



# The Adjutant's Call

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

## "CAPTAIN'S REPORT"

September 2006

It was good to see everyone turn out for the Richmond event. We even had 5 new recruits with us. Richmond fed us well and gave us everything you need, like straw & plenty of firewood. But they still can't get the Federals to come. This was one of the largest Richmond events, but there were 24 Federals against 65 Confederates. It was a fun event for the 4th Ky.

The 4th got paid, except for George Johnston who had to give all his money to the Widow Taylor for stealing her chickens. Of course, all the men, including the Captain, enjoyed her stolen chickens. This lead George onto the path of crookedness, as he stole \$130 from the Pay Master. He paid Randall Ham & Joe Knuckles to keep quiet, but Ham, being a good soldier, turned him in. Thus, the court martial of George Johnston. After a lengthy trial and his recapture (after he ran off), he was found guilty with a sentence of guard duty, plus paying back the Pay Master. We were able to apprehend the deserter Sam Turk at Richmond. He had deserted back in June to go to Alabama. Something about a female down there he had to go see... If he had just asked, he possibly could have received a short furlough to go to Fat Anne's. Her place is a lot closer than Alabama. George will have company doing guard duty.

Half the company was transferred east to fight at First Manassas. Weather was really hot. The boys found out why it is important to drill. Saw a lot of great sites east of the mountains. Some of us went to Camp Nelson to help our pards in the 12th USCHA. This event is getting better each year. They even fed us this time! Thanks to George for doing the cooking all weekend.

### Next Event...On to Perryville

October 7 & 8,  
National Re-enactment, MAX EFFORT  
Perryville, KY  
[www.perryvillereenactment.org](http://www.perryvillereenactment.org)

**Uniform:** Confederate

**Tents:** None. I'll bring 4 flys and Nelson will bring the company fly. I'll also bring the cooler tent. The General wants to camp like Corinth last year.

**Food:** The "Useless Mess" will cook supper on Saturday night, for \$5 per person. George will keep a stew or vegetable soup going Saturday & Sunday. Breakfast is on your own. Food vendors are not far away. Remember to have food in your haversack, as we have a 7:00 a.m. battle on Saturday and I'm not sure if we will be back to camp before the 2nd battle that day.

**Ammo:** . 120 rounds- 3 battles

**Fees:** Registration is closed. Attached is a list of who has paid. We have 31 registered. Use the number listed by your name at Registration to get in, and have your drivers license ready to show. You will need to sign a waiver form at registration. Follow the signs to register at the Odd Fellows Lodge, just west of the town of Perryville.

**Other items:** NCO's: I need you there as early as you can on Friday. We will have 14 new recruits with us that weekend, & we need to drill them on Friday. New Recruits: You need to try to be at Perryville on Friday as early as possible. We will need to drill you because of the early morning battle on Saturday.

I will be arriving at Perryville Thursday morning and setting up our camp. I've volunteered to work registration Thursday afternoon & night. I'll camp on the battlefield Thursday night if anyone wants to join me. George & I will be staying on the battlefield Sunday night & leaving Monday morning if anyone wants to stay.

Perryville is not providing straw, so I will bring some from home. If any of you have some, and can bring it, please do so. You will be able to drive up to the camp & unload. Since we have 31 men registered, we won't have room for 31 coolers. Try to consolidate with each other. The plans are for 3 battles, plus I believe the whole army will pass in revue of the Governor of Kentucky. Please be flexible, as you know the big events don't always go as planned.

Your Obedient Servant,

*C. H. Johnston*  
C.H. Johnston, Captain

# FIRST CORPORAL'S REPORT

145th Anniversary of the Battle of First Manassas  
Manassas, VA/ July 21-23, 2006

It was hotter than dog crap!!! The 4th Ky had nine members present for this max effort event. The re-enactment was held on the Cedar Creek Battlefield at the Historic Bella Grove Plantation.

## Highlights

- Luther, Adair, and John B. got to go over to Virginia early and tour the Battlefield. They were met there by Sam Turk, James Tuttle, and A.J.
- Stopping at the Stone Wall Cemetery in Winchester, Va., where my Gr., Gr., Gr. Grandfather is buried. His name was Pvt. John Runyon and he was killed at the Battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864.
- Sam Marshall, Hayton, and myself touring the Battlefield of 1st Manassas on the 145th Anniversary. Being on Henry House Hill where the first great confederate victory of the Civil War was fought and General Thomas Jackson earned the nickname "Stonewall."
- Friday afternoon: Sammy Marshall, Hayton, and myself drinking at the famous Wayside Inn in Middleton. That night, going to the ice cream social (with beer) at Bella Grove Plantation, dancing with the pretty ladies. Sammy and I were rewarded with the Civil War Battle of Bull Run beer taps, and then ended back at the Wayside Inn to close it down with the Happy Fag. Sammy was "Mr. Entertainment" with the local tourists, who bought all of our beers and gave us rides.
- Falling in with the 1st Ky Regiment for the weekend. THANKS!!!! Captain Seltan and the soldiers of the 1st Ky.
- Sam Turk's new tent. Jr. has found the grave site of his alter-ego in Livingston, Ala. Way to go Sam!
- Drill was lame, but 2nd Sgt. Hayton Thompson was the man during Battalion Wheels.
- The Battle Saturday was a powder burner, the Yankess looked good doing their different impressions, but they wouldn't fall down. All in all, it was good battle.
- James Tuttle's new Kepsi!!! Thanks for letting us use your tent.

The things I did not like were:

- The 9 hour drive
- Getting hot
- Porn on t.v.
- The real shoulder arms
- All the women in the ranks

Special thanks to Sammy & A.J. for taking good care of me when I overheated.

The 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Manassas was a good weekend and the Shenandoah Valley was very beautiful.

Next event: The Battle of Richmond, Ky., August 26-27th.

Your humble servant,

*D.L. Smith*

1st Corp. D.L. Smith  
4th Ky SMS, Co. F

# FIRST CORPORAL'S REPORT

Reenactment of the Battle of Richmond  
Richmond, KY/ August 26-27, 2006

The 4th KY had a very good turn out with 22 members and recruits present for this MAX effort event.

## Highlights:

- There were too many to remember them all. We all had a great time.
- The midnight march.
- Battle first day was okay, but not many Yankees to shoot at.
- “Ridiculous” what the Colonel said when Nat put on his bayonet for the charge.
- Pay call & the trial of George Johnston. He ain’t no ordinary chicken thief.
- “Jenny of the Artillery”
- Little John being the drummer boy.
- All the publicity we got: Hartwell on the cover of the program, the Company’s picture in the program, & the company’s picture on the front page of the Richmond paper.
- Will’s memorial service. “The only good fly is a dead fly.”
- Fighting on the real battlefield.
- The Battle of Richmond Association really took good care of the reenactors– the food, ice, hay, firewood, water and the new restrooms.
- Getting our image made the old time way. The Company hasn’t done that since Chickamauga in 1993.
- Sunday’s Battle– Going out in skirmishes, then running over the Yankee’s artillery. The spectators seemed to enjoy it.
- C.H. catching Sam Turk while on his “French Leave.”

Next event will be “The Big One” at Perryville. See you there.

Your Servant,

*D.L. Smith*

1st Corporal D.L. Smith

**Pards...this was found in the National Archives in Washington. It is the 1st mention of use of the “new” Sibley tents.**

Headquarters: Camp near Lecompton  
September 24, 1856

Major:

There are for sale at Fort Leavenworth, a few circular tents, of a style patented, I understand, by Bvt. Maj. Sibley, 2nd Dragoons: they have generally been approved, without being subjected to the proper trial: Major Sibley bow lives in one which is so much liked that a number of officers have ordered them at their own expense. They will probably cover from twenty to twenty-five cavalry soldiers.

I would recommend that they be purchased, and sent to the regimental commander to be used and reported on. As they admit of a fire in the center, they will in this frosty weather conduce much– as far as they will go– to the comfort of the troops.

Very Respectfully,  
Your Servant

*George Cooke*

George Cooke

# From the Adjutant's Desk:

## Misfires & Care & Cleaning of Muskets

It has been my observation that most misfires are caused by a dirty nipple. That is because most people don't remove the nipples with every cleaning. Not every musket will misfire if you don't remove the nipple, but it is good maintenance and will usually solve a misfire problem. We get more misfires, as reenactors, because we don't shoot projectiles, and therefore, don't get the back pressure through the nipple. You might have to go back to make the nipple hole bigger to remedy this issue, but remember to NEVER shoot a live round out of an enlarged nipple, only blanks. This is because the same back pressure listed above might blow the cap off or break it causing a risk to the shooter.

Another cause of misfires might be a clogged flash channel. I use pipe cleaners and clean this channel every time I clean my musket. They are cheap and you can take wire cutters and cut them in 3 or 4 pieces and it makes them easy to carry with you to a reenactment.

I use a mixture of 2 parts Murphy Oil Soap, 1 part Rubbing Alcohol, and 1 part Hydrogen Peroxide to clean my muskets. The Hydrogen Peroxide is corrosive, so never let this mixture set on your metal for very long and always use a good gun oil or lube afterwards. I generally put this in a spray bottle, as it makes applying to a patch easier. Another mixture I have used is the biodegradable, non-toxic Anti-Freeze. This is good as it lubes while it cleans, and you don't have to worry about stray animals drinking it and getting sick.

If you would like to discuss any of this further, please ask.

Your Servant,

*Adair Waggoner*

Adair Waggoner

### 2006 EVENTS

October 7-8

Perryville, Ky  
National Re-enactment

**MAX**

November 4

Mill Springs Visitors Center & Museum  
Grand Opening & Ghostwalk



**The Boys at Manassas**

**George teaching the new recruits  
how to take a hit.**



**Perryville Registration Numbers**  
**(DO NOT LOSE THIS #. YOU CANNOT ENTER WITHOUT IT!!!)**

Acree, Kent	171-863-5676072506
Adams, Mike	171-846-5676072506
Asher, Raymond	171-858-5676072506
Bragg, Mitch	171-849-5676072506
Causey, Shannon	171-847-5676072506
Childers, Dr. William	171-2749-3948N081006
Couch, Jeff	171-3138-5729N090606
Ehney, Harry	171-850-5676072506
Forester, Jim	171-859-5676072506
Gossage, Joe	171-864-5676072506
Hamm, Shannon	171-851-5676072506
Hoffman, Dave	171-860-5676072506
Hoffman, Sue	171-861-5676072506
Jones, Larry	171-848-5676072506
Marshall, Seth	171-862-5676072506
Menifee, Steven	171-845-5676072506
Neikirk, Bill	171-843-5676072506
Neikirk, Randy	171-852-5676072506
Neikirk, Rusty	171-856-5676072506
Pfanstiel, Bill	171-844-5676072506
Rice, Jack	171-857-5676072506
Roution, John	171-853-5676072506
Stein, Art	171-3140-5729N090606
Todd, Jacob	171-2745-3948N081006
Todd, Joseph	171-2747-3948N081006
Todd, Josh	171-2746-3948N081006
Todd, Obbie	171-3139-5729N090606
Todd, Dr. Steven	171-2748-3948N081006
Walton, Steve	171-854-5676072506
Weigel, Greg	171-855-5676072506
White, Joe	171-4157-5731N090806

*The Battle of*  
**Perryville 2006**  
*A national civil war re-enactment*