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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 Facts

### PLEASE NOTE

**ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
AS SOON AS WE KNOW, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.**

### January 2021 Event Annual Meeting

**Primary:** 23 JAN 2021 / **Snow Day:** 30 JAN 2021.

**13 January 2021 - Final Day** for the Secretary to receive your completed Membership Form and Annual Fee

**Date:** Primary - Saturday, January 23<sup>RD</sup>

**Snow Make-Up Day** - Saturday, January 30<sup>TH</sup>

**Type of event:** Company Annual Meeting

In concordance with the Commonwealth of Virginia's laws for incorporation, to be considered a current member and allowed the privilege to vote at this meeting, your membership registration form and fee for **2021** must have already been received by the Board Secretary no less than ten (**10**) calendar days prior to the date of our Annual Meeting.

Current Members in Good Standing to Vote for Board Members:

*Vice President* - 2-year term

*Treasurer* - 2-year term

*Member-at-Large* - 1-year term

Vote of Confidence for the New Military Commander

Additional Election:

Civilians only, for Civilian Coordinator(s) - 1-year term.

We will revisit what took place in 2020.

Discuss what we will be doing in 2021.

Treasury Report

USV Meeting Report

Other topics as desired by the Current Membership.

**Location:** Virtually by way of a Zoom Meeting. **Please be flexible.**

**Registration Fee:** None, First Call **has** been sent out.

**Schedule:** Meetings, Elections, 2021 Event Schedule, Your Leadership will e-mail you the detailed information on how to successfully participate in this Meeting.

**Specifics** – See First Call e-mail.

**Commissary:** Have something on-hand to snack on and drink for yourself.

**Uniform:** Whatever you would normally wear during a Virtual Meeting.

**Ammunition:** **No** Rounds / **No** Caps.

### February Event

**Drill Day – NPS Fort Washington, MD**

Final Registration with the Company NLT 11 February 2021.

**Dates:** Saturday, February 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Type of event:** Drill, Living History, and Recruiting

**Location:** 13551 Fort Washington Road Fort Washington, MD 20744; for more information call (301) 763-4600 or visit - <https://www.nps.gov/fowa/index.htm>

**Registration Fee:** None, First Call **has not** been sent out yet.

**Schedule:** All Day Saturday.

**Specifics** – See First Call and the numerous UPDATES.

**Commissary:** On your own; Haversack or Handbasket.

**Uniform:** Ideally, McDowell Cap, Frock Coat (*with Scales*), Dark Blue Trousers, and either your Great Coat or Poncho.

The QM can assist you should you have need of any or all of the previously listed items. Bottom-line, we want you to be there!

**Ammunition:** 20 Rounds / 24 Caps.

### March Event

**Military Through the Ages (MTA) –  
Jamestown Settlement Park, VA**

Final Registration with the Company NLT 11 March 2021.

**Dates:** Friday - Sunday, March 19<sup>TH</sup> -21<sup>ST</sup>

**Type of event:** Living History Event where we demonstrate to potential recruits and fellow reenactors on what being a Regular is all about.

**Location:** 2110 Jamestown Road, Route 31 S., Williamsburg, 23185 or GPS coordinates 37.225069,-76.786218; for more information call (757) 253-4838 or visit -

<https://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown-settlement/>

**Registration Fee:** Zero. Volunteer Forms must be completed by first time participants, First Call **has not** been sent out yet.  
**Schedule:** **Friday** Arrive on-site by 1500 to help set-up our encampment.

**Saturday & Sunday:** Details to follow but for this year it will be 1861 and our focus will be what we did while in Texas.

**Specifics** – See First Call and the numerous UPDATES.

**Commissary:** Haversack or Handbasket. MTA will host an Appreciation Supper Saturday evening for all participants.

**Uniform:** Ideally, Hardee Hat, Frock Coat (*with Scales on hand*), Dark Blue Trousers, with either Great Coat or Poncho on-hand as needed. The QM can assist you should you have need of any or all of the previously listed items. Bottom-line, we want you to be there!

**Ammunition:** 24 Caps / 20 Rounds, stored in clearly marked by-name containers. All ammo will be collected up once you arrive on site and stored in a central location.

**To Be Continued within the January 2021 edition**

## Vice President Report – Current and Potential Events for 2020

By: Vice President Geoff White

As you saw from our President, we are going 100% virtual for the Annual Meeting. Stay tuned for the Zoom link. It will be emailed soon.

Drill Day at Fort Washington is still on for February 20. I am really excited for this event. On the military side, we'll be drilling throughout the day, working up from the school of the soldier to full company maneuvers that will work for battalion-level drill.

On the Civilian side, we have an amazing lineup of sessions that will educate and edify. This effort is being led by Elaine Kessinger, who has done a fantastic job in coordinating presenters and session topics.

Bottom-line: whether you are military or civilian, a seasoned veteran or a recruit, this event will provide a great deal of education and enjoyment.

With the cancellation of Bentonville, we are going to Military Through the Ages (MTA) at Jamestown Settlement this March. This is tentative, subject to whatever is happening at the time.

Beyond that, we do not have any official plans as of yet. We are monitoring the situation and taking into account local and state ordinances, as well as the desires of the membership.

It is never too early to let me know about any potential official or *Personal Interest* official events for 2021.

A note on personal interest events: We always have a lot of events to choose from around the reenacting world. We always try to maximize the potential for fun, education, and recruiting, but there are always other options as well. We will let you know about these events through one-time announcements. These are too numerous to keep track of in our official calendar, but keep an eye on your email for things that might interest you.

Looking forward to receiving all of your responses,  
Geoff White

### 2021:

**January 23: Annual Meeting** Zoom-only. Stay tuned for the Zoom link.

**February 20: Drill Day at Fort Washington**

**March 20-21: Military through the Ages at Jamestown Settlement**

## President's Column

Dear Buffsticks Family,

First, I wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year! This year has been a challenge, and we will see how 2021 unfolds.

Second, the Board convened in early December and interviewed First Sergeant Geoff White for the unit military commander. The Board concluded at the end of our meeting to present Sgt. White to the membership for the military

commander at our annual meeting in January. The Board and I have confidence in Sgt White's ability and vision to continue the leadership tradition.

Third, I want to thank the Board members whose term will end in January. I truly appreciated working with Vice President Geoff White, Treasurer Kevin Franklin, and Member at Large T.J. Bradley. All did a great job keeping us moving forward and supporting me and our military Commander, Paul Stier.

Lastly, I want to thank 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Paul Stier for his leadership this past year and over the years. In December, at our Fredericksburg event, I had the opportunity to present Lt. Stier with a small token of our appreciation for his faithful commitment and meritorious service to the 3rd U.S. over the years.



Please stay safe and healthy!

YOS, Neil Carmichael, President, 3rd U.S. Board of Directors



## Three Options for Renewing your Membership

By: Neil Carmichael, President, 3rd U.S. Board of Directors

To all members, Annual Membership Renewal for our 2021 Campaign Season.

Please note that you must submit your application and payment at least ten days before the annual meeting to be eligible to vote. Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 23th, 2021. You must have renewed by 13 January 2021 (*the last day to do this, as subject to Virginia Corporation rules stating that all memberships must be current ten calendar days before a corporate meeting.*) Members have three options to submit your application and pay your membership fee:

### Option 1 - Go to

<https://www.3rdusreenactors.com/join/membership/> Fill out and submit the e-application form. Ensure that you fill out a separate membership form for every family member who will be participating with us in the coming year. Then go to the PayPal link, found at the bottom of the same page and select the appropriate membership fee for all of you.

**Option 2** - Same as above, but mail your check, made out to, "3RD U.S. Regular Infantry" to the following address:

Neil Burke  
3rd US Secretary  
2720 Williamsburg St Apt 201  
Alexandria VA 22314

### Option 3 - Go to

<https://www.3rdusreenactors.com/join/membership/> First, print out the membership form, fill it in and then mail it to Neil Burke. From there, either pay the fee by way of PayPal or include a check for the correct amount to the same above mailing address when mailing in your membership form.

If you have any questions, please contact Neil Burke.

## Upcoming Elections Board Position Duty Descriptions

Dear Members,

Looking ahead to the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2021, I want to make everyone aware that we will be holding elections for three positions on the Board of Directors. The three positions are:

### 1. Vice-President

- Assists the president as necessary.
- Presides at meetings of the Regiment in the absence of the president.
- Recommends events to be considered for the Regiment schedule.
- Performs all other duties which are ordinarily the function of the office or which are assigned by the Board.

### 2. Treasurer

- Pays the bills of the Regiment subject to procedures adopted by the Board.
- Maintains Regiment financial records.
- Prepares periodic financial reports as directed by the Board.
- Files appropriate tax forms
- Secures appropriate insurance as directed by the Board.
- Maintains records of corporate assets.
- Performs all other duties which are ordinarily the function of the office or which are assigned by the Board.

### 3. Member-at-Large

- Represents the views of the membership to the Board.
- Performs all other duties which are ordinarily the function of the office or which are assigned by the Board.
- The Member-at-Large has full voting power as a Board member.

If you have any other questions, please let me know.  
Neil Carmichael,  
President, 3rd U.S. Board of Directors

## You Could Have Saved Yourself Money and Frustration! Registration for our upcoming Pay-to-Play events in both 2020 & 2021!

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

Even though with the publication of this newsletter we currently do not have any events where you would have to, "Pay-to-Play" please continue to be on the lookout for future announcements, be it by way of our Website, Facebook page, Company e-mail, or Monthly Newsletter. If 2020 taught us anything, events can spring up at the last minute, seemingly out of nowhere.

That being stated, regardless if an event happens or not, on occasion we will have events where we will either have to pay a registration fee to attend and/or register earlier than you have 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 our future commander to send out his First Call e-mail in 2021 to register with the event organizers. By the time that he sends it out, any discounts that you may have taken advantage of or even being able to participate in the event itself are long gone. ☺ When he sends out the First Call he is just confirming attendance and any logistical needs, ensuring that all participants are able to enjoy and fully participate in that specific event.

To continue, even though our March event at MTA does not have a registration fee, you may incur the cost of a motel room. The reason being is that because the site is so compact, we are not able to set up our normal company street. Normally the unit will stay at the Rodeway Inn, which is located just outside of Historic Williamsburg and then drive in for each day; see contact information below.

**Rodeway Inn Historic Williamsburg – corner of 309 Page St. Rt 60 and 2nd St, Williamsburg, VA, 23185**

To make reservations either visit <https://RodewayInnHistoric.guestreservations.com> or call (757) 229-1855. When making your reservation, be sure to inform them that you are with the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Regulars or the History Group, to ensure that you receive the group discount for the block of rooms that will be set aside for us. Part of the cost will also cover the Continental Breakfast that will be provided to us on both Saturday and Sunday morning.

If you choose not to go that route then you have three additional options. **1<sup>ST</sup>**, Set up a cot or sleep on the floor inside one of the Museum conference rooms. **2<sup>ND</sup>**, Sleep in your vehicle in the Museum parking lot. **3<sup>RD</sup>**, Go campaigner and sleep on the ground within our encampment site.

From what we currently anticipate having on our future schedule, I would encourage you to register **as soon as the event has been confirmed**. Events that we have historically done in the past that would incur a registration fee for 2021 would be: **May – Battle of New Market**, **July – 160<sup>TH</sup> of 1<sup>ST</sup> Bull Run**, **August – Chris Anders event at Cedar Mountain**, **October – Battle of Cedar Creek**.

### Commanders Field Desk

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

Soldiers and Civilians of the Buff Stick's, when you read this report, we will have completed our Twelfth month for 2020, aka, the 155<sup>TH</sup> of 1865 and now the 160<sup>TH</sup> of 1861! Fortunately, for December we were able to do an outdoor event as set forth within the Phase 3 COVID-19 restrictions. This all took place on the original Battlefield of Fredericksburg, VA. By both driving and walking along this battlefield, all who participated were walking in the footsteps of the original Buff Sticks almost 158 years ago to the day. Along with the future 1<sup>ST</sup> Sgt. the Buff Sticks successfully engaged with and educated the public at our **Official** event for December. Be sure to read the membership article found elsewhere within this newsletter to learn more. As for any **Auxiliary** events that took place during the month of December, there are none that I was aware of.

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 Buff Sticks 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:

**Everyone** – The constant engagement with the public while operating under the current COVID restrictions, therefore everyone is to be commended for their actions.

**Cpl.'s Burke & Ross** – For all their behind the scenes work and on the field actions that they did for this event.

**Recruit Forbes** – For graciously being drafted during the middle of the walk to hold my folder of historical references, preventing the wind from carrying them off.

**Mrs. Stier** – For missing the walk while ensuring that those who came over afterwards to our home were well fed.

For the month of January, by the time you read this, our **Official** event will be the Company Annual Meeting on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. I, as your current commander, will officially hand over command to your incoming commander, soon to be 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Geoff White. Completing this two-man team will be your new 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt., Neil Burke. Please know that I have complete confidence in them both, as they will successfully lead our company into and beyond the 160<sup>th</sup> cycle of battle reenactments, battle demonstrations, and living history programs.

For our **Auxiliary** events in the month of January, currently the one that I was aware of, the Annual Meeting for the USV, has been modified to currently include only those military units and civilian organizations that make up 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of the USV. This meeting will take place Virtually on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> of 2021, starting at 10AM. All Buff Sticks are encouraged to attend. The in-person USV meeting has been indefinitely been delayed until sometime this coming Spring. As the effectiveness of the COVID vaccine has been confirmed, a future date will be announced. All Buff Sticks are encouraged to attend that one too.

That being stated, if 2020 has taught me anything, current events can suddenly drop off and new ones can unexpectedly pop up. So please keep an eye on your e-mail for **One Time Announcements** because you never know. So please continue to be flexible, have a sense of humor, and keep an eye out for all updates within both our e-mail and Facebook notifications to you.

Please note, should your schedule only allow you to attend either our **Official** or an **Auxiliary** event for that month, then please take into consideration the following: First, if you can only choose one event, then **PLEASE**, choose our **Official** event. Secondly, as with all **Auxiliary** events, you will be on your own for the outfitting of yourself and anyone coming with you.

All that being said I look forward to seeing you all within the ranks at one of our upcoming events, be it **Official** or **Auxiliary**. - **"Noli Me Tangere"** –

*1<sup>ST</sup> Lt., and soon to be Happy Private, Paul Stier*

### Membership Report

#### **Official Company Event**

#### **Staff Ride – "Retracing the Steps of the Buff Sticks" - Fredericksburg, VA**

12 December 2020

*By: 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Stier; Pvt. Adamus, S.; Cpl. Ross; Pvt. Welker; & Pvt. Carmichael*

Buff Stick's

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, both our Military and Civilian members came together for our official event for December. Initially starting at Chatham Manor, situated on a bluff overlooking the City of Fredericksburg, VA and then afterwards at my home on the reverse slope of Lee's Hill. By both driving to certain points and then walking key areas, those who participated were able to retrace the steps of the

original soldiers who earned the title of being addressed as **Buff Sticks**. Conducting this activity 158 years afterwards, almost to the exact date and day, we first looked over the City while discussing the battle and then continued at the northern crossing site. From there, walking street-by-street, we used both the books of modern noted authors and after action reports of the officers who commanded during the battle itself to help orientate ourselves through the streets of the city and its original western boundary.

That being said and speaking just for myself, some moments that really stuck with me at the end of my last event to command on that Saturday afternoon were as follows: First, All the research that I was able to do before arriving at Chatham Manor. A huge thank you goes out to NPS Ranger Peter Maugle for all of his assistance. While walking, it was great to note the almost perfect historically correct weather that we had for that day. Next was meeting our newest member's grandfather and catching up with our older members who I had not seen in a long while. From there it was the simple act of being able to walk in the footsteps of the original Regulars, while seeing how drastically the terrain changed, street by street. Reading aloud the original reports from Cpt. Wilkens (*Regiment*), Lt. Col. Buchanan (*Brigade*), and Brigadier Gen. Sykes (*Division*) at the different locations on the battlefield, and in some cases, where the action itself originally took place. Reading from the reports of the other Regimental Commanders and Brigade reports from 2nd and 3rd Brigade and how our Regiment kept getting mentioned over and over again in a positive light. Handing out the Soldiers Gifts to all who participated and of course the unexpected but greatly appreciated thank you gift that I received from the Company for my time as your Commander. Before heading home, I was able to stop by the Fredericksburg Battlefield Museum and personally thank both NPS Rangers, Peter Maugle and Ryan Quint. Finally, was talking long into the night afterwards with everyone who was able to come to my home.

I am sure that I missed other occurrences, but that is why this is a membership article, as we all had different experiences. I now would invite you to continue reading what the other Buff Stick's experienced at this event. – *1<sup>ST</sup> Lieutenant, (and soon to be Happy Private) Paul Stier*

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After Action - Fredericksburg Walking Tour

- Camaraderie building event. As new fish, great to experience with different members and getting to know unit.
- Well researched and rehearsed. Enough compliments cannot be expressed to the Commander for his research and rehearsed walking routes. Blended in soldier's experiences with overall tactical positioning. Stopping points were carefully selected as in to enhance experience without fighting public/surroundings.

- Offer to host unit members at Commander's residence. While we did not avail ourselves of this generous offer, the invite was sincerely appreciated.
- Starting point was ideal.
- Stressing to gain overall strategic awareness before the tour and then stressing the limited tactical awareness the unit / soldiers really had during the fight. – *Private Stanley Adamus*  
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Another great event made better by the chance to be with like-minded friends and especially enhanced by Paul's [*Lt. Stier's*] expert battlefield guiding - he ought to do it for a living. Personally, I enjoyed walking in the footsteps of my great-great-grandfather who was also in the 5th Corps and made the crossing just behind the Buffsticks and basically followed the same route to the battlefield. I even recall Paul's reference to the Buffsticks coordination with Humphrey's Brigade in which my great-great-grandfather served. Loved every minute of our tour. – *Corporal Craig Ross*  
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I'll second all of the above. Events like this, in which we learn about the actual history of the unit and go beyond the clothing and gear, is what sets us apart. And like Craig [*Cpl. Ross*], being able to walk the ground on which the actual 3rd US veterans fought gives a perspective that cannot be matched. Thanks to Paul [*Lt. Stier*] for doing the research and leading a meaningful, valuable learning experience for us. – *Private David Welker*  
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I think it was Winston Churchill who shared the sentiment that if you wanted to understand a battle, you need to walk the terrain. Reading the reports and standing at the site with the writer's view, you gain a different perspective and an appreciation of the report's visual context. Paul did an excellent job of leading us along the path of the 3rd US in December 1862. I appreciate the research effort to conduct a tour like this for our group effectively. Paul's knowledge of the battle in general and the town itself allowed him to direct us to the key points. He orientated us with historic and modern maps to understand context while reading various battle reports. I am glad I made the last-minute decision to attend, and the weather was top shelf.

I look forward to many more of these learning opportunities. – *Private Neil Carmichael*

## Civilian Corner

**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 Joyce Mader at [jam22205@yahoo.com](mailto:jam22205@yahoo.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 the February edition of our Newsletter, then you must have your article to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

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. **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, *Ms. Joyce Mader*

## Period Correct Receipts

Soldiers and Civilians of the Buffstick's, the below is a period correct receipt that you can make and use for years to come. Now that our unit should be back in Garrison, the opportunity to make this receipt becomes more realistic.

“*Stollen*”, a German holiday treat

A traditional cake in our family was Stollen. A family friend brought it every year to our feast. Knowing the dangers of “*traditional*”, I went looking back through the period cookbooks to trace the recipes for stollen in English. I first found a recipe from 1889 actually termed “*Stollen*.”

From: *Aunt Babette's Cook Book* by “*Aunt Babette*”, 1889

### Stollen

Sift two pounds of flour into a bowl and set a sponge in it with two cents' worth of compressed yeast, a teaspoonful of salt, a pint of lukewarm milk and a tablespoonful of sugar. When this has risen, add half a pound of creamed butter, a quarter of a pound of seeded raisins and one quarter of a pound of sugar, yolks of four eggs, four ounces of powdered almonds and the grated peel of a lemon. Work all well, beating with the hands, not kneading. Let this dough rise at least three hours, then form into one or two long loaves, narrower at the end, like a stollen. Brush the top with melted butter and bake over half an hour in a moderate oven.

Then I finally found a yeast cake with fruit and nuts that closely resembled stollen, but was termed fruit cake. I had to try my hand, and of course, add my own flourishes.

So, enjoy!

From: *Miss Beecher's Domestic Receipt Book* by *Catherine Esther Beecher*, 1846 (1850 edition)

### Fruit Cake Without Eggs

Two pounds of flour.

One and three quarter pounds of sugar.

One pint of milk.

Half a pound of butter.

Half a teaspoonful of salt.

One and a half teaspoonfuls of soda, or saleratus, or two of sal volatile, dissolved in a little hot water.

One nutmeg, one pound of raisins, and one wine glass of brandy. This makes three loaves.

Warm the milk, and add the butter and salt to it. Work the butter and sugar to a cream, and then add the milk, then the flour, then the saleratus, and lastly the spice and fruit.

### What I Did:

Warm the milk, butter, and salt.

Add sugar and whip to a cream.

Combine the baking soda and flour.

Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix well.

Add raisins, citrus peel, and almond slivers.

Form into loaves and bake.

While still warm, brush with egg white and dredge in confectioner's sugar.

Yield: 12-24 Servings, or one hungry Private

**Poem**  
**"Bivouac of the Dead"**  
 By Theodore O'Hara

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
 The soldier's last tattoo;  
 No more on life's parade shall meet  
 The brave and daring few.  
 On Fame's eternal camping-ground  
 Their silent tents are spread,  
 And Glory guards with solemn round  
 The bivouac of the dead.

No rumour of the foe's advance  
 Now swells upon the wind;  
 No troubled thought at midnight haunts  
 Of loved ones left behind;  
 No vision of the morrow's strife  
 The warrior's dream alarms;  
 No braying horn nor screaming fife  
 At dawn shall call to arms.

Their shivered swords are red with rust,  
 Their plumed heads are bowed;  
 Their haughty banner trailed in dust  
 Is now their martial shroud,  
 And plenteous funeral tears have washed  
 The red stains from each brow,  
 And their proud forms in battle gashed  
 Are free from anguish now.

The neighing steed, the flashing blade,  
 The trumpet's stirring blast,  
 The charge, the dreadful cannonade,  
 The din and shout are past;  
 No war's wild note, nor glory's peal,  
 Shall thrill with fierce delight  
 Those breasts that never more shall feel  
 The rapture of the fight.

Like the dread northern hurricane  
 That sweeps this broad plateau,  
 Flushed with the triumph yet to gain  
 Came down the serried foe;  
 Our heroes felt the shock, and leapt  
 To meet them on the plain;  
 And long the pitying sky hath wept  
 Above our gallant slain.

Sons of our consecrated ground,  
 Ye must not slumber there,  
 Where stranger steps and tongues resound  
 Along the heedless air.  
 Your own proud land's heroic soil  
 Shall be your fitter grave;  
 She claims from War his richest spoil -  
 The ashes of her brave.

So 'neath their parent turf they rest,  
 Far from the gory field;  
 Borne to a Spartan mother's breast  
 On many a bloody shield;  
 The sunshine of their native sky  
 Smiles sadly on them here,  
 And kindred hearts and eyes watch by  
 The heroes' sepulcher.

Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead!  
 Dear as the blood you gave,  
 No impious footsteps here shall tread  
 The herbage of your grave;  
 Nor shall your glory be forgot  
 While Fame her record keeps,  
 Or Honor points the hallowed spot  
 Where Valor proudly sleeps.

Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone  
 In deathless songs shall tell,  
 When many a vanished age hath flown,  
 The story how ye fell;  
 Nor wreck, nor change, or winter's blight  
 Not Time's remorseless doom,  
 Shall dim one ray of holy light  
 That gilds your glorious tomb.

*"Bivouac of the Dead" is a poem written by Danville, Kentucky native, Theodore O'Hara to honor his fellow soldiers from Kentucky who died in the Mexican-American War. The poem's popularity increased after the Civil War, and its verses have been featured on many memorials to fallen Confederate soldiers in the Southern United States, and are even to be found on many memorials in Arlington National Cemetery, including Arlington's gateway.*

**Happy birthday**

Paul Stier

Neil Burke

If you have any questions regarding the policies or schedule of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S Regulars Infantry, Co. K please contact one of the elected Leadership:

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**Phone** 202-892-6344.

E-mail: [buddy324th@gmail.com](mailto:buddy324th@gmail.com)

**Vice President:** Geoff White

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**Treasurer:** Kevin Franklin

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### Military Chain of Command

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Paul Stier, Company Commander**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Geoff White**

**Corporal – Neil Burke**

**Corporal – Joseph Gillespie**

**Corporal – Craig Ross**

**Corporal – Peter Vaselopoulos**

*May the new year be  
a Happy and safe  
one for each of you*