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Company F Forward!

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



Message from the President's Desk

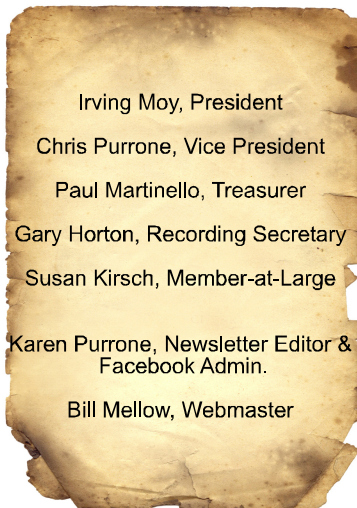
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From the Desk of the President

I read the Hartford Courant each morning, hoping to find something uplifting and positive to begin my day. But each day's edition is no different than any other with news of illegal immigration, political gridlock in Congress, corruption by local and state officials, negative campaigning, a struggling economy and unemployment and the use of obscene amounts of money to influence the outcome of elections while the majority of Americans are struggling to meet their basic daily needs. Occasionally, I will receive a link to the NY Times, "Disunion" series on the Civil War from Mick Bedard, or an e-mail announcing a Connecticut Civil War 150th anniversary event from Professor Matt Warshauer, to remind me that this country is in the midst of commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War, a conflict that resulted in uniting our country and peoples as a single Nation and defining our country as the "last best hope of man." But with each day of negative news I find myself more and more discouraged that there is a dichotomy between the hope of what our country was to become at the end of the war to where we are today.

Whenever this happens I think of the message conveyed in my favorite monument at Gettysburg, "The Friend to Friend Masonic Monument," located in the Gettysburg National Cemetery Annex, sculpted by Ron Tunison. The monument depicts the account of Brigadier General Lewis Armisted lying mortally wounded almost the same time as his close friend and Masonic brother, Winfield Scott Hancock, was wounded. Armisted is seen being helped by Captain Henry Bingham, a member of Hancock's staff; he himself a Mason. Armisted's blood from his wound marked the ground that became known as the "High Tide of the Confederacy." He spoke of his close relationship with Hancock and asked Bingham to give a message to his friend while entrusting his personal effects to him. Armisted died two days later in a field hospital at the Spangler Farm. The monument conveys the message that the bonds of friendship, compassion and brotherly love can withstand the "last full measure" during the most tragic and defining period in our nation's history even as "brothers" fought on opposing sides. At the war's conclusion, even the great Confederate General Robert E. Lee through his words and actions brought healing and vindication of the notion that this country was now one again. A ray of hope is always renewed within me.



Message from the President's Desk, con't.

But in today's edition (June 19, 2012) of the Courant a short article caught my attention and give me additional hope and encouragement that not all the ideals on which this country was founded and affirmed by the outcome of the Civil War are lost. The day before, the House of Representatives had approved a similar resolution approved by the Senate last fall which expressed regret, 130 years after the passage of the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, for enacting discriminatory laws targeting Chinese immigrants, a subject I have written extensively about in my book, "An American Journey- My Father, Lincoln, Joseph Pierce and Me" and on the "Historical Writings" page on our web page. This act that lasted for 60 years was the first and only federal law in our history that excluded a single ethnic group from immigrating to this country solely on the basis of race. Although a long overdue apology was given to the Chinese, the greater benefit of this resolution is the acknowledgment that the prosperity and well-being of the United States is the result of the countless and unknown contributions from all ethnic groups that now includes the Chinese. Despite its continuing growing pains this "new birth of freedom" will outlast the current divisive issues of today. I feel we are most fortunate to be alive to take part in such momentous celebrations in our nation's history as the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War in 1961, the 200th Anniversary of Independence Day in 1976, the 200th Commemoration of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln in 2009 and now the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. I know I am with renewed hope and appreciation for our Union...the United States of America!

Your Obedient Servant,
Irving Moy



Co. F at the 14th CVI Monument, Remembrance Day 2011



After Action Reports

Booth-Dimock Library Living History Event

Our first living history event of the 2012 campaign season got off to a rousing start as 18 members and friends of Co. F pitched their tents and shelter flies on the front lawn of the Booth-Dimock Library along Route 31, Main Street, in Coventry. This was our first living history event at a library and proved to be most successful as the public throughout the day visited the encampment areas for the various Civil War related presentations drawn by its services and its offering of Company F as a library program. Our military contingent commanded by 2nd Lt. Paul Martinello demonstrated drills and firing demonstrations. The soldiers interacted with the public regarding the life of a Union soldier in the field, his equipment and uniform. Presentations and displays were made comparing the knapsack to the blanket roll, weapons used by the 14th Connecticut, manufacture of cartridge ammunition, food display of soldiers' rations and Joseph Pierce, a Chinese soldier who fought with Co. F from 1862- 1865.



Julie



Lauren & Susan



The men of Co. F

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Our civilian contingent presented the contributions of the US Christian Commission, still a very little known organization, medical care for the wounded and contributions on the home front by women in helping the North to win the war. Karen Purrone had with her a period replica of a camera for her impression as news correspondent and photographer. Our ladies worked on making a flag for our company.



Co. F cook, Dog Robber, Bill Mellow, prepared a meal that we all, including the library staff, enjoyed consisting of biscuits with honey butter, rutabaga and chicken stew and sweet tater pie. Dog's new book, "Hinck's Mess"...the Civil War Union Army Cook, will soon be available, as he again enthralled the public with his discussions and cooking over our open fire pit.

Huzzahs for their contributions for making this another successful event go to Nick Ivanoff, Carolyn Ivanoff, Susan Kirsch, Lauren Martinello, Paul Martinello, Bill Mellow, Julie Moy, Irving Moy, Karen Purrone, Chris Purrone, Mark Marganski, Peter Hrechanyk, Mike Adiletta, Sr., Joe Adiletta, Mike Adiletta, Jr., Matt Reardon, Peter Garafolo and Mike Conlin. Roseann Adiletta came as a spectator to watch her men in action, but we hope to see her in period dress in the not too distant future. Finally, special thanks go to Amy Dexter, co-librarian, for her behind the scenes preparation with local approvals and publicity, and her invitation to Co. F to hold this event.



Irving Moy



Henshaw Farm - Templeton MA's 250th anniversary celebration.

This was our first of three New England Brigade events for 2012. I arrived Friday afternoon, dressed, and with knapsack on back and rifle on my shoulder, I walked into camp, something I haven't gotten to do since 2010. I set up my shelter tent and then cooked my supper over the fire. I set up with members of our sister NR unit, the 6th NH as well as the 28th MA. We settled into the night for some good ole camp fire chatter. A number of us were glad we brought our great coats! We had them on at night and in the early morning. The temps that night dropped down into the 30's.

I awoke first and restarted the fire from just the coals and twigs. Chris showed up at 9am, just in time for drill. Karen was immediately on the job with her camera. From the company drill we had a bit of down time then we did battalion drill, followed immediately by a patrol to check out a telegraph road and bridge, supposedly under Rebel threat. Luckily, no Rebels were spotted and we returned safely back in camp. With few rations to be had, we sought shade and cooled down, while Chris practiced his drill skills.



We formed up at 2 pm and marched to our staging area. We were warned the field would be wet, but under the command of Captain Bryda of 28th MA, we somehow avoided all wet ground and not only pushed the rebels off the field, but came out with dry brogans. My rifle performed flawlessly without a misfire. The 11th CT was in the company that went through the far woods on our left, on the Rebel right flank, and came out behind the Rebels. Kind of a reverse roll of the of the Jackson Flanking maneuver at Chancellorsville.

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We returned to camp to cool down. Since Chris and I were there only for the day, we decided to stay and support the 4 pm ceremony, lowering the colors. Then I packed up and we walked out of camp. Chris and Karen changed and headed for a place to eat while I headed home.

All in all, a fun event for me full of memories of past Templeton events and one that may not ever happen again, while a first time for Karen and Chris. Good parades through the 6th NH and 28th MA made the event definitely fun! Consider the next New England Brigade event at Look Park near North Hampton MA, the Sunday after our picnic at Irving's in August. We can all meet in the parking lot and march in together to join the ranks.



Paul Martinello



Seymour Memorial Day Parade Seymour Historical Society Living History Event Rockville Memorial Day Parade

Despite rain most of the week and weather reports of thundershowers, Sunday, May 27th turned out to be a perfect day for the Seymour Memorial Parade and our living history event. Members arrived by 8:00 a.m. to setup their areas and then Nick Ivanoff and Roseann Adiletta shuttled us to the start off point of the parade at French Park to take part in a wreath laying ceremony at the town's Civil War monument located in the park. At 11:00 a.m. Co. F stepped off with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Wooster-Russell Camp #22 and the honor guard of the 20th CVI and Ladies Auxiliary. Our banner was carried by Carolyn Ivanoff in a beautiful red, white and blue flag inspired hand-made apron, and Joe Adiletta, Co. F's drummer boy. Lauren Martinello and Julie Moy in formal period dresses passed out information to parade



watchers inviting them to the living history event. Sgt. Christopher Purrone commanded the military contingent consisting of Corp. Irving Moy, Privates Gary Horton, Mike Conlin, Nick Ivanoff, Mike Adiletta, Sr. and Mike Adiletta, Jr. Following closely behind us was a vintage mail truck with marchers from the Seymour Historical Society. The parade shortly ended after we formally acknowledged the reviewing stand with an "eyes right."

After the parade, the company marchers were greeted at the camp set up on the lovely landscaped grounds of the Katherine Matthies House by 2nd Lt. Martinello, Dog Robber and Jeff, Jen and James Lawrence from Co. L, 22nd MAVI. The society organizers of the event generously provided us with lunch before the start of the event and water and snacks throughout the day.

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There was a flow of visitors who visited with our ladies in the main parlor of the House to view and discuss the displays on medical care, the US Christian Commission and women's work on the home-front. Our military encampment was setup in front of the house. After Sgt. Purrone gave the orders to form in line to be presented to the 2nd Lt., Jen Lawrence began our presentation by singing the period piece, "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean." 2nd Lt. Martinello then had us demonstrate the manual of arms, loading by the nine times, spoke about the uniforms, and equipment of the Union soldier.



Jen Lawrence



Jeff Lawrence

We then conducted firing demonstrations and fielded questions. Afterwards back in camp, we all interacted with the public who visited the various exhibits on display. A special treat was Jeff Lawrence discussing vintage baseball as played during the Civil War. Dog Robber was seen speaking about the duties and meals prepared by the company cook. His book, "Hincks' Mess" will soon be published and available to the public. Jen Lawrence then capped off the afternoon's presentations with selections of Irish and period songs. We spoke to a number of visitors who had contacted the company about joining and accepted our invitation to attend the event to get a better understanding of what we do. Greg Wanamaker from Stratford, who responded to one of our recruiting advertisements, attended and joined our company that very afternoon. Huzzah!

Afterwards, we attended a cookout at the home of the Adiletas who graciously open up their home and fed a group of tired people after a long day. Private Mike Adiletta, Sr. may be a babe learning to be a soldier, but, can that man cook! Thank you to Paul and Lauren Martinello; Julie Moy; Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff; Gary Horton; Mike Conlin; Chris and Karen Purrone; Jeff, Jen and James Lawrence; Mark Marganski; Roseann, Mike, Sr., Joe and Mike Adiletta, Jr. for their attendance and contributions to another successful event. I want to thank Mary Skurat, Loreen Coe and the board and members of the Seymour Historical Society for their behind the scenes work in making the event possible, their hospitality and invitation to return in 2013!



Rockville Memorial Day Parade

Less than 12 hours later we formed in the rear parking lot of the New England Civil War Museum on Park Place



in Rockville to be shuttled off at 9:00 a.m. to the start off point of the parade. Forming our parade position, we were led by a Civil War fife and drum corps, followed by the Alden Skinner Camp #45 Sons of Union Veterans. Carolyn, Julie, Lauren and Joe were next in line taking turns in carrying the company banner. Behind them in single line were 2nd Lt. Paul Martinello, Sgt. Chris Purrone, Privates Nick Ivanoff, Matt Reardon, Cameron Shaw, Mike Conlin, Gary Horton and Corp. Irving Moy. This parade is so much an old fashion New England parade, marching through old neighborhoods,

people watching from their porches. A special portion of the parade was a stop at the Grove Hill Cemetery for a memorial ceremony and a three volley salute. We finished the parade as we paraded under two aerial ladder fire trucks with the American flag hanging in the center after acknowledging the reviewing stand. A clip of us marching is posted on:

<http://vernon.patch.com/articles/crowds-flock-to-memorial-day-parade-and-service#video-10098644>

Irving Moy



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Wallingford Historical Society Living History Event June 9, 2012



Need an extra hand in the kitchen?

The fighting men and women of Co. F arrived two hours before the start of the event to set up the military and civilian camps. The first order was to setup Dog Robber's area since he was to prepare a noon meal to feed 18 company members and 7 members of the Historical Society. Nick Ivanoff, Paul Martinello, Gary Horton and Warren Stevens piled the firewood they brought. Nick filled the pots with water. Warren dug the fire pit and got a fire going with his first attempt. Dog's shelter fly quickly was standing thanks to Paul, Chris and Lauren. Dog was ready to go, assisted by his "pups" in training, Warren, Mike Adiletta, Sr. (who is no stranger in a kitchen), Mike, Jr., and brother, Joe, in dicing vegetables, browning meat over the open fire. There was also seen a severed arm dripping in blood on the chopping block. Everyone had to look to see what else was in the pot. The arm was plastic! Those "pups" were certainly playful! We next setup the officer's tent and fly and military street before moving over to erect the civilians flies in their area near the well at the back of the Parsons House. Our gun, cartridge, town ball, photography and Joseph Pierce displays were last to go up before we moved all the cars to the town hall parking lot just down the street from the historical society.

At exactly 10:00 a.m., when the event officially started, the public began to enter the grounds to tour the military camp. Pvt. Stevens was seen demonstrating how to start a fire using flint to cause a spark without the need of a match, which captured the full attention of the youngsters. Ah, Civil War magic! Pvt. Horton, Company Drummer Boy, Joe Adiletta and 2nd Lt. Martinello were fielding spectator questions in their prospective areas in the camp. Sgt. Purrone was at his display describing the weapons carried by the 14th CVI during the war. Pvt. Jeff Lawrence, an expert in vintage baseball and town ball, describe the game and the field he had laid out for a town ball game for anyone interested. Interesting rules as there are four poles laid out in a diamond with home base designated by red on one of the poles. The batter stands between home base and the pole designating first base hit. Any hit ball, wherever it goes, is in play. Outs are made if the ball is caught on a fly, on one bounce or if a runner is hit by a thrown ball by a fielder! I spent time visiting with Jack Wang, whose letter I highlighted in our last newsletter, who along with Tiffany Tong, drove up from New York to attend the event and greeting old friends, school-mates and neighbors who attended. Our daughter, Christan, from Brooklyn, spent the morning with us.



Jeff Lawrence talking "town ball"

A little after 11:00 a.m. Sgt. Purrone gave the order to "fall in on the Corporal." The Sgt. ran us through the "manual of arms" in preparation to presenting us to the 2nd Lt. At attention stood in order, Sgt. Purrone, Privates Jeff Lawrence, Nick Ivanoff, James Lawrence, Gary Horton, Mike Adiletta, Jr., Mike Adiletta, Sr., and Corp. "Joseph Pierce." 2nd Lt. Martinello received us with a nod and then introduced "Jenny Doyle, an Irish balladeer, portrayed by Jen Lawrence. After a rousing rendition of "Columbia" to huzzahs from the assembled soldiers, the officer addressed the assembled crowd with a brief history of the 14th CVI and then spoke about the uniform, equipment and issued weapon of the Union soldier. After fielding questions, he and the Sgt. proceeded to conduct "inspection of arms" before having the assembled soldiers demonstrate "loading by the nine times." We then fired as a company, fired to the left and to the right demonstrating that there was no need to change our

After Action Reports, con't.

position to do this, firing by file and then firing "by will." To a question by a spectator about the bayonet, 2nd Lt. Martinello ordered fixed bayonets and then gave the command to charge as the company took a single step towards the spectators with a loud shout to demonstrate how intimidating it was for the enemy to see a charge with fixed bayonets. To applause, the men were dismissed to interact with the public back in camp.



Soon, lunch call went out from Dog Robber who served the society members, civilians and soldiers a tasty lunch of Dutch oven beef stew, prairie honey pumpkin bread with cinnamon honey butter and apple crumb pie that was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon, we repeated the demonstrations to another appreciative audience where the 2nd Lt. Martinello acknowledged the participation of the Lawrence Family from the 22nd MAVI.

Despite the intermittent rain, the event was very successful with good turnouts by the public in both the morning and afternoon to witness the event and to tour the Parsons House and exhibits of the society. Feedback from society members throughout the day was highly favorable to the point where their board will discuss having Co. F back in 2015 to recognize the end of the five year commemoration of the start of the Civil War. Greg Wanamaker, who joined us as a member at the Seymour event, along with his wife, Barbara, attended with family members and said he ordered his uniform, hopefully, to be received in time for the Easton Historical Society event in July. We are also pleased that John and Kathleen Morrison from Meriden joined as members at this event. John is a history teacher in the local school district and Kathleen shares his interest and passion for the Civil War Era. Welcome John and Kathleen!

Finally, I want to end by thanking Ray Chappell, President of the Wallingford Historical Society and its members for all the work they put in advertising the event and obtaining approval from local officials for our event. Over 300 flyers went home to all the third grade students in the school system during school tours of the Parsons House, along with advertisements in local media and throughout town. Our two banners hung in front of the Parsons House since the Seymour event to announce our appearance. The society also provided us with coffee and refreshments and a donated box of Civil War books to our members.

After the event company members went over to Lincolnshire to enjoy each other's company over pizza along with salad, vegetable lasagna and dessert prepared by Julie Moy. Overall it was a great day for all involved.

Irving Moy



Wallingford Historical Society



Members of the Wallingford Historical Society and Company F in a group portrait

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Vintage Baseball Coltsville Field and Re-dedication of the New Haven Civil War Monument

The Father's Day weekend of June 16th was a busy one for members of Company F who lent their support to programs that have special meaning to our members and friends in the Civil War hobby.

Vintage Baseball on Coltsville Field

On Saturday, June 16, 2012, Irving Moy, Bill and Nancy Mellow and grandson, Neal, and Marge Bucholz attended vintage baseball games on Coltsville Field on Colt Meadows near the original Colt Factory in Hartford. Jeff Lawrence, our friend from the 22nd MAVI, is a strong supporter of Gary "Pops" O'Maxfield and wife, Karen, sponsors of the vintage league, asked in his absence while he and the 22nd MAVI attended the Lee Takes Command, Battle of Gaines Mill event in Elizabethtown, PA, to come in period clothing to lend an air of authenticity to the proceedings on the field. Jen Lawrence, the Nightingale of Colt Meadows, sang, "Columbia" to get the games underway, as we watched two vintage games each being played under different rules as a demonstration to the public. It was an eye opener to see players in vintage uniforms pattern after Zouave firemen uniforms play with gloves under the different set of rules. It was a fun time to gather together informally to be with friends on this occasion. Games are played each Saturday starting at 11:00 a.m.

Irving Moy

Directions to Coltsville Field (8 Hendricxen Avenue, Hartford): Take Exit 27 off of I-91 North, Brainard Road. Turn left onto Brainard Road that becomes Maxim Road. Turn left onto Reserve Road. Turn slight left onto Wawarme Avenue. Take the second right onto Hendricxen Avenue. Coltsville Field is on your left.



A special thank you to Karen O'Maxfield of the Friends of Vintage Base Ball for allowing me to include her pictures of the event in our newsletter.

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Soldiers and Sailors Monument in New Haven

On Sunday, June 17th, Mark Marganski, Paul Martinello, Chris Purrone, Mike Adiletta, Sr., Mike Adiletta, Jr., Joe Adiletta and Irving Moy in full uniform and Karen Purrone, as our Ms. M. Brady, attended the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on top of East Rock Park in New Haven. In the audience were Lauren Martinello and her mother, Nancy Marganski and Roseann Adiletta. The monument was dedicated on June 17, 1887 and attendees included Generals W.T. Sherman and Philip Sheridan. Joining us was Peter Garafolo representing the 20th CVI and in the color guard were descendents of the of the 29th CVI, the lone colored regiment recruited in Connecticut.

The public was serenaded by Tom Callinan, Connecticut's First State Troubadour. We listened to period songs as the men prepared for the dedication ceremony.

This ceremony to remember the dedication has special meaning to our own Mark Marganski, whose ancestor Pvt. George Warner of the 20th CVI, who lost both arms in the war, unveiled the monument in 1887. It was an honor for all of us to be present with Mark as he laid a wreath on granite platform in front of the bronze

Pictures (top row, l to r) The Sailors and Soldiers Monument; color guard marching up to the monument; Tom Callinan, CT's 1st State Troubadour



Pictures (bottom row, l to r) Presenting of the wreath by Mark; Mark and Chris; color guard at the

I would like to thank everyone that came out on their Father's day to help me commemorate the 125th anniversary of the unveiling of the Soldier's and Sailors Monument on top of East Rock.

Your help and donations made it a very special event and I was proud to have all of you by my side!

Sincerely
Mark T. Marganski
Co F, 14th CVI





Hincks' Mess

Old Fashioned Beef Stew

6 - 8 Servings

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	<u>INGREDIENT</u>
2	pounds	beef (boneless chuck, rump or bottom round); cut into 2-inch chunks and pat dry
½	cup	flour
2	tsp.	dried herbs (basil, oregano, thyme, marjoram, etc.)
2	Tbl.	butter
2	Tbl.	olive oil
To taste		salt and pepper
2		bay leaves
1	large	onion; peeled and chopped into 2-inch chunks
2	large	potatoes; peeled and chopped into 2-inch chunks
3		carrots; peeled and chopped into 2-inch chunks
2	cups	beef broth
1	cup	frozen peas
As needed		chopped fresh parsley for garnish



Dog Robber and his "pups"
at Wallingford

METHOD:

Melt butter and oil in a heavy, wide pot or Dutch Oven over medium-high heat. Be sure to evenly coat the bottom of the pot.

Season flour with half the herbs, salt and pepper. Lightly dredge beef in flour.

Remove excess flour from beef then sear beef on all sides. Do not overcrowd the pot ~ you may need to do this in two batches.

Remove beef once it has browned and add onions, potatoes and carrots and the remaining 1 teaspoon of herbs to the pot; sauté about 3 - 5 minutes.

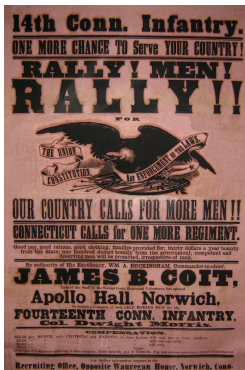
Transfer vegetables to a bowl and reserve for later.

Return beef to the pot then add beef broth. Be sure to loosen and scrape bottom of pot. Once at a boil, turn heat down low; add bay leaves and cover pot.

Slowly simmer for at least 1½ hours; stirring once or twice.

Add reserved vegetables and simmer covered another 30 - 40 minutes or until beef is "fork tender" and vegetables are cooked.

Remove from the heat and skim off any excess fat from the surface. Stir in the peas; adjust seasonings; garnish with parsley.



Scheduled Events

Scheduled Events in August, September, October, November and December 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, military structure and meal 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.

August 12 NEB: Look Park Reenactment, Florence, MA
This New England Brigade event is coordinated by Paul Martinello

September 8-9 NR: 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam
“Maryland, My Maryland,” the Battle of South Mountain and Antietam will take place in Boonsboro, Maryland. Paul Martinello is the coordinator of this event.

September 15 Middlesex County Historical Society Living History Event
This living history event will take place at the General Joseph Mansfield House on 151 Main Street in Middletown, CT, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The society’s webpage is currently advertising this event, *“The annual commemoration of the Civil War is particularly meaningful this year because it marks the 150th anniversary of General Joseph Mansfield’s death at the Battle of Antietam. There will be demonstrations and events throughout the day, featuring Company F, 14th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, Wesleyan Professor Richard Slotkin and musical group, Black Swamp.”* The exhibit “Hard & Stirring Times...Middletown and the Civil War” will be available for viewing. Irving Moy is the coordinator, and for those interested, he is willing to take you to Indian Hill Cemetery in Middletown to General Mansfield’s gravesite.

September 28-29 NEB: CCSU/CT 150th Civil War Anniversary Event: Battle of Fredericksburg
This battle reenactment will take place in Wickham Park, Manchester, CT. Paul Martinello is the coordinator.

October 6 Shelton Historical Society Living History Event
Our sixth and final living history event takes place at the Shelton Historical Society that has extended a kind invitation for us to return each year since 2009. President Lincoln (Steve Wood) will join us as he reviews and addresses the soldiers and ladies of Co. F who have answered the call to fight for Father Abraham and the cause of Union. The society is located at 70 Ripton Road in Shelton. Irving Moy and Carolyn Ivanoff are the coordinators for the event.

November 17-18 NR: Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA
The annual Remembrance Day programs and parade in honor of the November 1863 dedication of the Soldiers’ National Cemetery and President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address will be held this weekend. Paul Martinello is the coordinator.

The National Regiment has reserved rooms for its members at the Days Inn Gettysburg at a discounted rate. For reservations call (717) 334-0030 and mention you are with the National Regiment.

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December 7-8 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fredericksburg
"Fire on the Rappahannock" will be held in Fredericksburg, VA. Information and details will be forwarded to us as they are received by Paul Martinello.

December 15 Holiday Open House at Fiddler's Green, Torrington
Once again Chris and Karen Purrone generously invite us to their home to start the holiday season off in full-awing. Mark this date on your calendar as Company F will gather one more time before heading off to winter quarters to await the start of the 2013 campaign season in the spring.



News and Noteworthy

Note from your Editor

In the last edition of Company F Forward (April-June 2012), I included a carte d'viste of two Civil War soldiers to illustrate the School of the Soldier article. Debby Shapiro of the Middlesex County Historical Society was kind enough to point out that the CVD was Edward Brewer and Amos Fairchild, two Middletown boys in Company B in the 14th. Debby says that these two young men were lifelong friends and enlisted together in the summer of 1862 in Company B. By the spring of 1863 they were both dead and their bodies were brought back to Middletown for burial. My apologies for not acknowledging the MCHS (as they own a copy of the CVD) and thanks to Debby for supplying the information on the two 14th CVI soldiers!

Karen



In keeping with our mission of battlefield preservation, we have donated as of the end of June \$1,491.00 to the Civil War Trust. Our latest donation is in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Co. F to be recognized as donor on the "Regimental Color Bearer" giving level (\$1,000.00+). A detailed listing of the donations can be found on our "Preservation" page on our webpage, www.cof14thcvi.com

Welcome New Members!

Members of Company F would like to welcome four new members to our group! Greg and Barbara Wanamaker hail from Stratford but traveled all the way to Coventry to introduce themselves. Kathleen and John Morrison are from Meriden. They came to visit us at the event at Wallingford Historical Society. Greg and John will be joining the military ranks hopefully before the summer is over. Barbara and Kathleen are still working on their civilian impressions and should be joining us soon. Huzzah, huzzah, huzzah!