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Company F Forward!

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



Message from the President's Desk

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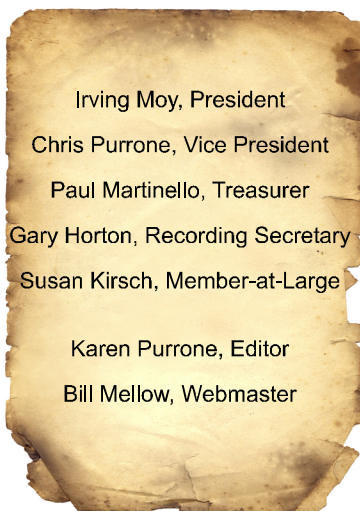
Welcome to our newly formed Company F of the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, the company of Adjutant Frederick B. Doten, Private Elijah W. Bacon, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, and Corporal Joseph Pierce, the highest ranking Civil War Chinese soldier. Although the company is new, you will find many familiar faces united together in continuing our commitment to presenting a total presentation of both the civilian and military contributions to winning the Northern war effort at living history events and our commitment to battlefield preservation.

I am honored that I have been asked to serve as President. It is our collective commitment to you as a Board to conduct business in a transparent manner, and to make decisions that will always be what is good for the benefit of the entire membership. This will be a company that will always be inclusive and respectful of the contributions of all its members. We want to make our participation at events as meaningful and stress free in order for us to do what we do best.

I thank Chris Purrone and Paul Martinello for their continuing hard work to make this transition from Company G to Company F as seamless as possible. Thanks to both their efforts and our reputation, the National Regiment accepted Company F as a full member without being placed on probation. I thank Karen Purrone for being the Company's official photographer and volunteering to be our newsletter editor, which will be published on a quarterly basis. Bill Mellow (aka Dog Robber, our Company cook), has volunteered to be our webpage editor. Our webpage address will be CoF14thCVI.com.



Our Former and Present Presidents—Abe and Irving



Irving Moy, President

Chris Purrone, Vice President

Paul Martinello, Treasurer

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Susan Kirsch, Member-at-Large

Karen Purrone, Editor

Bill Mellow, Webmaster

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Lastly but most importantly, I thank you for moving forward with us, for making a choice in joining Company F and not for choosing sides. Your commitment has already started us on the road to success and will be solidified with your participation at events. So I thank you Jeremy, Mike, Susan, Carolyn, Nick, Gary, Paul, Lauren, Bill, Julie, Chris, Karen, Warren, Jacob and Tom.

And we wish our "Pards" in Company G best wishes as they pursue a more military impression.

Your Obedient Servant,
Irving Moy
President, Co. F, 14th CVI



After Action Reports

West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center

By Irving Moy

On January 22, 2011 Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff, Irving and Julie Moy, Frank and Claire Niederwerfer and Chris and Karen Purrone were given a tour of the new Veteran's Museum and Learning Center, located at 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, by retired Army/Master Sgt. Frank Carrano, curator.

The Museum's mission is to honor the men and women, who served our State and Country during times of conflict and natural disasters, and to collect and preserve artifacts that can help explain to future generations how our fighting men and women lived and survived while serving our Nation.

Mr. Carrano provided commentary as we viewed its many collections that include weapons, uniforms, field gear and equipment used to support the troops from the American Revolution to the present. The Center's library contains over a thousand books available for those interested in military history or involved in research. Some are rare first-hand accounts written by men who were involved in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Mexican Border and both World Wars.

Highlights of the tour included the restored French 75 mm cannon sent to Yale University by the French government in 1914 to teach the American and Canadian military the fundamentals of indirect fire. Raymond Massey, who became a famous actor, was a trainee. Sergeant Stubby (a dog of undetermined breeding), the famous mascot of the 102nd Infantry in WWI, is displayed in a painting wearing his jacket covered with all his medals and war wound chevrons. The area's two Medal of Honor recipients are recognized on the Wall of Honor, a section set aside to pay tribute to those who are recipients of high awards for serve to our Nation. Anyone awarded the Silver Star or higher can have his or her name added to this section by contacting Mr. Carrano.

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We were so impressed with the collections and mission of the Museum and Learning Center that we offered to conduct a Civil War living history event for the Public on June 4th. This offer was gratefully accepted by Mr. Carrano. After the tour we continued to enjoy each other's company over lunch at John and Maria's in East Haven.

Below are some pictures graciously provided by Bob Ellis, Secretary of the 102nd Infantry Museum Board (the Company photographer forgot her camera!)



After Action Report: NCO School *By Chris Purrone*

Attendees: Nick (and Carolyn) Ivanoff, Paul Martinello, Chris Purrone,

The NCO school in Gettysburg was a big success for Company F. This is the first time I have attended the school and it was really exciting. All the teachers were dedicated and interested in their subject. We learned about the following:

1. Duties of officers, Sergeants, Corporals and soldiers during drill
2. Uniform, equipment and general impressions.
3. The newest NR's interpretation of the following in Casey's Drill manual
 - a. Parade Rest
 - b. Fix Bayonets
 - c. Support Arms

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School of the Soldier

Saluting in the Army of the United States during the War of the Rebellion

The late Bill Barante Lt. CVHA and Pete Hershonik

One of the first things a recruit is taught is the hand salute. Knowing when and how to render the salute is the mark of a good soldier.

The President of the United States, the Secretary of War and all Union commissioned officers, even if not from your company, will be saluted. Chaplains and Surgeons are saluted. NCOs are not saluted.

The hand salute of the mid- 19th century is right hand palm out, extended tips of the fingers touching the right side of the visor of the cap, the upper arm parallel to the ground. The salute will be maintained until it is acknowledged or the officer has passed by. It is considered bad form to remind a superior officer to salute if he fails to return the salute.

Officers are to be addressed as "Sir" or by rank, "Captain, Lieutenant", etc. or by rank and last name. Sergeants are to be addressed as "Sergeant" or "Sergeant and last name" i.e. "Sergeant Hincks", never by first name. Corporals can be addressed as "Corporal" or "Corporal and last name" i.e. "Corporal Pierce" or because they are generally fresh out of the ranks and if you are on familiar first name basis, only they can be addressed by first name, i.e. "Joe" or "Joseph".

If an officer approaches or if one is approached, the junior rank will salute the senior at 6 paces. If a soldier passes an officer from the rear, and the hand is raised as he reaches the officer. If an officer passes a soldier from the rear, render the salute as the officer is about to pass by.

When an officer approaches a group of enlisted men outdoors not on duty, the first soldier observing the officer shouts the word "Attention" loud enough that all in the immediate area hear it. All will stand and salute. If an officer approaches soldiers on detail only the soldier or officer in charge will salute.

If a soldier is engaged in carrying wood or water has both arms full, and encounters an officer he will acknowledge the officer by saying "Good morning Sir" or "Good afternoon Sir", etc.

There are two ways to salute under arms. Soldiers under arms in formation will use the order 'Present, Arms' to render salutes. Individual soldiers under arms, upon encountering an officer, will carry the musket at 'Shoulder Arms' and, according to the manual, bring the left hand palm flat fingers extended across the body, as so to strike the musket near the right shoulder.

Here are some other bits of military courtesy that are good to know. When an officer visits camp, the senior observing member will salute and announce "Officer in Camp" and call the men to attention until the officer acknowledges the compliment.

Soldier prisoners (other than POWs) do not render salutes, nor are they saluted.

When reporting for pay soldiers salute the seated paymaster, an officer, and say "Private So and so reports for pay". The paymaster will not return the salute.

I've actually found a few printed references to saluting with the left hand but I am not sure of the extent of this practice. I did not include left hand salutes here so as not to confuse nor present a perceived mistaken level of professionalism.

For further questions consult your NCOs or Casey's



Chris collects his pay at Old Saybrook



Home Front

This is where news related to Co. F's civilian facet of re-enacting will appear. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Karen Purrone or Susan Kirsch. We welcome a wide variety of topics including, but not limited to, how-to's, recipes, personal experiences, event reports from the civilian's perspective, book reviews and recommendations, and upcoming events including civilians.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 26 (Sat) Co. F Board Meeting 10:00 am

March 26 (Sat) LAST 32nd Grand Review, Doubletree Hotel, Milford Mass (Dinner & Civil War Ball) 6-11 pm, \$40 per person, contact Jim Dunne at jdunne@charter.net or 508-949-0084 or 774-402-4350

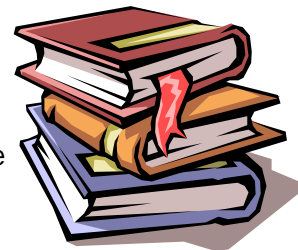
April 9 (Sat) Juleps and Viragoes Ball of the Rebellion 6:30-11pm, Sponsored by Cromwell Historical Society, Held at Cromwell Town Hall, \$25 per person pre-registered till Monday 4 April. \$30 per person at the door. Contact: 860-635-0501 or julepsnviragoes@aol.com

Co. F Civilians will be setting up in the Town of Unity at the New Britain/CCSU event April 15-17.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS by Susan

Daughter of Boston; The Extraordinary Diary of a Nineteenth-century Woman by Caroline Healey Dall

Too Afraid to Cry: Maryland civilians in the Antietam Campaign by Kathleen A. Ernst



Susan demonstrating her knitting skills at the Mansfield House, September 2010

COCKADE WORKSHOP

At the New England Brigade Symposium on March 12 I learned to make cockades. If anyone is interested in making some, perhaps at the New Britain event, let me know and I will bring the materials. PLEASE BRING a uniform button (one of the gentlemen's)-- I will provide everything else. We can do this another day, another time as well. Contact me at cauldron1951@gmail.com --Susan

After Action Reports, con't.

5. Filling out morning reports and other company paperwork
6. What we should wear if we attend the Bull Run Reenactment as Fire Zouaves. Currently this is not the mandatory dress for NR members attending the Bull Run event.
7. Guard mount
8. First Aid
9. Dress parade (various positions for Officers and NCOS).

This definitely was an event where our wives could have been with us as dinner was open to families of NR members. Carolyn joined us for dinner which made for great conversation at the table.

At this event, Company F joined the NR at full status. Consequently this was the first event for Company F.



Hincks' Mess

In this part of our newsletter, we'd like to feature your favorite recipes...whether modern or 19th century. Try to keep them simple...remember, we're all not Pastry Chefs like Bill Mellow!!

Pecan Pie



Bill cooking for the troops at the Hebron event,
May 2010

Pie:

- 1 Pkg. Ready made Piecrust
- 4 Large Eggs
- 1 Cup Light corn syrup
- ¼ Cup Packed brown sugar
- ¼ Cup Sugar
- ¼ Stick Butter
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla extract

Topping:

- 1/3 Cup Packed brown sugar
- 3 Tablespoons Honey
- 3 Tablespoons Butter

⌚ METHOD:

- ⌚ Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- ⌚ On a lightly floured surface, rollout one pre-made crust into a round about 1-1/2 inches larger than an upside-down 9-inch pie pan.
- ⌚ Line the pie plate evenly with the dough, leaving about 1/2-inch overhang.
- ⌚ Fold the overhang under.
- ⌚ In a medium size bowl, beat the eggs slightly.
- ⌚ Stir in the corn syrup, sugar, butter, vanilla extract and salt.
- ⌚ Stir in the chopped pecans.
- ⌚ Spoon the mixture into the pie crust.
- ⌚ Bake the pie for about 40 minutes.
- ⌚ About 5 minutes before the pie is done, prepare the topping.
- ⌚ In a medium saucepan, over medium heat, combine all of the topping ingredients and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly, until the sugar dissolves.
- ⌚ Stir in the pecan halves.
- ⌚ Remove the saucepan from the heat.
- ⌚ Spoon the topping over the pie.
- ⌚ Return the pie to the oven and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes until the topping is bubbling.
- ⌚ You can cover the edge of the pie crust with foil to keep it from over browning.



Scheduled Events

Scheduled Events in April, May and June 2011

A call for attendance will come from the event coordinator with a date to respond “yay or nay” to assist in planning the day’s schedule and military structure. Coordinators will send out detailed information on the event and will submit After-Action-Reports to Karen Purrone for publication in our quarterly newsletter.

April 2 *Wilton Historical Society Living History Event.* Paul Martinello, coordinator.

April 16 *Connecticut 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Start of the Civil War*
Paul Martinello has issued out a call for attendance for these events. Please notify Paul whether or not you can join us if you have yet to do so.



April 30 *Diocesan House Cleanup in Hartford*

The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut in the past has hired a landscaping company to clean its parking lot and driveway of sand from winter storms. It has graciously offered this opportunity to us to raise money for our activities. In the past, the amount has covered our liability insurance at events. The more hands we have on site, the sooner we’ll be done! Paul Martinello is the coordinator and will provide us with details after the date is scheduled.

May 26 *SUVCW Flag Laying Ceremony at Grove Hill Cemetery, Rockville*

For those that can attend, this event sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), whom we assist in placing flags at the gravesites of Union veterans, many whom Bob Bee mentions in his book, “The Boys From Rockville.” The event concludes with a brief ceremony, wreath laying and three round salute at the Colonel Thomas Burpee monument. Paul Martinello, a member of the SUVCW, is the coordinator and will provide us with details as the event draws closer.



SUVCW's Ceremony at Grove Hill Cemetery, 2010



Lauren, Susan and Julie in the 2010 Rockville Parade

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May 29 *Seymour Memorial Day Parade*

Paul Martinello will provide us with details as the event draws closer. Carolyn Ivanoff, a member of both Company F and the Seymour Historical Society, has extended an invitation to all participants on behalf of the society to convene on its grounds for refreshment after the parade. The society is located at 59 West Street.

May 30 *Rockville Memorial Day Parade with the SUVCW*

This will be the third year we will be marching in this parade that takes us into old neighborhoods and cemeteries for brief memorial comments. If you picture in your mind what an old fashion Memorial Day Parade is, this is the one! Paul Martinello will provide us with the details as the parade date draws closer.

June 4 *West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center Living History Event*

Company F will schedule a living history event at the museum's location on 30 Hood Terrace in West Haven from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please read the After-Action-Report of our January 22, 2011 visit and tour of its collections. Irving Moy will provide us with details with his call for attendance.



June 11 *Annual Company Picnic at Lincolnshire*

Our annual picnic will take place at the home of Irving and Julie Moy starting at 3:00 p.m. This picnic is one event where wools and period clothing are not required and is open to all family and significant others of our members. The Moy's will provide a main dish with members also contributing a food item, salad or dessert to share. A call for attendance will go out with directions and a request as to the item you will be bringing. It's been a fun event for all and a welcome break in our schedule.

Comments from your Editor

Welcome to our first edition of your newsletter, *Company F Forward!* It is a great honor and privilege to be your editor. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter. Please feel free to send me articles that you would like share with the rest of our Company. I hope that you will find this first edition both informative and enjoyable. We here at Company F represent the finest Civil War Living History group in Connecticut and I am very happy to be part of this organization.

Regards,
Karen Purrone



Karen and Chris at Old Saybrook, 2010