



The Adjutant's Call

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

"CAPTAIN'S REPORT"

December 2006

Well, another reenacting season has come to an end. It started out with great Battalion Drill, disappointing turnout at Shiloh, a fun Sacramento, big turnout for Mill Springs weekend, great tour of Virginia battlefields, but bad reenactment, a fun Richmond, complete with George's trial, and ended with a tremendous Perryville with the largest turnout of a 4th KY not seen for several years. 27 rifles in the ranks.

It was a great honor to be the Color Company of the battalion both days. Just so everyone will know, the real Governor of Kentucky was supposed to review the troops on Saturday, but declined because he was afraid of the politics of reviewing Confederate troops. So Nicky Hughes stepped up so that the review could happen. I just wish Perryville had invited both armies to pass in review.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND:

- Having 27 men in the ranks and my best friend Bill Childers finally doing a reenactment with me. I have been trying for a year to get him to do one. Glad we could help out the Todd family and make Perryville a family get together before Jake Todd goes to Iraq.
- Being Color Company and seeing Alex take a hit.
- Sorry that Luther got hurt during Saturday battle, but glad we had 3 real doctors in our company to take care of him.
- The funniest moment of the weekend is when I sent Hartwell to the wagon to get the ammo to re-supply the company and he returned with his hat full of about 15 rounds. Bring the whole ammo box up next time Hartwell!
- Marching back to camp after the battle to the beat of the drum. I sure like the sound of hundreds of marching feet in step on gravel.
- Presenting George with his new skillet, "The Monitor."
- Having all my NCOs present and then taking the new recruits out to drill in the moonlight.
- Honoring Mrs. Betty at the Confederate Mass Grave on Sunday. I wish the whole army had been there. I believe any time we are on the original battlefield that the whole army should form up to salute the men of both sides who fought & died on that battlefield.
- Spending Sunday night on the battlefield; just me, George, & the ghosts.

Next Event...Company Meeting

January 20, 2007

Mill Springs Battlefield

Arrive on Saturday by 11:00, and meet at the metal garage building across from Zollicoffer Park for a lunch of burgoo and cornbread. At 12:30 we will march up to Zollicoffer Park for the 145th Anniversary of the battle of Mill Springs, which will last about 30 minutes. Its always the coldest day of the year, so put on the Long Johns. Following the ceremony, we will go to the Visitor's Center to have our meeting. We can stay as long as we want & can eat burgoo again if we want.

Items to be Discussed at Unit Meeting:

- Where do we want to go in 2007?
March 31- April 1st: Shilo
April 14-15: Selma
May: Resaca
June 23rd: Mill Springs Artillery
July: Open
August: Richmond, Ky or Stones River National Battlefield Living History
September 29-30: The National Reenactment at Mill Springs
Oct: Open
Nov: Atlanta Campaign

I'll have more ideas about where the battalion plans to go before our meeting. Any suggestions?

- Election of officers will be held at the end of the meeting. As in the past, all present NCOs & officers are automatically on the ballot but all positions are open for anyone who is eligible to run. In order to be eligible, you must have made 2 max effort events in 2006. If you want to add your name or if any of the present NCO wants to withdraw your name, let me know by Jan. 20 if you can. However the floor will be open for nominations at the Jan. 20th meeting.

Also, dues for 2007 will be \$20.00.

Thanks for a great year & letting me have the honor of serving as your captain.

Your Obedient Servant,

C.H. Johnston

C.H. Johnston, Captain

FIRST CORPORAL'S REPORT

October 7-8, 2006/144th Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville
Perryville, KY

The 4th Kentucky had a very good turnout with 27 members and recruits present for this National Reenactment & max effort event. An estimated 37,000 people attended this event which included 3800 re-enactors & an estimated \$3 million was pumped into the local economy.

Highlights

- Getting to camp and fight on the original battlefield. Thanks to C.H., George, and Randy Ham for setting up camp. Chaplin Hills were beautiful with all the leaves changing on the trees and all the wild flowers in bloom. Doctor's Fork was very pretty and full. We got to see a lot of the battlefield you never get to see.
- Drill Saturday morning went very well (even with Hartwell asking all his questions) and was filmed for the movie.
- Luther falling in the hole again right before the battle Saturday.
- Saturday's battle was a lot of fun-being the color company, fighting for Jarrett's Hill at the Bottom house, and shooting down the drummer boy at the sinkhole. That was a great shot, wasn't it Zeke?
- Giving my talk about Lt. Col. Jarrett of the 15th Kentucky U.S. at the Lincoln Tent.
- Seeing all our friends from the old J.D.R.
- George's cooking again.
- The saddest joke was getting busted by the Colonel of the Provost Marshall. The biggest joke was getting reviewed by the so-called Confederate Governor of Kentucky.
- The new company skillet-thanks to Harvey for cooking breakfast Sunday morning.
- The Color Guard getting photographed a thousand times.
- Sunday's battle started slow, but it was fun fighting through the corn field and being so close to the spectators.

Your Humble Servant,

D.L. Smith

1st Corp. D.L. Smith

Present Officers & NCOs

Captain CH Johnston	(Bill Neikirk)
1st Sergeant Hayter Thompson	(Bill Pfanstiel)
2nd Sergeant Hartwell Willock	(Jim Forrester)
3rd Sergeant Luther Hatcher	(Kent Acree)
1st Corporal Dan Smith	(Steve Menifee)
2nd Corporal John B. Scott	(Mike Adams)
3rd Corporal	(Shannon Causey)
4th Corporal George Johnston	(Larry Jones)



Merlin the Magician: The Wizard of Cooking

Correspondence from the Field...

Dear Bill,
I wanted to thank you & the 4th KY Group for such a wonderful weekend with myself and my family. It was a great opportunity for me to be with my sons and their friend in the reenactment of Perryville.

I could not have asked for more gracious hosts than the 4th KY. You went out of your way to make us feel comfortable and as much a part of the group as possible. I really appreciate that.

Again, I want to thank everybody for a very special weekend and hopefully, we can be a part of the 4th KY in future events.

Sincerely,
Steven E. Todd, D.M.D., F.M.II

Lost...Needs to be Found

During the Battle of Perryville, we had to switch bayonets around between men, in order for the front ranked man's bayonet to work. In doing this, I have lost my original bayonet. Would each of you check to make sure you don't have mine. It has #20 marked on the flat part of the bayonet.

— C.H.

FOR SALE
Black Powder \$9.00 per can

Mill Springs Visitor's Center Grand Opening

I said it best during my opening speech: "wow, we finally made it." Thanks again to all of you that showed up to make this event very special and for helping out on the Ghostwalk. Everyone commented on how well everything went. We had around 800 people show up for the opening ceremony and we sold \$1800 in merchandise for the gift shop that day...making another \$1000 at the Ghostwalk. Our pards in the 7th Ky donated the original Parrott Rifle Cannon complete with limber and trailer to the Museum. This gift was equal to \$75,000. A BIG thank you to them! The Visitor's Center is something we can all be proud of.



Harley breaking in "The Monitor."



The 4th at Will Floyd's grave

More Photos of the 4th KY



Cutting the Ribbon on the new Visitor's Center



A Fine Looking Group of Men



NCOs, what straight line????



The Old Guard

More Pictures at: www.4thkycs.com