

Company F Forward!

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



Message from the President's Desk

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The Year in Review

Dear Friends of Company F,

2015 marks both the conclusion of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, and Abraham Lincoln's assassination and with it, the end of the busiest and most "successful" campaign season to date in our five years as an organization. Our season began unofficially in February with a number of members participating in a program Ted Urbanski gave on the Civil War telegraph at the Vernon Historical Society and concluded on Remembrance Day Weekend this November, a full nine (9) months of activities.

Company F was in full demand as invitations came in for our participation after our official schedule was approved at our January Annual Meeting. We added events, at the Norman Rockwell Museum with Mort Kunstler; the Lincoln Assassination play at the Hoffman Auditorium, University of St. Joseph on the evening of April 19th, 150 years to the actual date of the assassination; Springfield Armory Day at the Springfield Armory Historical Site and July 4th at Mystic Seaport.

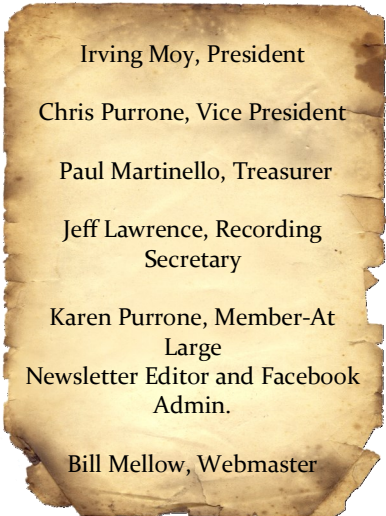
On the last Saturday of March we coordinated our fourth Civil War Trust Park Day program at Fort Trumbull in New London, CT. We conducted seven (7) living history events for old friends at the Wallingford, Old Saybrook, Middlesex County, Weston, Historical Societies and the West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center, and made new ones at the 300th Anniversary Town of Tolland, and 200th Anniversary Town of Griswold events.

We continued our school presentation programs that began in 2014, at the Keeler Tavern Museum, Two Rivers High School, and St. Gabriel School. A big HUZDAH to our Civil War Educational Traveling team members, Bill and Nancy Mellow, Warren Stevens, Karen Purrone, Marge Bucholz, Matt Bartlett and Irving Moy.

As members of the National Regiment, and the New England Brigade, our soldiers took part in the School of the Soldier; the 150th Anniversary of Lee's Surrender at Appomattox; the Battles of Gaines Mill, and Cedar Creek, and the Woodbury Civil War event sponsored by the 2nd Connecticut Heavy Artillery.

Just as importantly, we paid tribute and remembrance to the sacrifices made by the soldiers of the 14th CVI and Civil War with our Decoration Day (Memorial Day) Flag ceremonies; by taking part in the National Park Service's "2015 Bells Across the Land" ceremony to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, and in marching in the Naugatuck Memorial Day, and Gettysburg Remembrance Day parades.

With our event honorariums, individual donations and matching grants, we have donated to date in 2015, \$2,562 towards battlefield preservation through the Civil War Trust and other preservation projects. In our five years of existence, we have made contributions of \$14,448.



Irving Moy, President

Chris Purrone, Vice President

Paul Martinello, Treasurer

Jeff Lawrence, Recording Secretary

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

Bill Mellow, Webmaster

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

During our 2015 Annual Meeting John Hennessey, Marc Bassos and Cadet Matthew Martin were recognized as honorary members of Co. F, and Roseann Adiletta, Karl and Jackie Bacon, Matt and Jenn Bartlett, Kate Rohan and Nancy Mellow were received as full-time members, and Ted Urbanski and Tom Berry, as associate members.

This year Mike Hayes joined as a regular member, and Jan Desiato, Dane and Carol Deleppo, Althea Coleman and Raul Pinto, as associate members.

I thank all of you for your support and confidence in our mission of education and preservation to invite us to hold and participate in events for you. Without you Co. F would not be in existence.

I also thank each of our members for your contributions of time and effort you expend in sharing your knowledge with the public at all the events you attend. I look at Karen Purrone's event photos and see how you interact with the public, always with a smile and joy on your face. We are fortunate Co. F consists of a wonderful, thoughtful and compatible group of individuals, committed to educating the public. The camaraderie and friendship we share in representing and sharing the Civil War Era makes us truly unique. Our continuing success is due to all our collective efforts.

This year has also brought its challenges to a few of our members who are facing or have undergone treatment for serious illnesses. They continue to have come out to events whenever they are able. Your commitment is nothing short of amazing. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers for complete recoveries.
Forward Company F to 2016!

Your Obedient Servant,

Irving Moy

Scheduled Events



Scheduled Events for 2016

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

2016 Annual Meeting

Company F's annual meeting will be held on Saturday January 16, 2016 at the General Joseph Mansfield House, 151 Main Street, Middletown, Connecticut.

Looking Ahead in 2016

Company F is scheduled to present living history events at four (4) first time locations,

June 11	Windsor Locks Historical Society
July 9	Town of Cheshire Civil War Monument Re-dedication
Sept. 17	Boothe Memorial Park, Stratford
Oct. 1	North Haven Historical Society

Let us know at irvingmoy@yahoo.com if you are interested in scheduling a living history event, school presentation or speaker from our speaker's forum.



Noteworthy

Company F's Newest Member

We welcome our newest member to our Co. F family, as we congratulate John and Kathy Morrison on the birth of Walter Robert Morrison, born October 11, 2015 at 2:53 a.m., coming in at a little more than half the weight of a rifle musket at 5 lbs, 12 ounces. Congratulations to the happy couple.



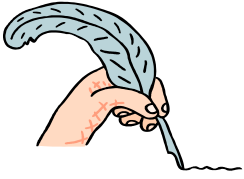
SAVING AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS

The Civil War Trust is Honored to Recognize You,
Company F, 14th CT Vol. Infantry,
for Helping to Save America's History for Future Generations!

Based upon your cumulative generosity to the cause of saving hallowed ground, your current rank among active Civil War Trust supporters is 1,202 out of approximately 50,000 individuals, organizations and foundations.

Thank you!


O. James Lighthizer, President



After Action Reports

West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center

October 17, 2015

For the third time in five years Company F was invited to conduct a living history event. The West Haven Veterans Museum & Learning Center is located on 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven and is open Wed. thru Sat, 10 to 3:00 p.m. Its mission is to honor the men and women, who served our State and Country during times of conflict and natural disasters, and to collect and preserve artifacts that can help to explain to future generations how our men and women lived and survived while serving our Nation.

Its collections include weapons, uniforms, field gear and equipment used to support the troops from the American Revolution to the present. Individual and group tours, scheduled in advance, are welcome. Admission is free, and donations are welcome. Carolyn Ivanoff and Irving Moy are WHVM Association members, and Irving serves as its recording secretary.

This event marked the seventh and final living history event in 2015. All facets of our presentation were present with Carolyn Ivanoff, assisted by orderly, Nick Ivanoff, at the Civil War medical display; Julie Moy with her U.S. Christian Commission, Lee Coleman with her Civil War Era Literature and Matt and Jenn Bartlett on Civil War spies. Bill Mellow, our Dog Robber, assisted by Kate Rohan, presented the cooking aspects of keeping the troops fed. Mackenzie Marien and Kate Rohan added to the presentations by their presence. Privates Mike Conlin, Joe Adiletta and Mike Hayes handled all the military presentations. Cpl. Irving Moy staffed our historical display area.

We thank Frank Chasney, Ed Kacey, Gordon Bergman, Peter Leonardo, Robert Ellis and Jerry Bezruezyk, WHVM, for their presence and their assistance throughout the event. Afterwards, the group returned to "Lincolnshire" to celebrate the conclusion of another successful event and the close of our living history events in 2015.



Photo courtesy Julie Moy

After Action Reports, con't.

Remembrance Day Parade November 21, 2015

2015 marks the 5th year that members of Company F have marched in the Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg, PA. Not as large a contingent as in previous years, but an impressive one.

As is our wont, members and friends of Company F met for dinner at the Dobbin House. Nick, Carolyn, Joe, Bill, Nancy, George and Rosanne Geer, Tom Berry, Chris and I all enjoyed a wonderful dinner on Friday night. We had a small dining room to ourselves, which made a very intimate evening.

Saturday November 21, 2015 will go down in history as one of the best days for a parade. Sunny with blue skies, cool but not cold, with a breeze stiff enough to make the flags unfurl perfectly. It was a picture perfect day. Marching in the parade were Nick, Joe, Mike Hayes and Chris. Carolyn (in her Vivandière uniform) and I marched alongside taking pictures of the parade. Along the way we picked up Mackenzie and her mom Sheri and Lee Coleman. Mackenzie and Lee were both dressed for the occasion. We met up with Bill and Nancy at the 14th's monument. Nancy TOO was dressed for the day. We made quite a sight standing at our monument for the photo op.

Everyone had plans to leave Gettysburg on Sunday, but we met one last time at Carolyn and Nick's house for Sunday brunch. There was enough food there to fill everyone's belly for the long ride home to Connecticut.

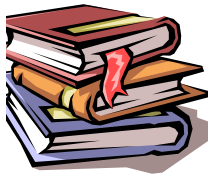
As the old cliché goes, a good time was had by all!

Karen Purrone



Photo courtesy Carolyn Ivanoff





Book Review

Loathing Lincoln: An American Tradition from the Civil War to the Present

John McKee Barr

Louisiana State University Press, 2014, 472 pp., \$35.95

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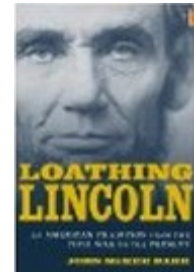


Image courtesy of amazon.com

A Book Which Needed to Be Written

Abraham Lincoln is one of America's most beloved presidents, or at least in this day and age. Many times, people forget how loathed Lincoln was even during the Reconstruction period and in the present day. It's a subject we, as Civil War students and Historians, look into very little. John McKee Barr takes it upon himself to write a book which brings light to a subject we rarely look into: the people and reasoning behind the loathing of Abraham Lincoln. Throughout the narrative, the reader will get a look into the world of the people who worked to vilify and denounce America's most beloved president. In *Loathing Lincoln*, some questions have been answered and the material which has been brought forth is amazing.

John McKee Barr is a professor of history at Lone Star College in Kingwood. In 2011, he was the recipient of the Hay-Nicolay Dissertation Prize by the Abraham Lincoln Association and the Abraham Lincoln Institute. He was also honored with the John King award from the University of Houston in 2010. Much of his work has centered around Lincoln's Assassination and the overall negative feelings toward Lincoln. He teaches a variety of courses including *The Emancipators: Charles Darwin, Abraham Lincoln and the Making of the Modern World*.

When I first heard about *Loathing Lincoln*, I was intrigued. Those who have been studying the American Civil War have always been told about the wonderful life of the great emancipator and the deeds which he had accomplished. In fact, there are many who would argue that we are force fed the positive nature of Lincoln. *Loathing Lincoln* is one of the first books which I have read that tackles the subject of the people who did not care for the man, not only during the Civil War, but during Reconstruction all the way to the present day. John McKee Barr tackles this subject through all of the eras from 1858 all the way to 2012. In his introduction, he even states that some of Lincoln's legacy dies down until the Roosevelt era where he is re-introduced to the American populace. Some of the most fascinating work comes in the chapter which deals with the post-World War II Civil Rights era where he highlights some of major issues with Lincoln himself. Lerone Bennet, a harsh critic of Lincoln during that era, even mentions that Lincoln was a large part of America's racial problems. The narrative is fascinating and reads quite smoothly. Some of the writings of people who have loathed Lincoln through the years are thrilling and shocking to read.

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Abraham Lincoln and his effect on the Civil War. This was a book that needed to be written. The market is oversaturated with praise of the great emancipator but we never get the outlook on what Lincoln was like to the people who hated him. John McKee Barr should be praised for the work he has placed here in bringing to the forefront a subject which we most desperately needed. Lincoln was not loved by all, even to this day, and it is refreshing that we have an academic study on the mindset of those people.



Hincks' Mess

Potato Leek Soup

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MEASURE</u>	<u>INGREDIENT</u>
2	Medium	Leeks (about 4-1/2 cups, white part only)
2	Tbl.	Canola Oil
3	Cups	Chicken Stock
3	Cups	Water
1-1/2	Pounds	Potatoes, peeled and roughly diced (about 3 cups)
To taste		Salt
To taste		White Pepper
As needed		Sour Cream
As needed		Chopped chives

METHOD:

Remove the root end of the leeks, trim the dark green tops and reserve for another use.

Slice the white part into 1/2-inch rounds, wash well and set aside.

Heat the oil in a pot over medium heat.

Add the leeks and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the chicken stock, water, potatoes, salt and pepper.

Raise the heat to high, cover and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat to low and simmer uncovered for about 30 minutes.

Remove from the heat and puree the soup in batches.

Place the pureed soup in a covered pot and reheat over low heat.

At service, place a generous amount of sour cream in the bottom of the bowl and sprinkle with chopped chives.

Carefully ladle the soup into the bowl so as not to disturb the sour cream.

Can be refrigerated for 3 days. Can also be frozen.



Year in Review.

Here are high-
lights of the
events that Com-
pany F participat-
ed in 2015

January 11, Vernon Historical Society



March 7, Mort Kuntsler at the Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA



March 28, CWT Park Day, Ft. Trumbull, New London,



April 9, "NPS Bells Across the Country" to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Surrender at Appomattox Court House, Wallingford Historical Society



April 9-12, 150th Anniversary of the Surrender at Appomattox Court House, VA



April 14, the play "Assassination", University of St. Joseph, West Hartford



May 12-14, School presentations held at the Keeler Tavern, Ridgefield



May 16, 300th Anniversary of the Town of Tolland



May 22, School presentation at Two Rivers Magnet High School, Hartford



May 23, Memorial Day Flag Laying Ceremonies



May 25, Naugatuck Memorial Day Parade



June 6, Wallingford Historical Society



June 18, St. Gabriel's School Presentation



June 20, Armory Day at the Springfield Armory



July 4, Mystic Seaport



July 11, Old Saybrook Historical Society



July 25, 200th Anniversary Town of Griswold



August 7-9 "When The Smoke Clears"
Woodbury



Sept. 11 General Joseph Mansfield
House, Middletown



Sept. 26 Weston Historical Society



Oct. 17 West Haven Veterans' Museum
and Learning Center



Nov. 21 Remembrance Day Parade,
Gettysburg, PA



So many events and so little space, but here is just a small overview of what Company F did during 2015.