



Capt. Jarvis E. Blinn



Corp. Elijah W. Bacon  
Medal of Honor



Corp. Joseph A. Pierce

## Co. F, 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, 1862-65, Inc.

A private, not-for-profit, 501(c)3, educational and historical preservation organization

A National Regiment and New England Brigade Member

A Civil War Trust Regimental Color Bearer

Website: [CoF14thCVI.com](http://CoF14thCVI.com)

Dear Friends of American History,

Thank you for your consideration to hold a living history event with Co. F Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. As a way of introduction, Company F was established in 2011 with its mission *"being an educational, living history, preservation, non-profit, American Civil War reenactment organization that promotes and preserves the original regimental history and to educate the public of the contributions of both the military and civilian home-front to the Northern war effort."*

Since its inception, Co. F has conducted over 36 living history events and school presentations. All honorariums and donations received go towards battlefield preservation through the Civil War Trust and preservation projects, as the 2014 restoration of the Captain Jarvis Blinn, 14<sup>th</sup> CVI, headstone in Center Cemetery, Rocky Hill, CT.

Co. F is a donor at the Civil War Trust Regimental Color Bearer level with donations exceeding \$10,870. It is the State of CT coordinator for its annual Civil War Trust Park Day Program at Fort Trumbull, New London, CT, only 1 of 2 New England sites in this national program. More information of our company can found by going to our website, [www.cof14thcvi.com](http://www.cof14thcvi.com)

Contact us at either of the e-mail addresses shown below if you are interested in scheduling an event. The success of an organization is due to the commitment and contributions made by its members. It gives us great pleasure and pride to introduce you to the Members of Co. F 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry.

Your Obedient Servants,

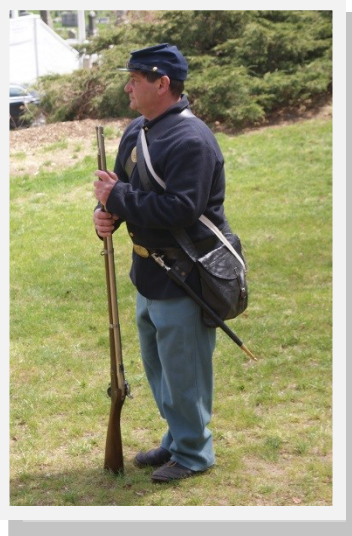
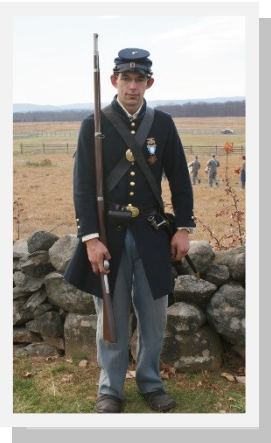
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*"Qui Transtulit Sustinet,"* (He Who Transplanted Still Sustains)



### The Adiletta's

Mike Adiletta and his sons, Mike and Joe, portray infantrymen with Co. F. Joe was the first to catch the reenacting bug in middle school and passed it down to his brother and then to his Dad. The camaraderie of Co. F and the experience shared - camping, living history events and traveling to Civil War sites and battlefields - provide a valuable and unforgettable education in our American history. Joe attends Seymour High School; Mike graduated from technical high school and works for a national company in Seymour, and Mike (the Elder) works in the restaurant business and is our current Executive Committee's Member-At-Large.



**Matthew Bartlett** is the author of *The Gettysburg Chronicle*, a series of books dealing with the Battle of Gettysburg and the human interest stories therein. He is an accomplished Civil War Critic for Savas Beatie, The History Press, McFarland Publishing, The University of North Carolina Press, Louisiana State University Press and The University of Nebraska Press. He is currently working on a study of German Revolutionaries who participated at the Battle of Gettysburg, and another study on the effects of the metaphysical on the mind of the soldier during the war. He portrays Allen Pinkerton and presents with his wife "For the Sake of the Country: Female Espionage in the Civil War."

**Jenn Bartlett** is a librarian and holds a Bachelor's of Arts in History from Quinnipiac University. She portrays Kate Warne, the first female spy hired by the government. An avid reader, seamstress, and performer in ballet and flutist, she teaches flute. Jenn's husband, Matthew, proposed to her on the Gettysburg Battlefield at the High Water Mark by composing and writing the music for a full-length original ballet. Their cats, Aslan and Stonewall after T. J. "Stonewall" Jackson, are important members of their family.

**Mick Bedard** is a recently retired allergist with the CT Asthma & Allergy Center in West Hartford. Active in the Hartford Medical Society and recent past president, his 2009 article "Four Connecticut Physicians- Window to Civil War Medicine and Service" was published in *Connecticut Medicine*, the journal of the CT Medical Society, and has given many presentations on Civil War medicine in the U.S. and Australia. Mick has been with the 5<sup>th</sup> NHVI since 1987, with the ACW naval group, The Kearsarge Afterguard, the 27<sup>th</sup> CVI and is proudly with Co. F where he portrays a generic assistant surgeon, "Lt. Brigham Hadley" when in the field.



**Marge Bucholz** is a newly retired laboratory technician and chemist with the Town of Wallingford WPCF after 35 year career in liquid filtration at Cuno/3M. A Civil War reenactor of 15 years, she is interested in period dress, fabric, cooking and general civilian issues. An avid reader, expert designer and maker of quilts, she engages the public, especially, children, with her “hands on” presentation of period toys.



**Althea (Lee) Coleman** teaches English literature and composition at Naugatuck Valley Community College where she is Assistant Professor. She has been teaching since 1979 when she began her graduate work, and has accumulated three degrees: a B.A. in Journalism and an M.A. in English from Marquette University in Milwaukee and a Ph.D. in English literature from Fordham University. Although her specialty is literature of the British Middle Ages and Renaissance, she has long been interested in the American Civil War, an event that has defined the United States into the current day. Lee was introduced to Civil War re-enacting by her sweetheart and soul-mate, (Private) Michael Hayes. Lee has assembled a display of Civil War era literature to share with visitors to the company’s living history events and, in the process, discovered a new and exciting area of literary study which she hopes to parlay into a new literature course offering at NVCC. In addition to re-discovering the literature of the period, has plunged back into needlework, crocheting several reticules and a variety of snoods, with plans to begin sewing her own period-appropriate garments just as soon as the promised sewing machine appears.

**Mike Hayes** has been a Civil War enthusiast, military antiques collector, and reenactor for over 25 years. Beginning with the 125th Anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg event in 1988 he has participated annually in battle events, living history event, as well as giving talks at schools and libraries about the life of the Civil War soldier.

Since the early 1990s, he has actively reenacted with the 2nd Rhode Island, 12th Mass., 8th Conn., 27th Conn., Liberty Rifles and currently the 14th Conn., Co. F. He has also attended many preservation and battlefield park clean-up events at Gettysburg and several locations in Virginia.

During his time with the 8th Conn., he actively instructed the unit in transitioning over to a campaign impression and also served on their authenticity committee, helping to improve their vendor list.

In 1995, while falling in with the 12<sup>th</sup> Mass. at an event in Ben Salem, Pa., he took part as an extra in the documentary film “Chamberlain at Petersburg”.





**Michael Conlin** has the honor and privilege of teaching history, geography, language arts, and religion to middle school students at Saint Gabriel School in Windsor, CT. He holds both an B.A. in history and a M.A. in American History from Central Connecticut State University, where his interest and research focused on the Civil War in American Memory. Mike portrays an infantryman.

**Kate (Conlin) Rohan** became interested in history, which she is learning about through Mike. She worked in the publishing world and manufacturing before changing her career to be a housewife. Kate portrays the wife of a soldier and demonstrates the important role of being a helpmate when she visits her husband in camp. Their cat “Socrates” is an important member of the Conlin family.



**Gary Horton** is a retired history teacher who taught in the Coventry and Columbia School Districts. He is the Recording Secretary for Co. F and a member of its Civil War Educational Traveling Team. A guitarist, he occasionally plays and sings Civil War Era songs at events.

Gary has been in reenacting since 1997. Although no immediate family served in the Civil War, his ancestor and great-uncle, Edward Horton, bought a substitute to serve in his place during the war. His wife, Cathy, sews Gary’s uniform items and also sewed our large regimental flag that is proudly flown at events.

**Jeff Lawrence** is a workforce management specialist with an international health insurance company. With a 4.0 GPA, by January 2015 he will be a graduate student in pursuit of his certificate to teach high school and junior college-level history. He indulges his interest in the common soldier’s experiences in the Civil War by partaking in extensive primary source research, and translating that to a first person impression, and also has abiding fascination with the reflection of war experiences through poetry, and in 19<sup>th</sup> Century baseball.



**Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff** are long-time members of the Civil War Trust and preservation movement. Carolyn was National Civil War Trust Preservation Teacher of the Year in 2003. Annually, since its beginning, they attend the Civil War Trust National Teacher's Institute. Nick is a structures engineer who does analysis for the jet engine industry. He portrays an infantryman.

Carolyn is an educator and independent historian who writes and speaks frequently on American History. In 2010, 2011 and 2013 her educational programs received awards of Merit from the CT League of History Organization. As a civilian, she portrays a nurse and utilizes period medical objects and tools to present a holistic picture of the state of Civil war medicine on the battlefield and home-front.



**Mackenzie Marien.** Mackenzie is our youngest civilian member. A senior in high school, looking forward to going to college, she still has time to participate with Company F and volunteer at the Old Saybrook Historical Society, in her spare time.





**Paul Martinello** is a draftsman for the jet engine industry. Paul is the Treasurer for Co. F and serves as its commanding officer. He also serves in rank as either a lieutenant or captain with the National Regiment at major out-of-state battle reenactments. A skilled carpenter and sewer, Paul made replicas of the poles used for our brigade flag and regimental guidon flags that he cut out the patterns and sewed. Paul also portrays a Confederate soldier and a WWI infantryman at reenactments.

**Mark Marganski** is a sales associate with an international distributor of ball bearings and power transmission products in Stratford, CT. He is the great, great grandson of George W. Warner of Co. B 20<sup>th</sup> CVI, who fought in Gettysburg at Culp's Hill and lost both arms on the morning of July 3, 1863 from friendly Union artillery fire. Twenty years later a monument was erected on Culp's Hill for the 20<sup>th</sup> CVI, and Warner was given the honor of unveiling the monument with a rope tied around his waist, rigged to a pulley that allowed him to lift the veil on the monument by walking backwards. Mark portrays an infantryman.



**Nancy Mellow** is a retired Executive Secretary with the State of CT. Nancy portrays the wife of the company cook and demonstrates the important role of being a helpmate and maintaining morale when she visits in the soldiers' camp. She is also a member of its Civil War Educational Traveling Team.

**Bill Mellow** is a retired IT Supervisor with the State of CT and a graduate and pastry chef/instructor at the former Connecticut Culinary Institute. He is the webmaster of Co. F's website, [www.cof14thcvi.com](http://www.cof14thcvi.com) and a member of its Civil War Educational Traveling Team. Bill portrays 'Dog Robber', our company cook and the author of *Hincks Mess*", a book about setting up a Civil War army camp, fire starting, period utensils, ingredients, and tested period recipes.



**Kathy Morrison** is from Somerset, NJ, graduated from Quinnipiac University majoring in Television and Film. She is now attending Southern Connecticut State University to obtain her master's in Math Education, which she anticipates completing in Spring 2015. She is a high school math teacher in the New Haven School District and a cross country and track coach at a Catholic Girls' School. Kathy portrays a Civil War Era teacher. When she is not in her "classroom" at an event, she can often be found on a town ball playing field where she is a player in the Coltsville Vintage Baseball League in Hartford, CT.

**John Morrison** is a middle school U. S. History teacher for the Wallingford School District, who covers the Civil War in substantial detail. In the little time left over after teaching and attending Co. F events as an infantryman, he has spent over two decades as a state certified baseball umpire. He and his, wife, Kathy, live in the home town of Quinnipiac University where they attend many winter sports to support her alma mater.



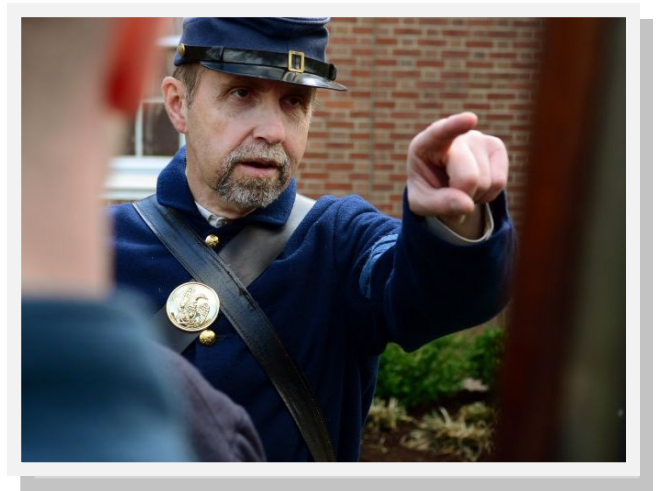
**Julie Moy** is a retired administrative assistant with the State of CT. She portrays a volunteer delegate with the United States Christian Commission, sanctioned by President Abraham Lincoln on December 12, 1861, to provide for the spiritual and corporal welfare of the soldiers, sailors and marines.

**Irving Moy** is a retired manager with the State of CT. He is the former President of Co. F and portrays the Chinese soldier, Joseph Pierce, a member of the original Co. F. Irving is the author of, *An American Journey- My Father, Lincoln, Joseph Pierce and Me* and serves on the advisory committee for the National Park Service for the book, *Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Civil War* that will be released in January 2015. He is a member of its Civil War Educational Traveling Team.





**Karen Purrone** is a recently retired CT State employee. She serves many roles with Co. F; she is the Recording Secretary on the Executive Committee, Newsletter Editor, Facebook Administrator, and a member of its Civil War Educational Traveling Team. As its official photographer, Karen portrays the role of “Mattie Brady”, a Civil War photographer at events.



**Christopher Purrone** is a corporate logistics director at a national company located in Seymour, CT. He is the President of Co. F and its First Sergeant. An expert marksman with profound knowledge of the weapons of the 14<sup>th</sup> CVI, Chris also serves as a sergeant with the National Regiment at major out-of-state battle reenactments.



**Warren Stevens** is a retired Product Integrity Inspector after a 34 year career in the helicopter industry. He is an avid outdoorsman and has been shooting and hunting with muskets and muzzleloaders for 46 years. He is also a certified competitive sharpshooter.

Warren has reenacted French and Indian War and Revolutionary War as an infantryman for over 20 years. In 1987 he led a 500 mile French and Indian War reenactment, traveling by foot and period boat through NY, VT, Canada and NH, wearing the same uniform for 50 days, carrying gear in a period knapsack, consuming authentic rations, using flint-lock muskets to hunt for food and sleeping outdoors regardless of the weather. Warren portrays an infantryman and is Co. F’s Vice President and a member of our Civil War Educational Traveling Team.



**Ted Urbanski** is a retired employee of the Suffield Board of Education. Ted’s love of the American Civil War began in grade school when he collected Civil War bubble gum cards and watched the television series, “The Blue and the Grey”. As a re-enactor Ted has portrayed an infantryman, but the impression he enjoys today is to portray the role of a Federal or Confederate telegraph operator, as it gives him the challenge of researching the Secret Service Records on which so little was written, as both sides were sworn to secrecy, and to speak to the public on how the telegraph changed the way information was sent and received during the war, which led to the future creation of the U.S. Signal Corps. Ted wishes he still has those cards!



# COMPANY F, OVER THE YEARS



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015