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Captain's Remarks

Folks, May and June this year saw members going to some new events. Several members attended the New Market event which I understand it DID NOT rain this year, and from what I understand the event was a good event. Then during the first weekend of June the membership attended a campaign event, On to Richmond, and again from what I have been advised the event was a very memorable event. I have a feeling we'll be seeing more events in the future similar to On to Richmond

The company attended the event at Latta Plantation this year and for the most part, our memories will be of the rain which poured and ran through out camp. We fielded as Federal for the event and had a good turnout considering we had several members go to the Gettysburg event. The 30th would like to thank the CFMPCA for the goodie bags which were presented to those in attendance at Latta. A lot of hard work went into the bags and the contents, it does not go unnoticed, thanks again to those who had a hand in the project.

Please be reviewing the events left on our schedule and try to make as many events as possible. Don't forget, this is your unit, support it with your attendance.

Doug Wright, 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

July 29, 2017, 30th/CFMPA
Summer Cookout

August 5th, 2017 Bost Grist
Mill Workday

August 11-13, 2017 Gettysburg
Living History

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Administration

We have a few new members in our group. Welcome to Russell Schmidt, a veteran re-enactor from Washington State who attended Latta. Also new members Andrew and Jamie Raymer. Please welcome these folks to our group when you meet them.

Folks,

Please review the schedule for the remainder of the season. Various updates were added to the calendar.



Registration

Ladies and Gentlemen of the 30th NC Infantry,

Details for registration:

Make your check to:

Tom Venner

Address:

**15421 Kennicott Way
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

October 14-16, 2017 Goldsborough Bridge, Goldsboro, NC. Registration is due now. Please let unit leadership know if you plan on attending.

September 22-24, 2017 Ft Macon Living History, Atlantic Beach, NC Please advise the Captain if you're interested in going ASAP.

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Company Event Photos



Lake Latta



Become a re-enactor, they said. It would be fun,
they said

“The Boy Colonel”

Battle of Gettysburg, July 1st, 1863

It was 2 P.M. on July 1, 1863. Since the initial clash that morning, the fighting north and west of Gettysburg had intensified until now it was clear to every soldier that great battle was at hand. Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia was on the offensive, and fresh troops were moving tforward to drive their blue-clad foes from ridgelines that commanded the town beyond.

No officer felt the urgency of the hour more keenly that Colonel Henry King Burgwyn, Jr., commander of the 26th North Carolina. He was one of four North Carolina regiments in Brigadier General J. Johnston Pettigrew’s brigade, which since noon had been waiting to enter the fray. Yankee shells and occasional spatters of musketry had been striking among Burgwyn’s position on Herr ridge, and the colonel was eager to fight. Now at last it was time. Burgwyn called his men to attention, drew his sword and took position on foot at the center of the regiment, ready to lead them forward.

Burgwn’s zeal was fueled by the impetuosity of youth. At age twenty-one, he was the youngest colonel in Lee’s army, having risen to field grade while still in his teens. But Harry Burgwyn was something more than a “boy colonel”. In two years of war her had forged a reputation as a firm disciplinarian, skilled drillmaster, and unsurpassed leader of men. At first he was viewed as something of a martinet, but by August 1862, when he assumed the colonelcy of the 26th, Burgwyn had won his men’s affection as well as their respect.

As the Army of Northern Virginia marched into Maryland and across the Mason-Dixon line into Pennsylvania, the soldiers noticed that their young commander was uncharacteristically subdued. Some thought he has a premonition of approaching death. “God along knows how tired I am of this war” Burgwn had written his family, “I am sure that no day in my life will be hailed by me with the same degree of delight as that on which I head the blessed tidings of peace assured”. Whatever his forebodings, the boy colonel advanced bravely into the first day’s fight at Gettysburg. “His eye was aflame with the ardor of battle”, recalled Burgwyn’s second in command, Lieutenant Colonel John R Lane..
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“The Boy Colonel”

“At the command forward march”. Lane wrote, the nearly nine hundred soldiers of the 26th, well clad in recently issued uniforms,” to a man stepped off apparently as willingly and as proudly as if they were on review”. Opposing them were some of the finest troops in the Union Army: the tough westerners of the Iron Brigade.

Men struck down at every step, the 26th North Carolina swept toward the enemy position on McPherson’s Ridge. Their ranks were disordered by the tangled undergrowth that bordered Willoughby Run, but under the heavy fire the men splashed across and reformed on the opposite bank. Already four soldiers had fallen while bearing the regimental battle flag—newly issued banner, now torn with bullets. Screaming the Rebel Yell, the Tarheels charged uphill, driving the 24th Michigan and a portion of the 19th Indiana into the shelter of McPherson’s Woods. There the Yankees stood their ground, bringing the North Carolinians to a standstill in a deadly slugging match, the opposing forces a scant twenty yards apart. Four more times the flag of the 26th went down, only to be raised again.

In the thick of the fighting, Captain W. W. McCreery galloped up to Colonel Burgwyn with a message from General Pettigrew: “Your regiment has covered itself with glory today!” Then, leaping from his horse, McCreery picked up the banner and fell, shot through the heart., Second Lieutenant George Wilcox pulled the flag from under McCreery’s body, stood up, and was also shot.

Now Burgwyn himself snatched up the flag from a heap of fallen men. Seeing that the color company and those on its flanks were all but annihilated, the colonel bore the colors to First Lieutenant Thomas Cureton of Company B and asked if he could furnish a man to carry them. Private Frank Hunneycut stepped forward, took the flag, and went down.

Again Burgwyn raised the bloodstained banner. Bullets tore at his clothes and struck the scabbard that hung at his side. Pointing his sword at the enemy line, the boy colonel turned to his embattled soldiers and urged them forward! At that moment a bullet ripped through his lungs, and Burgwyn went down, the flag enfolding him as he fell.

Lieutenant Colonel Lane ran to the side of his stricken commander and with the words, “It is my time to take them now.” snatched the flag from the hands of its thirteenth bearer and led the regiment on. The ravaged Yankee line gave way, and as Lane scrambled in their wake he was shot in the back of the head, the bullet emerging from his open mouth. For the final time that day, the flag of the 26th went down.

Lane would live to fight another day, but at least 95 of his men had died in the charge. By the final day of Gettysburg, 697 of the North Carolinians had been killed, wounded or captured. Of these 174 were killed outright or later succumbed to their wounds.

For two hours Henry Burgwyn’s life ebbed away as he lay in the arms of Lieutenant J. J. Young. He left messages of love for his family and words of praise for his men. Just before the end, the boy colonel’s mind drifted back to the eve of battle and he whispered, “I know my gallant regiment will do their duty ... where is my sword?”

Events Calendar

Jan 21, 2017 Battalion Meeting

1000 Orange County Courthouse, Hillsborough, NC. Those going to meeting in the Charlotte area will meet at the Cracker Barrel on Dale Earnhardt Blvd (exit 60 I-85), Kannapolis, at 0630 and leave by 0730.

January 28, 2017 30 NCT Winter Encampment & Company Meeting, Bost Grist Mill

We will incorporate the yearly company meeting into our weekend at Bost this year and have an evening meal for all members. The meeting will start at 1500 followed by the meal, at about 1630. We'll vote on the year's events for 2017. The CFMPCA yearly meeting will start at the Captain's House at 10am to conclude prior to going to Bost for the company meeting.

Feb 17-19, 2017 Olustee, FL Battle of Olustee

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

Feb 25-26, 2017 Battle of Black River

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/917055328410956>

Feb 25-26, 2017 Battle of Aiken, SC

<http://www.battleofaiken.org>

March 10-12, 2017: New Bern, NC (**ANV, 4th REG, 30th NCT**)

The event is hosted by the 5th NCST and the 7th NCST.

<http://battlefornewberne.com/reenactor-information-registration>

Mar 25, 2017 Bost Grist Mill Workday (**30th NCT**)

This date will be used to split wood for the Sept event we host at Bost. We'll start at 9am and split till lunch. Please bring work gloves. A case of water will be on hand. A rain date will be set for April 1st, same times.

April 8-9, 2017 Appomattox Court House LH (**30th NCT**)

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

April 22, 2017 Museum of Waxhaws Living History (**30th NCT**)

May 20-21 Battle of New Market, VA (**30th NCT Optional**)

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 **OPTIONAL** 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.)

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

June 2-4, 2017, “On to Richmond” (4th REG, 30th NCT Optional)

June 30-July 1-2, 2017 Latta Plantation, Huntersville, NC (30th NCT)
We will go as Federal.

July 29, 2017, 30th/CFMPA Summer Cookout

Start arriving at 1pm, eat at 5pm, wrap up by 7pm, address: Twin Harbors Drive, Mt Gilead, NC. The cookout this year is at Lake Tillery at the vacation resort of Will and Diane Albritton. Please check email, or 30th's Facebook page for further information.

August 5th, 2017 Bost Grist Mill Workday

We'll start at 9am and finish when we get done (usually by lunch) Bring limb cutters, and a chain saw or two, we will clear trails and any bush that gets in the way.

August 11-13, 2017 Gettysburg Living History (4th REG, 30th NCT)

Please advise the Captain if you're going to this event. The registration is \$20 and is due immediately. Mail check payable to 30th NCT to Capt Wright, 8734 Hickory

September 8-10, 2017 Bost Grist Mill, Concord, NC (4th REG, 30th

NCT) This is our event and we've had good turnouts every year. We will field as Federal this year, however bring both uniforms. A company meeting will be held Sunday morning, times to be determined.

September 22-24, 2017 Ft Macon Living History, Atlantic Beach, NC

(4th REG, 30th NCT) Capt Wright is taking a group to Ft Macon to assist the 11th NCT with the Living History. Camping will be in the case mates and the 11th will provide most meals Saturday and Sunday. Please advise the Captain if your interested in going

October 6-8, 2017, JEB Stuart, Ararat, VA TBD

Event hosted by Longstreet Corp and the 21st NCT.

October 14-16, 2017 Goldsborough Bridge, Goldsboro, NC (30th NCT)

The unit decided to attend Goldsborough Bridge event instead of Cedar Creek. Registration is due now

November 3a-5, 2017 Ft Branch, Hamilton, NC (4th REG, 30th NCT)

November 11, 2017 ANV Division Meeting, Shepherdstown, WV

Dec 2, 2017 30th NCT Christmas Party (30th NCT)

*“It is history
that teaches us
to hope.”
Gen Robert E
Lee*

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