



Joshes and Chubs



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Comments from Captain K

Gentlemen of the 1st Arkansas, I hope that you all have had an enjoyable summer furlough. We had a good Spring campaign season and you all deserved a break. But now it is time to knock the dust and rust off of your gear and get ready for the Fall Campaign.

Our first event of the Fall is the White Hall Founders' Day Parade on Saturday August 27th. We will gather behind the City Park at 8:30am. Following the parade we will have a booth set up in the park. I may call on some of you to help set this up Friday evening. We will also be doing some drill during the day.

On Saturday, September 3rd, there will be a drill at Mansfield Battlefield Park south of Shreveport, LA for anyone interested in going. I informed them that we would most likely not be there but would pass the word along.

On September 9-11, there is a reenactment at Bloomfield, MO. There are a few that have expressed interest. If you wish to go, let me know and I will get you directions. I am going as part of the Wretched Mess, so you may get shot at!!!

I would like to hold a company drill on either September 17th or 24th. This is just before Corinth and we need to cover several things that we will be doing.

Lastly, I would like to have a rolling party and Corinth meeting sometime late September. Check your schedules and see when would be a good date. We will discuss this at White Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for making this year a success thus far. It has been memorable to say the least. Most of you have earned your reenacting nickname this year: Dribbles, Big Enos, Little Enos, White Moon, and Tent Killer just to name a few. I sincerely hope they we have as much fun this Fall as we did this Spring.

Keep your powder dry and your nipple picked,

Capt K

**Our condolences go out
to Rex Norris in the loss
of his Mother.**

Calendar of Events

August 27th

White Hall Founders Day

Parade and drill practice for Corinth *

September 10th and 11th

Battle Fire Weekend at Bloomfield Missouri

September 17th and 18th

Arkansas Post (Federal Impression)

September 30th to October 2nd

Corinth Mississippi *

October 8th and 9th

Living History event Camp White Sulphur Springs *

October 22nd and 23rd

"Battle Around Bentonville"

October 29th and 30th

Lake DeGray

November 5th and 6th

Old Washington

When I first decided to try and undertake a newsletter I pondered on what I would call it. I wanted a name that would "sing" and have some meaning. I experimented with several variations from "Letters from Home" to "The Secessionist" but neither had any meaning or heart. Then I remembered a chapter from "*The Camp, The Bivouac and The Battle-Field*" which is a history of the Fourth Ark of which my Great-great granpap fit in. This chapter was called "THE JOSHES AND CHUBS-AN EPISODE". To tell you why I chose this title, let me quote from that chapter.

"Some time early in the month... two brigades ... were organized at Corinth...One of these brigades was composed of Arkansas troops and the other of Texans...The Arkansians in a spirit of fun nick-named the Texians Chubs and were in their turn nick-named Joshes...Together they stood shoulder to shoulder...together they bivouacked upon the damp ground...they shared one another's joys and divided one another's burdens."

Now I hope you see why I chose such a name. We each come from different walks of life with our own separate goals, backgrounds and ideas. Yet each of us have come together to honor the sacrifice and memory of those who once stood for what was right and decided it was better to die free than to live under the tyrannical thumb of a dictator.

It is the aim of Captain Kalkbrenner and myself through this newsletter to not only keep us informed of what is going on, but to also draw us together and closer under a common banner.

Hutch

* = Max Effort Participation

SGT STRIPES

1st Sergeant Guy Taylor

To the men of Co D. of the 1st Arkansas, I am very proud to say I have enjoyed every minute of being a part of this group of guys. We as a company have drawn close together (and I don't mean that in type of way.) I mean by the way we laugh, joke around and have fun all the time. Yes I very well know that there is never a dull moment in this company, especially with 1sgt. Guy "Tent Killer" Taylor, Pvt. Bob " Big Enos" Hutcheson as our joker, and Pvt. Andrew " White Moon" Bourchet, and who can forget our famous Andy " Cookie" Taylor, who cooks up very good meals when we get hungry. What can I say, its fun being in this group of guys, going out shooting damn Yankees and coming back to camp and relaxing and talking about anything.

Its very most enjoyable to see friends and families come out and watch and learn how things were back then. Yeah, people may think were crazy but some don't. However its very good to see new guys that want to join in and participate in what we do even though many have different reasons why they want and choose to do it, but mostly it's because of the history involved. Any who that's a whole different topic. The best thing about being in this company I guess, is to actually see one another again. Its kind of funny though you miss seeing the guys in the field and cant wait till the next event and when it comes around and the event is over everyone is ready to get away from each other.

But in all cases we all seem to manage to have a good time. Sure we have our disagreements at certain times but we learn to deal with it cause everyone is going to have a bad mood at some point in time and then after that it's back to laughing and carrying on. Yeah I know everyone knows about me laughing, that's why I only do it at night. I can get to laughing and about in a 5 minute period of just me laughing I can get the whole camp area to laughing. In conclusion, the best comments I have heard

about the 1st, and I agree, and mostly everyone else in the company believes it too, that we are a pretty good company when we get on the field and drill with the rest of the guys and out-do them on most things. Even though we don't train as much as they do. However I do agree with everyone else it would be nice to see more guys join our company to where we can field our own company instead of forming off of some other company. Maybe that should be something the 1st can work on as a group. Like I said before, I am very proud to the 1st Sgt. of this company.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Andy Taylor



Subject: The Silent Sermon

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, suddenly stopped coming to church. After a few weeks, the Pastor decided to visit. The Pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his Pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the Pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and lifeless. The Pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave, he slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the Pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken. What silent message would God have you share with someone today?

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." -- Matthew 5:16

A man may go to heaven..... without health, without wealth; without fame, without a great name; without learning, without earnings; without culture, without beauty; without friends and without ten thousand other things----- But he can NEVER go to Heaven without Christ. We need each other to keep the flame burning.

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