

January-March 2014

Company F Forward!

A Living History of Co. F, 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry



Message from the President's Desk

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to our fourth year as Company F and the fourth year of the 150th Commemoration of the Civil War, a 5 year celebration. 2014 is shaping up to be an exciting year. We will be helping to celebrate the 375th Anniversaries of the Towns of Guilford and Stratford and the 300th Anniversary of the Town of Ashford with living history events. We will hold first time events with the Cromwell and Cornwall Historical Societies and return for a fourth year to our friends at the Seymour Historical Society.

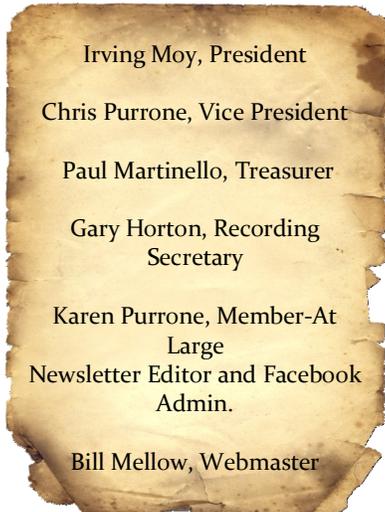
We completed our 2015 Calendar of events and are now scheduling events for 2016! Let me know if you are interested in having us conduct a living history event for you in 2016. Many organizations have found that our living history event is a means of getting the public to come out to also see who they are, their collections and other program offerings. These events are also beneficial to us as opportunities to further our mission to educate the public about the Civil War Era.

A highlight of this newsletter are copies of letters written by Frederick Bartlett Doten, Adjutant and a captain with Co. F, written on November 26, 1863 from winter headquarters near Falmouth, VA and on July 25, 1864 from Third Brigade Headquarters to his sweetheart, Georgie Wells, shared to us from the collections of Blaine Moore and Carolyn Ivanoff. Go to the "Historical Writings" page on our webpage for transcripts of the letters and information on Frederick Doten..

Keep in touch with our activities and updates on our website, www.cof14thevi.com and "Like" us on our Facebook page, "14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Company F." Come to an event to see what we do and introduce yourself to us. So until then, "Company F Forward."

Your Obedient Servant,

Irving Moy



NR Streamer listing Co. F members who participated in the 150th Battle of Gettysburg Reenactment in 2013 and carried by Irving Moy in the Remembrance Day Parade.





Scheduled Events

Co. F, Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry 2014 Events Schedule

All living history events will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the designated location.

Recruitment poster courtesy of Karl Bacon and the Naugatuck Historical Society

April	5	CWT Park Day at Fort Trumbull, New London
	26	Seymour Historical Society Living History
May	2-4	150 th Anniversary Battles of the Wilderness & Spotsylvania, Virginia
	26	Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade
	31	375 th Anniversary Town of Guilford
June	28	Cromwell Historical Society Living History
July	26	Cornwall Historical Society Living History
September	20	375 th Anniversary of Stratford, Stratford Historical Society
October	11	300 th Anniversary Town of Ashford
	17-19	150 th Anniversary Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia
November	14-16	Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA



Newsorthy

Civil War Park Day at Fort Trumbull State Park

The third annual 2014 Civil War Trust Park Day program will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach Street, New London. The public is invited to assist the staff at the fort in maintenance chores to get the fort and its grounds ready for the opening of its 2014 season. Fort Trumbull is only one of two Civil War related sites in New England designated for this program. With budget cuts to its state parks and historical sites, our assistance is greatly appreciated by Park Director Jon Lincoln and his staff.

Meet at the Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. to register and to receive your assignment. Bring your work gloves and rake; all other supplies and equipment will be supplied. A free CWT t-shirt will be given to each participant. The event is from 9:30 to 3:p.m. "rain or shine." You can come and go as your schedule allows. Come and make a difference!

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2014 Class of Co. F Honorary and Full Members

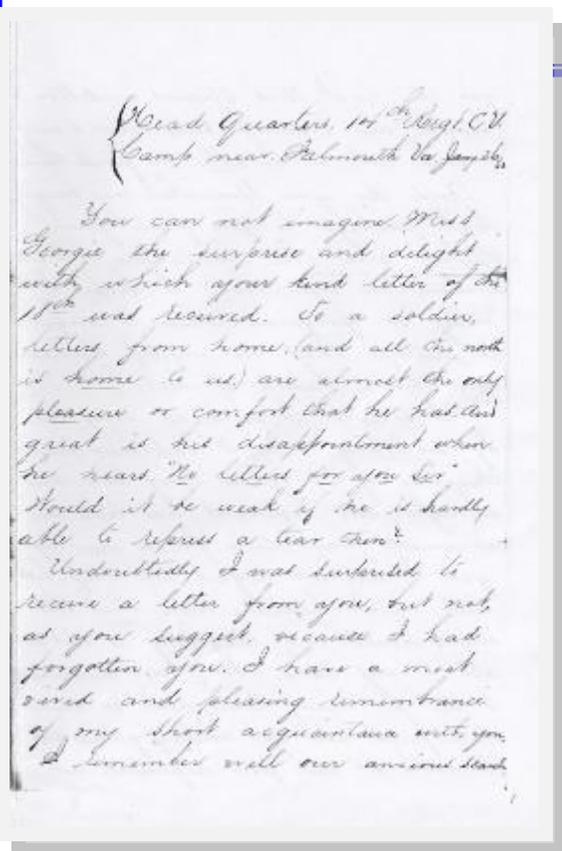
At the January 18, 2014 Annual Meeting, Dr. Robert Bee, Arthur Carter, Jim Connery, Nancy Eddins, Brad Kuene, Brett Johnson and Walker Somerville were elected into the 2014 Class of Honorary Members. Peter Garafalo, John and Kathy Morrison were accepted as full members of the company.

Steve Phan

I met Steve Phan on Facebook and contacted him when I saw that he was looking for information on Joseph Pierce. I discovered that Steve was another Asian, Vietnamese, who loves and is a student of the Civil War where he attended the Gettysburg College Civil War Institute, studying under Allen Guelzo. Steve is a great admirer of the Maj. General John Reynolds of the First Corps. This past summer he interned with the National Park Service at the Petersburg National Military Park. When I found out that he was flying back to Gettysburg from his home in Colorado for Remembrance Weekend, it was only natural to invite him to march with us in the Remembrance Day Parade. Co. F was honored to have two Joseph Pierce's marching. Steve is considering membership as an Associate member. As a side note, I found out that we share a mutual friendship with Virginian, Jason Spellman, a Korean, who has portrayed Joseph Pierce and a Confederate impression at events. So here you have it "the Three Amigos", a Chinese, a Vietnamese and a Korean brought together because of this wonderful hobby we are in.



Irving Moy



Here is a copy of the envelope and the first page of the letter written by Fred. B. Doten to his sweetheart Georgie. To read more about Fred and read the transcription of the whole letter, go to our Website: www.cof14thcvi.com and look under Historical Writings.





After Action Reports

Remembrance Day, November 14- 16, 2013

Eleven members of Co. F proudly supported the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered at the dedication ceremony for the Soldiers Cemetery by marching in the Remembrance Day parade with the National Regiment (NR).

The Mellows and Purrone, being the seasoned travelers that they are, arrived a couple of days earlier to take in the sights of Gettysburg before the parade on Saturday. Karen and Bill braved the cold on Friday morning to take a Segway tour of the battlefield, with an extra stop at the 14th's monument for pictures.



After



Saturday morning we formed company with the NR. I took the position of Captain of the 4th Company with Mike Peetes, as 1st Lt., Matty Cronin, 6th NH as 1st Sgt., Chris Purrone, as 2nd Sgt. and Irving Moy, as Cpl., carrying the NR brigade flag with unit streamers. The rest of the company consisted of Nick Ivanoff, Mike Adiletta and sons, Mike and Joe (Joe's first parade marching WITH the soldiers), two (2) soldiers each from the 1st PA Reserves and the 119th NY., one (1) from the 6th NH, and Steve Phan from Colorado. We also had the honor of having John Grant Griffiths, the great great grandson of General Ulysses.S. Grant, march with us. Carolyn Ivanoff and Roseann Adiletta also dressed as Civil War period civilians



along with Karen Purrone and Bill Mellow, our roving photographers. What made this parade extra special was that members of the NR who "fought" at the Battle of Gettysburg in July of this year, were all awarded Medals for their participation in the 150th battle were allowed to wear the badges during the parade. At the conclusion of the parade, we paid our respects at the 14th CT monument on Cemetery Ridge and the monuments at the Bliss Barn and Farm House. Afterwards, the Ivanoff's were gracious hosts for a buffet dinner at their Gettysburg's home, where we met Tom Berry, a descendent of Christopher Flynn, Co. K 14th CVI, who was a recipient of a Medal of Honor for capturing the battle flag of the 16th NC during the Gettysburg's Battle and a few of Carolyn's many friends.



Pictures (clockwise from the top) Bill and Karen; Mike, John, Joe and Irv; Tom Berry; the group relaxing at Camp Ivanoff; John Grant Griffiths.



After Action Reports, con't.

Early Sunday morning Irving and I drove to VA to meet our tour guides. With them were John Hennessey, Supervising Historian at the Fredericksburg NMP and two other friends. We hiked on Stony Mountain, Somerville Ford, Morton's Ford and its battlefield. It was a wonderful way to end the weekend. Thank you all for being part of this season ending event.



Paul Martinello

In case you don't recognize these intrepid historians, the two extremely bundled up figures, are our own Irv Moy (left) and Paul Martinello (right). The one in the middle, who looks more adapted to the cold, is John Hennessey



New Year's Eve 2013



From time to time, a little something extra happens more often than not! Co. F members gathered early for New Years Eve dinner at the Eastside Restaurant in New Britain. The Bill and Nancy Mellow, John and Kathy Morrison, Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff, Chris and Nancy Purrone, Paul and Lauren Martinello welcomed 2014 German style and had a "Ticky Tocky Ticky Tocky, Oiy, Oiy Oiy" of a time! Balloons, streamers, noise makers, great food and BEER topped it off. Some snow flurries were coming down as we departed, but a fun way to end our third year together as Co. F.

Paul Martinello

As we fondly remember the Remembrance Day Parade, our last event of 2013, we now can look forward to the first event of 2014...the CWT Park Day cleanup of Ft. Trumbull in New London..



After Action Reports, con't.

New England Civil War Museum, February 9, 2014

Co. F supported the New England Civil War Museum, whose collections include 14th CVI relics, by being present at its monthly Sunday open house. Sal Carmosino, 27th CVI, in a Pvt.'s artillery uniform, and me as a 1st Lt., along with Sgt. Chris Purrone, Cpl. Irving Moy, Pvt. Jeff Lawrence, in his Veterans' Reserve Corps uniform and Karen Purrone, our Co F photographer were present to welcome the public. Chris had a small gun display, and I set up, for first time in public, a self standing dog tent. Although the public turnout was low probably due to the cold weather, we did our part at a non-scheduled event working with another non-profit organization and aiding it in its grant pursuits.

Paul Martinello

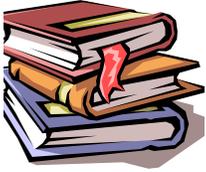


On Saturday, March 1, I was honored to be a presenter at the Connecticut Army - Air National Guard Professional Medical Seminar at Camp Niantic, Connecticut. I presented a Civil War Medical program honoring all citizen soldiers and their care providers, past and present. The men and women of our Armed forces and Connecticut National Guard are truly impressive. Thank you veterans and active duty personnel for all you have done and continue to do for our nation.

Carolyn Ivanoff

Carolyn with her medical display at the General Mansfield House, 2013. Photo by Joe Adiletta



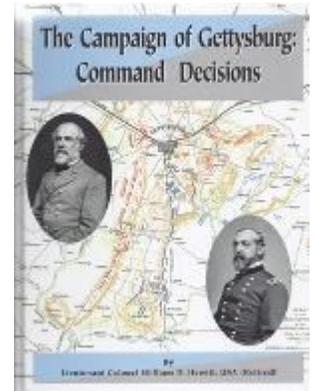


Book Review

A New Look to the Battle, but a Difficult Read **The Campaign of Gettysburg: Command Decisions** Lt. Col. William D. Hewitt (ret)

Thomas Publications – 296 pages
ISBN: 0578103028

Much has been written about the strategic and tactical shortcomings of the Gettysburg Campaign. William D. Hewitt attempts to do so in a different light and in a different layout than previous historians. With a lifetime of experience as a career military official, he uses his military experience to analyze the Gettysburg Campaign and comes up with something quite different.



Lieutenant Colonel William D. Hewitt is a seasonal guide at Gettysburg National Military Park and is retired from the United States Military with 31 years of experience in intelligence in armor and cavalry. He has edited many manuals of strategy and tactics along with analyzing battles which coincide with the armor and the cavalry.

Hewitt's work, *The Campaign of Gettysburg: Command Decisions* is an interesting book which chronicles the different parts of the battle. While most historians tend to think of battle as the first, second and third day of fighting, Hewitt takes a different approach by separating the major points of action as the pinpoints of the campaign. The complexity of the work is high and is more of a reference to a new thought of strategy than the common work on the battle or the campaign. Within the introduction of his work, he mentions that the book is not for "novices" and more for the experienced reader of the campaign. He does bring something new to the table when it comes to the analysis of the battle such as the leadership of the Union First Corps and the placement of the army between the days of combat. While he praises General Meade for his command abilities, he seems to disagree with the way in which the Union handles themselves during the battle. While he claims that Lee had no real leadership surrounding him at the battle, he analyzes more of the Confederate strategy of the battle instead of the Union. While this is understandable since the Union was mainly on the side of the defense, he devotes more time to analyzing the Confederate end of the field. He separates these analyses by chapters and does so with one chapter based on the Union side and another on the Confederate side. There is a feeling of want when it comes to his chapters based on the Union side of the conflict and he exhausts the Confederate side. This makes the book seem very one sided which good historians tend to avoid but cannot escape. The major failing of this book is the attitude in which Hewitt writes. He attempts to disprove previous historians by stating that everything which has come before him was false and this does not only appear once but many times. There is a wonder if he is ostracizing himself from the rest of the Civil War community by doing this in his own writing and what this could mean for his future scholarship. Hewitt also relies on the same sources, mainly Napoleon's *Maxims* and Jomini, to analyze the situation instead of looking at the modern sources for the work which have done similar things to his own work.

In the end, what Hewitt's work has accomplished is create a new type of study when it comes to the Battle of Gettysburg by breaking the combat up in phases instead of days. He is correct in stating that the more simple way of analyzing the battle is by days. This is the new thing which he brings to the study of Gettysburg but with a hope that there could be more study on the Union side of the battle.

Matt Bartlett



Hincks' Mess

It's that time of year when fresh, locally grown vegetables are highly sought after. It's easy for us now to go to the grocery store and pick up almost anything we want. But during the 19th Century, people had to rely on their root cellars to provide them with something to add some color and taste to their dinner plate. Potatoes were a staple in most households, but the parsnip was prized not only for its long storage life, but also for its sweet, nutty taste and nutritional value.



Parsnip Mash (Serves 12)

2 pounds parsnips, scraped and cut into pieces
1 ½ teaspoon salt
1 ½ pounds baking potatoes, peeled and cut into cubes
¼ pound butter
½ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup heavy cream or milk (optional)

Bring parsnips to a boil in a large pot of salted water and boil for 5 minutes

Add potatoes and continue to boil for another 10 minutes or until tender

Drain and mash

Stir in butter

Season with salt and pepper

Cream or milk can be added for a creamier mash.