Brittany’s Hope Campaign

This weekend is for the re-enactors and as such this will be a 48 hour tactical with very limited restrictions. Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery are all welcome. We also welcome mainstream, progressive, and campaigners. The ground is big enough to accommodate all and we look forward to an experience that is incredible as the cause we are supporting. In other words you have 260 acres to play on and you’re not lining anyone’s pockets.

Event Director: Courtney Abel, Capt., 95th Pa
Union Commander: Allen Baldwin, Gen, 1st Division
Confederate Commander: S. Chris Anders, Colonel, CVG

The 260 acres is comprised of large fields, woods, Christmas tree farm, and an old sunken railroad bed that connects this large fields and paths. This gives a great opportunity to move forces quickly on paths to engage the enemy when found by scouts.

With the large fields we have designated two areas in opposite ends of the grounds for Union and Confederate. These large fields can accommodate the artillery and Cavalry with the mainstream units. We have also determined areas as well in the woods for the campaigners to set their battalions on the edge of the fields. This is also great areas to post pickets.

Parking:
Parking is going to be set in a field out of view from either camp so as not to disrupt the impression of it being during the civil war. Starting Saturday 9 AM vehicles will not be allowed in the fields to drop off gear until Sunday at 2 PM.

Schedule of Events:
28th Sept., Friday:
9 am: Registration opens
29th Sept., Saturday:
8 am: Shots allowed to be fired
10 pm: Cease Fire for the evening
30th Sept., Sunday:
8 am: Shots allowed to be fired
2 pm: Event Ends

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President’s Message

Reenacting is a hobby. But as I have said before, you get out of it what you put into it. It takes a lot of work to put together company meals, take care of company equipment, register our members for events, write newsletter articles, and edit the company newsletter... and that’s just the work off the field. Once at the events there is a whole new set of jobs including firewood and water details, preparing company meals, maintaining the company roster, participating in and running drill, setting up and taking down company equipment, being in camp for first call, and last but not least participating and leading the company in the battles. Reenacting is a hobby. But it takes a lot of work. Be sure you are doing your part to continue this amazing run that our company has had. Remember, you only get out of the 7th Maryland what you put into it.
Upcoming Campaigns

**September**
12th—14th
Civil War Weekend
Twin Grove, PA
(Individual)
16th Annual Lebanon County Civil War Weekend at Twin Grove Park. Morning tactical, battles both days, ladies tea, Saturday evening meal. This is the old Stoever’s Dam event with a new location. Contact Capt. Dennis Shirk, 717-933-4294 or dshirk@paonline.com for info and directions.

**27th-28th**
Brittany’s Hope Campaign
Elizabethtown, PA
(Company)
See Page 1 for more information. Location and directions: Registration will be at the Brittany’s Hope Offices: 1160 North Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Elizabethtown is locate northeast of York, PA. Consult a map, Map-quest or use GPS to select the best route for your trip.

**October**
11-12th
Perryville
(Individual)
146th Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville at the battlefield. New experiences, impression driven with emphasis on working & functions of battalion in the field. School of the Battalion, alter ego program, ration issue, new battle scenarios both days, Late 1862 Western Theater impression, preferably Kentucky Campaign. Living history village with Union occupation scenario in town of Perryville. All reenactor registration fees to the Perryville Battlefield Preservation Association. For more information, contact: Joni House, (859) 332-8631 or joan.house@ky.gov; www.perryvillereenactment.org.

17-19th
144th Battle of Cedar Creek
Middletown, VA
(Company)
144th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek on original battlefield in Middletown. Camps open 9 a.m. Daily battles, demonstrations, living history camps, symposia, more. Proceeds to benefit the park. For more information, contact: James Owens, (301) 681-7462; www.lstminnd.org/bristoe.

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Notes from the Field

The fall season of reenacting is upon us. This month we’ll see the Brittany’s Hope event and in October, the annual Cedar Creek event will occur. November brings the Remembrance Day ceremonies and the “official” end to the Second Regiment of Vincent’s Brigade. From Remembrance Day forward we will officially be the Federal Volunteer Brigade.

As I will be assuming a new assignment with the brigade, I will be looking to competent people to step up and take over duties within the 7th Maryland. Long ago, Gen. Col. Ron Palese was with the 139th PA. He stepped forward to take over the reins of the Second Regiment of Vincent’s Brigade, and now as we have grown even more, he will be heading the new Federal Volunteer Brigade.

This does not mean that the 7th Maryland is “falling apart”! Far from it!! This means that members will be asked to assume new duties, and to be expected to fully fulfill those positions and duties, on the field and from behind a desk. Whether it be leading the company on the field, during a dress parade, or simply writing a monthly column, or editing the newsletter, these duties have been entrusted to those in the positions, and results are and will be expected.

In the rest of this year and in the coming year, new NCOs will be appointed as positions open, and elected at (Continued on page 4)
Restrictions of firing times will be enforced due to township rules. If you are found in violation of those times you will be asked to leave the property.

The Director has the right to remove an individual or unit if their conduct is unbecoming of a soldier during that time period, and or at the director's discretion.

The prolonged tactical will take place on grounds that include farm lanes (left) stone walls, an orchard and a stone bridge (right), all available for maneuvers and use.

This is a charity event where all proceeds aid in the adoption of special needs children. This event is for both garrison and campaign camps. Hope's Campaign is a unique event where the re-enactors are first, but safety and authenticity is maintained.

It is the only event where the end outcome of the event is the re-enactor has made a difference in the person's life, just as the soldiers did in the Civil War.

What has shaped up to be a very slow season, has also become a season of much change. With the friendly break between 1st and 2nd regiments, we have now become the Federal Volunteer Brigade with Lt. Col. Jay Henson as the official field commander. I will be stepping up as the Sgt. Major of the regiment which means you need to choose a new First Sergeant.

As this year plays out it looks as though the 7th will need to shake up the NCOs as well.

Changes can be a very stressful thing and over the years the 7th has had its share of very, very stressful changes including a near complete breakup. However this time we are gaining a larger voice within the ranks of the regiment. This may mean more effective change on a regimental level. Change is something that need not be feared. As the minister at my church explains it: You visit a couple who have just had a child (we'll call him little Bobby). Bobby is cute and cuddly in his crib while he drools all over himself. Ten years later you get the chance to visit the family again, asking how little Bobby is doing the parents gladly lead you to his room where you are taken aback to see little Bobby laying in his crib still drooling and still the same size as the first time you met him.

Without change there is no growth, and growth is a healthy thing. So, if all of these changes are any indication, the newly formed Federal Volunteer Brigade is off to a healthy start. Let's all do our best to support this new effort and make our mark on it. For years we've had our complaints about how we'd like to see things done differently. Now is the opportunity start those changes. Be patient though. Taking 400 people into a new direction takes time. Let's take as many with us as possible. Until we meet again, may God bless us all.

I have come into possession of a Gentleman's Top Hat. It is a black silk stove pipe hat, 5 inches tall, 2 inch brim, size 7 5/8. It is too big for me. If anyone would want it for their civilian kit, let me know. Steve Giovannini at gioelan@verizon.net
Upcoming Campaigns

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Civil War Re-enactors: America's Living Historians.

Novelists benefit the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation. Reenactor registration $20 by Sept. 8, $30 walk-on. Spectators: Adults $15 day, $26 weekend; 5 & under free. Free parking & shuttle.

Sharon, contact:
(540) 869-2064, cedarck@visuallink.com; www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org

November
Saturday, 22nd
Remembrance Day
Ceremonies, Parade, Dinner
Gettysburg, PA

(Company)

Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies. Annual event in conjunction with Gettysburg Address anniversary. Parade of Civil War living history groups begins at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

For more information, contact:
(717) 334-1124, ext. 431; www.nps.gov/gett

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the annual meeting, and as I have said in the past, these positions should not be taken lightly. Non-Commissioned Officers, (Sergeants and Corporals) should be expected to know the Manual of Arms, School of the Soldier and Company, and should be able to teach drills competently and without supervision. Wearing the stripes on your sleeve is a nice accent to your uniform, but if you're unable to carry out the duties, please remove the "accents!

NCO's should strive to make every company event. Your knowledge and teaching skills are invaluable to every member who is under your supervision.

My apologies to all for missing the 145th Chancellorsville event. It was the first event I have missed in some time. However, I would like to wish the 7th Maryland a "Happy Birthday" for with the coming of October, we embark on our 14th year as a reenacting unit. Buck up your standards and contributions, we have a long way to go, but we're on the field!

Antietam News...

SHARPSBURG, Md. — Save Historic Antietam Foundation (SHAFF) is raising $10,000 to help finance exterior painting and repairs to the Joseph Poffenberger House near the North Woods at Antietam Battlefield.

The house may be the oldest on the battlefield. An account by Ranger Mannie Gentile of the farm's history is in SHAFF's July newsletter. Gentile told how some 8,600 of Gen. Joseph Hooker's I Corps spent the night on the farm's grounds before the Sept. 17, 1862, battle.

Hours later survivors of Gen. John Sedgwick's division sought shelter there after action in the West Woods. Volunteer nurse Clara Barton administered to some of them.

Hooker, Sedgwick and George Meade were also at the farm. Today it is the most intact of the original battlefield farmsteads. The park is in the second year of a five-year restoration of the house, outbuildings and fence lines.

For information visit www.shaf.org. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 550, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.