

*THE SAME RAIN FALLS ON BOTH FRIEND AND FOE*

# THE CYCLORAMA

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN CAMP #4  
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## Camp Commanders 2010 Message

It seems, as if it might have been only yesterday. However, 12 months have passed and the Logan Camp is a year older and I have been your Camp Commander.

At that time I presented to you, my "Incoming Commanders Report." In which I stated a few of our goals as:

1. a substantial increase in our membership and attendance
2. provide stimulating speakers at our Educational Meetings
3. afford opportunities of Civil War interest beyond Raleigh
4. continued participation in the works we are already dedicated to Memorial Day - Bennett Place - ROTC Awards to name a few
5. place us on a firm financial footing

Let us look at the results. My personal goal for 2009 was five new members, and we obtained that for an approximate 20% increase. We have provided you with six speakers, and I will let you judge their quality for yourself. We planed day trips to Russ Wunker's house, which had to be canceled due to lack of response. A joint trip to the Florence National Cemetery and Stockade with one member participating. A well attended battleground tour of the Bentonville Battlefield with Fred Burt as our guide.

We continue to participate in Memorial Day ceremonies, Bennett Place activities, increased our ROTC awards, Fourth of July events in Capital Park. In addition, we added recruiting activities at Fort Fisher.

As to matters financial, we remain on sound footing. However, I am disappointed that we were

unable to improve our situation.

In addition to meeting our goals, we were able to achieve other successes. We have purchased, as mentioned elsewhere, our new Camp flag, which will be with us for years to come. We have instituted a program where those who wish can join in fellowship, have

supper, and meet our speaker and distinguished guests. Our website has expanded its content to include an ancestor's page and a offer to provide anyone with a Civil War relative buried in Raleigh National Cemetery a gravestone photo and details of that individual. In addition, we are now linked to the National SUVCW Graves Registration site

The above is a review of my first year as Camp Commander but I draw your attention to the repeated use of "we." Yes, it is my report, but we did it. We as a Camp worked and participated in all these events in order that they might happen. Let us hope that we will have an even better 2010. Thank you for allowing me to be your Commander



Commander Farrell in the Logan Camp Booth on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations at the Raleigh Capital Square

## Welcome PCC Jerry Divine

We are indeed fortunate this month to have Past Camp Commander Jerry Divine as our featured speaker. Up until last month, Jerry had commanded the Major General Thomas H. Ruger Camp #1, Fayetteville. He has traveled here this evening to present his talk ***"A Study of Civil War Prisons"*** and I will attest, having heard this discussion, it will be both stimulating and enlightening.



In addition to his vigorous medical practice in Lumberton North Carolina, Dr. Divine has an abiding interest in the Civil War. His great-grandfather served with the 133<sup>rd</sup> New York(USA), "Metropolitan Guard, Second Regiment" which was recruited under the auspices of the police in Metropolitan New York. In addition, he had a great great, uncle, who served faithfully with the 10<sup>th</sup> Tennessee (CSA)

Jerry has indicated that he is looking forward to meeting a number of old friends here. And we encourage those of you who are former members of the Ruger Camp to make a concerted effort to meet with Jerry and of course, Commander Doug.

## Induction of New Officers

For our January meeting, we will be honored with the presence of the Commander of the Department of North Carolina, Brother Doug Ewell. In addition to his annual attendance at our Camp meeting, he has graciously agreed to induct our Officers for Camp year 2010.

## A Proud Addition.

This January's meeting encompasses a number of unique happenings. A visit by the Department Commander, induction of five new members, induction of Camp officers, a featured speaker are on the list.

But the event that should give us the most pride

will be the unfurling of on new Camp flag. Officers will change, other new members will join our ranks. But this new banner will lead the Logan Camp for years to come.

Photos will be taken to commemorate this event in our newsletter. Please avoid extreme casual attire. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

## A Toast to the Flag

The January meeting will occasion a number of special events. The first of which will occur immediately after the Pledge to the Flag. Charter Member, Brother Richard Ripley will recite the most moving ***"Toast to the Flag"***



When you have heard and witnessed Rip's version of this motivating tribute to our National standard you will never look upon the American flag with the same emotions as previous.

I have heard Rip honor our flag previously and I am delighted that Rip has agreed to honor us with this moving impression.

## The Flag of the 133<sup>rd</sup> New York

On September 18, 1862, at Camp Arthur, Staten Island, Colonel Leonard Currie and the 133<sup>rd</sup> Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry received the regimental color seen here from the citizens of New York City through Captain John J. Mount, Metropolitan Police.



The regiment carried the color on campaign through October 1864. Ball, Black & Company, a jewelry firm on Broadway, New York City, manufactured the flag. This 77" x 77" blue, silk color features an embroidered federal eagle, in flight clutching a national flag in its beak, and embroidered battle honors, added later, commemorating the regiment's service.

*(Ed, Note - This is the flag which our Speakers ancestor fought under)*

## **Preserving the Memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and our Ancestors who Fought to Preserve the Union 1861 - 1865**

The above-mentioned caption is the motto of our national organization. I believe that each of us were motivated to join this Camp in order to preserve the memory of those relatives who served during those troubled times.

With that in mind, we once again appeal to each of you to submit an article or whatever information you might have on your ancestor so that we can include them both in the Cyclorama and the Ancestors page of our website. Please keep in mind that you are not limited to the number of ancestors you may include nor the side for which they fought. Also your editor would be willing to assist you in your efforts.

### **Winter Reminder**

In addition to being a prudent and convenient policy and the fact that we are hosted in a Wake County facility, again this year, we will adhere to the following policy.

Our evening meetings will be **canceled** if on that Thursday the Wake County School System was closed.



You will be notified by e-mail regarding the rescheduled meeting.

### **The Frontier Wasn't Always in the West**

Recently a while doing research on the Vermont in the Civil War website. I continued to see a reference to the Frontier Cavalry which confused me. Like so many others the frontier to me, always related to the western states, not New York, Vermont and Massachusetts.

Read on and learn about a bit of obscure Civil War history. You might wish to visit Vermont in the Civil War, as it is a huge, extremely comprehensive website.

### **Frontier Cavalry (aka 26th New York Cavalry)**



By Hon. Josiah Grout, Major Frontier Cavalry.

*The Frontier Cavalry was born of a frontier fear created by the St. Albans raid. This raid was perpetrated by a few daring Southern refugees, or, perhaps more properly speaking, spies who gathered in St. Albans from Montreal, and in open day appeared at points covering the banks and in the twinkle of an eye, robbed them of their contents, returning to Canada. They fled mounted, securing horses from the livery stables. The principal features accomplished by the raid, were bank booty, livery horses and fear.*

*The whole northern frontier was in a short time guarded by a provisional force raised and equipped hastily for temporary service, which was soon succeeded by troops from the invalid corps and a regiment of cavalry. The raid was in the fall of 1864, and the frontier cavalry was recruited early the following winter. This organization was composed to seven companies from New York, three companies from Massachusetts, and two from Vermont. The regiment was never in camp together, and rendered its service during the winter and early summer of 1865 in detachments stations at points contiguous to Canada, in New York, and the two Vermont companies at Burlington and St. Albans.*

*These two companies were organized at Burlington by General Washburn early in January, 1865, where they remained quartered in barracks on the old fair ground until midwinter, when they moved to St. Albans into new barracks. They continued in these new quarters until the*

*latter part of June, when, with the balance of the regiment, they were mustered out, the war having closed.*

*At Burlington they were occupied with daily drill on foot and the ordinary duties of camp life. On reaching St. Albans, they received horses and soon became quite proficient troopers. Picket duty was regularly observed and all the expedients, customary in such service, resorted to for occupying the soldiers, and upon the whole they were a well behaved command.*

*The regiment was called the Twenty-sixth New York Cavalry and the Governor of New York issued all the commissions above the line.*

*The two Vermont companies were denominated the First and Second Vermont Companies of Frontier Cavalry.*

*The Vermont soldiers on the frontier service did not encounter danger or hardship, yet they did promptly, patriotically and faithfully all they found to do, and being ready for any emergency, as in equipment and preparation they always were, would gladly have met the more earnest work of the war had not its happy termination prevented.*

*From the Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General's 1865 Report:*

*On the nineteenth of December, 1864, authority was given by the War Department to Major General John A. Dix, commanding the Department of the East, to raise one regiment of cavalry for service in his department. On the twenty-eighth of December authority was given by Major Gen. Dix to the Governor of Vermont to raise within the State two companies of cavalry, as a part of such regiment, and on the twenty-ninth of December General Order No. 6, was issued, authorizing enlistments for such companies, and prescribing the time. Within a very few days nearly eight hundred recruits were offered for these companies. From the recruits thus offered the number assigned to each Congressional District and*

*mustered into the service of the United States; and on the tenth of January, 1865, both companies, with one hundred and three men each, were organized by the election of company officers.*

*The remaining companies of the regiment were raised in the States of Massachusetts and New York; and it was ordered by Major General Dix, that all the Field Officers of the regiment be commissioned by the Governor of the State of New York,--the Colonel and Junior Major upon the recommendation of the Governor of the State of Massachusetts,--the Lieutenant Colonel and Senior Major upon the recommendation of the Governor of the State of New York,--and the second Major upon the recommendation of the Governor of the State of Vermont. The Governor of this State recommended, as Second Major, Captain Josiah Grout, Jr.,--commanding the company known as the First Vermont Company of Vermont Cavalry,--and he was commissioned accordingly.*

Source: VermontCivilWar.Org Database  
Creator/Webmaster: Tom Ledoux

### **Tickets on Sale for Largest Civil War Reenactment in North Carolina in 2010: 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville**



Advance tickets are now available for purchase for the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina's largest Civil War re-enactment, slated for March 20-21, 2010, at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. Advance tickets — purchased before March 1, 2010 — are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children aged 7-12. After March 1, tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children 6 and under attend free.

One of the easiest way to secure tickets is by visiting, There is no ticket surcharge <http://www.bentonvillebattlefield.com/ticket.html>

Bentonville Battlefield is the largest Civil War battlefield in the state and the site of the only offensive battle to stop General William T. Sherman's march from Atlanta, Ga. This was the last major battle fought during the Civil War, with over 80,000 troops engaged covering 6,000 acres of farm land in Eastern North Carolina. More than 3,500 re-enactors and 30,000 spectators are expected to attend the event, which includes two battles, military and civilian encampments and special educational programs over a two-day period.

The 2010 event is being sponsored by the Bentonville Battlefield Historical Association (BBHA), the Johnston County Visitors Bureau and the N.C. Division of Historic Sites, a division of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the state historic site.

Tickets can be purchased in person by visiting the site's visitor center, or by visiting the online store at [www.bentonvillebattlefield.com](http://www.bentonvillebattlefield.com). Tickets can also be purchased by mailing a check to: Bentonville 145<sup>th</sup> Event Tickets, P.O. Box 432, Newton Grove, NC 28366. Checks should be payable to the BBHA.

"We're very excited about the amount of interest we've had in tickets so far, and we're looking forward to a tremendous event in March," said Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site Manager Donny Taylor.

The battlefield is located three miles north of Newton Grove on U.S. 701 and then three miles east on S.R. 1008. For more information, call (910) 594-0789 or visit the Web site at [www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bentonvi/bentonvi.htm).

**As you know the Camp has committed to be**

**present for this event along with other North Carolina Camps. We submit this article for your information.**

### Recent Death

In mid-November the Camp learned of the passing of Brother Jim Davis' father. The loss of a close family member is always a sad occasion but fortunately we are surrounded by friends and family who enable us to pass through this trying time.

Upon instruction the Camp Secretary sent Jim a sympathy card on behalf of the members of the camp. I am certain that Jim realizes that each and every member retains him and his immediate family in their thoughts.

### Sesquicentennial - 150 years ago

January 2, 1860 - The Louisiana State Seminary of Higher Learning is established at Pineville, Louisiana. William Tecumseh Sherman is Superintendent. It later becomes LSU. Louisiana State University.

January 5, 1860 - Jefferson Davis comes out in favor of secession for the first time.

The Henry repeating rifle is patented and production starts slowly.



U.S. population totals 31 million, about half of whom live west of the Appalachian Mountains. The population center is 20 miles southeast of Chillicothe, Ohio. The population includes 4.5 million African Americans, of whom 4 million are enslaved.

Baseball is becoming popular in New York and Boston. The price of a haircut went from 10 to 12 cents.

The Comstock Lode is discovered in Washoe, Nevada. It will end up paying for much of the Civil War. It will bring about the town of Virginia City, Nevada City, where Samuel Clemmons will write for the Local paper as Mark Twain.

Jules Leotard, becomes the first flying trapeze artist at the Cirque Napoleon in Paris. His name will be applied to his tights and the song "That Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze" is written about him.

"Old Black Joe" by Stephen C Foster is a popular song.

*"...If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack,  
and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours  
shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth  
of life remain in us...."*

*John A. Logan*

### **The Cyclorama**

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