



30th Appomattox Flag



30th NC Flag



30th North Carolina Troops
Company K, Mecklenburg Beauregards
Colonel Francis Marion Parker Civilian Alliance
9th Pennsylvania Co K

January February 2019

FROM THE CAPTAIN

Ladies and Gentlemen, Thus far through the year we have shared great times from winter encampment to The Battle of Olustee to The Battle at Broxton Bridge. We have also had a loss that cannot be easily overcome.

Through the rest of the year we shall share in even greater moments that will bring us closer together as a family. Let us look forward to these moments and show our support for one another and our unit. With support from each and every member we carry on the legacy that is the 30th NCT, Co. k.

The 30th NCT @ the Battle of Broxton Bridge, Courtesy of Sarah Grace Taylor



2019 DUES

Dues for 2019 remain largely unchanged. The rate for Single member/head of household is \$32.00, all dependants in the same house \$20.00, except under 12 is \$10.00. Family cap remains at \$65.00 if the total for the family exceeds this amount. Please make checks payable to 30th NCT and pay Doug Wright, 8734 Hickory Nut Trail, Concord NC 28027.

2019 Battalion Meeting Results (Jan 5th, 2019)

The Battalion Staff for 2019 is as follows:

Col Bill Potts

Lt Col John Baucom

Sr Major Barry Decker

Jr Major Doug Wright

Adjutant Tim Greene

Assistant Adjant Lee Gordon

Sgt Major Steve Harris

EVENT DATES:

Events voted on as Battalion events:

March 16-17 Benntonville LH, Battalion Drill

May 18-19 New Market

August 10-11 Gettysburg LH,

Sept 21-22 Battle of Bost Grist Mill

Nov 2-3 Fort Branch

January 9, 2016 Battalion Meeting 10am Orange County Courthouse, Hillsborough, NC.

Those going to the meeting in the Charlotte area will meet at the Cracker Barrel on Dale Earnhardt Blvd (exit 60 I-85), Kannapolis, at 630am and leave by 730am.

January 19-22, 2019 30th NCT Winter Encampment, Bost Grist Mill.

We'll have a Unit meal Saturday eve.

We will conduct company drill on Saturday morning. Everyone will be asked to bring weapons and accoutrements to the encampment and be in uniform. We will also hold our annual weapons training and certification. We will conduct our yearly "Ring of Fire" ceremony on Saturday evening.

Please consider paying dues at the winter encampment if you have not do by then.

April 13-14, 2019 154th Appomattox, VA (optional 30th)

April 27-28, 2019 Plymouth, NC (30th NCT)

May 5, 2019 Confederate Memorial Day, Elmwood Cemetery, Charlotte

May 18-19, 2019, 155th New Market (ANV, 1st NC Batt, 30th NCT Max Effort)

May 27, 2019 Memorial Day Service, Hopewell Baptist Church, Polkton, NC

June 1-2, 2019 Latta Plantation, Huntersville, NC (30th NCT Max Effort)

June 8-9, 2019 Old Bedford Villiage (ANV).

July/August Unit Cook Out date/location to be determined, 30th

August 10-11, 2019 Gettysburg Living History (1st NC Batt. 30th optional)

September 21-22, 2019 Bost Grist Mill, Concord, NC (1st NC Batt, 30th NCT Max Effort)

October 5-6, 2019, Shenandoah, VA

October 19-20, 2019 155th Cedar Creek, Middleton, VA (ANV)

November 2-3, 2019 Ft Branch, Hamilton, NC (1st NC Batt, 30th NCT Max Effort) Hosted by the 11th NCT

November 2-3, 2019 Brattonsville, SC

November 9-10, 2019 ANV Convention, Sheperdstown, WV

December date to be determined, 30th Unit Christmas Party (At the Albritton Plantation)

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January 4, 2020, Battalion Meeting at Hillsborough, NC

A Piece of History

On 4 May, 1864, movements began which brought on the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and others. In all of these, the Thirtieth shared the fate of Ramseur's Brigade', which was hard marching and hard fighting. The charge of the brigade on 12 May, driving the Yankees from three lines of works, is historic. The loss of the Thirtieth in this charge was heavy, both in officers and men. The losses on 19 May, as also at Second Cold Harbor were serious. On 19 May, the Colonel of the regiment received a wound which disqualified him for active field service. The regiment was subsequently commanded by the Senior Captain present, generally by that fine soldier, Captain D. C. Allen, of Company C. In the pursuit of the Federal General Hunter down the Valley of the Shenandoah, Captain Allen being absent from indisposition, the Thirtieth was ably commanded by Captain F. M. Fitts, who had been recently promoted on account of gallant conduct on the field. No braver nor more dashing an officer ever led men than was Captain Fitts. An irreparable loss to the regiment should have been noticed sooner. In an engagement at Kelly's Ford in November 1863, the regiment was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Sellers, who acted with his wonted coolness and courage, but being outnumbered and exposed to a plunging fire of artillery from the high banks of the Rappahannock, the regiment was badly cut to pieces. On this field Colonel Sellers offered his young life on the altar of his country. As gentle as a, lovely woman, as brave as the bravest, his loss was a sad one to his State, to the army, and particularly to his own regiment. He commanded the respect and love of the entire command. During the campaign of 1864, General Ramseur was promoted to Major-General. His old brigade was, after that, commanded by that accomplished, chivalrous soldier, General W. R. Cox, formerly Colonel of the Second North Carolina Troops. Cox's Brigade constituted a part of General Early's command in the Shenandoah Valley, and in the movement on Washington. In this campaign the loss of the Thirtieth was very heavy. Among the officers who were killed in battle was Captain Moore, of Company F. When Moore fell, there was not a more gallant soldier left in the Army of Northern Virginia. The history of a brigade is generally the history of the regiments composing it. The reports of the general officers of the army bear evidence of the efficiency of Ramseur's Brigade. A prominent writer of our State, himself an accomplished gentleman and soldier, in writing of this brigade, speaks of it as the "Ironsides of the army." The lamented Ramseur in parting with his old Brigade to assume a higher 504 North Carolina Troops, 1861-'65. command, appealed to his immediate superiors "to tell our countrymen how we did our duty." Our Great Captain, the spotless Lee, emphasized this appreciation of our services on the last day at Appomattox. As Cox's Brigade swept by him to the charge, with steady step and unbroken line, he voluntarily exclaimed: "God bless old North Carolina." This is glory enough for any body of troops.

Drill

Commands.

There are three kinds.

62. *The command of caution, which is attention.*

63. *The preparatory command, which indicates the movement which is to be executed.*

64. *The command of execution, such as march or halt, or, in the manual of arms, the part of command which causes an execution*

65. *The tone of the command should be animated, distinct, and of loudness proportioned to the number of men under instruction.*

66. *The command attention is pronounced at the top of the voice, dwelling on the last syllable.*

67. *The command of execution will be pronounced in a tone firm and brief.*

68. *The commands of caution and the preparatory commands are herein distinguished by italics, those of execution by CAPITALS.*

69. *Those preparatory commands which, from their length, are difficult to be pronounced at once, must be divided into two or three parts, with an ascending progression in the tone of command, but always in such a manner that the tone of execution may be more energetic and elevated; the divisions are indicated by a hyphen. The parts of commands which are placed in a parenthesis are not pronounced.*

REMARKS ON THE POSITION OF THE SOLDIER.

Heels on the same line;

79. *Because, if one were in the rear of the other, the shoulder on that side would be thrown back, or the position of the soldier would be constrained.*

Heels more or less closed;

Because, men who are knock-kneed, or who have legs with large calves, cannot, without constraint, make their heels touch while standing.

The feet equally turned out, and not forming too large an angle;

Because, if one foot were turned out more than the other, a shoulder would be deranged, and if both feet be too much turned out, it would not be practicable to incline the upper part of the body forward without rendering the whole position unsteady.

Knees extended without stiffness;

Because, if stiffened, constraint and fatigue would be unavoidable.

The body erect on the hips;

Because, it gives equilibrium to the position. The instructor will observe that many recruits have the bad habit of dropping a shoulder, of drawing in a side, or of advancing a hip, particularly the right, when under arms. These are defects he will labor to correct.

The upper part of the body inclining forward;

Because, commonly, recruits are disposed to do the reverse, to project the belly and to throw back the shoulders, when they wish to hold themselves erect, from which result great inconveniences in marching. The habit of inclining forward the upper part of the body is so important to contract, that the instructor must enforce it at the beginning, particularly with recruits who have naturally the opposite habit.

Shoulders square;

Because if the shoulders be advanced beyond the line of the breast, and the back arched (the defect called round-shouldered, not uncommon with recruits,) the man cannot align himself, nor use his piece with address. It is important, then, to correct this defect, and necessary to that end that the coat should set easy about the shoulders and arm pits; but in correcting this defect, the instructor should take care that the shoulders be not thrown too much to the rear, which would cause the belly to project, and the small of the back to be, curved.

The arms hanging naturally, elbows near the body, the palm of the hand a little turned to the front, the little finger behind the seam of the pantaloons;

Because these positions are equally important to the shoulder arms, and to prevent the man from occupying more space in a rank than is necessary to its free use of the piece; they have, moreover, the advantage of keeping in the shoulders.

The face straight to the front, and without constraint;

Because, if there be stiffness in the latter position, it would communicate itself to the whole of the upper part of the body, embarrass its movements and give pain and fatigue.

Eyes direct to the front;

Because, this is the surest means of maintaining the shoulders in line- an essential object, to be insisted on and attained.

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"It is history that teaches us to hope"
Gen R.E. Lee

