



The Adjutant's Call

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the 4th Kentucky Infantry Regiment Company "F"

"CAPTAIN'S REPORT"

May 2007

I'm proud to say I'm a Grandpa. My daughter Holly was due to deliver the weekend of Resaca, but my new granddaughter, Olivia Kate Lankster decided she would help out her Grandpa and came 3 weeks early. So I can say "on to Resaca."

Selma, Alabama...Wet, but fun! Only thing I can say about the 4th Ky., is no matter how bad the conditions are, we always have fun. We had 13 men present for this max effort event. Long drive, but General Rambo & Col. Neal spoke highly of the 4th Ky. for making such a long trip. Gen. Rambo told the crowd at the cemetery ceremony about how proud he was that we came such a long way to honor the men we portray. He even got the rest of the army to give us 3 cheers. There was a great turnout for this event, around 500 soldiers and 14 artillery pieces. I felt bad for the folks at Selma. Because of the rain, they had to cancel Saturday's battle, and during Sunday's battle, only a few spectators showed up. But we still had a good fight. Selma had reconstructed a large section of Earthworks and had a house built to burn down during the fight. There's something we don't see that often. The boys in the 33rd Alabama threw a good party on Friday night. I believe George got his fill of steamed crawfish. The Alabama boys' apple pie was a little weak on taste for the Kentuckians, but Dr. Harley produced some fine spices to make the pie taste better. We had one of the best skirmish drills we ever had and it showed during the battle on Sunday. Boys, the drilling really pays off in the end. Several other reenactors came up to me to congratulate the 4th on our professionalism. Thanks men for making and doing the 4th Ky. proud, even if we were in Blue.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND:

- Having the Florida boys fall in with us.
- Watching the lady chase her husband with a skillet "The Monitor."
- The boys playing dominoes in their tent during the rain.
- The dance on Saturday night.
- The best part of the weekend– the march to the cemetery and the cemetery program to honor the Confederates who are buried there.
- Seeing General Hardee's grave.

Next Event....On to Resaca

May 19– 20, 2007

Resaca, Georgia

www.georgiadiivision.org

Uniform: Confederate– This is a battalion event, so we will be under the command of Col. Neal & Col. Gray.

Tents: We will be sleeping in the trenches, campaign-style, so bring your dog tents or anything you can carry in to make a shelter, such as a shebang. Watch the weather and if it calls for rain, bring your A-frames. If the weather is too bad like at Selma, we will not sleep in the mud of the trenches, but will put up tents in camps. Be prepared to go either way. Better to have A- frames in the trucks and not use them, than to have a flood & you be miserable.

Food: On your own– plan on eating out of your haversack the weekend. I'll have some small skilletts you can borrow. George– bring the coffee pot. There will not be a cooler tent this weekend, so bring food that will not spoil. Bacon will keep all weekend in a haversack without going bad. You can always go to Sutlerville for their food if you have to, but this could be a good time to try, for one weekend, to live like they did, sleep, and eat in the trenches, and not going back to the car for food and drinks.

Ammo: 80 rounds

Fees: \$6.00 pre-registered (closed), \$10.00 on-site

Other items: Let's plan on meeting in the parking lot Friday night at 7:00 to march in as a unit. This will give Camp Thompson some time to be open on Friday night. Plan on carrying in everything you need for the weekend on your back, like they did. The battalion will camp campaign-style in the Confederate camp on Friday night. We will march out to battle Saturday with full packs. After the battle, we will set up camp as a battalion in the trenches. We will have pickets posted all night. I'll make time for everyone to be able to visit Sutlerville. We will wear our packs for the battle on Sunday, then march back to our cars to head home.

Your Obedient Servant,

C.H. Johnston

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FIRST CORPORAL'S REPORT

145th Anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh
Shiloh National Battlefield, Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee

The 4th Ky had 14 members present for this max effort event. We had great attendance and it was just a fun weekend.

Highlights

- Getting to drill and do the show for the public on the real battlefield.
- Having the big Shelby tents to sleep in. Thanks to the Park Service for the wood & straw.
- The food. Thanks to George and all his helpers.
- The giant chicken & eggs, Tittle & Nat “found” them someplace. Adair never “found” anything that big.
- Col. Gray’s black horse. He didn’t like some of the orders the Colonel gave.
- Using the ramrods. We let those Alabama boys know what Kentucky thunder sounds like.
- The night walk down to the Indian mounds and seeing the beautiful Tennessee River.
- Seeing all the dogwoods, and red buds and flowers in bloom. Luther found a pretty pink flower I never saw before, and stuck it in his hat.
- During the demonstrations we were in the color company but the 33rd Alabama supplied the Color Guard. The first day we carried the longest flag in the Confederacy. The 2nd day we used the Kentucky brigade flag.
- Touring the battlefield Sunday morning. We toured mostly the Orphan Brigade’s part of the fighting on the second day. This was something we had never done before, it was very interesting. Thanks to C.H. for setting it up.

1st Corp. D.L. Smith

Next Event: Resaca, Georgia



The 4th Ky Making the Charge



Camping in the Captured Yankee Camp



Mr. Cobb's Chickens
Joined the Confederate Army



Sgt. Maj. Unfurling the
Kentucky Brigade Colors

Pre-Paid with Company Funds for Resaca
(These people committed while at Selma. I will collect at Resaca.)

Officers & NCOs

Captain, William R. Neikirk
1st Sgt., Greg Weigel
2nd Sgt., Jim Forrester
3rd Sgt., Kent Acree
1st Cpl., Steven Menefee
2nd Cpl., Mike Adams
3rd Cpl., Shannon Causey
4th Cpl., Ben Green

Privates

Raymond Asher	Seth Marshall
Brent Asher	Jack Rice
Scott Ballinger	John Roution
Harry Ehney	Steve Walton
John Hill	
Larry Jones	

On-site registration is \$10.00 for those not on this list.



Don't Mess with this Lady!



Nelson's Birthday—
The Reason for his Longevity

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2007 EVENTS

May 19-20th: Resaca, Georgia

MAX EFFORT

Battalion Event

June 23– 24: Mill Springs Artillery Living History

July 21– 22: Stones River Artillery Weekend

August 25-26th: Richmond, Kentucky Reenactment

September 29-30th: Mill Springs, Kentucky: **2007 NSA Reenactment!!** MAX EFFORT Battalion Event

November 3-4th" Nash Farms, Georgia, Reenactment, Atlanta Campaign MAX EFFORT Battalion Event

December: Stones River National Park Battalion Event

More Photos of Resaca



Forgive us!
They made us wear blue.

Foraging for Free Food



The Boys Making the Best
of a Rainy Afternoon
Playing Dominoes

