

The Haversack

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Commander's Comments

Greetings Gentlemen,

As fall approaches we are also approaching the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. To help commemorate the battle, I will be joining our Ohio Brothers at the Battlefield on September 20th to re-dedicate the General Lytle monument that has been restored. I will also visit the positions occupied by the 1st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry; My Great-Great Grandfather Artificer William H. Wade's unit. Every time I visit that hallowed ground I am struck by the dedication and devotion to duty displayed by those soldiers that stood with the "Rock of Chickamauga" and saved the retreating Army of the Cumberland from destruction.

If you go to the site of the 1st Wisconsin Infantry monument on Battleline Road and read the inscription you will see that they had gone into the battle at the end of a two day march, the last day was a forced march, then engaged the enemy on the morning of the 19th of September, they were then attacked at dusk and into the night by massed rebel forces. They would fight again on the 20th and after General Thomas ordered the night retreat from Snodgrass Hill after standing like a rock all day, the 1st Wisconsin was called upon to be the rear guard at Ringgold Gap! The 1st would later join the rest of the Army in Chattanooga on the 22nd of September. That's five days of marching and fighting without rest and very little food and water! Simply amazing!

We should take inspiration from men such as these that when things seem hopeless and we don't believe we have the energy to carry on we can accomplish more than we thought possible if we will only try. Often in our busy world we will become fatigued and disheartened and we will want to quit, but true character will find a way to go on and achieve great things.

As we advance our mission in the SVR let us take inspiration from the devotion of our gallant ancestors and strive to go beyond the limits of what we believe is possible!

In FC&L,

Captain Eric Peterson
7th Military District, SVR
Commanding



XIV Corps HQ Guard



Eric Peterson as General Thomas discusses the war with members of the public



Eric Peterson as General Thomas talking with Nathan Sherin of the Chicago Board of Trade Battery

Federal Troops Encamped on the Lawn at Barrington Hall.....Again

In July of 1864 federal troops from the Army of the Cumberland arrived in Roswell, burned the woolen mills and occupied Roswell. The weekend of June 22nd, 2012 again saw the arrival of federal troops to do a living history event for the public. The event was hosted by Barrington Hall and was a great event attended by many of the public.

In addition to representation from Camps 2& 3 and the 14th Corps Guard (SVR) there was a civilian dance troop, a period photographer, and several civic organizations with information booths. The civic groups on the back lawn of Barrington Hall were the SUVCW, the DUVCW, UDC, and SCV. The boy scouts also held an encampment on the back lawn. Ted Hackney, Dept Secretary and Dept Commander Mark Hale manned the information and recruiting booth on Saturday and Sunday. There appears to be enough local interest to establish an SUVCW camp in Roswell. National Camp Organizer Eric Peterson, PDC will be working with event coordinator Bill Browning to see if a camp can be established at historic Barrington Hall.

Visitors could tour the home which was once the King mansion. The Kings were the owners of the woolen mills that were burned by cavalry troops under the command of Brigadier General Kenner Garrard in 1864. Federal Troops then established camp on the lawn of the beautiful home built by Barrington King in the 1840s. This was replicated by re-enactors and SUVCW members who gave talks to the public about military life in the 1860s. Units on site were the Chicago Board of Trade Battery commanded by John Nash, and the 14th Corps HQ Guard (SVR) commanded by Captain Eric Peterson, PDC (SVR 7th Military District Commander). Brother Peterson reprised his role as General Thomas and established a HQ display. Since that weekend was actually the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Hoover's Gap brother Peterson concentrated his talks on the Tullahoma Campaign that opened up Georgia to attack by Federal troops. Other brothers attended as Union soldiers. Jack Abram portrayed a Private assigned to HQ as a clerk. Camp 2 Commander Tim Klob attended as a Private and displayed common soldier's equipment along with Brother Brad Quinlin of camp 3.

The event was coordinated by Camp 2 Patriotic Instructor and Barrington Hall Event Coordinator Bill Browning. Brother Browning was pleased with the event and plans to hold this event next July 11-13, 2013 to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the occupation of Roswell. Plans are being made to mark this as an SUVCW 150th Anniversary Signature Event. The event should be even grander next year and we are looking for volunteers to help with the program. People wishing to participate next year can contact Bill Browning or Eric Peterson.

Capt. Eric Peterson
Commander
XIV Corps HQ Guard

10th TN US Vol Infantry



10th TN US Vol Infantry Celina Homecoming

This was a reenactment of the capture of Lt. Jesse W. Heard (Bro. Bill Heard, FDC 62), Hamilton's Battalion TN Cav., by a trooper (Bro. Tommy Phillips, FDC 62) of the 1st Pennsylvania Cav. in June 1862. This reenactment took place in Celina, TN, in conjunction with the Celina Homecoming Celebration on August 3, 2013. This is a portrayal of an actual event. Lt. Heard was sent to Johnson's Island as a guest of the U.S. government. Lt. Col. Hamilton was captured at the same time and was killed while trying to escape. The officer who killed Lt. Col. Hamilton was later wounded at the Battle of Saltville, VA. He was assassinated in the military hospital by the infamous Confederate Champ Ferguson, a crime for which Ferguson was later hanged. At his trial in Nashville in 1866, Ferguson stated "Yes, I shot him. He killed Hamilton, and I killed him."

Sergeant W. "Bill" Heard
10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry

(ed. Note: Br. Bill Heard has both Federal and Confederate lineage.)



Grave Markings – near Reagan, TN

Pvt Thomas Jefferson Neisler's and G. B. "Green" Brown's graves were rededicated by Members of the 10th TN US Volunteer Infantry on 22 June 13. The honored gentlemen are the ancestor's of Br. Randy Hart and his family. Members of the family were in attendance at the two cemeteries. Both sites are between Parker's Crossroads and Shiloh (Pittsburgh Landing), TN.

While it was a very solemn event, it was interesting to see the reaction of the U.S. Postal Service upon encountering an armed Federal detail – they turned around and ran!

Cpl. George Andrew Huttick
10th Tennessee U.S. Volunteer Infantry



Upcoming Unit Events

XIV Corps HQ Guard

- 9 - 10 November ;Living History / Veterans Day, Helen GA

Amzi D. Harmon Company

- Sept; Vineland Cemetery Re-dedication
- Oct; Sesquicentennial Signature Event, Tampa FL

10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry

- 18 Oct; Tennessee History Festival – Capitol Mall State Park, Nashville, TN
- 8 - 9 Nov; Blue-Gray Days – Carnton Plantation, Franklin TN
- 30 Nov; Annual Carter House March, Franklin, TN

Department / National Events

- TBD?



Members of the Federal staff on the front steps of
Barrington Hall.
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We want articles!

New and Updated emails!

Articles for the Fall 2013 Edition of the Haversack!

- Unit Activities
- Biographical Sketches of your Unit or your Ancestor, Biographical Sketches of other Civil War units or persons
- Research methods
- Civil War era jokes / cartoons

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