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Our Next Event:

160TH Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Run August 26 – August 28

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park

Register now, there is no fee:

at: https://m.facebook.com/events/211182524545546?view=permalink&id=317819270548537

This is going to be a great event that the 28TH is a central part of! The camping should be fun, but come if even if just for Saturday!

From Joe Abernathy, our point-person for the event:

"Both Union and Confederate camps are in terrific spots with lots of visitor foot traffic and great accessibility for setup/takedown…The park service is really rolling out the red carpet for us and going out of their way to provide us with a comfortable, enjoyable, and engaging experience!"

- The Union Camp will be by the Winter Quarters just past the main parking lot
- Portable restrooms, water and firewood will be provided
- Equipment can be dropped off very near the camp
- Participant parking will be along Iron Brigade Unit Avenue or Tenth Alabama Way
- The battle demonstration on Friday evening, 26 August will be near the site of the wartime Bristoe Station, on the same ground where the action opened exactly 160 years ago.
- The battle demonstrations on Saturday 27 August will also take place on the original locations, just west of Bristoe Station.

Olof Seaman is planning to buy a bale of straw for his bedding for the Kettle Run event – he is willing to pick up some for others as well.

Contact him on facebook, or email me for his email address if you are interested, He believes the cost will be $8 a bale, which should be enough for a couple of soldiers!

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Report from:

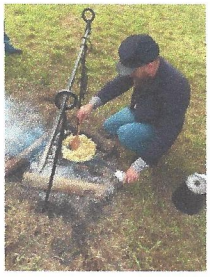
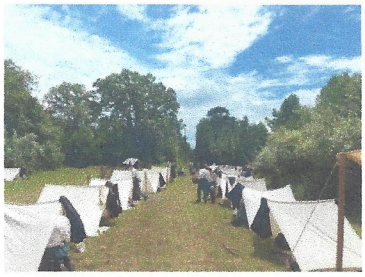
Reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Mountain

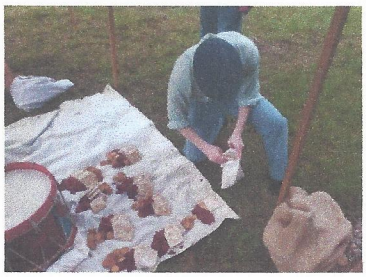
From Joe Abernathy, our point person for the event: "We had an awesome time at Cedar Mountain this weekend. I can't tell you how much I appreciate everyone who came out and everyone who helped out behind the scenes.

Special thanks to Austin Harris who went above and beyond with meal prep and logistics and to Rolf Madole for his leadership of both our guys in the 28TH and the combined 2ND company as 1ST Sergeant.

Just a few of the event highlights for me were the ration issue we did on Friday evening, getting to drum alongside a fifer for the first time (ironically enough the fifer's first time playing with a drummer too!), Saturday afternoon's scenario (one heck of a good show, some of the most enthusiasm I've seen on the field putting the "acting" back in reenacting, in a good way), the tin-type photo Bob Szabo took of us in 2ND company, and then the all around camaraderie, meeting new folks and making new friends. On this last point, especially cool to work together in 2nd company along with the 1ST Minnesota guys who rented 2 vans and drove all the way down from Minnesota for the event.

Thanks again to everyone who was involved!"



From First Sergeant Rolf Madole: "I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended last week's Cedar Mountain event. Special thanks to Joe Abernathy serving as the point of contact and coordinated all the resources needed for the event. Austin Harris, along with Joe, provided the meal plans, food, cooking gear, and took charge of the meal prep. Everyone kicked in meal prep and maintaining camp. The ration issue of jerky, ginger snaps & hardtack made by Joe, was a highlight of the event. There are always challenges when we fall in with another company we've never worked with, but everyone adapted well and were appreciated by those in charge, and by those we stood shoulder to shoulder with. The August heat, corn stalks, and the distance covered, made the scenarios trying, but fun. Finally, the event support and logistics; in particular registration and egress, was very challenging, but the crew worked very well together in getting our members in, teardown and getting out in a timely manner. This could have easily turned into a nightmare if we hadn't formulated and executed our own plan versus waiting on the shuttle to help us get off site. Teardown and loading everything and everyone into Austin's truck, was one of the finest examples of teamwork I have witnessed. An added note: Austin's direction on loading the truck would of made a C-17 loadmaster proud, therefore I am recommending that Austin's probationary period be reduced to three years!"

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Coming Up in September:

Primary Event!

Point Lookout State Park Living History Event

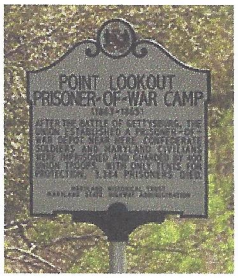
A different kind of living history for us: **September 30 – October 2**

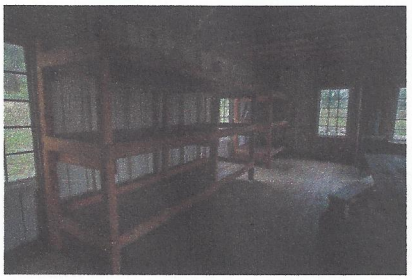
We will be portraying generic events that took place in October 1864, guarding rebel prisoners in this restored part of the prison camp. The Federal participants will be able to stay in the reconstructed barracks located in Fort #3, but can bring tents if they wish.

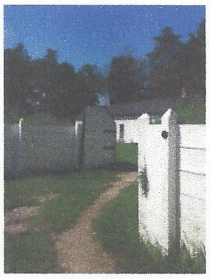
Confederate uniforms will show wear and tear due to heavy campaigning and/or exposure to the elements inside the camp, and they will have only blanket rolls/knapsacks, haversacks and canteens.

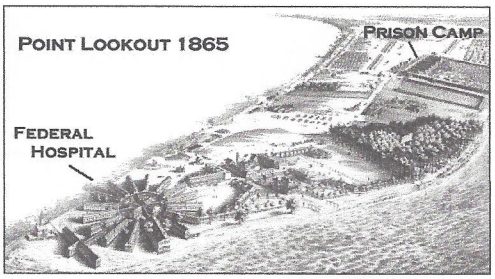
Prisoners will be detailed throughout the day to do a variety of tasks, which include fatigue detail, cooking detail, firewood detail, water detail, etc.

Federal uniforms should be consistent with a mid to late war impression. Federal commanders will work with Point Lookout staff to coordinate firing demos and other activities.









Register now for these Events:

Coming Up in October:

Primary Event!

158TH Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Cedar Creek

October 14 to 16

Registration is easy to do on-line at https://ccbf.us

$30 if registered by August 31
$35 if registered during September
$40 if a walk-on registration

160TH Anniversary Commemoration of Slaughter Pen Farm December 9-11

Secondary Event!

Remember, our Annual Regimental Dinner will be on the evening of Saturday, December 10, and our Irish Brigade in Fredericksburg events are on Sunday, December 11, ***but*** you could spend the early part of Saturday at this event! Several of us attended in 2017, and had a very good time!

Registration is open at:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/328903589360168

The registration fee is $30

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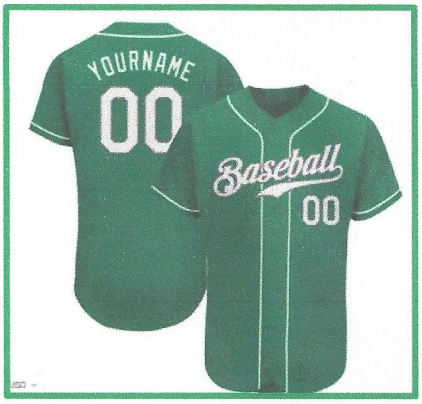
Black Powder Oder Update!

The Black Powder order has arrived!

John Tuohy has the powder safely in his possession, and here are the details on how it will be distributed and paid for:

- The cost is $19 per pound. Cash or check / **Please spell his name correctly: TUOHY**
- The powder is Scheutzen Reenactor Blend. (Not recommended for live firing)
- For the moment, orders can be picked up at John Tuohy's home in North Arlington, (Contact John at jhtcpa@verizon.net for the address, and to agree on a meeting time.)
- We are working on plans to have a general pick-up available at the Kettle Run event
- Several cans are still available for sale at $19 a can. Contact John to reserve one!
- Maybe some of you will want to arrange to pick up for others who live nearby:

Jon Fitzpatrick	2 cans	Richmond VA	Peter Abernathy	2 cans	Chantilly VA
Dennis O'Connell	1 can	Richmond VA	Joe Abernathy	1 can	Haymarket VA
Barney Mahaney	2 cans	Ruther Glen, VA	Josh Mordin	2 cans	Herndon VA
Jerry Lynes	2 cans	Fredericksburg, VA	Jim Kirk	2 cans	Centreville VA
Aaron Harvey	2 cans	Stafford VA	Steve Klitsch	1 can	Germantown MD
Chase Wantland	1 can	Culpeper VA	Joe Pankey	2 cans	Frederick, MD
Hal Lapham	1 can	Orange, VA	Mike McClung	1 can	Greencastle PA
Tommy Schaefer	1 can	West Columbia SC			



Now here's an Idea - Jerry Lynes saw an advertisement and had an idea: customized baseball jerseys, with "***28th Mass***" across the front, your **soldier number** on the front and back; and even your **name** on the back! He looked into this and found that with all three of those customizations a shirt would cost about $50 each, **BUT** with an order on 10 or more shirts there would be a 15% discount.

If you are interested in this custom purchase (several members have already expressed enthusiasm) contact Jerry directly on facebook, or by email to jerrylynes@yahoo.com

In all my searches for good Civil War instructional videos, I had never encountered this series of videos produced by the Gettysburg NPS until recently. It is a little over the top at times, but I think it's pretty well done. Rolf Madole, they even mention "Chuck-a-Luck" in episode #5, as well as lice races!

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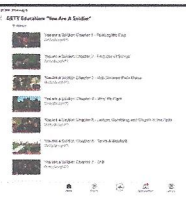

2022 Events not otherwise mentioned in this edition:

November 19	Remembrance Day	Gettysburg PA	**Info coming soon!**
December 10	Annual Regimental Dinner	Fredericksburg VA	**Info coming soon!**
December 11	Cemetery and March / Irish Brig.	Fredericksburg VA	**Info coming soon!**