

# Company F Forward!

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



## Message from the President's Desk

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### The Costs of the Civil War - An Accounting

As the 150<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Civil War draws to a close, let's review what 4 years of war cost in casualties and national treasure. In nearly 10,500 recorded military actions with 2,154, occurring in Virginia, casualties are estimated to have totaled a minimum of 1.1 million dead, wounded or missing. According to the War Department known deaths totaled about 360,222 for the Union and an estimated 262,804 for the Confederacy. Known wounded from both sides totaled 471,427. More recent research and analyses place the total number of dead much higher, at up to 800,000.

Although the costs to the Confederate government for financing the war are difficult to determine, but the funded debt for the war exceeded \$712 million. Modern economists estimate the direct costs, including expenditures by the state governments, casualty losses of men on the field and destruction of property came to \$3.3 billion in 1860 dollars. Slave owners lost an estimated \$2 million when their slaves were freed. Federal expenditures also exceeded \$3 billion, but does not include postwar pensions, interest and other costs that add to the final sum. In 2014 the federal government was still paying a pension to the elderly daughter of a Union veteran. (1)

But the Civil War also had an environmental impact that only now a rising school of historians is chronicling how the war not only degraded the land, but how it altered nature itself with ramifications that persist to this very day, as written in the article, "The Civil War's Environmental Impact", by Ted Widmer, the editor of the series, "The New York Times Disunion: Modern Historians Revisit and Reconsider the Civil War from Lincoln's Election to the Emancipation Proclamation". (2)

The most obvious effects on the environment took place in the theaters of the war, where the armies scoured the land for food, shelter and materials or destroyed what could aid the enemy, as Sherman's March to the Sea or Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign. It is estimated that over the course of the war 2,000,000 trees were cut down for the wood needed to cook, for communication, build roads, bridges and railroads and to warm themselves. This in itself had a consequence that the soldiers were not even aware of, as insects thrived in the camps. Because the armies had destroyed the forest habitats of birds, bats and other predators that kept the pest population down, as a result more than 1.3 million Union soldiers alone were affected by mosquito-borne illnesses as malaria and yellow fever. The unsanitary camps as designed with fetid latrines and impure water attracted them even more, helping to weaken the ranks more than the fighting.

Less obvious changes to the environment that are still being felt were the effects of surge in the use of fossil fuels as oil and coal to fuel the production of factories and railroad needs to provide the great amount of arms and other military needs of a Union mobilizing the war effort and fighting the war itself. The surge in the use of fossil fuels altered the American economy permanently, more so in the North than the South. The overwhelming need to win the

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(1) *America's Civil War*, Vol. 28, No. 2, pgs. 32-37, "War's Bitter End", Winston Broom  
 (2) *New York Times*, *Disunion* series, November 15, 2014

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

war far outweighed any thought or even known aftereffects of such heavy reliance and use on future generations. Although in 1859 John Tyndall, an Irish scientist, first tried to explain the effects of heat trapping gasses in the Earth's atmosphere caused by the use of fossil fuels.

The use of railroads to transport supplies and troops played a major role for the Union's victory. Railroads, especially, the completion of the transcontinental railroad also played a major role in impacting the environment in supplying demand of goods and transporting people across a vast unified country. Although more than a million horses and mules were casualties of the war, the losses in their species was not sustained. But thousands of veterans returned home with their arms or were easily supplied by the arms industry strengthened by the war effort. The National Rifle Association was founded by two Union veterans in 1871 to encourage shooting competitions and a culture of game shooting that spread quickly during the years when supply and demand was quickly met by an infra-structure of railroads that connected the entire country. Passenger pigeons were a particular delicacy in demand. One hunt in Wisconsin in 1871 alone killed 1.5 million pigeons. The last known passenger pigeon died on September 1, 1914 just before WWI began.

In order to meet the demand for building materials for rebuilding after the war and to need the demand caused by westward migration. Between the years 1859- 1879 the consumption of wood doubled with the loss of roughly 300,000 acres of forest cut down each year. When the forests of the upper Mid-West were exhausted, the northern industry interests turned to the South to meet the demand, reducing its woodlands by 40 percent over the next generation.

But the scars left upon the landscape because of the war, also planted the seeds for a movement to preserve what was left. Henry David Thoreau wrote passionately about the "war on the wilderness" that he saw all around him. Lincoln's minister to Italy, George Perkins Marsh, himself a business man in the lumber industry, wrote, "Man and Nature" that extolled nature's life-giving properties, from soil improvement to species diversification to flood prevention. He worried about a consumerist mentality conducting its own "war" against nature with no thought to its consequences, "Man has too long forgotten that the earth was given to him for usufruct (the right to use or enjoy something) alone, not for consumption, still less for profligate waste"

The government finally, though ever so slowly, heard these voices. On June 30, 1864 President Lincoln signed a bill to set aside land that would become Yosemite National Park that began the movement to set aside federal land for such purposes. In 2016 the National Park Service will celebrate its 100 year anniversary. Even the Union veterans of the war had a hand in this movement when they spearheaded efforts to preserve the battlegrounds on which they fought to commemorate their heroic deeds and in memory of fallen comrades. It is ironic that the desolate fields of battle are now preserved where nature can be best seen and savored. These battlefields promote a reverence for the land as well as the history that have become shrines to conservation.

Widmer ends his essay with an intriguing challenge to those who teach the history of the Civil War, to do so as when we would walk the battlefields, being also conscious of the environment and great relevance of nature to the Civil War. "As Lincoln said, government of the people did not perish from the earth. Let's hope that the earth does not perish from the people"...or caused by the people.

Your Obedient Servant,

*Irving Moy*

### **HUZZAH to Julie Moy**

Company F wants to thank Julie Moy, who portrays a US Christian Commission delegate at our living history events, for making Lincoln Mourning Ribbons for the Mellow's, Morrison's, Purrone's, Lawrence's, Mackenzie Marien, Mike Conlin, Gary Horton and, of course the Moy's, for a total of 15 ribbons. We wear them with pride at our 2015 events, as we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of President Lincoln's Assassination.



## Scheduled Events



### Scheduled Events in October and November 2015

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

October 17 (\$) West Haven Veteran's Museum

October 17-18 Battle of Cedar Creek, Middletown, VA

November 23 Remembrance Day Parade, Gettysburg PA



## Travel Team

My apologies to Mike Conlin. We didn't have enough room in our April-June 2015 newsletter for his AAR. But in this issue, Mike you may move to the head of the class!

### Saint Gabriel School After-Action Report

The sun dawned clear, warm, and dry on the morning of Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Saint Gabriel School in Windsor, CT. After Mother Nature was less than accommodating for numerous outdoor school functions over the previous month, she decided to throw us a bone for the Company F's first visit to the school.

For its visit, Company F divided its force. With Karen Purrone going back and forth taking pictures, Bill "Dog Robber" Mellow and Marge Bucholz occupying the school gymnasium while Corporal Irving Moy and Private Mike Conlin set up camp outside the building. Despite this not so textbook military maneuver due to necessity, the event turned out handsomely. The students, from grades 4-7, were broken into groups to hear and participate in the presentations. In the gym, Bill regaled the audience with stories of army organization and the role of the company cook in the Civil War while Marge introduced the "young'uns" to the world of toys before electronics became ubiquitous.





## Travel Team, con't.

Outside, Mike and Irving discussed the life of Company F's soldiers during the Civil War (Pvt. Conlin managed to actually wake up as he entered the tent that was set up to catch a few winks before the students arrived). Afterwards, the students were put through the paces of drill in the manual of arms, to which they took rather quickly. Even some of the teachers were game to give it a try. Note should be made of one unique moment. Near the beginning of the second camp presentation outside, an unknown never-do-well in a horseless carriage rode past and, noticing our blue Union uniforms, honked loudly while shouting, "The British are coming! The British are coming!" much to the amusement and laughter of the 9 to 11 year old 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in attendance at the time; they knew what he got glaringly wrong, and that in his attempt at humor, it was he who made himself the object of jocular.

In speaking with the teachers after the event, all were impressed with the presentations and reported that the students loved the experience. They expressed the wish that such a program could be offered again in the future. A very sincere thank you goes out to Corporal Irving Moy, Bill Mellow, and Marge Bucholz for donating their valuable time to make the event the success it was.

Very respectfully,

Pvt. Michael Conlin



## After Action Reports

### Wallingford Historical Society

Over 225 people attended our second living history event on June 6, 2015 and once more, we can't thank Ray Chappell, President, and his board for going "above and beyond" to make us feel welcome and in promoting our mission of education and preservation to all who attended. Not only was a generous honorarium for preservation given but the society also paid for the food "Dog Robber" prepared for the company and society members, which consisted of Irish Potato Soup, Irish Soda Bread and brown sugar butter with raisins and walnuts, and Irish Apple Pie, a menu to honor the Irish Brigade.

I always know when it's been a successful event when at the end of the day I am exhausted but also exhilarated from my interactions with the public. You will get a sense of what I am talking about by going to our website and seeing the photos taken by Karen Purrone of the event to see how busy everyone was in engaging the public. After breaking down the camps and packing up, we retired to "Lincolnshire" in Wallingford for dinner and a time to unwind with friends.



## After Action Reports, con't.

I am grateful to the following members who attended and proved once again why Company F is considered so highly for its living history presentations, Nick and Carolyn Ivanoff; Irving and Julie Moy; Marge Bucholz; Matt and Jenn Bartlett; Bill and Nancy Mellow; Mike and Kate Conlin; Chris and Karen Purrone; John and Kathy Morrison; Gary Horton; Jeff Lawrence; Mick Bedard; Sal Carmosino; Jan Desiato; Paul Martinello; Mike Adiletta, Sr.; Mark Marganski and Warren Stevens. This event also marked the first time for Jared Bedard, Mike Winkler and Raul Pinto to join us for an event. And finally special thanks to our advance camp setup team consisting of the Mellow's; Purrone's; Moy's; Warren Stevens and Mark Marganski for setting up the civilian and military camps the day before the event.

Irving Moy

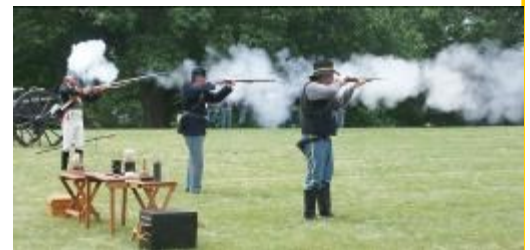


## Armory Day at Springfield Armory National Site

June 20, 2015

An unexpected last minute but very welcome addition to our 2015 was the invitation by Ranger Richard Colton to take part in the armory's annual Armory Day, a time-line event that highlights the various wars the armory produced weapons for from the American Revolution to the Korean War. The armory located in Springfield, MA is the site of our Nation's first armory in 1794 operated by the National Park Service; the repulse of Shay's Rebellion, 1787; production of our first interchangeable parts and home of the world's largest historical American military arms collection.

Those answering the call to represent the Civil War Era were Chris & Karen Purrone, Irving & Julie Moy, Warren Stevens, Bill Mellow, Jeff & James Lawrence, Nick & Carolyn Ivanoff, Mike Conlin & Kate Rohan, Gary Horton, Mackenzie Marien, Mike Winkler, Ted Urbanski, and Matt Bartlett. Warren Stevens represented the Civil War Era during a firing demonstration of an American flint lock rifle, a Springfield rifle musket and a repeating rifle.



Ranger Colton took the time to speak to us at the end of the event to tell us how he impressed he was with our displays, civilian presentations of Civil War medicine and U.S. Christian Commission and the manner of our military bearing and maintenance of each soldier's weapon. He offered us a future private tour of the armory's collections and an invitation to take part in future events at the armory. Thanks goes to Jeff Lawrence, who lives in West Springfield, for arranging and coordinating the event for us.





## After Action Reports, con't.



200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Town of Griswold  
June 25, 2015



Company F was honored to be invited by the Town of Griswold to be part of its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. This anniversary event is the fifth anniversary event we have been invited to be part of, the others were the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Tolland; the 300<sup>th</sup> of the Town of Ashford; the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the Town of Stratford, and Guilford. The time-line event included groups that represented the French and Indian War, American Revolution cavalry and a Civil War artillery group.

Those attending from Co. F were Paul Martinello, Ted Urbanski, Warren Stevens, Raul Pinto, Jeff Lawrence, Nick Ivanoff, Mike Adiletta, Sr., Gary Horton, Irving Moy, Chris Purrone, Julie Moy, Mackenzie Marien, Carolyn Ivanoff, Mark Marganski, Lee and Mike Hayes. We thank Larry Laidley and the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee for extending its invitation to us.



## Fourth of July at Mystic Seaport

July 4, 1876

To the Men of Co. F 14th CVI -

It is hard to believe it has been over a decade since we returned from the War that restored the Union. What a glorious honor it was to serve with you all, beginning with the Battle of Antietam. Our time on picket duty outside the McLean House in Appomattox Courthouse, where Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of North Virginia to Union General Ulysses S. Grant and our Army of the Potomac, seems like just a couple of months ago. Yet, here it is, July 4, 1876, as the re-United States of America celebrates its centennial.

We were invited to join the 3rd Connecticut Militia to represent all Union veterans of the war for a variety of patriotic activities at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut, which as you know produced 56 steam vessels during the war, more than any other New England port. It was fitting that we participate in America's 100th birthday, since our efforts were simply to defend the sacrifices of George Washington and others during the American Revolution that established that all men are created equal.

The ad-hoc group of soldiers included representatives of the 27th Connecticut, 2nd Rhode Island regiments, and Co. F. Our good friend, Sal Carmosino from the 27th who has joined Co. F on many occasions, was in charge, but graciously, field brevetted our own Corporal Warren Stevens to assume command.

The company street was exclusively the domain and creation of Co. F. Cpl. Stevens and I spread the contents of our knapsacks inside our tents, much to the curiosity and enlightenment of many visitors. Signal Corps flags were posted, thanks to our own telegrapher, Ted Urbanski. Cpl. Stevens opened the encampment by easily entrancing a small crowd by showing how to make fire from flint and steel. A morning firing demonstration followed, starting with Cpl. Stevens explaining of our gear to several dozen in the audience. The corporal then marched us in one column to the bank of the river, where we fired a volley as an entire squad, followed by shooting by file before firing three shots at will.

After a public reading of a few appropriate essays, the most well-received being a reading of the Declaration of Independence (even if the long section of complaints against the king was omitted). A harmonizing group led the audience in patriotic songs, such as the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *the Star-Spangled Banner*, and *America*, our national anthem. The only detraction was a woman who under the guise of adding to the program merely espoused viewpoints of women's equality and voting rights that showed she must have thought she was in Seneca Falls, N.Y., rather than Mystic, Conn. Our unit ended the festivities with a volley that was met with great cheers.

## After Action Reports, con't.

The men had about an hour break before Cpl. Stevens called the unit back to attention. The column marched to the middle of the parade grounds and fired a volley that got the attention of dozens in the area, who were drawn by the firing of our weapons; the group received hearty applause from the audience. We returned to the company street, where visitors, who couldn't get enough of Co. F, were able to continue their interactions with us. Even other soldiers peppered members of Co. F to expand their knowledge of the manual of arms or camp life.

At noon, lunch was provided by the culinary experts of Mystic Seaport. A fine baked chicken dinner came with sides of mashed potato, peas (in and out of the pod), and cornbread, all cooked on an open hearth. Dessert was strawberry shortcake with old-fashioned whipped cream. Though the meal certainly hit the spot, the men of Co. F wouldn't trade it for the memories of the vittles of our dear Dog Robber, Co. F. cook.

At 1 p.m., our combined unit marched in the Centennial Parade around the Seaport. We trailed only a horse-drawn wagon full of the day's speakers and singers. The program included an afternoon firing demonstration, which followed the same format as the morning program. Co. F certainly distinguished itself during the day, not only in showing the most expertise but by displaying the sharpest uniforms and equipment. It was as if we were back in our glory days of the Civil War once again. Nonetheless, it was great time to spend the day with some familiar comrades and to reminisce. Happy 100th Birthday, America!

- Pvt. John Morrison



## Old Saybrook Historical Society July 11, 2015

The day began as a leisurely Saturday morning with time to ready ourselves with breakfast and leave with time to spare for our living history event at the Old Saybrook Historical Society, but any such thoughts were scattered by a 5:30 a.m. "telegraph message" or should I say, phone call, from Miss Mattie Brady (Karen Purrone). I was told that our company cook, Dog Robber (Bill Mellow), would not attend the event due to the illness of his Miss Nancy and the request for me and Pvt. Mike Adiletta, the Elder, to step in and cook the noon meal for the company.

We arrived just as the food was unloaded from the new "iron horse" (GMC Acadia Denali) of Sgt. Chris Purrone and Miss Mattie who stop by the home of Dog Robber in Avon to load and transport the prepared food to the event. But we discovered that news of Dog Robber's absence had arrived earlier to our men who had camped overnight and that Privates Warren Stevens and Mark Marganski had already volunteered to do the cooking. Pvt. Stevens assumed responsibility for loading the contents of "Hincks Mess" into his truck for safe keeping to transporting them our next event in the Town of Griswold. This just shows how members in the company are always willing to pitch in and do what is needed. But I insisted that they leave the cooking to me with some assistance at the beginning from Pvt. Mike Adiletta, the Elder, and to carry on with their soldierly duties.





## After Action Reports, con't.

Visitors began to arrive at 10:00 a.m. The military camp was ready with the Sgt. and Privates Gary Horton, Jeff Lawrence, Mike Hayes and Mike Adiletta, the Younger, to interact with the public as they inspected the tents laid out with displays. From my vantage point in "Hincks Mess" I could see Pvt. John Morrison training young visitors with wood rifles. Lt. Paul Martinello was busily engaging with visitors at his officer's tent, and many seemed to enjoy themselves trying to send out Morse code with the telegraph under the direction of our regimental telegrapher, Ted Urbanski.

Civilian displays were set up in the civilian camp, which included Civil War Spies portrayed by Matthew and Jenn Bartlett, and the US Christian Commission with Julie Moy. The company's traveling museum, staffed by either the Sgt. or Cpl. Irving Moy was located under a fly on the civilian street, which included a weapons display, history of the 14<sup>th</sup> CT, Joseph Pierce, the Chinese soldier who fought for the 14<sup>th</sup> CT, cartridge making and knapsack display. The medical display was missing as the "nurse" (my sister, Carolyn) ran off to Gettysburg with a deserter (my brother-in-law, Nick Ivanoff)!



The historical society's grounds were well maintained and in the back of the house where the soldiers conducted their demonstrations, was a rock wall with flowers, a gazebo and outbuilding. Our men conducted demonstrations and firing drills in the morning



and in the afternoon. In the afternoon at the conclusion of the demonstration, a firing completion was held to see which soldier could get off 3 shots in a minute. The contest was won by Private Joe Adiletta getting off 3 shot in 65 seconds with Pvt. Mike Adiletta, the Elder, finishing in 70 seconds! Yes, they are my husband and youngest son!

As visitors approached "Hincks Mess" to speak with me I told them I was a camp follower as my husband and two sons were members of Co. F. I was assisting the company cook who was a bit under the weather and showed them Dog Robber's meal of chili, cornbread and Indian pudding that drew much interest. But then when I told them that once I cleaned up the kettles the food was in to wash clothes in, you should have seen the scrunched up expressions on their faces!

Miss Kate Rohan kept me company and Mrs. Dog Robber's presence was sorely missed, as well as Dog Robber's. I dished out the chili that almost burned on the bottom of the kettle, as Pvt. Adiletta, the Elder's, watchful eye was no longer present as he marched off with the soldiers for the public demonstrations.

All in all, a good event, great weather, well attended and always good company with the 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut, Co. F crowd.

Your Humble Servant,  
Miss Roseann Adiletta



### Co. F, 14<sup>th</sup> CVI at Gen. Mansfield House Middlesex Historical Society Civil War Day

To carry on our tradition started in 2014, Co F members met on Friday September 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, to establish the camp and set up canvas. Lt. Martinello and Pvt Pinto stayed the night, cooking over the fire and conversing into the night. Though many street lamps provided much light for security that evening, and a fine summer like evening it was, it didn't stop our two on guard mount from catching their needed rest. In the morning, it was breakfast over the fire, and awaiting the arrival of the main body of soldiers and civilians to enter camp.

On Saturday, September 12, as the waning days of summer slowly drew to a close, the members of Co. F gathered once again at the Gen. Mansfield House in Middletown for the Middlesex Historical Society's Civil War Day. A hardy HUZAZH to Debby Shapiro, its director, for her invitation to be part of the "Civil War Day" event.





## After Action Reports, con't.



Our displays were set up and ready to go by 10 AM, the start of the program. The morning featured former Connecticut state troubadour Tom Callinan, who sang and played many of the popular song of the Civil War period. His selections included his original song, the 'Ballad of the Fourteenth CVI', which is featured on our company website. He invited the men of Co. F to join him, and we enthusiastically obliged. Later in the morning, our most-loved Lieutenant Martinello, along with our perky Sgt. Purrone, assembled the men and conducted a presentation for the public. The Manual of Arms was demonstrated along with some sharp volleys of musketry, which the men accomplished with professional accuracy. Our civilian displays were visited by many of the public, who

lingered long to hear information and stories of life on the home front during the war.

As noontime arrived, our culinary delight, Mr. 'Dog Robber' Mellow, served up a delicious array of victuals, including rutabaga stew with chicken, sweet potato biscuits with honey butter, and that sweet delight of many (even the 'sesech'), sweet potato pie. All agreed that we are the best fed company in Mr. Lincoln's army!

The afternoon arrived along with a very sparse crowd. This, however, did not dampen the spirits of the company members; we once again marched out to meet the public with another demonstration of our military expertise. The highlight of this affair was the shooting competition among four of our brave boys to determine who could load and fire three shots in a minute. Competing were Privates Mike Adiletta, Mike Hayes, John Morrison and Jeff Lawrence. With quick and expert movements, Pvt. Morrison carried the day, as he accomplished the difficult feat in 58 seconds!



Until the 3 PM end to the event, the men and women of Co. F met the public and conferred upon them their vast knowledge of civilian and military matters during the war. All our displays were, as usual, first-rate.

After a group effort in breaking camp and packing up the wagons, nine members gathered at Typhoon, a Thai restaurant on Main St. in Middletown for what turned out to be a delicious new experience for some and a positive delight for the veterans of Asian food.

Pvt. Gary Horton



## Weston Historical Society Civil War Encampment

September 26, 2015

One of our many successful events was our living history event at the Weston Historical Society in 2013, which garnered an invitation to return for a 2015 engagement that took place on September 26, 2015. Another enthusiastic reception greeted us throughout the day for our civilian and military presentations and historical displays. There were many children who enjoyed playing period toys with Marge Bucholz, participating in military drills conducted by Privates, John Morrison and Mike Conlin and sending messages through the telegraph under the direction of Ted Urbanski, our regimental telegrapher. Karen Purrone was kept busy throughout the day taking photos of the children posing with a soldier or civilian. It was an exhausting but exhilarating day, and a wonderful way to cap off our final outdoor event of 2015! And may I add that Co. F was invited back to conducted another event on the last Saturday in September 2017!



## After Action Reports, con't.

Special thanks to those who answered the call were Cpl. Warren Stevens who despite a severe case of poison ivy attended on Saturday to lead some of the presentations of military life to the public and to our Lt. Paul Martinello for helping to setup the camp on Friday along with the Moy's, Purrone's, Bill Mellow and Mark Marganski, and then leading the first military demonstration of the day before leaving to prepare for his treatment of a medical condition. His troops send him off with a hardy roll of affectionate best wishes and a speedy return to the ranks. Those who participated in this event were Mike & Roseann Adiletta, Ted Urbanski, Marge Bucholz, Althea Coleman, Jeff, James and Jennifer Eastman-Lawrence, Chris & Karen Purrone, Bill Mellow, Raul Pinto, Irving & Julie Moy, Bill Mellow, Mike Hayes, John Morrison, Mark Marganski and Paul Martinello.

I thank Fran Sheff-Mauer and her committee members, Peter Shih, Barbara Gross, Susan Gunn Bromley, Ivar Gram and Dallas Kersey, whom I have worked with over the past months for all their work behind the scenes in making this event so successful!

Irving Moy

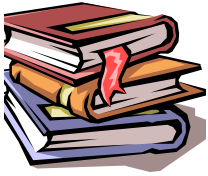


## Noteworthy



Dr. Mick Bedard, an allergist and Co. F Surgeon, was honored at a reception at CPTV studios in Hartford on July 18, 2015 on the occasion of his retirement from active practice. In the photo is his daughter, Mick, Mark Twain and Jerry Franklin, President of CPTV. Congratulations, Mick! HUZZAH!





## Book Review

### **Iron Brigade in Civil War and Memory: The Black Hats from Bull Run to Appomattox and Thereafter**

Lance J. Herdegen

Savas Beatie, 2012, 658 pp. + 14 pp. introduction, \$39.95

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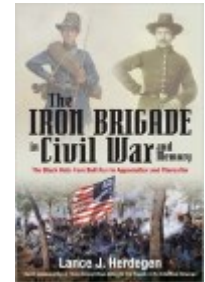


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The Iron Brigade is, without a doubt, the most famous brigade which fought for the Union during the American Civil War. Strangely enough, throughout the many regimental histories written about the famous brigade, there has always been something missing in the study. With either a dry narrative, or the lack of a continuous thought process, the previous Iron Brigade studies have fallen short. Thankfully, Lance Herdegen's *The Iron Brigade in Civil War and Memory* is the book on the famous brigade we have all been waiting for. Throughout the detailed chapters, this book never fails to keep the interest high and fills the pages with the myriad of action which these boys saw during the war.

Lance J. Herdegen is an award winning journalist and is the former director of the Institute of Civil War Studies at Carroll University. His experience in journalism is from working as an editor for the United Press International news service. This covered national politics, civil rights, and is currently working as a historical consultant for the Civil War Museum of the Upper Middle West. He is also the author of many articles and other books such as *Those Damned Black Hats!: The Iron Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign*, *Four Years With the Iron Brigade*, and *In the Bloody Railroad Cut at Gettysburg*. He is considered by many to be the expert on the Iron Brigade.

This book has every bit of information any scholar could want on the Iron Brigade. Their entire history is placed on the table for all to see. This tome covers all the action which the brigade saw through the entire war and is sectionalized for the reader by year of conflict. One of the things which I enjoyed was the section on the Battle of Gettysburg where so many of the Iron Brigade fell. It has been some time since I have felt emotion reading a brigade history and Herdegen does the job well. One of the major points which can be appreciated is the section on Gettysburg is not a carbon copy of his other book *Those Damned Black Hats!* He offers a different narrative and is not repetitive. My favorite part of the book had to be the final pages of the narrative talking about the post war for some of these men. Accompanied by maps and photographs, this book is essential for any study on the Iron Brigade and the campaigns in which they were involved. The appendices are invaluable as they list off the regiments of the Iron Brigade and which counties the companies were formed within. Overall, this volume is the full treatment of the Iron Brigade any Civil War student or scholar could ever hope for.

I highly recommend this book and overall cannot recommend it enough. From the action packed chapters to the very well organized narrative, there is not enough time for me to say good things about this work. While there have been previous works on the Iron Brigade, Herdegen proves that he is the all-time master of the Iron Brigade's history and a phenomenal historian who clearly has an incredible grasp on his subject.





## Hincks' Mess

### Lemon Honey Butter

AMT	MEASURE	INGREDIENT
6	Tbl.	Butter, room temperature
1	Tbl.	Honey
3/4	Tsp.	Lemon rind, grated

#### METHOD:

- \* In the bowl of a food processor, combine the butter with the honey and 1/2 Tsp. of the grated lemon rind.
- \* Pulse until fully blended.
- \* Place into a ramekin and sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 Tsp. of grated lemon rind.
- \* Refrigerate until ready for service.

Makes about 1/2 cup

### Maple Butter

AMT	MEASURE	INGREDIENT
6	Tbl.	Butter, room temperature
To taste		Maple syrup

#### METHOD:

- ◇ In the bowl of a food processor, combine the butter with the maple syrup.
- ◇ Pulse until fully blended.
- ◇ Place into a ramekin.
- ◇ Refrigerate until ready for service.

Makes about 1/2 cups

### Honey Butter

AMT	MEASURE	INGREDIENT
1/2	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.

### Pumpkin Butter

AMT	MEASURE	INGREDIENT
2-1/2	Cups	Pumpkin; cooked, mashed
3/4	Cup	Sugar
1/4	Cup	Apple cider or orange juice
1/2	Tsp.	Cinnamon, ground
1/2	Tsp.	Cloves, ground
1/4	Tsp.	Allspice, ground
1/4	Tsp.	Nutmeg, ground

#### METHOD:

- ⇒ Combine all of the ingredients in a heavy saucepan.
- ⇒ Bring to a boil.
- ⇒ Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until the mixture thickens.
- ⇒ Cover and chill.

### Honey Lime Butter

AMT	MEASURE	INGREDIENT
1/2	cup	soft butter
1	tsp.	lime zest
1	Tbl.	honey

Just mix it up and that's it.