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"The Old Guard"
3rd U.S. Regular Infantry
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Civil War:

1860 - 1865

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Unit Event Schedule & Basic Facts

PLEASE NOTE

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

February Event

Drill Day – NPS Fort Washington, MD

Final Registration with the Company NLT 11 February 2021.

Dates: Saturday, February 20TH

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

Schedule: Roll Call 8 AM, depart approximately 4 PM

Specifics – See First Call, and numerous updates.

Commissary: On your own; Haversack or Handbasket.

Uniform: Ideally, Hardee Hat, Frock Coat (*with Scales*), Dark Blue Trousers, and either your Great Coat or Poncho (Otherwise, forage cap, fatigue blouse, and light blue trousers). Full accoutrements, brogans, and rifled musket. 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: None. Ammo will be provided by Fort Washington.

March Event

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

Final Registration with the Company NLT 11 March 2021.

Dates: Friday - Sunday, March 19TH -21ST

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.

Schedule: Friday Arrive on-site by 1500 to help set-up our encampment.

Saturday: Roll Call: 8 AM, with living history demonstrations throughout the day. Depart at 5 PM.

Sunday: Roll Call: 8 AM, with living history demonstrations throughout the day. Depart at 5 PM, though we will probably be able to begin breakdown at 3 PM or somewhere thereabouts.

AS SOON AS WE KNOW, YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.

Specifics – See First Call and the numerous updates.

Commissary: On you own; Haversack or Handbasket. MTA will host an Appreciation Supper Saturday evening for all participants. Please let me know if you want to participate.

Uniform: : Ideally, Hardee Hat, Frock Coat (*with Scales*), Dark Blue Trousers, and either your Great Coat or Poncho (Otherwise, forage cap, fatigue blouse, and light blue trousers). Full accoutrements, brogans, and rifled musket. 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.

April Event

TBD.

We are monitoring reenacting events and current events, and we will make decisions as and when they seem appropriate.

President's Column

Buffsticks Family,

I want to thank everyone who attended our virtual meeting on Saturday. I am thankful that we were able to complete all of our necessary and required items. The meeting may have felt like it was long, but we started shortly after 1 pm and finished up just after 4. I am delighted that we had 37 members call into our virtual meeting. So, again, I thank everyone for taking the time and support for the 3rd. As was well stated by other members, we are a strong unit with strong commitment and participation. One of the most common statements in our meeting was that everyone was happy to see each other. I agree that it was nice to see everyone mask free smile!

I congratulate 1Sgt Geoff White on his promotion to Lieutenant and Commander of Company K, 3rd U.S. The members overwhelmingly voted their confidence in Lt. White's ability to lead our company through the next several years. Lt. White's first act in his new position was the

promotion of Cpl. Neil Burke to the rank of 1st Sgt. I have the utmost confidence in our military leadership to continue the dedication to drilling and traditions 3rd and along with Cpl's Gillespie, Ross, and Vaselopulos will honor the Soldiers we portray.

I congratulate two new board members and a new Civilian Coordinator. Peter Vaselopulos is our new Vice President, and Kelly Cochran is our new Treasurer, and T.J. Bradley continues as Member-at-Large. Ms. Rebecca Welker is this year's Civilian Coordinator, and I look forward to working with all four in their new roles in the upcoming year. I also thank our outgoing board members, Vice President Geoff White and Treasurer Kevin Franklin, for keeping me on task and target and fill me in with unit information, background, and board history. My lack of knowledge in all of those areas was both good and bad. I appreciate both providing me advice and providing sound counsel when needed.

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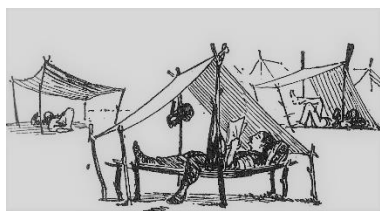
Civilian Section

Civilian Coordinator-Rebecca Welker

I hope to see as many of you as your schedule permits at Ft. Washington in February and MTA in March. Your participation is based on your health and comfort under the current COVID restrictions.

I appreciate all of the support and discussion at our meeting and look forward to continuing in my role as President for the next year.

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



Vice President Report – Current and Potential Events for 2020

By: Vice President Geoff White

Drill Day at Fort Washington is still on for February 20.

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* 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:

February 20: Drill Day at Fort Washington

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

Potential events for 2021:

Note: "USV" indicates an official event of our umbrella group.

April 24-25: First Bull Run, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, PA (USV)

May 1-2: Wilderness/Ellwood Manor Living History, Locust Grove, VA

*May 15-16: First Bull Run, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, PA (Alternative Date) (USV)

June (date tbd, 5 or 12): Living History, Fort Ward, Alexandria, VA

July 1-3: 158th Gettysburg, "Movie Site," Gettysburg, PA (USV)

July (date tbd 17-18 or 24-25): First Bull Run, Manassas, VA

August (date tbd): Cedar Mountain Reenactment, Rapidan, VA

August 28-29: Battle of Kettle Run Living History/Battle Demonstration, Prince William County, VA

August 28: Bull Run Living History/Firing Demonstration

September 4: Fredericksburg Living History/Firing Demonstration

September 11: Yankees at Falmouth Living History, Firing Demonstration, Falmouth, VA

September 18-19: Antietam, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, PA (USV)

October 1-3 Civilian seminar, Shenandoah Valley, VA

October 9-10: Bristoe Station Living History/Battle Demonstration, Prince William County, VA

October 16-17: Cedar Creek, Middletown, VA (USV)

October 23(?): Ball's Bluff, Leesburg, VA

November (date tbd): Belair Mansion Living History, Bowie MD

November (date tbd): Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA

Other:

Gettysburg Living History and Firing Demonstration

Antietam Living History and Firing Demonstration

Commanders Field Desk

Greetings, Buffsticks.

It is an honor to address you as the official company commander. Ever since my first event with the 3rd US at Cedar Creek in 2010, I have thought about commanding the Buffsticks. At first it was "maybe someday I could do that." Over the years, it slowly turned into "I can do this." Now, it is one of the greatest honors of my life to be the Buffsticks' military commander. You have all seen me in the field, and I should be a known quantity as far as my expectations and behavior in camp and on the drill field go. I intend to continue focusing on drill, as I believe this is what both sets us apart, and what brings us together.

While COVID-19 has given us some unique challenges, it has also given us the opportunity to focus on some aspects of the Regular soldier that we haven't looked at before. 1st

Sergeant Neil Burke is working on developing some new and exciting things to do, such as distance-gauging, bayonet exercises, and more. Corporals Gillespie, Ross, and Vaselopulos are all eager to get to work, and they have some great ideas as well.

This is YOUR unit. If you have an idea on things we can do as a unit, please let me or one of the NCOs know. I also want to urge all of you to consider whether you would like to step up into a leadership position. We are not one of those units that has a commander/dictator for life. If you are like me and think "maybe someday I could wear some corporal stripes (or even shoulder boards)," we want you to speak up. Looking forward to seeing you in the field,

1st Lieutenant Geoff White

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 Rebecca Welker at r.welker64@gmail.com by the 15th 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 15th 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. Rebecca Welker*

Happy Birthday

Davis Richardson Doug Habel
Nick DiPippa Lawrence Kline

Military Chain of Command

1st Lt., Geoff White Company Commander

1st Sgt. Neil Burke

Corporal – Joseph Gillespie

Corporal – Craig Ross

Corporal – Peter Vaselopulos

Commissary Sergeant Glenn Dieter

Quartermasters-1st Sgt. Neil Burke,

Corporal Peter Vaselopulos

Recruiting Coordinator, Corporal Peter Vaselopulos

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