



Joshes and Chubs



COMMANDERS CORNER

Comments from Captain K



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Captain Mark Kalkbrenner, 1st Sergeant Guy Taylor, Chaplain Andy Taylor

Gentlemen, we have had a very busy past few weeks. Nine of us made the long trip to Corinth and I don't think any of us plan to go back anytime. Oh, we had a good time. But the site and the organization left much to be desired. First, the Confederate camps were an unorganized mess in the woods. you could not tell who was where, just pick a spot and fall down. We were maybe a quarter mile from the Porto Johns as the crow fly's, but you could not go that way. The sutlers were over a mile away, but the Federals were constantly closing the road "because your commanders didn't tell you that a battle was going on" long after the battle was over and troops had been dismissed. We did have some exciting times on the field. Friday we served as flankers for the battalion, a first for the 1st Arkansas!!! I must commend the men for their enthusiasm and fortitude in performing this duty. I went down with a bum knee just as we cleared the woods and entered the field. But the boys kept it hot and furious. I missed Saturday's battle because of the knee, but from after-action reports from several of the men, it is apparent that the 1st Arkansas proved its bravery by storming the battery and dying gloriously. Sunday morning we pulled out and most headed to Shiloh or Buford Pusser's for the day. I have some good pictures of the 1st Arkansas plaques at Shiloh that I will have in future newsletters. The following weekend we hosted the annual Civil War Weekend at Camp White Sulphur Springs Confederate Cemetery. Turnout was a little less than I would have like, but we had a great time and even picked up three possible new recruits. One is a seasoned reenactor who recently moved to the area. We executed a Yankee for ruthlessly killing innocent tents, shot Edgar's cannon until we got tired, fired hickory nuts and SCV coins out of Guy's new mortar, and generally just sat around and laughed. I enjoy events like this every once in a while. The upcoming weeks look to be very busy. We have all had a weekend off from the field. This coming weekend is the event at Bentonville. I know that Hutch and Andrew are going. If you want to go, contact Hutch. The last weekend in October is the DeGray event. It will be near the Visitor center at DeGray State Park. It will be a fun laid back weekend with some skirmishing. The first weekend in November is a MAXIMUM EFFORT event for the 1st Arkansas. We will be at Old Washington with the battalion. I know that the TMVI battalion, 1st Ark battalion, and Red River battalion will be there. King's Brigade may be there also. So there will be some good fights with large numbers. Please be there if at all possible. I would love to have a large company of our own on the field. We have several events on the horizon for next year, with Manassas being the big one. We need to start training folks to step up in NCO positions, so if you wish to step forward, start preparing. Elections for officer's and 1st SGT are in January and Corporals will be appointed soon thereafter. Let's have a quality company that we can be proud of and that others will envy. Always your loyal and obedient servant, Capt. Mark Kalkbrenner

Calendar of Events

October 19th

Program for Life Quest in Little Rock, see Hutch for details

October 22nd and 23rd

"Battle Around Bentonville"

October 29th and 30th

Lake DeGray

November 5th and 6th

Old Washington

Captain Hardage advises we can set up for Lake DeGray anytime after 4 pm on Thursday the 27th. Just meet at the Visitors Center when you get there for instructions.

Ron Kelley is finalizing plans for a viewing of "Ride With The Devil" at the IMAX in Little Rock on the evening of December 13th, to be preceded by a lecture from General Sterling Price's grandson. More to follow on this event!



SGT STRIPES

1st Sergeant Guy Taylor

I see that it is time again for another monthly report to the company. Well there's not much really to say other than we have been very busy the past few weeks. With the Corinth reenactment, and the Camp White Sulpher Springs Living History this past weekend. I will say both events were very enjoyable, being around the rest of the company, and having a good time. I know we did have a great time at Corinth except for the minor exception of everyone getting upset with management and how the event was handle. The battles were extremely heated ones and i know everyone in our unit put forth the best effort on putting ourselves where the rest of our battalion commanders needed us to fill holes until the situation was taking care of. It was a good event, just that it sucked that confederates had to walk a mile just to get to the sutlers so the trips to the sutlers were very few this time. However, i know everyone in this company is looking forward to Manassas next year and is eager for it. Since we will be portraying our own unit for the first time. But in due time we need to be looking forward to the next couple of events that will be coming up that i know one will be good this year. Some say they are going to Bentonville, but don't know how many or if any our going from our unit. In any case for those that do go. I wish a safe Journey up there and back. The last event i think for the fall events is coming up in about 3 weekends, and that is at Old Washington. I look forward to seeing ya'll in the field at this event. Until then everyone have fun and restful couple of weekends until we meet in the field again.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Andy Taylor



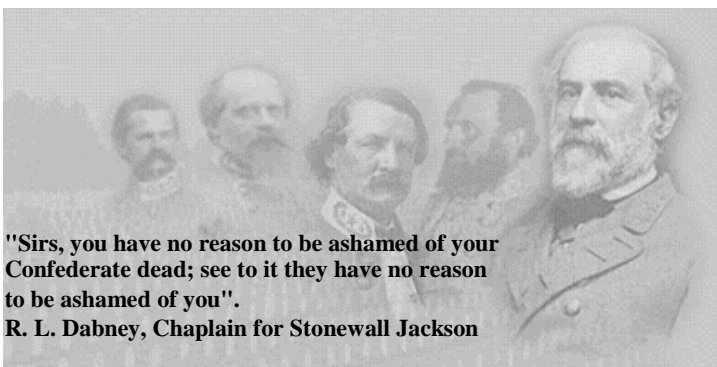
Thought you might enjoy this interesting prayer given in Kansas at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people. When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was heard: expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they" Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and call it Pluralism. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh, God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!" The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired this prayer on his radio program, "The Rest of the Story," and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired. With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called "one nation under God." "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything"

From Hutch

Page two of this newsletter is the registration form for the 145th Anniversary Reenactment of 1st Manassas. The deadline for sending your registration in is February 1st, so I will need everyone's money no later than January 1st, so everything can be prepared correctly. The fee is \$15.00 for the registration and \$9.00 for insurance. This event promises to fill up quickly as they are limiting this event to only 12,000 reenactors. I know this is coming at you in short notice but it is something Captain K and I have been working on for a while and have only recently found out all we needed. We will take the field actually as the 1st Arkansas as this was the first "battle" the 1st was in. Later they suffered 45% casualties at Shiloh and were consolidated with other companies upon their return to Arkansas, but that is another story. Suffice it to say this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us and we should do what we can to honor the sacrifices of those whose name we bear. As the event gets closer we will naturally work out travel plans and such. For further info on this you can go to the ANV website at www.bonnieblue.net to see the entire schedule of events. Captain K and I ***will not*** be doing your initial paperwork for you. We will only fill out the final paperwork once everyone's registration has been returned to us so don't put it off.

Also in this newsletter is the registration form for the upcoming event at Old Washington in November. Pre-registration is only \$2.00 with it being \$5.00 if you wait to sign up when you get there. It will be each person's responsibility to send this registration in if you want in on the cheaper rate. There is also a \$6.00 charge for the Saturday evening meal if you want to get in on it. Send the Old Washington registration to, Old Washington Historic State Park, Attention Billy or Melanie, P.O. Box 98, Washington Arkansas, 71862.

Again, if you are desirous to go to Manassas next year I admonish you to get your signed registration form and money to me as soon as possible. After February 1st it will be too late. If you even think you might want to go to this go ahead and fill out the form and give me your \$24.00. If something happens where you can't go just think of it as a well deserved donation to the event.



"Sirs, you have no reason to be ashamed of your Confederate dead; see to it they have no reason to be ashamed of you".

R. L. Dabney, Chaplain for Stonewall Jackson

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