



28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Company B

TO: Membership

FROM: Jerry Lynes, Webmaster

DATE: February 11, 2023

RE: Company Signals Update

1) Company Website. The undersigned maintains the Co B public website at www.28thMassCoB.org. The website transitioned to a more modern software, one that is easier to maintain and update. A password-protected portal was established behind which members have access to internal Company business – such as contact rosters, Co B Dispatches, etc. The Photo pages are available to the public and have been updated with lots of photos from 2022 events. The Links page was likewise updated and defunct or dead links removed. In the near future, the 2023 event calendar will be updated after the Company selects its 2023 schedule. Last, suggestions for the Company B webpage are welcome.

2) Company Email Distribution. The undersigned organizes the Company's email distribution schema and mailing list. In 2022, the previous email distribution schema of auto-forwarding all emails sent to AttentionCompany@28thMVICoB.org collapsed under its own weight and became non-operative – even after it tended to be treated as spam. The Company switched over to a free service at “groups.io”, establishing “AttentionCoB@groups.io”. Fifty-one (51) accounts joined the new email list, including “Signals28thMVI@yahoo.com”. Only three (3) former members of the email forwarder list did not respond to the invite to the new list. See attached list of members of the new list and the three who did not join.

Action Requested: The Signals NCO published “Rules of the Road” for the Company email list. (Attached). It is requested that these rules be confirmed by leadership. Feedback on the list is likewise desired.

3. Co B Facebook Group. The undersigned moderates the Company B private Facebook Group, a group that saw extensive use in 2022 (as in past years.) There are 60 members in this group, and one does not need to be a “member or prospective member” of Co B to belong. To join the group, a member of the group may extend an invitation to any FB friend. There are no per se “rules of the road” for the FB group but implicitly, a member of the FB group should be someone known to Co B. Lastly, besides the undersigned as Moderator, the Captain and 1st Sergeant are listed as Group Experts.

4. “Signals28thMVI@yahoo.com” email address. The undersigned monitors this account and forwards traffic to appropriate parties – e.g., the Executive Board or Military cadre. The purpose of this count is to provide external parties a means to contact the Company, accordingly it is found on the front page of the public webpage.

5. Questions and comments on this report are welcome.

Your Obedient Servant
Jerry Lynes
Webmaster

ADDENDUM

Members of the AttentionCoB@groups.io Email list as of 2/11/2023

1. Joe Abernathy	19. Genevieve Kirk	37. James Ryan (FF)
2. Peter Abernathy	20. Jim Kirk	38. Audrey Scanlan
3. Kevin Air	21. Steve Klitsch	39. Tommy Schaefer
4. Jay Barker	22. Hal Lapham	40. Michael Schaffner
5. Ed Berna	23. Bob Liles	41. Signals28thMVI
6. Kathy Berna	24. Jerry Lynes,	42. Olaf Seaman
7. John Carty	25. Rolf Madole	43. Jeremy Seavey (FF)
8. Jason Davis (FF)	26. Barney Mahaney	44. Charles Smylie (FF)
9. Justin Davis (FF)	27. Mike McClung	45. Greg Stevenson
10. Daniel Faudree	28. Mike Mescher	46. John Tuohy
11. Tim Faudree	29. Brian Mitchell	47. Bill Voelkner
12. Jon Fitzpatrick	30. Josh Mordin	48. Rae-Ann Voelkner
13. Joanna Forbes (FF)	31. Roy Nanovic	49. Chase Wantland
14. Steve Hane	32. Dennis O'Connell	50. Christopher Wolfe
15. Austin Harris	33. Joe Pankey	51. John Yurechko
16. Aaron Harvey	34. John Payne	
17. Bob Heath	35. Mike Paquette	
18. Bob Howley	36. Bill Reighard	

Following did not respond to the Group invite: Rich Gist, Jason Forbes, Tracey McIntire

Group Email “Rules of the Road”

1. As a long-standing practice in Company B, the Attention CoB list is for “Members and prospective members of us Company B only.” Members who drop out, and prospective members who don’t join, are to be removed.
2. This group parallels the Co B private FB group - with the advantage that is much easier to include attachments. Plus not all are on FB.
3. The expected tone of all traffic is expected to be civil, friendly, and professional and about Company business and Civil War related content. No politics, ad hominem attacks, spam, bad language, etc etc. The group settings are currently set for non-moderated exchanges but this can be changed either collectively or individually as needed.
4. Members should carefully avoid “Replying to All” unless it is something for all.