



Joshes and Chubs



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COMMANDERS CORNER

Comments from Captain K

Gentlemen of the 1st, Greetings. I hope that you all are enjoying your Christmas furloughs with your families. You all deserved this time off after a very busy Fall Campaign Season. Now it is time to get back to work!!! We have a very busy year ahead of us. Your newly elected 1Sgt, Hutch has been working on a schedule of events for this next year for us to consider. I think at last count he has events for somewhere in the neighborhood of 25 weekends. We will meet at Arkansas Post in January to decide on which events will be Max effort for the company. We have several events this year that will be great recruiting opportunities. I already have one new recruit in the works that will be at Ark Post with us. The youngest Bouchet (Yes, there is another; they seem to breed like Taylors!!) will be joining us also. I want this year to be our biggest growth year in 1st Ark history, but that means we all need to beat the bushes and find new recruits. We need everyone to show up to events so that we can show them just what we do. WE have one of the greatest group of men in this hobby, and that can only help our cause. Not only are you well drilled and disciplined on the field, you have fun while you do it. So let's be not only the best in the state, but the biggest by the time we take the field at Prairie Grove in December!!! We now have a Captain, 1Sgt, 2nd Sgt, and Corporal. By the Fall Campaign season I want to see a Captain, a Lt., 2 Sgts, and 4 Corporals. But you have to have the privates to do that. I think 40 men in the field would be a good start. (Am I dreaming, maybe; can it be done, YES) See you all at David O. Dodd (Yes, I said ALL!!!) Have a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year, Capt K

Tentative Calendar of Events

- January 7th**
David O. Dodd Memorial in Little Rock
- January 21st – 22nd**
Arkansas Post Museum Living History
- February 17th – 19th**
Living History event Pine Bluff Regional Park
- March 3rd, 4th and 5th**
Pea Ridge National Park Battle
- March 10th – 12th**
Battalion Drill, Ft. Smith
- March 18th**
Cleburne Memorial Helena AR.
- April 7th – 9th**
Pleasant Hill LA.
- April 15th**
Confederate Flag Day
- April 25th**
Confederate Memorial Day
- May 5th -7th**
Chalk Bluff
- May 12th – 14th**
Battle for Yellville Yellville Ar.
- May 19th, 20th**
Norfolk Ar. Living History
- June 2nd – 4th**
Tribbey Oklahoma
- June 16th – 17th**
McGee 100 Yr Centennial
- July 21st-23rd**
145th Manassas Reenactment
- August 4th – 5th**
Mammoth Springs Ar. Living History
- August 26th**
White Hall Founders Day
- September 9th – 10th**
Arkansas Post NP North and South Living History
- September 22-24th**
Pocahontas Civil War Days
- October 6th – 8th**
Perryville Kentucky (National Event)
- October 14th – 15th**
White Sulphur Springs
- October 27th, 28th**
Mountain Home Living History
- October ??**
Lake DeGray
- November 4th, 5th**
Old Washington
- December 1st – 3rd**
Prairie Grove

Unknown Events Still

Lake DeGray
Bloomfield Mo.

\$20.00 dues for 2006 can be paid anytime between now and January please.

SGT STRIPES

1st Sergeant Robert Hutcheson

Stop your grinnin' and drop your linnin', it's time to start the 2006 season! I am putting the newsletter out early because we have so much waiting on us already. We have two events coming up almost at the first of the month. January 7th is the David O. Dodd service and January 21st and 22nd is the Arkansas Post Museum (Camp Freeze) living history event. The Arkansas Post event is most important to us for a couple of reasons. First, we will be handing out the schedule of events for this year and voting on what we want to make as our maximum effort events. 2nd, the Museum is under some new leadership and she is anxious to make a good impression for the head guys. I have been talking with the people in charge of both the museum and the National Park there and they are more than interested in working with us, to the point when I told the Ranger at the National Park that we could not come to their Confederate impression next September because it conflicted with the Pocahontas event, he changed the date so we would be able to go. It is also going to be a first for em there as they are going to have both North and South impressions at the same time. As it stands now we will be meeting at the arsenal in Little Rock on the 7th for the David O. Dodd service and marching to the site. The event starts at noon. If anything changes on that I will put out an e-mail. We also have to make up our minds NOW if you want to go to Manassas next year. I have to mail the registration off February 1st, there is no compromising to that, so please get me your signed releases and \$24.00 ASAP. I look forward to starting out the new year with my brothers-in-arms and hope everyone is willing to put forth what is necessary during our busy schedule next year.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Andy Taylor



Remember My Birthday????!!!!!! As you well know, we are getting closer to my birthday. Every year there is a celebration in my honor and I think that this year the celebration will be repeated. During this time there are many people shopping for gifts, there are many radio announcements, TV commercials, and in every part of the world everyone is talking that my birthday is getting closer and closer. It is really very nice to know, that at least once a year, some people think of me. As you know, the celebration of my birthday began many years ago. At first people seemed to understand and be thankful of all that I did for them, but in these times, no one seems to know the reason for the celebration. Family and friends get together and have a lot of fun, but they don't know the meaning of the celebration. I remember that last year there was a great feast in my honor. The dinner table was full of delicious foods, pastries, fruits, assorted nuts and chocolates. The decorations were exquisite and there were many, many beautifully wrapped gifts. But, do you want to know something? I wasn't invited. I was the guest of honor and they didn't remember to send me an invitation. The party was for me, but when that great day came, I was left outside, they closed the door in my face..... and I wanted to be with them and share their table. In truth, that didn't surprise me because in the last few years all close their doors to me. Since I was not invited, I decided to enter the party without making any noise. I went in and stood in a corner. They were all drinking; there were some who were drunk and telling jokes and laughing at everything. They were having a great time. To top it all, this big fat man all dressed in red wearing a long white beard entered the room yelling Ho-Ho-Ho! He seemed drunk. He sat on the sofa and all the children ran to him, saying : "Santa Claus, Santa Claus"... as if the party were in his honor ! At 12 midnight all the people began to hug each other ; I extended my arms waiting for someone to hug me and do you know . no one hugged me. Suddenly they all began to share gifts. They opened them one by one with great expectation. When all had been opened, I looked to see if, maybe, there was one for me. What would you feel if on your birthday everybody shared gifts and you did not get one ? I then understood that I was unwanted at that party and quietly left. Every year it gets worse. People only remember to eat and drink, the gifts, the parties and nobody remembers me. I would like this Christmas that you allow me to enter into your life. I would like that you recognize the fact that almost two thousand years ago I came to this world to give my life for you, on the cross, to save you. Today, I only want that you believe this with all you heart. I want to share something with you. As many didn't invite me to their party, I will have my own celebration, a grandiose party that no one has ever imagined, a spectacular party. I'm still making the final arrangements. Today I am sending out many invitations and there is an invitation for you. I want to know if you wish to attend and I will make a reservation for you and write your name with golden letters in my great guest book. Only those on the guest list will be invited to the party. Those who don't answer the invitation, will be left outside. Do you know how you can answer this invitation? it is by extending it to others whom you care for... I'll be waiting for all of you to attend my party this year... See you soon I love you ! -Jesus-

Bits N' Pieces

The deadline for turning in the signed release forms and money for Manassas is upon us. So far I only have two forms and one of them is mine. I will send these out February 1st, WITHOUT FAIL!

Wanted! Pictures from Corinth, last seen in the camera of Chaplain Andy Taylor

ARKANSAS TRUE DEMOCRAT, May 30, 1861, who signs himself "An Old Soldier," gives the following advice to young soldiers:

- 1. Remember, that in a campaign more men die from sickness than by the bullet.**
- 2. Line your blanket** with one thickness of brown drilling. This adds but four ounces in weight, and doubles the warmth.
- 3. Buy a small India-rubber blanket-**only \$1.50 to lay on the ground or to throw over your shoulders when on guard duty during a rain storm.
- 4. The best military hat** in use is the light colored soft felt, the crown being sufficiently high to allow space for air over the brain. You can fasten it up as a continental in fair weather, or turn it down when it is wet or very sunny.
- 5. Let your beard grow,** so as to protect the throat and lungs.
- 6. Keep your entire person clean.** This prevents fever and bowel complaints in warm climates. Wash your body each day, if possible. Avoid strong coffee and oily meat. Gen. Scott said that the too free use of these, together with neglect in keeping the skin clean, cost many a soldier his life in Mexico.
- 7. A sudden check of perspiration by chilly or night air often causes fever and death. When thus exposed do not forget your blanket.**

Anybody got anything fer sale?

INPUT NEEDED!

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