



## 28<sup>TH</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Company B

To: Membership

From: Dennis O'Connell, Chairman

Date: February 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

Re: Chairman's Report for 2022

I am honored to present my report for 2022 Campaign season.

The Chairman's job is to provide leadership and encouragement to the Company so that we as a unit can meet the purpose and goals set forth in our By-Laws.

- 1.) To field an accurate recreated 28<sup>th</sup> Mass Vol. Company for the dual purpose of public education and recreation;
- 2.) To accurately portray the Civil War era (1861-1865) U.S. volunteer infantry unit for the dual purpose of 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> Mass in particular.

I'm happy to say that the 28<sup>th</sup> Mass has met these requirements.

Our company has steadily increased memberships by transfers and fresh fish. The company gets a lot of potential recruits asking about joining. I believe that we do well at answering back to inquiries quickly and encourage them to "test drive" the company at events.

Earlier in January, Captain Pankey, Jerry Lynes and myself, attended the U.S. Volunteers annual meeting in Gettysburg. The breakout session for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment was hosted by Scott Buffington. I have attached the minutes of that session for the membership to review.

Also earlier in January, Jerry Lynes re-installed a new group email system to better serve the membership.

The success of the 28<sup>th</sup> Mass is due in large part to the military cadre and the strong corps of non-coms. Captain Pankey, Orderly Sergeant Madole, Sergeant Voelkner is supported by Corporals Lapham, Lynes, Mahaney, have worked hard to lead the unit during the past campaign year. Our military cadre can field a large, well trained, unit with strong leadership and infrastructure that Federal commanders admire. Thanks guys. Well done. A special thanks to Ms. Rae-Ann Voelker, who volunteers to menu plan and cook for us.

To continue the duties prescribed by our By-Laws, the leadership of the 28<sup>th</sup> should encourage the membership to:

- 1.) Participate
- 2.) Continue to recruit new members
- 3.) Communicate effectively with the membership

I have confidence that the future of the 28<sup>th</sup> is bright and we will continue to excel at our advocacy.

Have fun. Be safe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis O'Connell  
Chairman.