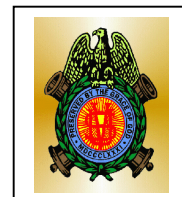
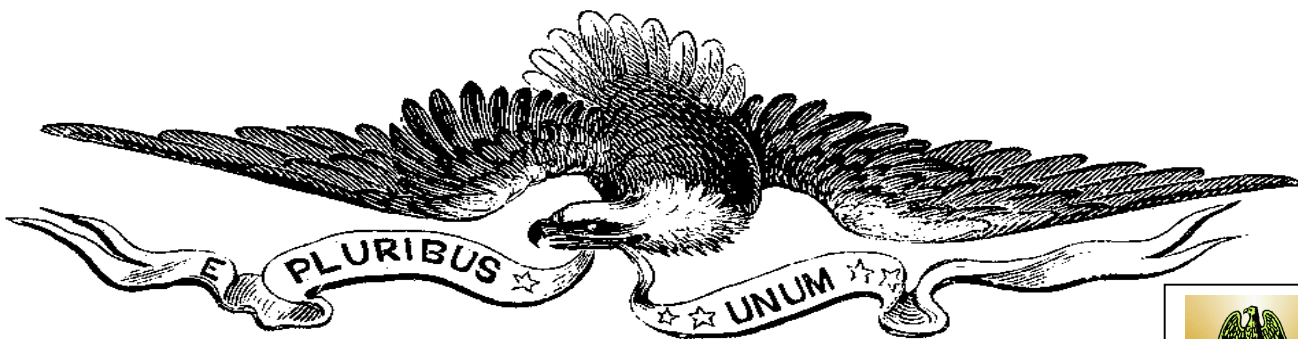


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and the Anna M. Ross Camp # 1 of the S.U.V.C.W.

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Editor's Note:

I would like to ask for the second time that all submissions please be submitted according to the following requirements.

Please use Times New Roman font, single spaced, with single spacing between sentences as well. There are many other details, but these are the main ones.

It has been becoming a nightmare trying to put this newsletter together with everyone using a different system of writing. I usually have to spend over a week editing everything just to fit the space required. I often have to rewrite entire submissions. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

December 10

-L.H. at Selma Mansion-
Norristown

-28th Christmas party

Dec. 31

Meade Birthday at Laurel Hill

Feb. 11

28th quarterly meeting

The Desk of the Commanding Officer

Well, with Remembrance Day behind us, another year is rapidly coming to a close. There were ups and there downs this year. The gray uniforms were a hit and effective in the tactical at Neshaminy. However, our attendance for events continues to drop off and I am saddened by that. Perhaps we need to seriously think about the events we will support next year. Maybe we need to stay closer to home and only commit to one or two longer events.

We will have many options next year with every town and hamlet hoping to attract everyone with a wool uniform

to their community for a 150th event. The one I think we need to push hard for is Perryville next October. Also, we are on the precipice of getting back into Fort Mifflin for our drill weekend next February. More on that soon, I hope.

I also want to thank everyone for the year we have had. It has probably been our best year financially ever. Admittedly, I cut back this year because I needed a break but I hope next year is better for me.

I hope to see all of you at the Selma living history in a couple of weeks followed by the Christmas Party at my house.

Mike Harris

Captain, 28th PVI Co. "C"
mharris28thpa@gmail.com

The President's Address

Brothers and Sisters,

I want to extend my deepest thanks to everyone in the association for making this another stellar year. We continue to strive forward as one of the best organizations in the hobby.

That being said, I am sure by now that you all know that this will be my last few months leading this organization. Reflecting back, I can see that we have come a long way in improving not only the association, but ourselves as individuals.

It has been not without its trials and tribulations, but I have learned a lot in the past years as the head of such a fine organization. We have made strides forward, and I have learned a lot, not only about the 28th but about each and every one of you as members and individuals. I have gotten

to know the true meaning of friendship, loyalty and devotion that you all possess.

Although this is only a hobby, we must also never forget the responsibility that comes with it. Let us not forget the purpose of the 28th, that is, to educate the public on the life and times of that period of our history known as the Civil War. Yes, we are in fact not reenactors, but living historians and it is our responsibility to be dedicated to promoting that history.

That is the true satisfaction that I know, not only I get, but you all get in your hearts also. Knowing that we have shed a little bit of light upon someone's intellect about that dark time in our history is most gratifying. It is through our actions that we truly remember those that have fought to defend our rights and freedom.

And that is the most important part of our mission, not only as members of the 28th but also as members of the Sons. Let us give honor to those that have made our lives today possible by continuing the work of education that we do so well.

I personally am endorsing Ken Gavin as President to continue on the work of the 28th. If he is elected, give him your complete dedication. The 28th is moving in the right direction and I know Ken will continue us on that path.

Stay dedicated. Stay devoted. And most importantly, stay involved with the 28th. We need each and every one of you to continue to promote our work so that we remain as one of the best organizations in the hobby.

I want to extend my warmest wishes for a safe and

happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you all soon. Respectfully,

Tony Matijasick
President,
28th PA Historical Association
amjm28@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report and 1st Sergeant's Corner

DUES ARE DUE!!!! The time has come again to start collecting dues for the 28th Pennsylvania Historical Association (PAHA) and Anna M Ross Camp #1 SUVCW (AMR#1) for 2012. However, unlike the previous years, I will **NOT** be the treasurer for both groups starting this December. I will continue to be the 28th Treasurer, so nothing will change in regards to where you send your event fees and 28th dues. My father-in-law, Bob Schofield, will assume the duties of AMR #1 SUVCW Treasurer and Secretary following the camp elections on December 5, 2011. He has graciously agreed to take on that camp roll as I assume a new roll in the camp. Thank you for helping me make my job easier over the years. I am sure that Bob will do a fantastic job. Please note the following changes:

28th Pennsylvania Historical Association- (Make checks payable to 28th PAHA)
Individual Membership- \$20
Family Membership- \$35
Mailed to:
John J Green
345 Henry Ave
Warminster, PA 18974

Anna M Ross Camp #1- (Make checks payable to SUVCW)
Individual Membership- \$42
Mailed to:
Bob Schofield

2517 Dorothy St
Hatboro, PA 19040
215-672-0623
nittanylion2@comcast.net

***** You must write separate checks for dues if you belong to both organizations*****

This is your first reminder for dues. If you are a member of the 28th PAHA (Male) you must be a member of the SUVCW. You make not take the field until your dues are paid. **All dues are due by February 28, 2012.** Bob and I will be mailing out membership cards for both groups in good faith in December and early January. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We recently received new 28th and Mifflin Guard car magnets; they are \$5 each and are first come first served. I also have 28th Polo shirts for \$15 each.

We have had another financially strong year and we have been able to do many worthy projects with our money. I ask you to continue to support every event we do but especially the ones we get paid. Neshaminy, the 4th of July Parades and Mullica Hill are **MAX EFFORT** events for the entire company. We will continue to do worthy projects as long as we support these Max Effort events and earn literally thousands of dollars to help preserve the legacy of the GAR!

If you have any questions about dues, 28th merchandise or any other issue please feel free to contact me.
Your Obedient Servant,

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Sergeant 28th PVI
Treasurer 28th PAHA
Treasurer/ Secretary AMR#1 SUVCW
JJG28THPVI@gmail.com
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Cell- 215-815-0660

The Meeting Minutes

HUZZAH, Brothers and Sisters of the 28th Pennsylvania Historical Association and congratulations on another successful year! From the very well attended 2011 Neshaminy Event, the triple digit temperatures at the 150th Bull Run Event, the camaraderie of Lambertville, the 2nd Annual Adventure to The Brick House in Orange County NY, the "Brand New and Improved" Mullica Hill Event, a Living History Program for the Boy Scouts at Ft. Mifflin, Brother's Day and the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Gettysburg (including having author Tim Orr speak at our ceremonies at The Knapsack Monument on Culp's Hill and having the 28th represented for the 1st time standing Guard in the National Cemetery), it is truly an honor for me to be part of such an inspiring organization.

We would like to thank Brother Joe and Sister Peggy McPhillips for hosting the most recent and final quarterly Association meeting of 2011, following our Brothers Day ceremonies. Military Elections were also held at this meeting and the results are now published. PCC Brother Ralph Prince has suggested 2012 Brothers Day ceremonies honor those buried in Penn Cemetery in Somerton and I would concur.

Although many of us have had some trying times this past year, as a unit, WE have many things to be proud of and thankful for. We've donated funds to several Civil War related sites, as well as supporting our Brothers and Sisters in the 28th and The Mifflin Guard in their time of need. With due diligence, The Frankford Monument, now has

all Government issue and documented headstones in place and tentatively ready to be dedicated in May of 2012.

The 2011 Remembrance Day ceremonies at The Knapsack Monument were well attended and proudly included the initiation of 2 new Brothers into Our Order. PCC Brother Ken Gavin led an extraordinary tour of Powers Hill which will only be eclipsed by his Culp's Hill tour on the 150th Battle Anniversary.

Please join us at The Selma House in Norristown (10AM-6PM) immediately followed by The AMR Camp #1/28th PVI Christmas Party at Capt. Harris's home.

Be aware that our next Association meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2012 at the Berna's satellite campus in Bensalem. It's "graceful walkin'", right, Ed?

Please keep Brother Andy Redmond, Madeline Bennett and Amy Lessman in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully submitted with Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Andrew J. Carr
Recording Secretary
28th PA Historical Association

Selma Mansion L. H.

(<http://www.norristownpreservationociety.org/>) in Norristown on Saturday, December 10th, 10AM-5PM. In exchange for us being there for their Soldiers' Christmas program, they have agreed to provide us with the following:

- 1) A stipend to be paid to the association, which will be no less than \$200.
- 2) Leisure to create the program for the day as we see fit.
- 3) Firewood
- 4) Hot and cold beverages
- 5) Snacks and a light evening meal
- 6) Access to bottled water
- 7) Access to bathroom facilities
- 8) Complete run of the mansion for the day and evening; we don't have to sleep overnight but we can if we choose to do so.
- 9) A Christmas tree as a prop to use in the house in the early evening

They are asking us to provide programming from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. that day. We don't need to be on for the entire time. We will have breaks built in. We could easily do this by incorporating activities we usually do at Mullica Hill.

It will be a fun day to be together and we can make some cash for the unit.

28th Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held this year at the home of Mike and Michelle Harris. It will be held on Dec. 10th following the LH at Selma Mansion which is only a few blocks from their home. Start time will be at 6 PM.

For those not attending the Selma LH, the address is: 620 Haws Ave. Norristown PA 19401

You can contact Mike or your squad leaders for more information.

The Cooper Shop **Anna M. Ross Camp #1**

Anna M. Ross Auxiliary

November was a very busy month for the local members of the Auxiliary as they prepared for the annual National Civil War Ball at the Eisenhower on November 19th. Members either made or found door prizes, and filled baskets with baked goods and candies to give as prizes during the cake walk held for the women at the Ball. At the Ball they manned the ticket tables and assisted in distributing prizes and some hardy souls took down and packed all the decorations at 1AM after the Ball concluded. Anne Jaster, National President of the Auxiliary, and a member of Ross Auxiliary was in the parade and laid a wreath at the Woolson Monument Ceremony.

As has been their custom the past few years, Ross Auxiliary made a substantial contribution to a local group sending Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes to our troops. In addition they just voted to make a contribution to the Andy Redmond fund and also will send funds to a local holiday food drive in Northeast Philadelphia. We are able to accumulate sufficient funding for these projects by holding cake sales at the local reenactments.

There will be no business meeting during December. Our wishes for a wonderful Christmas season is extended to all!
Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Atkinson
Auxiliary #1 Secretary

Gen. Meade **Society**

The Society's web page at: www.generalmeadesociety.org

The General Meade Society's mission is to promote and preserve the memory of Union Major General George Gordon Meade, commander of the Army of the Potomac and architect of the Union victory at Gettysburg. The society currently boasts hundreds of members throughout the country, all of whom share a common interest in General Meade's multifaceted life and career.

Sat. December 31, 2011 **Annual General Meade** **Birthday Celebration in** **Philadelphia**

This will mark the 196th anniversary of the birth of General George G. Meade, heroic commander of the victorious Union army at the Battle of Gettysburg. The General Meade Society of Philadelphia will celebrate his birthday at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia where the noble hero is interred.

The military parade and ceremony will commence at 12 noon. Visitors and participants are asked to gather at the Gatehouse of Laurel Hill at 11:30AM. The parade of Civil War reenactment units, civilians in period attire, heritage groups, and participants will process to the final resting place of the Victor of Gettysburg and memorialize his services to the nation. A champagne toast and reception will follow the program. A tour of the historic cemetery will be offered (weather permitting). This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Meade birthday celebration by the General Meade Society.

For directions, call: 215-228-8200 Laurel Hill Cemetery. For information and registration call Dr. Andy Waskie at 215-204-5452.

Sunday, January 15, 2012
Annual Gen. Meade Society DeLuxe Champagne Brunch and Award Ceremony, presenting the 'Society Award of Merit'

Cannstatter Volksfest Verein
9130 Academy Road,
Philadelphia, PA 19114, USA
215-332-0121
Cost: \$30 per person complete
Deluxe Brunch and
Champagne Toasts – 11AM –
2PM. To reserve: contact Gerry
McCormick at: 215-848-7753
gedwinmc@msn.com
E-Mail: mwungms@aol.com
(Michael Wunsch)
Reservations should be made
at least one week prior to the
Brunch. Go to the Meade
Society web site for further
details:

www.generalmeadesociety.org

Saturday, February 4, 2012
***Lincoln Birthday
Commemoration Ball at the
Union League of Philadelphia***

140 S. Broad St., Philadelphia,
PA 19103 at 6:00 PM.

Period Music by the
Philadelphia Brigade Band,
Period Dancing: Dance
Masters and amenities in the
magnificent Lincoln Ballroom
at the Union League House.
Period Attire is encouraged.
Black Tie with Miniatures or
formal attire welcomed.
Dinner and dancing: Cost is
\$95 per person.
Accommodations will be
available at the Inn of the
League.

Information: Jim Mundy 215-
587-5592 or:

mundyj@unionleague.org

URL: www.unionleague.org

February 10, 2012
***Annual Lincoln Birthday
Celebration Parade and***

***Ceremonies at the Union
League.***

Civil War military units,
civilians, and heritage groups
are welcome and encouraged
to march in the parade through
Philadelphia to Independence
Hall to honor President
Lincoln on his birthday.
Participants will gather in the
Meade Room of the Union
League, 140 S. Broad St. by
11AM.

Convenient parking is
available on a limited basis
near the Union League prior to
11AM.

Color Guards, Firing Party,
music, and wreaths are
appreciated. There will be a
complimentary lunch for the
participants at 12 noon. After
the parade ALL are invited to
return to the League via coach
for refreshments in the historic
Meredith Café. To register:
Contact: Dr. Andy Waskie.
215-204-5452

andy.waskie@temple.edu

Sunday, February 19, 2012
***14th Annual Meade Society
Symposium: "General
Meade's Campaigns of 1862"***

Featuring noted historians,
speakers, and authors on
Philadelphia, General Meade
and the Civil War, as well as
books, prints and raffles. 12
Noon – 5PM.

Conservatory at West Laurel
Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd,
PA. Cost: \$30 per person
including registration;
luncheon and refreshments
Contact: Jerry McCormick
215-848-7753
Jerry McCormick
gedwinmc@msn.com

Saturday, February 25, 2012
***Annual Octavius V. Catto
Honor Ceremony***

Corner: 6th and Lombard
Streets, Philadelphia, PA at 11
AM.

Honoring the great Black
civil rights and military leader
with a wreath laying

ceremony. All military units,
period civilians, veterans and
heritage groups are encouraged
to participate. Colors, wreaths
and music encouraged.

PA National Guard Award
Ceremony to follow for new
'Catto Medal'
Information: Dr. Andy Waskie
215-204-5452 or
andy.waskie@temple.edu

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Civil War Trivia

1. Where did the largest
cavalry battle of the war take
place?
2. Who took over "Stonewall"
Jackson's division after
Jackson's death at
Chancellorsville?
3. What Kentucky battle also
has, as part of its landscape, a
Bull Run?
4. What was the nickname of
the Irish Brigade?
5. Who or what was "the Child
of the Storm" ?

Answers on last page.

**Winterize your
Gear NOW!**

Now that Remembrance
Day is over its time to clean
your gear! Don't just throw
everything in the closet until
spring and hope that your gear
and uniform will clean itself.
Take some time to thoroughly
clean and oil your musket.
Soldiers spent the majority of
their time in camp making sure
their muskets were clean and
in proper working order. Clean
and repair your uniform,
replace buttons, patch up weak
spots and really make your
uniform look good. The better
you clean and maintain you
uniform, the longer it will last.
Clean your leathers and boots.
Use saddle soap and leather

grease before you store your
leather goods for the winter. If
you spend the time now, your
gear and uniform will be ready
to go in the spring and you will
help prolong the life of your
equipment. Any questions
about the care for any part of
your impression please let me
know.

Your Obedient Servant,

John J Green
1st Sergeant
28th PVI

**Outside the Farb
Tent!**

***Installment #7: Basics
Revisited—It All
Depends On You***

As we pen this edition of
Outside the Farb Tent!, the
Remembrance Day activity is
still fresh in everyone's minds.
The success of this past
weekend, as well as all other
unit events, depends upon
individual commitment to
show up, participate, and
support your "brothers in
arms" in our most worthy
collective endeavors.

As emphasized in our
previous columns, free
authenticity comes with the
ongoing pursuit of knowledge;
the knowledge to skillfully
portray a Union infantry
soldier. Your skill at
portraying your particular rank
in the field influences the
quality of the entire unit's
portrayal. The recent
Gettysburg event marks a
conclusion of sorts to our year.
We have logged quite a bit of
field time by now and the
inclination may be to see
ourselves as being at a peak in
knowledge and portrayal of
military skill and practice. The
thought of drill composed of
the basics seems boring and
mundane for this time of year.

Who needs it right? Answer: We all do. Only through constantly and consistently revisiting the fundamental precepts of alignment, movement, and responsibilities in the field can we truly achieve a peak. It is an ongoing process for us just as it was for our forebears.

Revisiting the maneuvers we were required to perform during the parade and running them through your mind can illustrate how to improve the very basic building blocks of infantry movements on the field. The specific points that follow are all found in Casey's School of the Soldier. Beginning of the book; first few chapters, The Basics. The single most important technique of infantry formations is touch of the elbows, whether we are forming the company, marching by the flank (column of fours) or in the line of battle (company front), the soldier in the ranks should *always* lightly touch elbows with the man on either side of them. There is no other way to maintain alignment. If this is not occurring and you are not in elbow contact with the person next to you, something is wrong and needs to be fixed.

Fixing our formation on the march is a function of the corporals. While marching in a line of battle (company front), this most demanding and necessary job falls on the 2 corporals in the center of the front rank. They must constantly glance at the direction of the guide (typically left – the 2nd Sgt.) and keep the line straight and aligned. This is done by verbally correcting and communicating to the men while (you guessed it) maintaining light elbow contact. A corporal should always monitor the step of the

unit and “call cadence” when needed. Marching by the right flank, the corporal on the right must march directly behind the 1st Sgt. This is critical for the alignment of the entire company. A corporal must be thinking and paying attention constantly to the quality of the formation. Do not be shy in correcting; it is your responsibility!

While in column of companies, “right in front” the guide is left. Our company front must be aligned with the 2nd Sgt. on the far left of the company. If the man to the right of the 2nd Sgt. maintains elbow contact, as well as every man across the company front, we march forward in a straight line. The challenge to the 2nd Sgt. is in judging the distance between our company front and our company commander (who is leading ahead of the center of our front rank). If the 2nd Sgt. does not pay attention, he risks running the company up the back of the company commander. The sergeants and corporals must keep in mind that it is they who must maintain order and alignment within the company. The officers are busy keeping our company position relative to the rest of the battalion. They cannot and should not have to make the constant corrections within our company formation. They rely on the men wearing the chevrons to take care of business where required.

The infantry company is composed (or should be composed) of more privates than officers, sergeants and corporals. The company cannot perform successfully without skilled, motivated privates. The private needs to constantly monitor his position in relation to the man next to him, be it front, rear, left or right. Elbow contact lads; it can't be emphasized enough!

If we are marching in a company front (line of battle), remember that elbow touch to the “guide” side is most important. Be aware how that front rank is kept in order; 2nd Sgt. serving as left guide, men across the front all touching elbows lightly, corporals keeping the whole line straight and in step. During a wheel to either side, elbow contact is essential. A wheel cannot succeed without every private concentrating on his own alignment. The rear rank private should not only ensure elbow contact side to side, but also maintain a correct interval behind the man directly in front of him. The correct distance is most easily estimated by placing your elbow at your side and extending your forearm towards the man in front of you. Your fingertips should just reach his back. Additionally, your head should be directly behind the head of the man you are following.

Marching by the flank (column of fours) requires similar principles. Touch of elbows among the rank of four men, each following rank marching aligned so that their heads are directly behind the heads of their file leaders. If done correctly, there could be one hundred men marching in your file ahead of you and all you would see is the head of the man directly in front of you. The main difference here is the interval between a rank of four and the rank ahead of them. The interval here is roughly the distance of a fully extended arm's length between you and the man you are following. When we front into a line of battle, this allows space for the ranks to un-double. Failure to allow this space results in the familiar halt, front, bunching up and the request to give right, give left, etc.

All of these points are necessary for basic company movements. None of us are exempt; we all have a contribution to make. Remember *your* job in formation and maneuvers based upon *your* rank. Please take some time over the winter to review the basics in Casey's Tactics. This is extremely important for all of us as the desire to learn and improve should never stop. Be willing to drill and accept instruction. Both of those things happen only in the spirit of improving our impressions and better honoring the veterans of 1861-1865. Keep the basic details in mind and we will continue to improve and be the best. Make the spirits of the original 28th soldiers proud.

As always, we thank you for your time and attention. It is our hope that you find this column informative and useful. If you have questions regarding any installment or suggestions for future topics, please contact us and we will make every effort to incorporate your ideas as well as to answer your queries on the spot. We remain your humble and obedient servants.

Fraternally and respectfully,
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Editor's Note: Casey's Infantry tactics can be accessed online at:
http://www.64thill.org/drillmanuals/caseys_infantrytactics/index.htm

Civil War Battles

Fredericksburg

Other Names: Marye's Heights

Location: Spotsylvania County and Fredericksburg

Campaign: Fredericksburg Campaign (November-December 1862)

Date(s): December 11-15, 1862

Principal Commanders: Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside [US]; Gen. Robert E. Lee [CS]

Forces Engaged: 172,504 total (US 100,007; CS 72,497)

Estimated Casualties: 17,929 total (US 13,353; CS 4,576)

Description: On November 14th, Burnside, now in command of the Army of the Potomac, sent a corps to occupy the vicinity of Falmouth near Fredericksburg. The rest of the army soon followed. Lee reacted by entrenching his army on the heights behind the town. On December 11th, Union engineers laid five pontoon bridges across the Rappahannock under fire. On the 12th, the Federal army crossed over, and on December 13th, Burnside mounted a series of futile frontal assaults on Prospect Hill and Marye's Heights that resulted in staggering casualties. Meade's division, on the Union

left flank, briefly penetrated Jackson's line but was driven back by a counterattack. Union Generals C. Feger Jackson and George Bayard, and Confederate generals Thomas R.R. Cobb and Maxey Gregg were killed. On December 15th, Burnside called off the offensive and re-crossed the river, ending the campaign. Burnside initiated a new offensive in January 1863, which quickly bogged down in the winter mud. The abortive "Mud March" and other failures led to Burnside's replacement by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker in January 1863.

Result(s): Confederate victory

Presidential Trivia

This column will feature a different President every issue.

John Tyler-10th 1841-1845

-President Tyler was never elected President. He was on his knees playing marbles when informed that he had become president upon the death of Harrison.

-President Tyler was the first president to have his veto overridden by Congress (March 3, 1845).

-He joined the Confederacy when the Civil War started. Tyler was elected to the Confederate House of Representatives.

-Tyler's second wife started the tradition of having "Hail to the Chief" when he appeared at state functions.

-He had 15 children, the most of any president.

-John Tyler died in 1862 and was buried in Richmond, pointedly ignored by the federal government as a sworn enemy of the U.S. He was 71 years and 295 days old.

Music on the March!

Founded in 1991 by brothers Ken and Bruce Cavender of Company C, *the 28th Pennsylvania Regimental Brass Band* was incorporated in 1998 as a non-profit Pennsylvania educational corporation. On Saturday, November 19th, several former members convened at Spangler's Spring with the objective of the restoration of this long dormant organization. The Band's By-Laws were officially amended to more accurately accommodate the present composition and objectives of the organization. Although the Band is an independent entity, all of its "Regular Members" are now required to be active dues-paying members of the *28th Pennsylvania Historical Association*.

Elections were held to establish current corporate officers. They are:
President: Ken Cavender
Vice-President: Tom Mort
Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff Heagy

The results of this Special Meeting have now been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State. The members of the Band look forward to a fresh and fulfilling future as living historians with the *28th Pennsylvania Historical Association*.

Their next scheduled performance is set for Sunday, December 4th at the GAR Civil War Museum and

Library. You can follow the Band at www.28thpaband.org

Faithfully submitted,

Mus. Jeff Heagy, PCC
Adjutant, Candy's Brigade Band

Notices

Military Election Results

Please note that there were no elections for officers this year as they are 2 year terms. Capt. Mike Harris and Lt. Chris Harris as well as Bvt. Lt. Karl Dunkleberger will retain their positions for next year.

1st Sgt. John Green
2nd Sgt. Ken Gavin
1st Cpl. Andy Carr
2nd Cpl. Tony Matijasick
3rd Cpl. Dennis Burke
4th Cpl. Rick Metzger
1st. Bvt. Cpl. Keith Howe
2nd Bvt. Cpl. EJ Lennox

Association Elections

At the February meeting, elections will be held for Association Officers. As you know, I am stepping down as President. Also stepping down will be our Civilian Coordinator, Angie Manning.

As of now, I have received the following nominations:

President: Ken Gavin
Vice-President: Russ Manning
Treasurer: John Green
Secretary: Any Carr
Civ. Coord.: Sue Metzger

Nominations will close on Jan. 1st, so if you have anyone that you would like to see nominated, please let me know before then.

Tony Matijasick
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A note of thanks

As you know, recently we were honored to have Tim Orr, author of *The Last to Leave the Field*, speak to us at Remembrance Day. He truly had an inspirational speech. He

sent a note of thanks to me. I felt obligated to forward some of it along to you. He writes:

“Laura and I had a wonderful time meeting you and the other lads of the 28th Pennsylvania. Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to speak at the monument. Having spent so much time researching the 28th, I felt honored to stand in the presence of so many people dedicated to carrying on the history of that special regiment.

Please do send along a 2012 event schedule when you can. I would like to join you all again in the future. I still have a few items to purchase (items that I never got around to getting because of my Berdan SS impression), but I should be good to go 28th PA-wise by this coming summer. Oh, and please let me know where I might get one of those corps badges with the number 28 carved into it. I've seen images of the real thing before, but I never knew that anyone made reproductions. They look awesome.

I'm not yet certain how many events I can get to this coming year. It's about a six-hour trip for me from Norfolk to eastern PA, but I'll try my best to clear some weekends.

In any event, I had a great time. Please give my best to the rest of the unit.
Tim

28th Association Meeting

The next meeting of the 28th will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 2012 at the home of Ed and Kathy Berna's son in Bensalem PA. Additional information will go out to all in the near future.

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Frankford Monument Update

I am pleased to announce that with the help of the 28th, Camp 1, SUVCW and the Ladies Auxiliary, that all of the stones have been received and are installed. There were many groups and individuals that have helped make this project possible.

Phase two of this project will be to complete the restoration of the obelisk itself.

We have now announced a date for the dedication. It will be held on Saturday, May 12th, 2012 at 12 Noon. We are expecting between 150-200 people to attend as well as TV and News media and the Mayor of Philadelphia.

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Website

<http://www.28thpvi.net>

Our web site is up and running. Take time to check it out and thank Jeff Heagy for his work. If you have anything that you would like to see on it, contact Jeff. Pictures, stories, etc... Contact Jeff at: heagmeister@verizon.net

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Trivia Answers

1. Brandy Station Virginia,
June 9, 1863.
2. Maj. Gen Edward Johnson
3. Perryville
4. Sons of Erin
5. West Virginia