



The Adjutant's Call

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

"CAPTAIN'S REPORT"

December 2007

"Atlanta Campaign"

I'm disappointed in the turnout. Had 17 registrations, but only 5 showed up; this was a Max event. What happened? As reenactments go, not a good one. No scripted battles. No real command structure. We fought all battles in single file, stretched across the field. No firewood on Friday night, they ran out before we got there at 7:00. They ran out of water on Saturday night, no water all day Sunday. On the plus side, beautiful place to have a reenactment. Had 2 new recruits, Eric Dolen & Reid Rippetoe. Both were great. Enjoyed falling in with the 7th Florida and the Florida Brigade.

Next Event....On to Stones River

December 29-30, 2007
Murfreesboro, Tennessee
www.nps.gov/stri

Uniform: Confederate Frock or
Columbus Depot

Tents: A-Frame. We need to set up camp,
even if you stay in a hotel.

Food: Bring your own.

Ammo: 60 rounds

Other items: Because of possible bad weather, you can stay in local hotels at night. Just plan on being in camp before 8:00 roll call both days. We still have to set up the tents, even if you don't plan on staying in them. We will do the living history program in the park no matter what the weather. On Saturday, after the end of the regular program for the public, we will go to the river and replicate the Orphan Brigade charge on the cannons. This will not be open to the public. It is for us reenactors, north and south.

Boys, it is time to walk the walk; not just talk the talk. We are the Orphan Brigade, we are the 4th Kentucky, we portray the original men who fought in the battle. It is a great honor that Jim Lewis, Chief Ranger of the Stones River National Battlefield Park invited ONLY US to portray the Confederate Infantry on the 145th Anniversary of the Battle. We are representing the great Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the many Orphans who left here in '61, never to return. Let's show up in mass. This is an event everyone needs to be at.

Your Pard,

C.H. Johnston

C.H. Johnston Captain
(mortally wounded in the hip at Stones River.
Died March 1863 at Hoover Gap, of blood poisoning.)

P.S. Company meeting will be in February in
Louisville at Fielding Skaggs' Liquor Emporium.
Date to follow.

Welcome New Recruits!

Brack Flanagan

Reid Rippetoe

Eric Dolen

Photos of Mill Springs!



Head Quarters, Rambo's Brigade
In camp near Millbrook, Alabama
October 24, 1862

Sir,

I take pen in hand to extend to you my sincere gratitude for the bottle of Wild Turkey you presented me on the battlefield near Nancy. The quality of such fine spirits was only matched by the quantity made possible by such a large vessel! Your gift has caused me to lift my glass to you on several occasions since I left Kentucky and happily there is still a copious amount remaining to accompany singing your praises for some time to come! You are a fine Southern gentleman Capt. Niekirk. Your leadership has accomplished great things for your community, your state and your country as the success of this recent affair attests. It has been a pleasure, nay an honor for me to serve with you and your men on this and other successful campaigns.

You will soon be receiving a copy of my After Action Report from the late campaign. Both yourself and your regiment are mentioned prominently (some of which are not even accompanied by profanity).

Thank you very much Bill. Know that I remain,

Your Obedient Servant




W.G. Rambo, Brig Gen'l comdg

*Capt. William Niekirk
4th Kentucky Regt.*

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From:"Harry Ehney" <hehney00@insightbb.com> 
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Subject:Hotels

Well, I played telephone tag with hotel managers most of the day. No one I spoke to would commit to a lower rate on a block of room for a maybe 10. I did get the following price quotes from the hotels from the list that, in my experience, are usually cheaper.

Best Western Chaffin Inn
168 Chaffin Place
(615)895-3818
2 Queen Beds \$75 per night

Country Inn & Suites
2262 Armory Drive
(615)890-5951
2 Queen Beds \$70 per night

Days Inn
182 Chaffin Place
(615)893-8170
2 Queen Beds \$89.00 per night. Only one who would lower rate for a block of 10 rooms to \$69.00 per night but we had to have 10 rooms paid or rate went to \$89.00

Economy Lodge
110 North Thompson Lane
(615)890-2811
2 Queen Beds \$52.99 per night and this is block rate too. Only thing with this one is you have to cancel 1 week in advance to avoid a charge.

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