



# 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company B

2022 Annual Business Meeting  
February 12, 2022  
Amy's Restaurant, Falmouth, VA

## Minutes

### Attendance

Abernathy, J  
Barker, J  
Berna, E  
Berna, K  
Carty, J  
Fitzpatrick, J  
Heath, B  
Klitsch, S  
Lynes, J  
Madole, R  
Mahaney, B  
O'Connell, D  
Pankey, J  
Seaman, O  
Tuohy, J  
Voelkner, B  
Voelkner, R

**I. Welcome and Opening Remarks.** The 2022 Annual meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry (28<sup>th</sup> MVI), Co. B took place on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Dennis O'Connell called the meeting to order at 9:23 AM.

**II. Roll.** 17 Members were in attendance; their names are noted in the inset. No known members represented by proxy. The members present represent approx. 2/3rds of the membership so a quorum was established for the purposes of conducting unit business.

**III. Invocation.** No invocation was delivered.

**IV. Opening Remarks/Chairman's Report.** Chairman Dennis O'Connell opened the meeting at 9:23 AM. The Chairman then requested the group to approve the 2021 minutes, and stated the minutes were posted on the Yahoo forum and available to all members to review. A motion was made to accept the minutes and membership voted to approve the minutes.

After distributing an Agenda and copies of the Chairman's Report to those in attendance, Chairman O'Connell addressed the membership and stated that our company successfully met our three unit goals over the previous year despite the restrictions imposed by the COVID 19 pandemic. The goals of the 28<sup>th</sup> MVI are:

1. To field and accurate recreated 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Vol. Company for the dual purposes of public education and recreation;
2. To accurately portray the Civil War era (1861-1865) US volunteer infantry unit for the dual purposes of public education and recreation;
3. To educate the public about the history related to all aspects of the military and non-combatant experience related to the American Civil War, Union soldiers, the Irish Brigade and the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts in particular.

The 2022 USV Meeting was briefly discussed. Captain Pankey and the Chairman were able to attend the USV Congress in Gettysburg. The President of the USV is now Dave Childs. He addressed the congress with news about the hobby in general and how the USV is becoming a smaller more reactive group. For additional details (see 2021 Chairman's Report).

- V. **Captains Report.** Captain Joe Pankey provided a synopsis of his written Captain's Report. (See 2021 Captain's Report). Captain Pankey expressed appreciation for the cooperation he received this past year given the limited events for 2021 due to the Covid 19 virus. He especially emphasized the Manassas staff ride, Cedar Creek and unit picnic as an example of how we can safely participate in events in a challenging year. A motion to accept the Captain's report was made and accepted by the membership.
- VI. **1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant's Report.** 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Rolf Madolf provided a synopsis of his written 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt's Report. (See 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt's Report). This report also detailed Company attendance at 2021 events. The unit only conducted seven scheduled events. A total of 81 participants attended these events. A motion to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt's report was made and accepted.
- VII. **Secretary's Report.** Bill Voelkner provided a status of enrollments so far. Two notices were sent out so far. He indicated per previous agreement with the Board, if you paid for 2020 membership, dues would not be charged for 2021. No change for other members for 2021. Enrollments were progressing and a number of members completed their enrollments at the meeting. 26 Memberships are so far enrolled for 2021, consisting of 18 Regular, 5 Family, and 3 Associate memberships – 35 individuals in total. 1 memberships (1 Associate – 1 people) is pending.
- VIII. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer John Tuohy provided a synopsis of his written Treasurer's Report. (See 2021 Treasurer's Report.) John discussed the proceeds, income and expenses to date. A discussion about the statue fund was deferred to later in the meeting under old business.
- IX. **Quartermaster's Report(s).** Quartermaster Hal Lapham was not in attendance but the Chairman provided his QM report. (See 2021 QM Report). Four brogans were resoled for a cost of \$400. Jerry Lynes offered a less expensive option to have brogans resoled in the future. A motion to accept the QM's verbal report was made and accepted by the membership.
- X. **Company Elections.** The Chairman conducted elections. Dennis O'Connell was reelected and will serve a two-year term ending in 2024. For the office of company commander, Joe Pankey was reelected as captain. He will serve a two-year term ending in 2024. For the office of orderly Sgt., Rolf Madole was reelected as 1st Sergeant of the company. He will serve a two-year term ending in 2024.
- XI. **Review and Vote on 2022 Events.** Events are listed on the company web page. Only Primary and Secondary events are covered by the company's "one time use" insurance policy. Any FYI events will be filtered to the membership by individual members by use of the Company Facebook page or the company Yahoo Group site. If there is good support from membership for the FYI event they member organizing the event can ask the Board to reclassify the event to a Primary or Secondary event.

Chairman O’Connell led the discussion. Events chosen by the Company will be sent to Regiment and may become 3<sup>rd</sup> USV Max effort events. The following tentative events were selected by the membership for the 2022 campaign year:

**February 12 (9AM start)**

**Annual Meeting**

**[Amy’s Cafe](#), Fredericksburg VA**

**March 12**

**Saint Patrick’s Day Parade**

**Old Town, Manassas, VA ([General Parade Information](#))**

**[Saint Patrick’s Day Expressions](#) “As Gaelige” (In Irish)**

**DATE TBD (March or April)**

**Spring Camp of Instruction/School of the Soldier NOTE: Company B generally follows “Casey’s Manual” – See this [link](#) for a demonstrative video.)**

**Location TBD**

**April 23**

**Living History “[Fairfax History Day](#)”**

**Fairfax, VA ([Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center](#))**

**May 14-15**

**Living History “Across the Centuries”**

**Fort Loudon, PA**

**[Event Facebook Link](#)**

**June 18**

**Living History**

**[Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site](#), Alexandria, VA**

**TENTATIVE – July 9-10**

**Living History**

**[Monocacy National Battlefield](#), Frederick, MD**

**August 5-7**

**Battle Reenactment “[Cedar Mountain \(160th Anniversary\)](#)”**

**Culpepper, VA (Original Ground)**

**August 26-28 (SECONDARY EVENT) (Co B Coordinator: Joe Abernathy)**

**Living History/Skirmish – “Kettle Run (160th Anniversary)” ([FB Event Page](#))**

**[Bristoe Station Battlefield](#), Bristow, VA (Original Ground. The 28th Mass fought here in 1864.)**

**September 30 – October 2**

**Living History Point Lookout (Former Federal POW Camp)**

**[Point Lookout State Park](#), Scotland, MD**

**October 14-16**  
**Battle Reenactment [Cedar Creek](#) (158th Anniversary)**  
**Middletown, VA (Original Ground)**

**November 19**  
**Marking of Irish Brigade Monuments & (Optional) [Remembrance Day Parade](#)**  
**[Gettysburg National Military Park](#), Gettysburg, PA**  
**\*\* Original 28th Mass Battle and Battlefield\*\***

**December 9-11**  
**DETAILS TBD “Fredericksburg (160th Anniversary) Weekend”**  
**Under Consideration: “March of the Irish Brigade NPS Program (If held) or other TBD**  
**Living History program; Marking 28th Mass Graves in the [National Cemetery](#); Annual**  
**Regimental Dinner. Locations will vary to include [Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania](#)**  
**[National Military Park](#) and other locations near Fredericksburg, VA. Details to follow.**  
**\*\* Original 28th Mass Battle and Battlefield\*\***

## **XII. Old Business**

1. The status of our statue fund was discussed. It was discussed that as an option we could donate the proceeds of our statue fund to the Sons of Union Veterans (SUV) to continue to pursue this effort for us. Bob Heath, a member of both the 28<sup>th</sup> MVI and the SUV was asked and agreed to send a letter to the Chairman of the 28<sup>th</sup> MVI for a board decision requesting a transfer of the funds.
2. Jerry Lynes updated the membership about our Web page host. It was agreed to keep Word Press as our vendor.
3. Discussion ensued about our Facebook and Yahoo E-mail accounts. It was agreed to drop any non-current members from our Yahoo e-mail group but keep all members on the Facebook account.
4. Inventory of company property was discussed. Inventories of loaner kits and cook gear was completed in 2021. Tentage has not been inventoried for some time. The Chairman agreed to send a request to the tentage custodian requesting assistance in conducting an inventory of this property.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

1. **Adjournment.** Chairman O’Connell thanked all again for attending and their participation. A motion to close the meeting was made and accepted by membership. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Your Obedient Servant,  
*Dennis O’Connell*  
Chairman, Executive Board  
The Recreated 28<sup>th</sup> MVI, Co B