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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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Dear Friends of American History,

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

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

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

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

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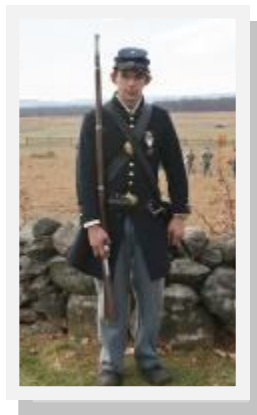
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Paul Martinello, Treasurer

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Secretary

Karen Purrone, Member-At
Large
Newsletter Editor and Facebook
Admin.

Bill Mellow, Webmaster



The Adiletta's

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



Jackie and Karl Bacon

Jackie grew up in Old Forge, PA while Karl grew up in Woodbury, CT. They met while attending Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA and were married in 1977. Jackie worked as a pre-school, kindergarten, first grade teacher, and music director before graduating to administration. She is currently a Principal in East Haven School District. Jackie portrays a teacher during the Civil War Era.

Karl worked in manufacturing for 30 years, much of it for a Swiss machine tool manufacturer, before starting his second career as a Civil War Novelist. His first novel, *An Eye for Glory*, was a Christy Award finalist in 2012. His second novel is scheduled to be released in late 2014. He portrays a Mid-west war correspondent.



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

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



Mick Bedard is an allergist in the Hartford area since 1984 and is with the CT Asthma & Allergy Center in West Hartford. Active in the Hartford Medical Society and recent past president, his 2009 article “Four Connecticut Physicians- Window to Civil War Medicine and Service” was published in *Connecticut Medicine*, the journal of the CT Medical Society, and has given many presentations on Civil War medicine in the U.S. and Australia. Mick has been with the 5th NHVI since 1987, with the ACW naval group, The Kearsarge Afterguard, the 27th CVI and is proudly with Co. F where he portrays a generic assistant surgeon, “Lt. Brigham Hadley” when in the field.



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



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



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



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

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

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



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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



Karen Purrone is a recently retired CT State employee. She serves many roles with Co. F; she is the Member-At-Large Representative on its Board, Newsletter Editor, Facebook Administrator, and a member of its Civil War Educational Traveling Team. As its official photographer, Karen portrays the role of "Mattie Brady", a Civil War photographer at events.



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



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

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



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

COMPANY F, OVER THE YEARS



2011



2012



2013



2014



Scheduled Events

2015 Event Schedule

Thinking of scheduling an event with us? Attend one to see what we do! All living history events, unless otherwise noted, are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See you there!

Recruitment poster courtesy of Karl Bacon and the Naugatuck Historical Society

March	28	Civil War Trust Park Day at Fort Trumbull 90 Walbach Street, New London, CT
April	9-12	NR 150 th Appomattox Court House Living History, VA
May	16	300 th Anniversary Town of Tolland Living History Event 53 Tolland Green, Tolland, CT
	23	Cemetery Flag Ceremonies
	25	Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade
June	6	Wallingford Historical Society Living History Event 180 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT
July	11	Old Saybrook Historical Society Living History Event 350 Main Street, Old Saybrook, CT
	25	200 th Anniversary Town of Griswold, Living History Event 267 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT
September	12	Joseph Mansfield House Living History Event 151 Main Street, Middletown, CT
	26	Weston Historical Society Living History Event 104 Weston Road, Weston, CT
October	17	West Haven Veterans Museum Living History Event 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, CT
November	20-22	NR Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA

Civil War Trust Park Day at Fort Trumbull State Park

The fourth annual 2015 Civil War Trust Park Day program will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Fort Trumbull State Park, 90 Walbach Street, New London. The public is invited to assist the staff at the fort in maintenance chores to get the fort and its grounds ready for the opening of its 2015 season. Fort Trumbull is only one of two Civil War related sites in New England designated for this program. With budget cuts to its state parks and historical sites, our assistance is greatly appreciated. The "Friends of Fort Trumbull" will provide snacks.

Meet at the Visitors Center at 8:30 a.m. to register and to receive your assignment. Bring your work gloves, rack, weed-whacker, etc.; other supplies and equipment will be provided. A free CWT t-shirt and patch will be given to each participant. The event is from 8:30 to 3:00 p.m. "rain or shine." Come and go as your schedule allows. Come and make a difference!



Noteworthy

2014 Fourth Quarter Preservation Donations

Company F made \$300 in donations to the Civil War Trust to four (4) battlefield preservation projects at “Jackson’s Flank March”, Chancellorsville NMP; “Lee’s Headquarters”, Gettysburg NMP; the “Slaughter Pen”, Fredericksburg NMP and at 8 battlefields in VA, NC and TN, including Reams Station Battlefield where the 14th CVI fought and suffered great losses. This brings our total of donations in 2014 to \$4,370.

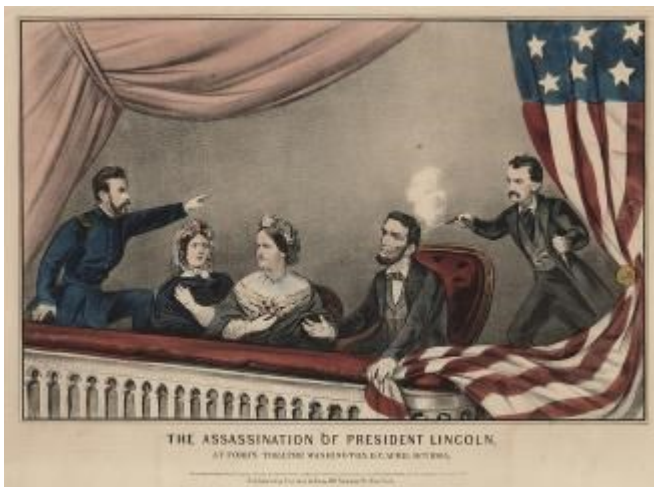


In our four years of existence Company F has increased its donations each year from \$1,055 in 2011, \$3,067 in 2012, \$3,395 in 2013 to \$4,370 in 2014 for a four year total of \$11,887. Thank you to the organizations that have scheduled events with us and for your honorariums and to our members for individual donations earmarked for preservation

Company F in Lincoln Assassination Play

Professor Matthew Warshaur, Chair, CT 150th Civil War Commemoration Commission, is producing an original Lincoln Assassination play with Sean Harris, Theatre Director, Hall High School, and the Park Road Play House, and Mark Zelinsky, Theatre Director, University of St. Joseph. The performances will take place on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, on the 150th anniversary day of the assassination in the Hoffman Auditorium on the campus of the University of St. Joseph and then repeated on Friday and Saturday of that week.

Professional actors will portray John Wilkes Booth and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton while college and high school students will play various roles and work on set design, sound and lighting. Company F is honored to join the production. Professor Warshaur states in his invitation, *“To bring historical reality to the play we need a group of talented living historians to portray both military and civilians roles, and Marc (Bassos) and I can think of no organization better suited to this than the 14th CT Co. F.”* Mark the performance dates on your calendar and see what is going to be an outstanding event as the 5 year commemoration of the Civil War draws to a close.

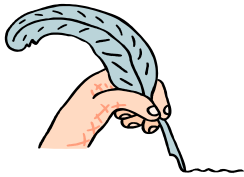


The Assassination of President Lincoln
1865
Currier and Ives
Lithograph
14 x 17 in
Chicago History Museum

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Fifth Company F 14th Connecticut Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 17, 2015 at the General Joseph Mansfield House in Middletown, CT. Highlights of the meeting included the election of Irving Moy, President, Christopher Purrone, Vice-President, Paul Martinello, Treasurer, Jeff Lawrence, Recording Secretary and Karen Purrone, Member-At-Large, to three year terms. Marc Bassos, CT Commemoration Commission, John Hennessey, Chief Historian Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Wilderness National Battlefields and Coast Guard Cadet Matthew Miller were recognized for their contributions to furthering Co. F's mission of education and preservation and were elected as Honorary Members to the Class of 2015. Recognized and accepted as full members of Co. F after successfully completing their first year



After Action Reports

Remembrance Day Weekend 2014

A successful 2014 campaign season came to a close as Co. F journeyed to Gettysburg, the weekend of November 14-16, 2014 to take part in the parade and the many activities only Gettysburg can offer. Remembrance Day Weekend takes place each year on the weekend closest to November 19th, the day President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address.

The festivities began Friday evening with a candlelight dinner at the Dobbin Inn. We were delighted that Steve Phan, a member from Colorado, joined us in military uniform. The parade took place the next day under ideal conditions. The parade route was altered due to road work that closed a section of Steinwehr Avenue that has been under construction since August. The final leg of the parade bypassed this section and had the marchers go up Taneytown Road past the National Cemetery and then onto the battlefield. After final words from our National Regiment commander, Tom Downes, and our dismissal, we gathered at the 14th CVI monument on Cemetery Ridge for pictures. It was quite different to see Dog Robber (Bill Mellow) our company cook, in full uniform carrying a musket rifle and not a rolling pin!



Cpl. Moy was tired but pleased he completed the parade after his valve replacement. He is grateful to Lt. Paul Martinello and Private Joe Adiletta for looking after him as they marched together and to Julie and Lauren Martinello for trailing along the entire parade route to provide assistance as necessary. Afterwards members went their separate ways to attend a brass concert on Little Round Top, shopping, dinner and visiting friends, as Wendy Allen and Elaine Henderson, Lincoln into Art.

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Many also went to see the luminaries in the National Cemetery. Co. F each year has sponsored three luminaries to honor the 14th CT, all CT troops that fought in the Battle of Gettysburg and the original Co. F soldiers whose descendants are members of the current Co. F. The weekend was capped off the next morning at the home of Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff who provided an open house brunch for all of us before we headed home. Those representing Co. F in Gettysburg were Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff, Chris and Karen Purrone, Joe Adiletta, Bill and Nancy Mellow, Steve Phan, Paul and Lauren Martinello, Matt and Jenn Bartlett, MacKenzie Marien, Irving and Julie Moy.

"Tiki-toki-tiki-toki! Hoy, hoy, hoy"! at the East Side Restaurant

One of the unique things about Co. F is that its members not only share a common bond on the field as Civil War Era soldiers and civilians but also off the field in their normal personas. Besides going out after events to share a meal, we get together for an annual picnic and Christmas Holiday party. A number of members closed out 2014 New Year's Eve at the East Side Restaurant, a popular German restaurant in New Britain, CT, toasting out the old and welcoming the New Year. "Tiki- tiki- tiki-toki! Hoy, hoy, hoy"! As we raise a stein and wish all our readers a Happy New Year!



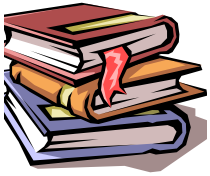
Photo courtesy of Kathy Morrison

Vernon Historical Society

Our 2015 campaign season got off to a quick start with a program given by Ted Urbanski, who portrays a Civil War telegraph operator with Co. F, on January 11, 2015 at the Vernon Historical Society, Vernon, CT. Ted's program on the telegraph and Civil War Signal Corps began with the origins of the telegraph as seen through the eyes of inventor, Samuel E. Morse and his partners, Alfred Vail and Leonard Gail, from its early beginnings in 1834-44 and then through its rapid progression across the United States from 1844-60. From here he showed how the telegraph impacted the war effort during the Civil War from 1861-65, changing forever the world in the art of modern communication to our present. He was assisted by fellow members, Marge Bucholz, Gary Horton, Irving Moy, Chris and Karen Purrone and Warren Stevens.

Co. F has a Speaker's Bureau that can provide other Civil War related programs for your organizations on medicine, nursing, weapons, cooking, spies and Chinese soldiers. If interested in a speaker let us know.

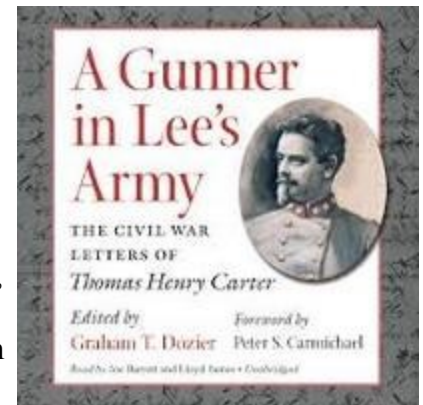




Book Review by Matt Bartlett

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Gunner in Lee's Army: The Civil War Letters of Thomas Henry Carter
Edited by Graham T. Dozier
University of North Carolina Press, 2014, 344 pp. + 24 pp. Introduction,
\$39.95
ISBN: 978-1-4696-1874-6



As with many Virginians who had a career before the American Civil War, there was a great drive to raise companies and in some cases entire regiments to fight for their home state. In the case of Thomas Henry Carter, he raised an artillery battery and joined the Confederate army. The stories of the war of men who rose the ranks as they showed bravery and initiative is sometimes the most rewarding of all. These letters of Carter which have finally been presented are a testament to that type of soldier. Graham Dozier has spent a great amount of time putting this collection together and the result is a fine example of modern printing of primary sources.

Without giving too much away about the author, since most of his Civil War lauds are written in the text, Thomas Henry Carter's father was a first cousin to Robert E. Lee. Carter was also a member of the class of 1849 at the Virginia Military Institute and also attended the University of Pennsylvania and Virginia. Though his degrees were in medicine, he helped to manage his father's plantation. Graham Dozier is a managing editor of publications at the Virginia Historical Society. The foreword of this book is written by Peter S. Carmichael.

Throughout the many primary sources being printed during the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Graham Dozier has provided this collection and has also given a great insight of his own into the man of Thomas Henry Carter along with others throughout the war. Dozier gives us extensive footnotes which give the readers a look into the world of Carter and the people he met. In letters, there are barely any descriptions of people or what they accomplished but by using the footnotes, Dozier ensures that the reader is not left in the dark wondering what was going on. The great accomplishment throughout the footnotes is the short biographies of not only the Confederate commanders and some soldiers, but also gives the reader information on the Union commanders as well. The events which are mentioned in the letters are also well footnoted such as the information at Fredericksburg. There are short descriptions of the action in the letters and more details followed in the footnotes.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in primary source documents of the American Civil War. Graham Dozier should be praised for his incredible efforts of footnoting and editing these documents giving the reader a well-rounded amount of information throughout these texts. Graham Dozier should also be praised for bringing this text to the attention of Civil War academia in an excellent state. This work is another great addition in the already prestigious line of Civil War books printed by the University of North Carolina Press. This book should be on the shelf of every Civil War historian and student who wants to learn more about life in the Army of Northern Virginia. Highly recommended.



Hincks' Mess

CRANBERRY APPLE STRUDEL

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	<u>INGREDIENT</u>
4	Ounces	Unsalted butter
2		Apples, grated
12	Ounces	Fresh or frozen cranberries
1/4	Cup + 2 Teaspoons	Granulated sugar
1/4	Pound	Dried apricots cut into small dice
1/2	Cup	Chopped walnuts
1 1/4	Teaspoons	Cinnamon
6	Sheets	Phyllo
10	Teaspoons	Breadcrumbs

FILLING:

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter and sauté the apples, peeled and grated coarse, stirring for 5 minutes. Stir in the cranberries, sugar and cook for 5 minutes or until cranberries burst. Stir in the apricots, nuts, and cinnamon.

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Lay one sheet of Phyllo on a large piece of wax paper or parchment. Brush with melted butter. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons of the breadcrumbs. Continue in this manner with the remaining 5 sheets of Phyllo dough. spread the filling in a 3-inch wide strip, mounding it on the Phyllo 4 inches above the near long side, leaving a 2-inch border at each end. Using the wax paper as a guide, lift the bottom of the pastry over the filling. Fold in the ends and roll up. Transfer to a lightly buttered pan. Brush with butter. Bake approximately 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes approximately 4 servings.



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