

Report of 3rd USV Regimental Meeting -1/21/23 – Gettysburg PA

Present:

HQ 3rd USV: Scot Buffington, Jerry Lynes

8th CT Co A: Kim Perlotto

28th MA Co B: Dennis O’Connell, Joe Pankey

28th MA, Co K: Tom Bierly

69th NYSV: Bruce Crelin, Stephen Ryan

78th PA Co F: David Harkleroad, Matthew Hooks

Absent:

14th CT, 63rd PA, Liberty Rifles. Status of the 14th NJ is unknown.

Summary:

1. Scot Buffington was re-elected Third USV Commander (unopposed election.) Alex Stowe (Adjutant) and Jerry Lynes (Sergt Major) were reappointed to the Third USV staff.
2. All Units save the 14th NJ have paid their 2023 USV Dues. The status of the 14th NJ as a member of the USV is unknown.
3. A discussion was had regarding the need for the Third Regiment to restore unit cohesion. A number of factors (the pandemic, aging membership, divergent unit goals, etc.) were identified. All agreed that restoring unit cohesion for the Third Regiment was a worthy goal for 2023.
4. To facilitate communications, it was agreed that a mailing list for Third USV military leadership would be established. Desired participants are the Regimental CO and Staff, and from Third USV member units, Company Commanders, other officers, and Orderly Sergeants. Jerry Lynes took the task to organize this effort, using a free mail listing at “Groups.io.”

Status: the email group “ThirdUSVLeadership@groups.io” has been established and initial invites sent to Third USV leaders.

5. The following events were established as the 3rd USV schedule for 2023. All units are requested to prioritize attendance in their individual calendars.

1) 5-7 May 2023 - 160th Chancellorsville, Paw-Paw MD. USV/ANV tactical event, no spectators. Portrayal: TBD. Registration at:
https://www.1stdivisionanv.org/site/documents/160_Chancellorsville_Registration_Form.pdf

2) 1-2 July 2023 – 160th Gettysburg Living History, Gettysburg PA. In support of the National Park Service, camping in the park at Meade’s HQ. Portrayal: 14th CT.

3) 20-22 October 2023 – 159th Cedar Creek, Middletown, VA. Battle Reenactment. Portrayal: TBD. Registration at: <https://ccbf.us/reenactment-information/>

6. Recognizing the effort to rebuild Third USV cohesion, the following were agreed as “selling points” for each of the selected events:

1) For the 160th Chancellorsville: “Let’s get reacquainted. Come out to remind ourselves why the Third USV is a great organization.”

2) For the NPS LH Gettysburg 160th: “Support the NPS and stay out of the issue of competing Gettysburg battle reenactments. Should be big crowds on the anniversary weekend.”

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For the 159th Cedar Creek: “Third USV Family reunion in the Valley. Perfect conditions – we know you have done the event in the past, but come out to see your old friends.”

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