equipment inventory. You will have a first-hand opportunity to learn what your membership fees are supporting.

All that being said I look forward to seeing you all at our next official event in January

- **"Noli Me Tangere"** – 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Paul Stier

## Attention to Orders!

By: 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Corporal Peter Vaselopulos was honored by the entire membership of the USV by earning the title as the 2018 1st Regiment/USV Soldier of the Year. His citation reads as follows, **"REASON FOR THE AWARD: *In the Regulars we expect that regardless of rank, in addition to knowing your job, you are expected to know the next higher level; meaning that the Privates can do the jobs of the Corporals, the Corporals can do the jobs of the Sergeants, and the Sergeants being able to take over command of the company and can do the jobs of the Commander. This past year Corporal Vaselopulos has proven this capability on numerous occasions both on the field and in-between events. On the field he has stepped up without hesitation to be the First Sergeant both at our Living History programs with the National Park Service, and the recent 155th Battle Reenactment at Gettysburg. His attention to detail in camp, both in drill and running the company allowed me to lead successfully lead the men on the battlefield. In between events as a nonprofit educational corporation registered within the Commonwealth of Virginia he has led us as our corporate President at each of our monthly meetings. Also, in between events he has stepped up as our company quartermaster, ensuring that company equipment, weapons, uniforms, and tents are brought to events for the use of all members, both fresh fish and grizzled veterans. Finally, on his own initiative he has organized and led a number of our recruiting events that have resulted in a successful increase in our membership numbers.*"** Be sure to congratulate him in person when circumstances allow for it.
2. The Junior Officer for our company will continue to be 1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt. White. In the event that I cannot attend an official Company event, 1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt. White will automatically be tapped to become the Official Company Commander at the Brevet rank of 2<sup>ND</sup> Lt. for the duration of when I am not able to lead.
3. The company Officer Reserve Corps will continue to remain active. In the event that neither myself nor Brevet 2<sup>ND</sup> Lt. White are able to lead then the Officer Reserve Corps will be activated. While normally holding the rank of Private, the following Buffsticks, having previously served in command and confirming their willingness to step up if called upon under the guidelines just noted. The below listed Buffsticks will serve at the Brevet rank of 2<sup>ND</sup> Lt. for the duration of when neither myself or the Junior Officer are not able to lead:
  - a. James Tate
  - b. Jason Eckhart
4. At the USV Annual Meeting and again at our Company Annual Meeting it was announced that our company officially sponsored a separate group, ***"The Civil War Civilians of Spottsylvania"*** to join the USV on a probationary status for the following four reasons.
  - a. Just prior to the recent USV Annual Meeting we were approached by them to confirm if we would be willing to be their sponsor unit as they had a desire to join the USV.
  - b. Upon review of their request it was easy to reply in the affirmative as we have been doing joint NPS events with them since 2015. Their level of quality and multiple interaction with the public matches and in some cases exceeds ours. If you attended any of our previous events at NPS-Fredericksburg-Chatham Manor, NPS-Chancellorsville-Fairview, and NPS-Wilderness-Ellwood then you already know at what level that they perform at.
  - c. Just as with the 4<sup>TH</sup> U.S. when they were our sponsor unit in 2012, we will not have to expend any resources in supporting them as they are a well-established group.
  - d. Finally, at the events that our two groups are participating in, our civilians will have the choice join in with them in their numerous activities or stay in our own camp when the event organizers drop us in the middle of nowhere and over a mile away from Sutler row.
5. If you have not renewed your 2019 membership by 28 February 2019, then starting on the first of March you will no longer:
  - a. Be on the e-mail distribution list for any event First Call announcements or follow-on Updates.
  - b. Be able to make use of any of the stores contained within our Quartermaster; for yourself, or any of your guests.
  - c. Be able to vote on any open positions within the command structures:
    - i. Board
    - ii. Civilian
    - iii. Militar
    - iv. Be able to vote on any potential events that our unit would officially attend.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the above orders, 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" – 1<sup>ST</sup> 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

**FEBRUARY 2019**

**2-3: 3rd US Annual OM Inventory** (*all members are welcome to attend*)

9-10:

**16-17-18: President's Day Weekend**

**23-24: Winter Drill - Fort Ward (Primary)**

**MARCH 2019**

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

9-10:

**16-17: MTA, Jamestown Settlement Park**

23-24:

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

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-155<sup>TH</sup> of the Battle** - Msn. Bauer.

**20-21: NPS-Manassas-1<sup>ST</sup> Bull Run-Henry House**

27-28:

**August 2019**

**3-4: Bull Run Winery, VA** - Cpl. Vaselopoulos

**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**

26-27:

**November 2019**

2-3:

9-10:

16-17:

**23-24: Remembrance Day – Gettysburg, PA**

30-[01]:

**December 2019**

[30]-1:

**7-8: NPS-Harpers Ferry**

**7-8: Fort Ward**

**14-15: Fredericksburg, VA – Living History**

**14-15: NPS-Fredericksburg – Irish Brigade Walk**

21-22:

28 –29:

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

By: 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Stier

So starts 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.

#### First Suspense - February 3, 2019 – for MTA

- By this date I must have received from each of you: 1. A by name list of every guest that you would like to visit us and not have them pay the normal admission fees of:

**Adult - \$17.50 (13 and above)**

**Youth - \$8.25 (6 to 12)**

**Children 5 or younger are complimentary**

2. Confirmation on if you will participate in the MTA hosted on-site Supper; otherwise you are on your own.

#### Second Suspense – March 7, 2019 – for MTA

- 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 if I know that you will be there.

### April 12-14, 2019 - **“NPS-Appomattox Court House”**

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

#### First Suspense - March XX, 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 - **“155<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Battle Reenactment of New Market”**

#### 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 Fees are as follows:

**\$10 – Now** until 28 February 2019

**\$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 – for 155 NM

- 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.

#### First Suspense - May XX, 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 155<sup>th</sup> 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 - **“1864 Shenandoah”**

#### First Suspense – September 30, 2019 – for 1864 S

- 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:

**\$10** – **Now** until 01 February 2019

**\$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 – September 26, 2019 – for 1864 S**

- 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.

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**October 18-20, 2019 – “155<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Battle  
Reenactment of Cedar Creek”**

**First Suspense – September 30, 2019 – for 155 CC**

- 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's are as follows:

**\$10** – **Now** until 01 February 2019

**\$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 – September 26, 2019 – for 155 CC**

- 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.

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.

## Official Company Events & Auxiliary Events for 2019

By: 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Stier

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

**Primary - Saturday, February 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Snow Make-up Day of Saturday, March 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Type of event: MTA Planning Meeting in the morning and Winter Drill & Recruiting in the afternoon.**

The MTA Planning Meeting will take place within the Fort Ward Research Center on the second floor from 0900 – 1100 or until completed. Please note that our focus for this year's MTA is what our Company and our Family Members did while stationed in New York City as we interacted with the local population.

After a Haversack/Handbasket/Foraged Dinner we will form up and drill from 1200 – 1600. During each drill session we will be sure to include any potential members that wish to join us. All Civilian activities will be welcome to set up and interact with the public too, either inside the museum or outdoors, dependent upon the weather.

**Location:** Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site at 4301 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304; call the museum at **703-746-4848** in case you get lost

**Registration Fee:** Free; First Call **has** been sent out.

**Schedule:** Arrive prior to the start of the 0900 morning planning meeting, followed by Afternoon Drill. Drill and interacting with the public all afternoon long.

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

**Commissary:** Haversack/Handbasket Dinner

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

**Ammunition:** TBD.

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.

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Membership, the below is the one current **Auxiliary Event** for February 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 February – Company Annual Equipment Inventory – Trailer – Alexandria (Leads – **1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Stier**, & **Cpl. Vaselopoulos**)

This inventory is open to all of our members, both Military and Civilian. Coffee and donuts will be provided. While we go through and confirm the status of everything that we own as a company, everyone involved will learn firsthand what we can do to support new and current members alike.

If you are interested in participating in this great event, please contact me and I will e-mail to you everything that you need to have in order to have a great time.

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.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Co. K, 3<sup>RD</sup> U.S.****Annual Meeting – Fairfax, VA - 19 January 2019**

– By: *Lt. Stier; The Flores Family; Pvt. Bradley; Fifer Bauer; Drummer Talbot; & Pvt. Welker*

On the third Saturday of January (the 19<sup>TH</sup>), **33** Buffsticks and Family Members came together to participate in our afternoon long Annual Meeting in Fairfax, VA. While going over numerous items the membership received an inside look on what it takes to run our company. In between all the information passing back and forth we had numerous chances to visit with friends that we have not seen for quite some time purchase items at greatly discounted prices and enjoying great food.

While there were many special moments for me over that day I would like to share with you all the events that really stood out to me. The first was seeing the growing number of new faces being added to the numbers of our current membership. The second was being able to celebrate my birthday with all ya'll. The third but not last, was seeing our numbers that we had for this event. I hope that we can continue to have the same amount to continue to come out and increase in the coming year as we continue our journey for the 155<sup>th</sup> of 1864.

That being stated I would encourage you all to continue to read the other experiences of our membership and guests. Looking forward to continuing our adventure in the 155<sup>th</sup> of 1864. – **1<sup>ST</sup> Lieutenant Paul Stier**

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We felt welcomed to our first event with the unit. We enjoyed meeting everyone and learning a lot about the Third US Regular Infantry and are excited to start participating at additional events. We learned a lot about how to prepare our impressions as well. Glad to be part of the family. – **Les, Jessica and Beatrice Flores**

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The company meeting was a very enjoyable experience for a first timer. It was nice to meet the larger group and see some familiar faces from Chancellorsville and Fort Ward. Looks like the unit has a great schedule to look forward to in 2019. The food was excellent as well. – **Private T.J. Bradley**

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It was great seeing everyone again at the Annual Meeting and providing an update on the Field Music. As Peter mentioned, we are looking to have the unit learn at least one song in its entirety this year that we can all sing while marching. The song selected is "**Battle-Cry of Freedom**" aka "**Rally Round the Flag.**" Here are the lyrics and there is also a link to the song online that everyone can sing along with (both are also posted on our Facebook page). So, sing it in the car on the way to and from events, and you'll have it down in no time!

**"The Battle Cry of Freedom" (1863)**

Yes we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom,  
We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

**Chorus:**

*The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah!  
Down with the traitor, up with the star;  
While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!*

We are springing to the call of our brothers gone before,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!  
And we'll fill our vacant ranks with a million free men more,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

**[Chorus]**

We will welcome to our numbers the loyal, true and brave,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!  
And although he may be poor, not a man shall be a slave,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

**[Chorus]**

So we're springing to the call from the East and from the West,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!  
And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land we love best,  
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

**[Chorus]****Source:**

George F. Root, "The Battle Cry of Freedom"  
(Chicago: Root & Cady, 1863)

Listen online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQ-Rhuc7PyU> – **Fifer Claude Bauer**

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My father and I arrived at 1:06PM just a few minutes after the potluck dinner began and one of the ladies said we were just in time because the drinks were running low. It was nice to catch up with everyone and it seemed like that all of the votes were unanimous for all who were nominated and excepted the same. It was adorable when Mikayla nominated her grandfather Glen but he respectfully declined. I remember

last year we made her a lifetime member of the 3rd United States Regular Infantry and this year we made her a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) which was special. I was able to meet the new addition to the unit among them a new fifer for our music committee. Through the years I was able to buy items at the silent auction and this year was no different. My father and I left after that and arrived home around 6:00PM. – *Musician Brett Talbot*

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As always, the annual meeting was a fun time of fellowship and planning. I particularly enjoyed that the meal was moved to lunchtime. Overall, most everything about the day was enjoyable and smooth. Again, this year's meeting was very well done and my thanks to all who worked to make it possible! – *Private Dave Welker*

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### **Auxiliary Event – Buffstick Participation at – “The USV 2019 Annual Meeting”**

By: *1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Stier*

Membership, On the second Saturday of January (*the 12<sup>TH</sup>*) Janine Stier, Jason Eckhart, Peter Vaselopulos, and I were fortunate to participate in the USV Annual Meeting within the Gettysburg Hotel of Gettysburg, PA. While specifically representing the Buffsticks at different levels we did all that we could to ensure that our company had the best opportunity to excel within the 2019 reenacting season. Friday evening started near the hotel ball room where we socialized for hours with our fellow unit representatives. It is in relaxed settings such as these where friendships are renewed, information is exchanged and new paths are formed. Finishing the evening while listening to the great music of the 6<sup>th</sup> N.H. Volunteer Infantry we fell back to our rooms, invigorated for the following day.

Saturday morning started early with Peter and I voting on the Brigade Leadership. Afterwards the meeting officially opened up with the Colors being presented, everyone being called to order to pledge to the same, the meeting notes from 2018 were approved, a moment of silence for all Fallen Members, opening remarks on the USV, “*State of the Union.*”, and introduction of Special Guests. Afterwards the floor opened up for discussion on over 10 events that the USV could potentially commit to supporting in 2019. Of the ones discussed, all three of the Infantry Regiments agreed to support our June event at NPS-Spotsylvania Courthouse-Mule Shoe. After a break the Treasurer went over the current status of the Finances, of which the USV is doing good. Afterwards the Secretary announced the USV election results, of which Brigadier General Markijohn is still the Military Commander and our very own, Jason Eckhart is a Lieutenant Colonel within the USV command structure where he currently serves as the Brigade Engineer.

From there the Regiments broke out into their own separate meetings. Repeating the same process that we did at the Brigade Level. It was then announced that our very own, Peter Vaselopulos, was recognized of the, “*1<sup>ST</sup> Regiment/USV Soldier of the Year.*” Found elsewhere within this newsletter,

you may read what he did to earn this title. Afterwards, the Line Company Commanders (*Me*) and the Unit Representative (*Peter*) voted on units coming on and off Probation within the Regiment. To note, the Buffsticks nominated one group to join, they are the Civil War Civilians of Spotsylvania. Found elsewhere within this newsletter, you may read what how this came about and what we as a company are obliged to them. Incoming and Outgoing Line Company Commanders were announced along with the reorganization of the Line Company structure. Whereas we were previously the 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Company we are now the 1<sup>st</sup> Line Company. Afterwards the floor opened up for discussion on over 7 events that the 1<sup>ST</sup> Regiment could potentially commit to supporting in 2019. Of the ones discussed, 4 were agreed upon, of which 3 are already on our schedule: 155<sup>TH</sup> New Market, NPS-Spotsylvania Courthouse-Mule Shoe, and Remembrance Day. The fourth event, 155<sup>TH</sup> Cedar Creek will only affect us if we choose to attend this event as a Company. From there the meeting was officially closed out and we broke for our mid-day Dinner.

Returning back to the Brigade meeting we started off with the President reporting on the current status of the USV Insurance program with our status being good. Afterwards his staff all gave their reports, which focused on what we have accomplished and what the future holds for us as an umbrella group. From there the Regimental commanders reported on the status of their Line Companies, events that would receive their max support any changes in staff, the Civilian Coordinator was introduced and most importantly it was announced again, this time to the entire Brigade that Cpl. Vaselopulos was our Regiments Soldier of the Year. From there Old Business was discussed, nothing of which affects our company. New Business was discussed, specifically a charitable contribution covering \$1,000 towards the Wounded Warrior Program. From there the meeting was closed and we went our separate ways until the evening's festivities commenced.

Starting with a cocktail hour we transitioned to a very nice dinner, seated amongst different units that we normally do not have the chance to associate with. After the Scholarships and Awards were given out, we then participated in a very nice dance. With the 6<sup>TH</sup> N.H. playing and having a caller who knew what they were doing, everyone involved had a great time. The following day, some stayed to shop and receive the great discounted prices while others braved the weather and returned home.

While it was a meeting, it was productive and enjoyable for all to participate in. Regardless of your rank or position within our company, I would strongly encourage everyone in our unit to attend in the years to come.

YOS, *1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Paul Stier*

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## **Civilian Corner**

By: *Mrs. Stier*

**Want to Contribute to the Civilian Corner? Read below:**

**Civilians, this section is yours to share information,** whether it be a period article from a contemporary magazine/periodical of the time or your own article focusing on our impressions as civilians of the civil war period.



**Any member of the unit is welcome to contribute to this section** and all contributions are welcome. This is our unit, our civilian section and so this section of the newsletter should be our creation.

**To submit an article, please simply email a copy of the article** you wish to contribute to Janine at [cwspy@hotmail.com](mailto:cwspy@hotmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the newsletter in which you wish your contribution to appear. For example, if you wish your contribution to appear in March edition of our Newsletter, then you must have your article to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

If you have not done so, please review our section of the unit's website and review the material we have saved there. All material is a work in process and we welcome feedback. In this section, you will find the civilian handbook: <https://www.3rdusreenactors.com/home/civilian/handbook/>

**Military members, if you have family members that wish to join our civilian section it is essential that you have them read the civilian handbook - and that you read it too!** 😊

The handbook is a good place to start to familiarize yourself on how to get someone started in successfully portraying a civilian of the civil war period. Authenticity is a journey and the journey should always be based on a foundation of period research and documentation so we can do justice to those civilians we strive to portray.

Respectfully yours, *Mrs. Janine Stier*

**United States Regular  
3rd Infantry Reenactors, Inc.  
Annual Meeting January 19, 2019**

1. First call to order: 1pm
  - a. Pledge said and members invited to eat
2. Second call to order: 1.45
  - a. Quorum Established
  - b. Unit sang Happy Birthday to Paul and Neil
3. Motion to approve minutes made and seconded
4. Commanding Officer's Report
  - a. Participant numbers have fluctuated as is normal
  - b. Review of events the unit attended; Highs and lows of the reenacting season and review of how each event went.
5. Civilian Coordinators' report
  - a. Review of what civilians have done this year
  - b. Discussion of ways that more members can be involved in civilian-heavy events
  - c. Review of research done on military spouses
6. Review of members present and voter eligible
  - a. 25 members present and eligible to vote
7. Vote of confidence in military commander
  - a. Unanimous vote of confidence
8. Breakout sessions- Military and Civilian
  - a. Military report:
    - i. No elections
- ii. Discussion of upcoming NCO elections (2020)
    - iii. Confirmation of substitute officers in case of absence
  - b. Civilian Report:
    - i. Renewed plans for civilian corner of newsletter
    - ii. Inventory of civilian loaner gear upcoming
    - iii. Research and plans for civilian activities
    - iv. Lt. Stier discussed sponsoring the Civil War Civilians of Spotsylvania for USV membership
9. President's report- Peter Vaselopoulos
  - a. Review of "3<sup>rd</sup> US Goals and Objectives for 2019
    - i. Approved unanimously pending addition of language to include civilian impressions
  - b. Review of results of Unit Membership survey
    - i. Shows what kinds of events members prefer and what gets participation'
  - c. Reiteration of Unit commitment to stay out of modern politics while at events
10. Vice President's Report- Mark Block
  - a. Review of upcoming events: October and December events are not set in stone, further input needed
    - i. Discussion of what the proposed events might entail
    - ii. October event: vote by hand came out in favor of Shenandoah
    - iii. December event: evenly split between Fort Ward and Harper's Ferry
11. Member at Large- Craig Ross
  - a. Introduction of Member-at-Large, description of role
  - b. Update on recruitment efforts
12. Secretary- Rebecca Welker
  - a. Explanation of Secretary's duties
  - b. Review of google docs usage and benefits
13. Treasurer- Kevin Franklin
  - a. Review of expenditures
  - b. Thanked unit members for donations of time and material
  - c. Noted purchases made- company gear and commissary
  - d. The unit is firmly in the black this year
  - e. Discussion of using paypal for commissary fees
14. Committee Reports
  - a. Music Committee- Claude Bauer

- i. Currently 5 musicians
    - ii. Popularity of music page on unit website
    - iii. Unit homework: learn Battle Cry of Freedom
  - b. Authenticity Committee
    - i. No major projects ongoing
    - ii. Offered assistance with accuracy in impressions
- 15. Elections
  - a. Vice President
    - i. Geoff White nominated
    - ii. Motion to close voting made and seconded
    - iii. Unanimous vote for Geoff White
  - b. Treasurer
    - i. Kevin Franklin volunteered
    - ii. Motion to close voting made and seconded
    - iii. Unanimous vote for Kevin Franklin
  - c. Member at Large
    - i. Craig Ross nominated
    - ii. Motion to close voting made and seconded
    - iii. Unanimous vote for Craig Ross
  - d. Secretary (one year)
    - i. Janine Stier nominated
    - ii. Neil Burke offers to run next year
    - iii. Motion to close voting made and seconded
    - iv. Unanimous vote for Janine Stier
- 16. Old Business
  - a. None
- 17. New Business
  - a. Addressed in prior reports
  - b. Mary would like Michaeyla's lifetime membership recognized
  - c. Geoff recognized Mary's kindness in organizing meeting space for the meeting
  - d. Paul would also like to recognize her efforts in publishing the newsletter and making rounds
  - e. Peter recognized Paul and Janine's contributions to the group's Esprit de Corps
- 18. Announcements
  - a. None not already covered
- 19. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjournment made and seconded, voted unanimously

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