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Captain's Remarks

Greetings,

With the new year upon us and a great schedule of events ahead of us, let us look forward to what is to be and to what can be. For only the 2nd time in this Unit's illustrious 33 year history we have had a change in command. With your assistance this staff and this Unit will not stagger but move forward and grow stronger and strive for greater things. As we move through our Spring Campaign let us strive for excellence on and off the field and enjoy fellowship with each other at every opportunity.

Bob Weltner,
Captain, 30th NCT Co K

Command Structure

1st Division ANV
4th Regiment
1st NC Battalion
30th NCT
9th PA reserves
Col Francis Marion Parker
Civilian Alliance

Upcoming Event Schedule

Jan 19-21 2018
Winter Encampment

Feb 16-18 Battle of Olustee

Feb 24-25 Battle of Aiken, SC

3-4 March Battalion Drill

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Administration

2018 ELECTION RESULTS

CPT: Bob Weltner

LT: Slade Parker

1SGT: Derrick Beauchamp

2SGT: Tom Venner

CPLs: Will Albritton, Stephen Fritz, Rusty Dyles

2018 DUES

Dues for 2018 remain unchanged. The rate for Single member/head of household is \$32, all dependents in the same house \$16, except 12 and under is \$7. Family cap remains at \$65 if the total for the family exceeds this amount. Please send the payment for the dues to Doug Wright, 8734 Hickory Nut Trail, Concord NC 28027. Please make checks payable to 30th NCT. If you have any questions about the amount, please email Doug at dbwright15@carolina.rr.com.



Registration

Ladies and Gentlemen of the 30th NC Infantry,

Details for registration:

Make your check to:

Tom Venner

Address:

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Huntersville, NC 28078**

If you have any questions, send me an email, contact me on FaceBook, or give me a call: 513-256-7864

Upcoming Registration

Appomattox Living History: Let your CPL know immediately if you plan on attending. Event is capped at 300.

155th Gettysburg: After January 21st the Unit will no longer take registrations. You will need to register online.

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“The Final Salute”



The following is an article which provides General Joshua Chamberlain's comments and memories concerning the Army of Northern Virginia's Surrender at Appomattox.

"I was told, furthermore, that General Grant had appointed me to take charge of this parade and to receive the formal surrender of the guns and flags. Pursuant to these orders, I drew up my brigade at the courthouse along the highway leading to Lynchburg. This was very early on the morning of the 12th of April.

"The Confederates were stationed on the hill beyond the valley and my brigade, the 3rd, had a position across that valley on another hill, so that each body of soldiers could see the other. My men were all veterans, the brigade being that which had fired the first shot at Yorktown at the beginning of the war. Their banners were inscribed with all the battles of the army of the Potomac from the first clear through the long list down to the last.

"In the course of those four eventful years the makeup of the brigade had naturally changed considerably, for there had been not alone changes of men, but consolidations of regiments as well. Yet the prestige of that history made a remarkably strong *esprit du corps*.

"In that Third Brigade line there were regiments representing the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, regiments which had been through the entire war. The Bay State veterans had the right of line down the village street. This was the 32d Massachusetts Regiment, with some members of the 9th, 18th, and 22d Regiments. Next in order came the First Maine Sharpshooters, the 20th Regiment, and some of the 2d. There were also the First Michigan Sharpshooters, the 1st and 16th Regiments, and some men of the 4th. Pennsylvania was represented by the 83d, the 91st, the 118th, and the 155th. In the other two brigades were: First Brigade, 198th Pennsylvania, and 185th New York; in the Second Brigade, the 187th, 188th, and 189th New York.

“The Final Salute”

"The First and Second Brigades were with me then, because I had previously commanded them and they had been very courteously sent me at my request by my corps and division commanders.

"The arrangement of the soldiery was as follows: The Third Brigade on one side of the street in line of battle; the Second, known as Gregory's, in the rear, and across the street, facing the Third; the First Brigade also in line of battle.

"Having thus formed, the brigades standing at 'order arms,' the head of the Confederate column, General Gordon in command, and the old 'Stonewall' Jackson Brigade leading, started down into the valley which lay between us, and approached our lines. With my staff I was on the extreme right of the line, mounted on horseback, and in a position nearest the Rebel soldiers who were approaching our right.

"Ah, but it was a most impressive sight, a most striking picture, to see that whole army in motion to lay down the symbols of war and strife, that army which had fought for four terrible years after a fashion but infrequently known in war.

"At such a time and under such conditions I thought it eminently fitting to show some token of our feeling, and I therefore instructed my subordinate officers to come to the position of 'salute' in the manual of arms as each body of the Confederates passed before us.

"It was not a 'present arms,' however, not a 'present,' which then as now was the highest possible honor to be paid even to a president. It was the 'carry arms,' as it was then known, with musket held by the right hand and perpendicular to the shoulder. I may best describe it as a marching salute in review.

"When General Gordon came opposite me I had the bugle blown and the entire line came to 'attention,' preparatory to executing this movement of the manual successively and by regiments as Gordon's columns should pass before our front, each in turn.

"The General was riding in advance of his troops, his chin drooped to his breast, downhearted and dejected in appearance almost beyond description. At the sound of that machine like snap of arms, however, General Gordon started, caught in a moment its significance, and instantly assumed the finest attitude of a soldier. He wheeled his horse facing me, touching him gently with the spur, so that the animal slightly reared, and as he wheeled, horse and rider made one motion, the horse's head swung down with a graceful bow, and General Gordon dropped his swordpoint to his toe in salutation.

"By word of mouth General Gordon sent back orders to the rear that his own troops take the same position of the manual in the march past as did our line. That was done, and a truly imposing sight was the mutual salutation and farewell.

"At a distance of possibly twelve feet from our line, the Confederates halted and turned face towards us. Their lines were formed with the greatest care, with every officer in his appointed position, and thereupon began the formality of surrender.

"Bayonets were affixed to muskets, arms stacked, and cartridge boxes unslung and hung upon the stacks. Then, slowly and with a reluctance that was appealingly pathetic, the torn and tattered battleflags were either leaned against the stacks or laid upon the ground. The emotion of the conquered soldiery was really sad to witness. Some of the men who had carried and followed those ragged standards through the four long years of strife, rushed, regardless of all discipline, from the ranks, bent about their old flags, and pressed them to their lips with burning tears.

"And it can well be imagined, too, that there was no lack of emotion on our side, but the Union men were held steady in their lines, without the least show of demonstration by word or by motion. There was, though, a twitching of the muscles of their faces, and, be it said, their battle-bronzed cheeks were not altogether dry. Our men felt the import of the occasion, and realized fully how they would have been affected if defeat and surrender had been their lot after such a fearful struggle.

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"Nearly an entire day was necessary for that vast parade to pass. About 27,000 stands of arms were laid down, with something like a hundred battleflags; cartridges were destroyed, and the arms loaded on cars and sent off to Wilmington.

"Every token of armed hostility was laid aside by the defeated men. No officer surrendered his side arms or horse, if private property, only Confederate property being required, according to the terms of surrender, dated April 9, 1865, and stating that all arms, artillery, and public property were to be packed and stacked and turned over to the officer duly appointed to receive them.

"And right here I wish to correct again that statement so often attributed to me, to the effect that I have said I received from the hands of General Lee on that day his sword. Only recently, at a banquet in Newtown, Mass., of the Katahdin Club, composed of sons and daughters of my own beloved State, it was said in press dispatches that a letter had been read front me in which I made the claim that I had received Lee's sword. I never did make that claim even, as I never did receive that sword.

"As I have said, no Confederate officer was required or even asked to surrender his side arms if they were his personal property. As a matter of fact, General Lee never gave up his sword, although, if I am not mistaken, there was some conference between General Grant and some of the members of his staff upon that very subject just before the final surrender. I was not present at that conference, however, and only know of it by hearsay.

"But, as I was saying, every token of armed hostility having been laid aside, and the men having given their words of honor that they would never serve again against the flag, they were free to go whither they would and as best they could. In the meantime our army had been supplying them with rations. On the next morning, however, the morning of the 13th, we could see the men, singly or in squads, making their way slowly into the distance, in whichever direction was nearest home, and by nightfall we were left there at Appomattox Courthouse lonesome and alone."

Events Calendar

January 19-21, 2018 30 NCT Winter Encampment, Bost Grist Mill

Mr. Lawing will be cooking Chili Friday Night. A goulash will be prepared Saturday. The 13th NCT will also be joining us. Please let your CPLs know immediately if you plan on attending. Let's show up in good numbers and spirit!

February 16-18, 2018, Olustee, FL Battle of Olustee

<http://www.battleofolustee.org/reenactment>

February 24-25, 2018, Battle of Aiken, SC

<http://www.battleofaiken.org>

March 3-4 2018, Battalion Drill Goldsborough Battle Field (30th NCT)

A great opportunity to develop and polish our drill as a company and battalion. Please make all efforts to join us.

March 17-18 2018, Bentonville (Military through the Ages)

March 24-25, 2018 The Columns Florence, SC

April 6-8, 2018, Appomattox Court House LH (30th NCT)

The 4th REG has been invited to participate in this year's Living History Program. Limited to 300 slots.

April 28-29, 2018 Plymouth, NC

May 19-20 2018, Battle of New Market, VA (ANV, 30th NCT)

May 26-27 2018, Sharpsburg, MD Living History (28th NCT/Calvert Arms)

June 2-3, 2018, "Crossroads to Gettysburg" (4th REG Campaigners)

June 9-10 2018, Old Bedford Village, OH (ANV)

July 5-8, 2018 155th Gettysburg (ANV, 4th REG, 30th NCT)

August 11-13, 2017 Gettysburg Living History (4th REG)

The following events marked with **30th NCT** are MAX effort events voted on by the membership of the 30th at our company meeting. Events marked with **OP-TIONAL** were events that received interest, but insufficient votes to be a max effort. Events marked with **ANV Division** were those approved at the yearly meeting of the ANV, and likewise, those marked with **1st NC Battalion** are those approved by our regiment as regimental events.

Events Calendar (cont.)

September 2018 Bost Grist Mill, Concord, NC **(4th REG, 30th NCT)**

October 6-7 2018, JEB Stuart, Ararat, VA **(4th REG, 30th NCT)**
Event hosted by Longstreet Corp and the 21st NCT.

October 20-21, 2018 Cedar Creek, VA **(ANV)**

November 2-4, 2018 “To the Front– The Last Days of Carolina” Ft
Branch, Hamilton, NC **(4th REG, 30th NCT)**
There will be a Campaigner component to this event.

Dec, 2018 30th NCT Christmas Party **(30th NCT)**

*“The patriot
volunteer,
fighting for
country and his
rights, makes the
most reliable
soldier on earth.”
Gen Thomas
“Stonewall”
Jackson*

*"It is history
that teaches us
to hope."*

*Gen Robert E
Lee*

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