

THE SAME RAIN FALLS ON BOTH FRIEND AND FOE



THE CYCLORAMA

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Logan Camp Recruits at Bennett Place

By Brother Dan Hopping

On April 17 and 18 The Bennett Place Historic Site held the 145th reenactment of the surrender of General Johnston to General Sherman. Our own Brother John Guss brilliantly portrayed General Sherman.



The displays brought the people to our booth and we were able to engage them in conversation and obtained several potential new recruits.



Cavalry escorts for Sherman and Johnston line up next to the Bennett farm house at the start of the negotiations.

The simple Bennett farmhouse was situated between Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's headquarters in Greensboro, and Union Gen. William T. Sherman's headquarters in Raleigh. In April 1865, the two commanders met at the Bennett Place, where they signed surrender papers for Southern armies in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida. It was the largest troop surrender of the American Civil War.

The Logan Camp put a recruiting booth at the site both days and displayed many artifacts, badges, Civil War weapons and a display of camp food. Living historians portrayed both Confederate and Union cavalry escorts for the generals.



The living historians set up an encampment and visitors had to get a pass from the Provost in order to visit the camps. The Camps were historically correct and were quite educational for the visitors.



Kind Words

By Commander Bob Farrell

I would like to pass on to you a recent e-mail sent to me by Brother John Guss

You and the members will never know how grateful I am to the Sons of Union Veterans, John Logan Camp for the devoted support and professional presentation your organization brings to Bennett Place. I wish the organization much continued success and longevity, and will do what I can to support the organization as a member

God Save the Union!!

John

These are very kind words from a grateful Site Manager and I am certain they are delivered with pride from a Camp member for the support of his Camp.

For those of us who have attended this event for the last three years and those who have joined us each year we are grateful for their participation. Those who assist at our informational booth soon discover that it is a lot of fun and a pleasure to be able to instruct the public about our veterans.

It is our intention to participate again in 2011, mark your calendars early so that you too can enjoy the experience.

Bentonville 145th Reenactment

By Brother Dan Hopping

I feel sorry for any Civil War fan that missed the 145th Anniversary of the 1865 Battle of Bentonville, NC. The anniversary was held on the actual battlefield, on the actual days of the battle - March 19, 20, 21. 3,200 Living historians re-enacted two of the battles that took place on that last battlefield of the War.



Two canon batteries, two cavalry troops and over 3,000 infantry dug in, charged, retreated and actually gave a brilliant feeling of what it must have been like to see a battle. Dozens of flags flying, thousands of shiny bayonets on muskets roaring and smoke that obscured the field sent a chill down your spine. The canon reports made your insides vibrate out of synch and you could feel the ground shake.



The Artillery Commander was Major James Lynch who is an SUVCW brother from Toms River, Virginia. In the Artillery was a shiny brass canon owned by Art Sherri, who at 81 was the oldest re-enactor on the field. The artillery was Federal on Saturday and Confederate on Sunday.



The same for the cavalry. These were very versatile re-enactors.



The Harper House was used during the battle as a field hospital and it was set up as a museum to show what the building would have looked like during the battle. In the woods and around the Harper House were the Union and Confederate camps set up accurate to the period.



Many sutlers set up in the field near the road selling many items and reproductions from the period.

The Ruger Camp from Fayetteville organized a recruiting booth near the Information Center. Brothers Farrell, St. Andrews, and Hopping helped in the booth during the event.



Four weeks after the Battle of Bentonville General Sherman and General Johnston met and

negotiated the surrender of the Confederate forces.

Third Annual NC Departmental Encampment

By Brother Bob Farrell

Saturday morning, April 10th was a beautiful day to travel to Kinston, North Carolina and participate in the Third Annual Departmental Encampment. This event was hosted for the Department by the North Carolina Union Volunteers Camp #5. We assembled at the Lenore County Visitor Center in Kinston for the business portion of the day.

However before I get into the events of the morning I would like to recommend to you all a visitation to this little Civil War jewel. The building is just full of the Civil War artifacts and relics many of which relate to the Battle of Wyse Fork. It makes a perfect day trip allowing you to satisfy your Civil War interest and your better half will be delighted when you take her to the Lennox Factory Outlet. Now back to the events of the day.

Brothers Reeve, Moore, Wunker, Farrell, St. Andrews and Hopping were in attendance from the Logan Camp. Brothers St. Andrew and Hopping are Department Officers, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander, respectively



The meeting began promptly at 10 a.m. with the opening ceremonies and shortly after that began with old business. I will merely highlight matters of interest.

The Department flag has been ordered.

Policy on Past Commanders: past camp commanders who served prior to the organization of the department and who joined another at-large camp retain their rights as past camp commanders including voting membership in the department encampment. This directly affects our own PCC Larry Blumatte (Ruger Camp) Appointment Cmdr Wendell Small was

appointed chair of an exploratory committee to determine interest in, financial and logistical feasibility, for the placement of a marker or monument at Bentonville

Future Encampments:

Ruger Camp #1 offered to host the 8/9 Apr 2011 Encampment in Fayetteville and the Gibbon-Burke Camp #2 offered to host the 2012 encampment, probably in Salisbury. Camp #5 will consider hosting the 2014 Encampment in New Bern, the 100th Anniversary of the last G.A.R. VA & NC Department meeting North Carolina.



Department Elections:

The following department officers were elected by a unanimous vote and installed:

- 1) Douglas P. Elwell – Cmdr
- 2) Dennis C. St. Andrew – DSVC
- 3) Daniel Hopping - DJVC
- 4) Wendell G. Small, Jr. –Secretary/Treasurer
- 5) Stephen L. Sayko – Council #1
- 6) Samuel A. Moore – Council #2
- 7) Yale Mooers – Council #3

Shortly after this meeting was adjourned and we took leave of the visitors center and removed to the famous King 's BBQ where all enjoyed their buffet. This was followed by an excellent patriotic program by local historian Dr. Donald E. Collins.

For brevity I encapsulated the business portion of the meeting, however if you were to wish a complete report feel free to contact me.

Summer Get-Together Plans Underway

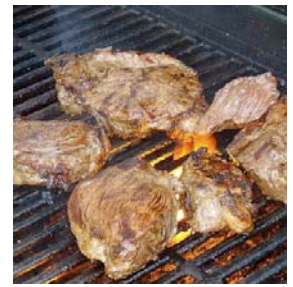
By Commander Bob Farrell

Thursday, July 22nd is the date set aside for our Summer Get-Together which will be in the form of a picnic which will include members, family and friends. It will afford us an opportunity to sit down and enjoy each other's fellowship.

The event will be held at the Pavilion directly opposite the Agricultural Building and just inside the cul-de-sac. It is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

with the food being served at 6:30. Departure is up to you. You will be asked to make reservations so as to ensure an adequate supply of food.

To answer the question women so often ask "can I bring anything" to that I would answer that two additional deserts would be good. Please call me on that. In the past I have always found that vanilla ice cream with spirited toppings and Georgia canteen sauce made for a friendly conclusion.



I look forward to a large turnout and much friendship.

Recognition

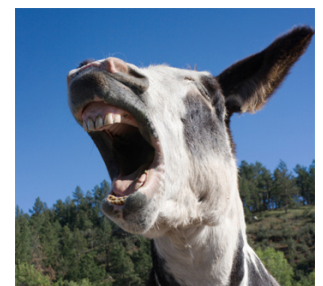
By Commander Bob Farrell

At the April, 2010 meeting of the Raleigh Civil War Round Table, your Editor was honored to receive the organizations first Honorary Lifetime Member award. This came as a result of my work of originally organizing this group and therefore identified as Founder.

From the first meeting of less than 20 people, over the last nine years the Raleigh Roundtable has grown to one of the largest groups in the country with 150+ members

After receiving the award, I later mentioned to friends that this was a Good News, Bad News event. The bad news was I really did not deserve any recognition; the good news is it is not being awarded posthumously.

Now my reason for bringing this to your attention is in paragraph two. Nine years ago that club began with less than 20 members. Three years ago we began with less than 20 members. Today, the Round Table has 150 members. Although the pool that we have to draw from for potential members is not as large, hopefully, the Commander in six years, whoever he may be, will be able to proudly point to the same percentage of growth.



We already have three of the key ingredients necessary for that growth, good speakers, a powerful website and a vibrant newsletter. In addition we present a large public presence wherever possible. The one area that can always be improved upon and done by every member of the Camp and that is old-fashioned "word of mouth." Yes that's right, it is up to you to praise your Camp at every opportunity and encourage everyone you meet to join. With the occasional recruitment opportunities combined with your one-on-one, face-to-face conversations we can swell our ranks tremendously.

Who will be the Brother who will first recruit a new member in 2010??

May's Speaker

By Commander Bob Farrell

Our speaker this month, Tom Danninger, won **The Center for Civil War Photography 2009 Volunteer of the Year** award for his help on several projects. The most notable of which is his creation of a program that automatically matched 1,100 photos plus captions and images during the upload of postwar Gettysburg photos to Yahoo's sharing site, <http://www.flickr.com/>. This was a huge undertaking.

Tom's interest in Gettysburg began when he took his wife there on their honeymoon in 1970. A fact that she proudly pointed out when I met her recently on a tour of the Confederate section in Oakwood Cemetery. He has spent the last 35 years developing software; most of that time with IBM. He retired from Big Blue in 2005. Tom lives in Cary, NC with his wife and two daughters. He enjoys finding ways of combining his interests - the Civil War, mapping, photography and software.



Tom's topic will be **"Researching Gettysburg Civil War Photographic Sites"** and having reviewed his presentation you will enjoy photos of Gettysburg seldom seen.

A Request

By Commander Bob Farrell

I have received a request from a friend of the Camp who has asked we make our members and their friends aware of a companion volume to the renowned NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

You will recall that Chuck Purser has spoken before the group and worked like a yeoman to honor both Union Soldiers in the Confederate Section of Oakwood Cemetery.

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Our Newsletter Receives Recognition

By Commander Bob Farrell

It pleases me greatly to share with you the positive recognition that your newsletter, *The Cyclorama*, has received. The major portion of this recognition should fall upon the shoulders of our Signals Officer, Brother Dan Hopping.

As Camp Commander, I was recently contacted by the National Patriotic Instructor PCC Don Martin, to review and offer suggestions on a PowerPoint presentation that he was requested to put together by Commander in Chief Kennedy. Four Commanders, geographically separated,

were asked for their comments based upon ***“because I like the work you are doing with your respective newsletters.***

In my opinion this is high praise and recognition for such a young Camp. Knowing the amount of time and work that brother Dan invests in each issue it is well deserved.

After you complete reading this May issue of *The Cyclorama* why not take the time to thank Brother Dan for his efforts

Invitation Extended

By Commander Bob Farrell

Please reserve the morning hours of Saturday, October 16, 2010 for what we are calling a **"Relic Trip and Cook Out."**



For those of you who were unable to visit Brother Russ Wunker's home and enjoy his vast collection of the Civil War relics and those of us who enjoyed the privilege, Brother Roscoe Reeve has offered to open his home to observe his collection of artifacts, including firearms and documents. Additionally he has offered to prepare a cookout for all attendees

Roscoe will receive us at his Chapel Hill home about 10:30 a.m. and we will eat at noon thus affording you the remainder of the day.

As October approaches we will be providing you with greater detail. Please mark your calendars so that you will not miss this wonderful opportunity.

Canoe Carries Curious Cargo

By Commander Bob Farrell

Wednesday, April 8, 1863 saw an extremely unusual craft make rendezvous with the *USS Richmond* below Port Hudson. Edward C.

Gabaudan, secretary to Admiral Farragut, needed to get a message to the captain of the *Richmond*, but no communications were readily available. So a canoe was decorated with sticks, branches and other rubbish until it resembled a floating log. The messenger, armed with a paddle and a pistol, lay down any time he felt he might be observed thereby successfully completing his mission



The above factoid was extracted from the Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia

"...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

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