

# 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,

I was asked to deliver the 2013 Town of Wallingford Memorial Day Address by the Veterans Memorial Committee at the Civil War Monument in Dutton Park on May 27, 2013 prior to the start of this year's parade. I was honored to have Gary Horton, Kathy and John Morrison, Chris and Karen Purrone stand and march with me. The following are my remarks.

Your Obedient Servant,

*Irving Moy*



## 2013 Wallingford Memorial Day Address

Mayor Dickensen, Honored Guests, Veterans, Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee, Co. F, 14<sup>th</sup> CVI and to the many families and friends of our beloved Town of Wallingford, welcome to the 2013 celebration of Memorial Day.

For many people, Memorial Day has come to represent the start of the summer season to be celebrated as a day of cookouts and festive parades like the one we're about to have in a few minutes. But this national holiday traces its beginning to the enormous losses of human life during the War of the Rebellion or the American Civil War.

The Union triumph over the South in 1865 settled two issues left unresolved by the American Revolution. The first was whether or not this nation was singularly the United States or a confederation of separate states. In his December 3, 1861 annual message to Congress, President Abraham Lincoln said. *"The central idea prevailing this struggle is the necessity that is upon us, of proving that a popular government, whether in a free government the minority have the right to break up the government whenever they choose. If we fail it will go far to prove the incapacity of the people to govern themselves."* He further saw this struggle in universal terms. For this struggle was not *"altogether for today. It is for a vast future also,"* for this struggle, *"embraces more than the face of these United States. It presents to the whole family of man, the question, whether a constitutional republic or a democracy...can or cannot maintain its territorial integrity."*

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However, the issue of slavery clouded the clarity of this issue. President Lincoln understood this. In his second annual message to Congress in December 1862 when he believed it was time to issue the Emancipation Proclamation; he defined the war's true meaning in this passage of eloquence and power, ***“Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history...the fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation...In giving freedom to the slave, we shall nobly save or meanly lose, the last best hope of earth.”***

The consequences of the Civil War uprooted centuries old institutions by transforming the social and economic life of half the country and, to this day, has profoundly impacted the entire character of this Nation to the rest of the world where the United States is seen as the destination for economic opportunity and freedom to escape from social, political and religious persecution.

But the human and monetary costs of achieving this victory were staggering for both the North and the South. The Civil War was the only war ever fought on this country's soil between fellow Americans. This “Brothers' War” resulted in over 620,000 casualties, 2% of a total population of 31,443,323. As a percentage of today's population, this would be the equivalent of 6 million Americans. An estimated 50,000 civilians died, approximately, 1 out of 4 households, suffered the loss of a family member. In 1866, a year after the war ended, half of the Mississippi state budget was used to pay for prosthetics or crutches for her soldiers who lost limbs. The Secretary of the Treasury in 1880 in the final accounting of the cost of the Civil War calculated the costs to be 6.2 billion dollars. The cost to the South was estimated to be 4 billion, at the time when the monthly pay of a common soldier was \$13.00 a month. There was not a person who did not know of a family member or friend who did not suffer some loss during this conflict. But even before the war's end, families both in the North and in the South decorated the gravesites of their loved ones with flowers in memory of the ultimate sacrifice they made.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, the National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, known as the GAR, a fraternal organization of Union veterans, issued General Order No. 11 stating that a day be officially set aside to honor the memories of those who died during the Civil War and that of the passing of each veteran. The first official celebration of “Decoration Day”, as it was called, took place on May 30, 1868 with flowers placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize this holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was celebrated by all the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I. It continued to be known as “Decoration Day” until after World War II, when it since has come to be known as Memorial Day, the day to honor and to remember all Americans who died in our Nation's service. We gather today to solemnly remember the memory of our own family members, friends and the many unknown to us who so freely gave their lives so that we can gather here today to celebrate the freedoms that their sacrifices secured for us.

Once again, in closing, it is the words of our 16<sup>th</sup> President in a cemetery in Gettysburg 150 years ago this coming November that he spoke to give true meaning to the sacrifices in lives that were made by those who fought for the cause of Union and for all members of our military in subsequent wars who gave their last true measure of devotion to preserve the freedoms that we have.

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

*“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation of any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate--we cannot consecrate--we cannot hallow--this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have so nobly advanced. It is rather for us---that from these honored dead we give 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---that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom---and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”*

*Irving D. Moy*



Thank you Cathy Horton for the additional pictures!!



## Accolades

### Paul Martinello Recognized by the Civil War Trust

As President of Co. F, I am proud of our commitment to the Civil War Trust and other preservation projects. In 2012 we donated a total of \$3,067 and became a Civil War Trust Regimental Color Donor. So far in 2013 we have made \$688 in donations. Our commitment to preservation is even more impressive as many in Company F are members of The CWT and contribute on our own and through matching grants with their employer, as Paul Martinello, Nick Ivanoff and Warren Stevens have done through UTC. But Paul's commitment to the work of The CWT is extraordinary. He was recently honored with a certificate from The CWT recognizing his steadfast contributions since 2002 elevating him to the Patriot Brigade Donor Level of 200 or more donations that he estimates exceeds \$5,000. Congratulations, Paul.



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March 28, 2013

Mr. Paul J. Martinello  
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Dear Mr. Martinello,

I'd like to congratulate you for reaching the next level of the Steadfast by giving over 200 gifts to the Civil War Trust—welcome to the Patriot Brigade. Our Steadfast members are some of our most dedicated and generous supporters and our Patriot Brigade members are a particularly elite part of this group. I commend you for entering this group as a result of your continued generous support of our mission of battlefield preservation.

Since I last wrote to you to welcome you into the Heritage Division of the Steadfast, we have continued to work tirelessly to preserve Civil War battlefield land. We are grateful that we have more Steadfast members than ever before as we make our way through the sesquicentennial. The generosity of this group ensures that we are able to continue to succeed in our mission of preserving thousands of acres of hallowed ground every year.

To express my gratitude for your continuous support, I am enclosing a new certificate, which indicates that you are now a member of the Patriot Brigade. I thank you again for all that you do for battlefield preservation.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Dighizer  
President

*Thank you Mr. Martinello for your unwavering, remarkable generosity!*

Accolades, con't.



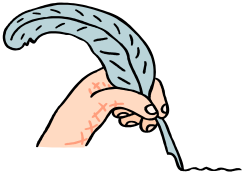
**Praise For Company F**

For the Seymour Event - *“What a glorious Saturday turned out to be! What a perfect day it was for our living history at the Seymour Historical Society. I can’t thank you and your group enough for providing us with such a wonderful learning experience! Your team is so professional and knowledgeable. They are a pleasure to host at our museum. Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you all again soon.”*  
*Evelyn Roy, Board Member*

*Thanks to everyone in Co. F for a great day. Nearly all our guests told us upon leaving how much they enjoyed the demonstrations and displays and how nice all the “soldiers and civilians were.”*  
*Paul Sussman, President*

**Be sure to read the After Action Report by our own Joe Adiletta on the Seymour Living History Event held on April 27, 2013.**





## After Action Reports

### Our Excursion to Stony Mountain and Morton's Ford! March 3, 2013

As a side trip to our annual Non-Commissioned Officer school trip to Gettysburg, Chris Purrone and I reconnected with our roving Rapidan tour guides plus an extra local guide to visit Stony Mountain and the sites around it. I was coming down with a head cold, but Carolyn Ivanoff and Joe Adiletta were still game and joined us anyway. Chris drove us down with me as co-pilot, a three hour trip to meet our three guides.

Following them, we drove to the base of Stony Mountain and parked. It was colder than expected, but we bundled up, and with permission from the land owner, started towards it. The land owner was to join us if he could, but was called away at the last minute. We walked to the top and began looking for the rock formations that could match J.W. Hill's drawing of our 1863-64 winter quarters camp\*. After finding what may have been the rock, I did my best to position my camera to take a photo to match the drawing. With six matching points of reference, I believe this could be the rock the soldier was sitting on. We then proceeded down and across the camp grounds. We found Potato Run, and three of us (including myself) crossed it. Stone chimneys were our goal but our new guide wasn't able to pin point their location based on his childhood playing areas. Perhaps, next time. Meanwhile Chris had stumbled upon fire pits as well the pit shown in our regimental history book. We searched around for more sites but with a time schedule to be kept, we moved on to Raccoon Ford. Very interesting points were shared by our two guides -- regarding what was there and what isn't anymore. We then crossed the Rapidan River and with the land owner's permission, we finally found Morton's Ford from the south side. We could see the far side and the old road that we were on last November as well as relating it to the souvenir photo. I believe the caption under the photo stating "Morton's Ford from south bank.—Head of Island in River seen.— Figure stands in Road", is actually marking the Robinson Mansion that would have been right above his head, as shown in my modern photo. Joe found two or three old horse or mule shoes right near the ford. Shoes, that probably came off in the Rapidan mud at the ford. We then tracked out how the road went through the modern corn field and up to the tree lined original road.



We could see the views towards Major Buckner's home, where the Confederates had dug in across the road, and where the road crossed the stream, to the sunken road that had to be crossed as the 14<sup>th</sup> charged towards Dr Morton's home. We also saw where the A.R. Waud night sketch was drawn, showing soldiers with knapsacks on, laying down prone, the road cut into the land, near Buckner's home. Photos were taken from this old 'Y' intersection with the Morton's Ford road.



\*Editor's Note: The 14th CVI had quarters on Stony Mountain in the winter of 1863-1864 and fought the Battle of Morton's Ford in February 1864.

## After Action Reports, con't.

We had three more stops to make. First, the second guide took us to the overlook at Somerville Ford, where Waud did another sketch. He found many relics in this area. He believed this is where the cavalry pickets were located. Then he took us back to his home where he showed us his relic collection. Very neat! But not as neat as when he gave us some of his dug relics, such as dropped minie balls, shell fragments, etc. This was totally unexpected, unnecessary, but appreciated to the max! We then gave our thanks for another fine tour and parted ways, to hook up with Guide Number 1 and his wife, to have a very nice dinner in downtown Culpeper. It was a great ending to another great tour. We started back on our three hour ride to Gettysburg arriving at midnight.

Thank you Chris for doing all the driving and to Carolyn and Joe for being such troopers in joining us on this journey. In our appreciation, we made a donation to the New England Civil War Museum in Rockville, CT and got copies of the *1891 14th CVI Excursion to the Battlefield Souvenir Book* for our three guides, which we mailed down to them. Until we return to check out more Union and Confederate positions, and possibly Cedar Mountain Battlefield, we await our next reunion with our Rapidan Tour Guides.

Paul Martinello

### 2013 Civil War Trust Park Day at Fort Trumbull State Park

112 volunteers, including two busloads of cadets from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, turned out for this year's event on April 6, 2013, to clean, paint and maintain the grounds in and outside the Fort, the Visitor Center and Conference Center, to get the park off to a great start towards its 2013 opening and start of a yearlong celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CT State Park System. Thanks goes to Park Supervisor, Jon Lincoln and his staff for the behind the scenes preparation to ensure smooth operations of the various work crews, the Friends of Fort Trumbull for the supplies and 3/c Cadet Matt Martin for recruiting so many of his fellow cadets to volunteer to provide needed work at the fort and site that has deep meaning to the history of the Academy. They exhibited an esprit de corps in working with all the volunteers that speaks well of the values the Academy is instilling in them. Co. F members who volunteered were Paul Martinello, Chris and Karen Purrone, Carolyn Ivanoff, Peter and Cindy Garfalo, Mark Marganski, Mike and Roseann Adiletta, Mike Adiletta, Jr., Greg Wanamaker and Irving Moy. It was nice to see old friends Jeff, Jen and Sarah Lawrence from W. Springfield, MA, and Len Warburton from Enfield, who worked with me again this year, this time in tearing out light fixtures and electrical conduit in a room that will be used for exhibits. Hazardous duty, but both of us survived another Park Day, to live another day for next year's 2014 CWT Park Day event!



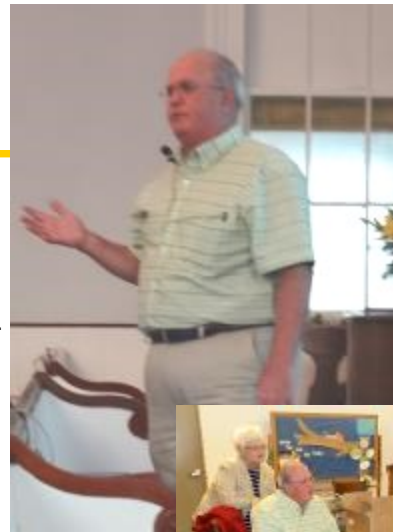
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**After Action Reports, con't.**

**Connecticut Civil War Round Table**

**O**ur own Dog Robber (aka Bill Mellow) presented his talk on *Hinck's Mess* to the Connecticut Civil War Round Table in Torrington on Saturday night, April 20. Bill and his wife Nancy, fresh from Florida, kept the audience entertained with stories of the 14th Connecticut and how he learned over time, the ins and outs of building a firepit and cooking for soldiers. Despite a few problems with the projector, his slideshow presentation was a big hit!



**Diocesan House Cleanup - April 21, 2013**

**C**o. F is grateful to Cindy Winslow, Comptroller, and the Episcopal Diocese of Hartford for graciously allowing us the opportunity each year to clean up the Diocesan House property in Hartford. The donation we received for our work goes towards operating expenses and battlefield preservation. A thank you and huzzah to Mark Marganski, John Morrison, Bill Mellow, Chris and Karen Purrone, Paul and Lauren Martinello and Irving Moy for coming out on a Sunday to help with this year's cleanup.



## After Action Reports, con't.

### Seymour Historical Society April 27, 2013

Co F 14th CVI started off the new year with its first living history. By 8:30am, we all arrived to set up the camp and quickly assembled the canvas tents. The grounds of the Seymour Historical Society seemed to turn back 150 years. By 10:00am the 14th was ready and prepared for the spectators. After the fire pit was dug, Hincks' Mess was ready and Bill began to prepare a delicious period stew with bread pudding for dessert for our noon meal.



As always Sgt. Purrone was ready to drill the soldiers, and overall, the soldiers remembered their drill. Although I didn't have my new Springfield to drill, I was given the honor of carrying our new guidon flag representing our corps badge and our brigade colors. On the other side of the building the ladies, Julie Moy and Lauren Martinello, set up their displays that attracted many spectators throughout the day. Carolyn Ivanoff's medical display was set up in the house where she taught many spectators what fighting a war was like without modern medicine. After quite a bit of instructional drilling, Lt. Martinello arrived and our first firing demonstration began. During our firing demonstration Cpl. Moy went down, but alas, he recovered and was back in the ranks. After we broke ranks Sgt. Purrone manned his weapons' display that attracted quite a few spectators. The rest of the soldiers returned to the company street and explained Civil War camp life to spectators while awaiting lunch. Shortly after we finished our meal, the soldiers formed again for our second firing demonstration. A large crowd gathered to watch our last demonstration and view the displays. As the spectators began to dwindle, we broke camp.

Once again the 14th CVI completed another successful living history event and started off a great year of reenacting. Thanks to all the soldiers and civilians who attended. Afterwards we were treated to a BBQ at the Adiletta's.

Joe Adiletta



## After Action Reports, con't.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Chancellorsville May 3-5, 2013

What started as a beautiful morning trip, but once past Washington D.C. turned into a traffic nightmare just before Fredericksburg! Chris Purrone had warned me of it from his trip on Thursday, but I figured being Friday and passing through the same spot at an earlier time, it would be different for me. NOT SO! I left home early at 6:00am to get my rental car and arrived at the event location at 5:30pm. What a ride, but we both arrived safely. We then helped the others coming in by lending a hand in setting up canvas. Co F. had myself as Cpl. and Chris as Sgt. plus Matty Cronin and another soldier from the 6<sup>th</sup> NH as well as men from the 53<sup>rd</sup> PA and the 116<sup>th</sup> PA to make up 3<sup>rd</sup> Company with Matty as the National Regiment Sergeant Major for the weekend. Mark McNierny was our Company Lieutenant Saturday and Colonel on Sunday. As we settled in for the night, Chris retired to his sleeping quarters while I cooked my supper over the fire, talked with the men into the night and turned in. At 39-41 degrees, it was too cold for one blanket and made for a long night.

Saturday morning was cool and gray, as we rose, drank coffee, drilled and waited for battle. Chris and I took the wagon (shuttle) to check out the sutlers, county museum, rolling VA Sesquicentennial mobile museum, then back to the company street. We formed for battle, marched a mile, fronted and engaged the Rebels. By then the sun had come out strong enough to quickly cook my ear tips and neck. It wasn't much of a fight. We returned to camp and while Chris got a pass to leave camp, some of us caught the wagon again to feed at the sutlers. While in the area, I walked to see the 1856 county jail, court house, tavern and historical signs of Spotsylvania Court House. I then returned to camp to clean my musket. As night drew closer, some of us gathered an extra layer which made the night more comfortable. We rose Sunday, drank more coffee, performed more drills, broke down our camp, since the NR had decided to only do the 10:30am battle, allowing those with a long drive to depart early. We marched off again to battle the rebels, in the same field, in the same formation and position as Saturday. But this time, Mark was now the Colonel, and he had a surprise. As the battle came to a close, the Colonel gathered the remaining NR soldiers and charged the Reb line, only for us all to die under the Reb's ruthless fire, and then they advanced over our broken bodies! The Virginia spectators and event coordinators loved it (anytime the Billy Yanks die on their soil). With my gear packed already, soon I was on a shuttle to my car and departed for D.C. by noon and was home by 8:40pm. It was an adventure, but next time Chris and I will travel down together to defend the Union. All in all, the 150<sup>th</sup> Chancellorsville was a good event.

Paul Martinello



**After Action Reports, con't.**

**Somers Historical Society  
May 11, 2013**



It has been 30 years since Somers hosted a Civil War event at the Four Town Fairgrounds (which I missed). Co F, 14<sup>th</sup> CVI brought back Civil War history to this town. It may have been smaller, it may have been wetter, but it was more personal and was directly tied to the town. For six men from Somers had joined the 14<sup>th</sup> CT and were assigned to company K: Henry W. Bowers, Howard H. Brainerd, Oscar Kibbe, Alonzo Griswold, Eugene and Chester C. Field. Chester is the soldier I know the best for it was he who was sick from the time he mustered in, until he got well enough in 1864 to make it back to the 14<sup>th</sup> CT and on May 10<sup>th</sup>, at Laurel Hill, he was killed. I also wear his name on a wooden ID tag around my neck at events.

I was honored that so many members came to Somers even with a 70-80% chance of rain, braved the wind and dodged the rain drops, to give a fine presentation to the spectators of what well trained soldiers can look like. Minus a few hiccups (including my own) I must say, we are improving with every drill and event, standing tall and straight, muskets all level and looking very smart. Speaking for myself, I answered many questions that day, as I'm sure you all did. Everyone looked busy and engaged. Bill was clanging pots, cooking and talking to spectators. Julie Moy and Lauren Martinello shared a fly to present as our home front civilian and Christian Commission delegate, and Carolyn Ivanoff set up inside the Society's building with her medical display. Karen Purrone was everywhere capturing us on "glass". All you ladies shined, even if it was a gray day. Thank you all for coming out and sharing your side of the war to the public, and I also understand you all supported the Historical Society nicely with your purchases that I know were much appreciated.



I was able to see some local and familiar faces for once from my neck of the woods, which was a pleasant surprise. All in all, a fine event considering it could have been a wash out. Our drills and firing demonstrations were superb. A few misfires, but we are all coming along fine.



After breaking down camp, we traveled one block to the Somers Inn, where a dozen of us enjoyed a fine meal in our secluded front parlor with matching fireplaces. Luckily, they were not lit, for we were done with the need for smoke and heat by then.

The Somers Historical Society told me that the 130 spectators who passed through, was the highest count since a 2000 event, and they counted six different press articles advertising our event. Considering the weather, we did well, and Somers rewarded us with an honorarium for our efforts, which will be put to good use through our support of CWT during this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 1863. Thank you all, for making this a special event for the

Town of Somers, the Somers Historical Society, and especially for me. I couldn't have done it without you all! Huzzah Co F 14<sup>th</sup> CVI.

Paul Martinello

## After Action Reports, con't.

### Two Rivers High School, Hartford CT

On May 24, 2013 Gary Horton, Bill Mellow and Irving Moy presented a program to the 9th grade classes at Two Rivers High School located in the historic Colt Factory Complex in Hartford that is under consideration as a National Park Site. The students were attentive and involved as the causes of the war and life of the common Union soldier were presented. Dog Robber was a big hit with his talk about the Union Army cook, complete with pictures of the food he prepares over an open fire. The school cook prepared some of the same dishes to set the proper mood for our visit, using modern recipes and equipment, so it was something the students tasted and could relate to.



### Flag Laying Ceremonies

Despite the rain on May 25, 2013, John and Kathy Morrison, Chris and Karen Purrone, Paul and Lauren Martiello, Gary Horton and Irving Moy laid flags and conducted a brief ceremony at the gravesites of Co. F members this Memorial Day weekend. They paid tribute at the gravesites of Cpl. Joseph and Martha Pierce and James Goss in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Meriden; Capt. Jarvis Blinn, who was killed on the first day at Antietam, in Center Cemetery in Rocky Hill. The damaged headstone needs major repair.



Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden  
Joseph Pierce Cpl Co F. & Martha  
Pierce



Center Cemetery, Rocky Hill  
Captain Jarvis E. Blinn Co F



## After Action Reports, con't.

The next stop was Maple Cemetery in Berlin where we laid a flag at the gravesite of Pvt. Elijah Bacon, winner of a Medal of Honor at Gettysburg. Buried along side of him separated by the grave of his father Roswell in the middle, was his brother Sgt. Andrew Bacon. Elijah died in 1864 at the battle of the Wilderness and Andrew in January 1865. Roswell died in 1867 after losing both his sons. Finally, we paid extra tribute to the 25 Co. F men laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery in New Britain. Each name was read off and concluded with a verse of the "Girl I Left Behind" that was sung by 14th CVI as they departed off to war in 1862. Flags were laid at the gravesites of 1st Lt. Theodore Stanley, a prominent name in New Britain, killed at Fredericksburg, Capt. Samuel Moore, who led the 14th in capturing and burning the Bliss Barn and Farm house used by Confederate sharpshooters at Gettysburg and Medal of Honor winner Lorenzo Deming who served on US Picket Boat #1 that sunk the Confederate ram, the Albemarle. The group was totally surprised as the Morrisons took us out to the Eastside Restaurant where we enjoyed each other's company over German food and learned German drinking songs!



Maple Cemetery, Berlin  
Elijah W. Bacon, Pvt. Medal of Honor recipient Co F  
Andrew J. Bacon SGT Co F



Fairview Cemetery, New Britain  
Medal of Honor winner Lorenzo Deming



Fairview Cemetery, New Britain  
Theodore A. Stanley 1st LT Co F (left)  
Samuel A. Moore Captain Co F (right)



Our Company F Troubadours!

**After Action Reports, con't.**

**New Britain Memorial Day Parade**  
May 30, 2013

It was hotter than blazes! Yet the people turned out and lined the streets to watch! Or perhaps it was just too hot to stay inside. In either case we were seen! Seen sweating that is... Sgt Purrone, Pvt's Stevens, Horton, Morrison, and civilians Miss Lauren and Mr. Brady's assistant K. Purrone, plus our Lt.. surrounded our banner down Broad St. then onto Main St. I felt honored that we were able to represent Co F, which was created from New Britain men 151 years ago, and once again to march through its town. We followed the 102<sup>nd</sup> Infantry while staying in step to the Windsor Fife and Drum Corps. We passed the reviewing stand and soon, we were done. We made sure all had water afterwards to cool down and then made it back to our vehicles. We received an honorarium for our efforts and will put it towards our preservation efforts. Huzzah for the magnificent seven!

Paul Martinello



Photo courtesy of [www.bristolpress.com](http://www.bristolpress.com)

**Scheduled Events**

**Scheduled Events in June, July and August 2013**

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

Recruitment poster courtesy of Karl Bacon and the Naugatuck Historical Society



July 1-7 *150<sup>th</sup> Battle of Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA*

Co. F as a member of the National Regiment will take part in living history events at the PA Monument on the battlefield and later in the weekend will participate in the battle reenactment. Paul Martinello is the coordinator for both events.

July 20 *Bristol Historical Society Living History Event, Bristol, CT*

Co. F will conduct its fourth of seven living history events but the first with the society on the town green located at 33 Queen Street. Irving Moy is the event coordinator.

August 3 *Annual Company F Picnic at the Adilettas'*

This has been a welcome break in our schedule and a fun event to see everyone not in wool or civilian apparel. Irving Moy is the event coordinator.



## Hincks' Mess

### Sweet Potato Biscuits

Makes 32 biscuits

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	<u>INGREDIENT</u>
2	Cups	All Purpose Flour
4	Tsp.	Sugar
3	Tsp.	Baking Powder
1	Tsp.	Salt
1	Tsp.	Cinnamon
½	Tsp.	Ground Nutmeg
¼	Cup	Shortening
1	Cup	Mashed Sweet Potatoes (15 Oz. Princella = 1 Cup)
½	Cup	Half and Half Cream or Heavy Cream



#### METHOD:

- ♣ Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees F.
- ♣ In a small bowl, combine the first six ingredients.
- ♣ Cut in the shortening until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
- ♣ Combine the sweet potatoes and cream and stir into the crumb mixture just until moistened.
- ♣ Liberally coat your hands with flour because this batter is very sticky.
- ♣ Turn out onto a floured surface and knead 8 – 10 times.
- ♣ Pat or roll out to ½ inch thickness.
- ♣ Cut with a floured 2-inch biscuit cutter.
- ♣ Place 1 inch apart on a greased baking sheet.
- ♣ Bake for 9 - 11 minutes or until golden brown.

### Honey Butter

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	<u>INGREDIENT</u>
½	Cup	Butter, softened
2	Tbl.	Honey
1	Tsp.	Ground cinnamon

#### METHOD:

- ♣ In a small bowl, beat the butter, honey and cinnamon until blended.
- ♣ Put the mixture into a ramekin, cover with Saran Wrap and refrigerate until needed.

### PLAY BALL!!!!!!!!!!!!



HUZZAH! HUZZAH! HUZZAH, to Neil Kozikowski, Dog Robber and Nancy Mellow's grandson, who was drafted as a pitcher by the Pittsburgh Pirates for a significant signing bonus plus a reserve for college expenses. He will be living and training in Bradenton, FL. Neil is a recent graduate of Avon Old Farms School in Avon and was offered a scholarship to play baseball at VCU in Richmond, VA. It only seemed like yesterday that Neil came with his grandpa to help at the Diocesan House cleanup. Co. F is behind you all the way to the majors and beyond! Congratulations, Neil!