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Company F Forward!

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



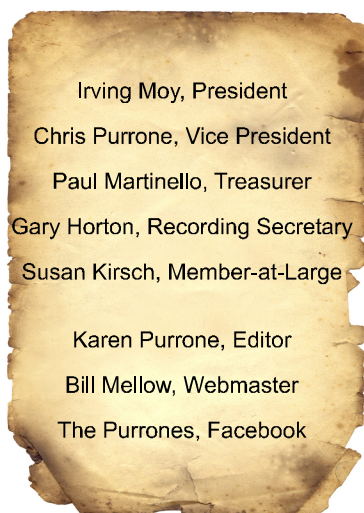
Message from the President's Desk

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Welcome to our 2012 campaign season as Company F begins a very ambitious schedule. We have six living history events scheduled throughout Connecticut at historical societies and at the Coventry Library. We added Civil War Trust Park Day on March 31st at Fort Trumbull, New London, as we join hundreds of people at Civil War related sites throughout the country to offer our services to help in getting these sites ready for their public season. You are welcome to join us on that day. Besides being a member of the National Regiment for out-of-state southern events, we have joined the New England Brigade to offer our members further opportunities for out-of-state events closer to home. Our 2012 schedule is accessible through our web page, www.cof14thcvi.com on the "Re-enacting" page. Please attend an event that is close to you. 2012 is the second year of the 150th Commemoration of the start of the Civil War.

All of us in Company F re-enact because we want to share our knowledge and passion for the Civil War Era to keep this defining period in our Nation's history alive to the general public. But the reality is that many of us are approaching or in the twilight of our participation in the hobby. But to leave a lasting legacy to a future generation, we have pursued a number of initiatives to accomplish this. The company has its own Facebook page, Company F 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, where we have posted many articles of interest and educational value on the 14th Connecticut, the Civil War Era and our country's history. We want our web page to be used as a research tool for the public. On our "History" page we have begun research to identify the resting place of all original Company F soldiers and to identify missing or damaged headstones for their replacement; our "Readings" and "Links" pages have been expanded to encompass more sources. There is a page on "Researching Your Connecticut Civil war Ancestors." We started a "Historical Writings" page for our members to post essays that they have written. Our "Civilian Impressions" page and "Civilian Authenticity Guidelines" page, accessible from our "Re-enacting" page, provides a wealth of information on the US Christian Commission, nursing, period toys and home front activities. We are constantly updating our web page so please visit it often.

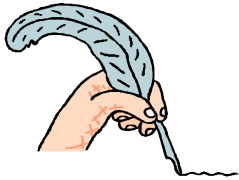


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A final aspect of leaving a legacy is that our honorariums for events and membership donations go towards the preservation of battlefield land through the Civil War Trust and other Civil War related preservation projects. In forming our company we decided only to open a checking account and forego a savings account so that what we receive will go out to these various preservation projects. In our first year Company F donated \$1,255 to the various projects listed on our "Preservations" page. Please schedule an event with us to highlight your own organization, knowing that the honorarium goes to a worthy cause.

As president I am honored and proud to be associated with the members of our company for their commitment in time, money and participation in our common endeavors. Abraham Lincoln's words at Gettysburg still holds true, *"It is for the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have so nobly advanced. It's rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain..."*

Your Obedient Servant,
Irving Moy



After Action Reports

Derby Historical Society Living History Event October 1, 2011

On October 1st, Company F, Fourteenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, encamped at the Derby Historical Society to provide a living history program from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The weather was cloudy and rainy, but cleared very quickly into a great day shortly after the 8:00 a.m. arrival. As the exhibits and company street were being assembled, we received word that the Ansonia Harvest Festival was cancelled at about 9:00 a.m. Company F went forward with their duties.

In deference to the early morning's treat of rain, the Society's docents and volunteers graciously allowed our Company Cook, affectionately known as the Dog Robber, to prepare the company's noon meal in the kitchen fire place. Dog Robber is an open fire cook and preparing a meal indoors was not a usual experience for him. The menu was brown bread, parsnip mash, ham steaks soaked in cider, and sweet potato pie, a hearty, delicious, authentic period meal as always. Jack Walsh did a video interview with our Dog Robber, who explained the origin of his name and a soldier's fare during the Civil War.



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Our infantry men created a small company street in the space behind the Humphreys House so visitors could learn about the life of a Civil War Soldier. Jacob and Tom Sullivan helped set up the dog tent and banner in the front of the house and assisted the men with set up as well. Drill and firing demonstrations were conducted. 2nd Lt. Martinello led the men and informed the public about

manual of arms, the history of the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and duties of an officer. Jack Walsh did a short video of 2nd Lt. Martinello in front of the officer's tent and desk. Privates, Horton, Purrone, and Ivanoff were joined by new recruit, Michael Adiletta, in the drill. Private Purrone worked with Michael, initiating him in the duties and role of a private in the company. Private Purrone also set up a Civil War arms exhibit in the house and spent some time with the public explaining the different arms and weapons carried during the war by the soldiers of the 14th Connecticut. Private Ivanoff was encouraged by the 2nd Lieutenant and his fellow privates to seek further drill instruction lest he become a risk to the entire line in battle. As a new recruit he needs to be able to load and fire at a more rapid pace. Privates Horton and Purrone performed the drill with precision and set a good example for the new recruits.



Mrs. Martinello set up the home front exhibit inside the house to inform the public of the good works, assistance, and comforts the civilian population provided to our soldiers during the war. Company photographer, Karen Purrone, set up the photograph exhibit and the Civil War arms exhibit was also set up in the room with her. In the opposite front room, Carolyn Ivanoff and Joe Adiletta set up the



field hospital and Civil War medical display. Jack Walsh did a short video interview with Joe on Civil War medicine, the field hospital, the state of civil war medical care, and the role of young company musicians as stretcher bearers during a battle.



The company had a wonderful surprise visit by Julie and Irving Moy who looked terrific after their recent surgeries. Irving was dressed as our own Joseph Pierce and did a great short video interview for Jack Walsh. All the videos are now on the Derby Historical web page. Jack Walsh also took some great pictures that are also posted on the society's web page as did our company photographer, Karen Purrone which are also posted on our company web page and shared in an e-mail to Derby Historical Society.



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Due to the cancellation of the Harvest Festival attendance was light, but the public was enthusiastic and extremely interested in the event. The public had many great questions and those who came were eager to interact with the soldier and civilian members of the Company and to learn about our Civil War history. Company F wishes to thank the Derby Historical Society for their graciousness in hosting this living history event. Thanks to Jack Walsh, Joy Donini, Chris Shortel, Carol, Elsie, the board members who attended, and to all the volunteers and docents who helped make this event such a wonderful educational experience for participants and the public.

In honor of the 150th Connecticut Commemoration, the men and women of the Civil War generation and the members of the 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry past and present. All for the Union!

This After Action Report is respectfully submitted by Your Most Obedient Servant,

Carolyn Ivanoff



Remembrance Day 2011



Lauren and I traveled down Friday morning. Upon arrival, we checked out S & S Sutlery, but didn't run into the 119th NY or the 6th NH, very rare not to meet someone! We stopped at Needle and Thread, then drove around Cashtown area looking at potential land and homes. Nothing grabbed us for their respective prices. We then checked in at Comfort Suites on Baltimore Pike, ate at Wendy's and returned to meet Chris and Karen and Bill Mellow. Chris, Bill and I then attended the Friday night pre-meeting with the NR Board. Saturday morning came quick, with Lauren dropping me off for the NR annual meeting. Chris joined me there. At the meeting, we were assigned to the 5th Company with the 6th NH and the 119th NY. We departed and met the Ivanoff's to drill Nick and Mike at the school. We then fell in with the NR for dress parade. The weather was perfect for wool and marching. Karen and Bill Mellow followed the parade taking photos. After the parade, we walked up to the 14th CT monument for photo ops. The day was a success. We returned to our hotels, freshened up and gathered at the Dobbin House for our annual dinner of fine food, drink and camaraderie. To walk off dinner, we strolled up to the National cemetery for the luminaries. We just got in before closing, and took photos and visited the CT soldiers graves. On Sunday, Lauren and I attended mass, then ate at the Avenue, for the Lincoln Diner lot was full and we were on a tight schedule. We returned to check out, stopped at the Visitors center, then gassed up and headed

home. We had a great time and are already booked at Comfort Suites for 2012. Not the cheapest but very convenient for walking if need be to school and Steinwehr Ave., etc.



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Dog Robber arrived at the Comfort Suites on Wednesday afternoon and then went to pay his respects to the 14th Monument after checking in. I was a bachelor this time as Nancy had contracted another eye infection and had a couple of doctor's appointments to hopefully resolve the issue. I had dinner at the Chinese Buffet at the split of York Street and Hanover Street, right where Chambersburg Street ends. On Thursday, I went down to the visitor's center to talk to the Manager about selling my book in the gift shop. I would have to make arrangements through their main office in San Diego, CA. Went to look elsewhere. Rode around the battlefield for a couple of hours taking in the sights and dined at the famous Micky D's. On Friday morning, Karen and I departed to meet the folks from SUVCW to photograph their wreath laying ceremonies at some of the Connecticut monuments. I decided to stop in at Regimental Quartermaster to find out if they would be willing to stock and sell my book. After meeting with the manager, an agreement was struck. As soon as "Hinck's Mess" is published, they will become the sole distributor in Gettysburg. On Saturday, I went to the National Cemetery to photograph Stephen Lang give the keynote address and hear Olde Abe give his stirring address. Karen went to the beginning of the parade route and I stayed at the end of Steinwehr Avenue by Pickett's Buffet to catch different photographs of the parade. Karen caught up to me just before the Rebs arrived in the parade and we were then joined by Carolyn. This trip, I took over 300 photos. After the parade, we walked up to our monument for a photo op. Strange to be in leathers and carrying a musket instead of a rolling pin. At the end of a long day, we all adjourned to the Dobbin House for a delicious meal and then, off to sleep. Sunday morning arrived quickly and after a fine repast at the hotel, I began the journey back to the land of Company F, 14th CVI.



That's Bill taking pictures



Nick, Carolyn, Joe and Mike decided to come down in the camper on Friday evening and stayed on the Emmittsburg Road. Traffic on the way down at night was terrible but the weather Saturday morning was terrific. Mike and Nick marched with the other members and Carolyn and Joe wandered through town, seeing almost everyone they knew from good old Connecticut either coming or going to the parade. We finally settled opposite the Dobbin House to watch the parade and speak with a gentleman from the 54th Mass who was in full uniform, but could not march due to the cast on his leg. It was a great day for pictures and the pictures on seldom photographed back of the monument came out beautifully. The evening dinner at Dobbin House was outstanding and the moonlight walk through the illuminated National Cemetery was inspiring and thought provoking. As the scouts began to extinguish the luminaries we all headed back to our lodgings. Breakfast at the Lincoln Diner the next morning and a trip to the Bliss site where batteries ran out after the first picture ended our weekend. May we all have many more Remembrance Day experiences participating together Forward, Company F.



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Karen and Chris left Wednesday morning, so we could take a leisurely drive down and relax a bit before the weekend's activities. For dinner that night, we ate at a wonderful restaurant in Frederick, Maryland called Dutch's Daughter, only 45 minutes out of Gettysburg. On Thursday, after meeting up with Bill for breakfast, and we decided to join up later after lunch to check out the stores in downtown Gettysburg. As Bill wanted to go to the Visitor's Center to promote his cookbook first, Chris and Karen decided to head out to Dean Thomas Publications where Chris was able to talk to Dean Thomas the author of several books on Civil War cartridges and tour his store where he collects and sells artifacts. Later, after picking up Bill at the hotel, we headed into town to do more sightseeing. We discovered a new museum called The Gettysburg Museum of History on Baltimore Street run by a young man by the name of Erik Dorr. This place a "must see" for the Civil War (and history, in general) enthusiast. Friday morning, Chris headed out to do some "relic" hunting in downtown Gettysburg while Bill and Karen accompanied the Sons of Union Civil War Veterans (Camp #22) as they laid wreaths and flags at many of the Connecticut monuments and headstones in the National Park, National Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery. The weekend was rounded off by the Remembrance Day Parade and a photo session in front of the 14th's monument. It was great to get pictures of Bill, posing with the group suited up, musket in hand along with our newest members Carolyn, Nick, Mike and Joe. Sunday morning, after a good night's rest, we packed up our gear and headed home.



Holiday Party AAR

The third annual Holiday Party was held December 10 at Fiddler's Green in Torrington, hosted by Karen and Chris Purrone. The best part was, because there wasn't any snow, nobody had an excuse to be late or not to come at all! A wonderful catered meal was provided by Hannah's Bakery and Catering, aptly prepared and served by our favorite waitstaff team of Francine and Dean.

We had a great turn out of guests, including a few new ones! The regulars like Cathy and Gary Horton, Nancy and Bill Mellow, Julie and Irving Moy, Lauren and Paul Martinello and Carolyn and Nick Ivanoff were all there. The "newbies" included Joe and Mike Adiletta (Carolyn and Nick's nephews), Cindy and Peter Garafalo, Nancy and Mark Marganski and surprise guests Jeremy Christensen and his friend Jill who came all the way up from warm South Carolina to cold Connecticut.

A roaring fire in the fireplace, ample food and spirits (with home-made pecan pie provided by Dog Robber) and jovial company made for a good time for all!

Respectfully submitted
Karen Purrone

The Men of Company F





Blast from the Past

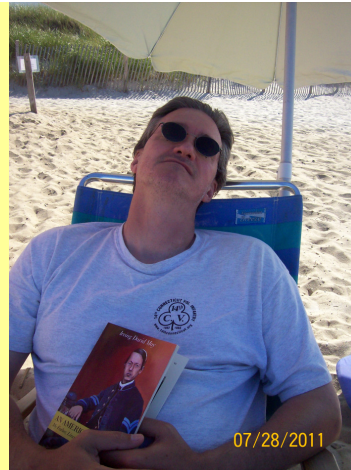
Remember those warm days of summer?
This picture was provided by our own
Warren Stevens:



...This is undoubtedly the most perfect
day I ever spent on the beach at Cape
Cod, I was even properly dressed for
the occasion. Bridget spotted me this
way, asleep, and Becky took the pic-
ture.

Enjoy, Warren

Warren assures us that Irving's book did
NOT put him to sleep



At its annual meeting on January 14, 2012, Dr. Robert Bee, Marge Bucholz, Nancy Eddins, Brad Keune, Tom Reimer, Arthur and Richard Carter, Chris Sullivan (Stony Brook, Co.), James Lightizer (CWT) along with new selections, Tom Taylor and Jim Connery, both nominated by Carolyn Ivanoff and Matt Reardon, nominated by Susan Kirsch, were elected by the membership as honorary members of Company F for their contributions to the Civil War hobby, education or preservation. Huzzah to the honorees!

Dear Friends:

It is with sadness that I announce the resignation of Jeremy Christensen from Co. F and his related duties as Facebook editor and Grave Registration Officer. Jeremy indicated that being 12-1/2 hrs. away made it difficult to come to participate in our events, and he has decided to devote all his energies in establishing an organization called the Organization of Historians and Genealogists for historical research & preservation of Civil War Union Soldiers of the Second Division Second Army Corps. I thank Jeremy for the work and efforts he made in the area of communications, and we wish him well.

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





Hincks' Mess

Victorian Raspberry Punch

Servings: 20

Prep time: 5 minutes

- 1 quart Raspberry Sherbet
- 1 quart Orange Sherbet
- 2 1/2 quart Raspberry Ginger Ale
- 3 quart Cran-Raspberry Juice
- 1 quart Orange Juice
- 2 cups Fresh or Frozen Raspberries
- 2 Thinly sliced Oranges

Happy New Year! While the Dog Robber and the Missus are having fun in the sun in Florida, I would thought I provide you with some "libations" of the season!

-Karen

Use a large punch bowl with ladle and serving cups. Optional to place bottle of Vodka near the punch bowl.

Serve all liquids chilled. 5 Minutes before serving; Pour 1/2 of all liquids slowing and one at a time into punch bowl. Add more juice or ginger ale and orange juice to taste.

Add scoops of 1/2 of both sherbets slowly into punch bowl. Gently stir all ingredients

Garnish with 1/2 of raspberries and orange slices

As punch is 1/2 way consumed, add more of the above ingredients, repeating process above until all ingredients are used. Serves 20-30 people

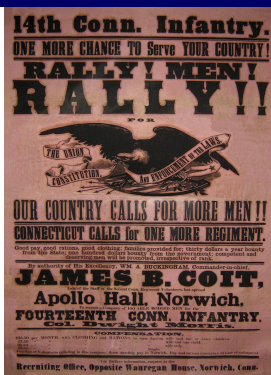
CHAMPAGNE PUNCH NO. 3

- 1 qt. champagne
- 1/4 lb. sugar
- 1 orange, sliced
- juice of 1 lemon
- 3 slices pineapple
- 1/2 to 3/4 c. raspberry or strawberry syrup



Place the above in a large punch bowl, mix well, ornament with fruits in season, and serve in champagne goblets. This can be made in any quantity by observing the proportions of the ingredients as given above. Four bottles of wine make a gallon, and a gallon is generally sufficient for fifteen persons in a mixed party.

From *Bon-Vivant's Companion* by Jerry Thomas, 1862.



Scheduled Events

Scheduled Events for February, March and April 2012

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

February 18 *Co. F School of the Soldier: Part I*

2nd Lt. Paul Martinello and Private Chris Purrone will conduct classes on different aspects of being a Union soldier in preparation for the upcoming campaign season. Activities will include manual of arms, drilling, firing and cleaning of your musket, cartridge rolling, stacking of bayonets, etc. Bring your musket and leathers. The school will be held at the home of Chris Purrone in Torrington. Paul and Chris are the coordinators.



March 3-4 *National Regiment (NR) School of the Soldier, Gettysburg, PA*

Learn what is required to be a non-commissioned officer. This school is a must for new members, for those who want to move up in the ranks and an excellent refresher for our veterans. The NR normally reserves a block of rooms at a discount for those attending. Paul Martinello is the coordinator.

March 17 *School of the Soldier: Part II and School of the Civilian*

2nd Lt. Martinello and Private Purrone will share with us what they learned at the NR School of the Soldier. Our civilians will conduct their own classes and work on different scenarios to prepare for the coming year’s events. Both schools will be held at the same location (to be determined). Susan Kirsch is the coordinator for the Civilian School.

March 31 *Civil War Trust Park Day at Fort Trumbull, New London, CT*

We will be assisting the park service at this Civil War Era fort to prepare for its seasonal opening to the public. A project will be assigned with materials needed to do the work provided by the Friends of Fort Trumbull. For those who can’t make it to Adopt-A-Position in Gettysburg, this local event will allow you to assist at one of our own state parks. A number of other groups have indicated their interest in joining us on this work day. Please spread the word if you know others who might be interested. Carolyn Ivanoff and Irving Moy are the coordinators.

April 28 *Booth-Dimock Library Living History Event, Coventry, CT*

Co. F will conduct its first of six living history events in 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the library located at 1134 Main Street in Coventry. Irving Moy is the coordinator.