



## *The Third Regiment, Inc*

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### **Annual Meeting 11/15/2025, 5:00pm**

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American Legion Hall, 528 East Middle St, Gettysburg

#### **Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM**

##### **1. Call to Order**

Jerry Lynes opened the meeting at 5:06 PM. All member organizations reported themselves present. **Attendance is listed at the end.**

##### **2. 2025 Year in Review/Old & New Business**

- First year as the “3rd Regiment” went well. The Regiment grew from 9 member unit to 11 and established Bylaws, Safety Regulations, 501(c)(3) status, a Website, Regimental Insurance, Procedures to join new units amongst other things. (It was noted that per the Bylaws, the Safety Regulations will need to be reviewed in 2026).
- Two areas were identified for improvement going forward:
  - i. The need for a standing military cadre under the Military Commander; and
  - ii. The need to identify earlier a few “Focus Events” (2 or 3) that the Regiment can do together.
- Jerry would like to see more events that have participation across the whole organization, observing that we didn’t want to be a group that “only shared insurance.”
- Discussion about having a standing military cadre. To wit, Kyle Windahl (2iC), Tom Grant (Adjutant), Chad Slater (Safety), Jerry Lynes (Sergt Maj) and Alex Campbell (Color Sergt) are the military cadre going into 2026 (serving under the Military Commander). It was noted that other positions – such as QM, could be created. Scot Buffington said he’d like to see more people, especially younger members, step into roles.
- Kim Perlotto brought up the need for considering some 3<sup>rd</sup> USV policy guidelines from circa 2012 for the Third Regiment. He recently shared these in the Leadership email group. Jerry mentioned that the Board had discussed these in 2025 and came to no conclusion other than to not establish uniform standards, leaving that to each member unit. It was however discussed that some uniform and equipment guidelines to assist members outfitting themselves would be helpful. This topic concluded with the observation that the two 3<sup>rd</sup> USV documents distributed by Kim should be revised and possibly combined, to avoid any duplication with the Third Regt Safety Regulations. This is a matter for the Executive Board going forward, but ultimately any document would need ratification by the member units.

##### **3. Treasurer’s Report**

- Current balance in the Third Regt Checking account is: \$681.72. The 2025 Board’s recommendation is to keep at least a \$500 balance in the Regiment’s account.
- The proposed budget for 2026 is roughly \$1400. Specifically, ~\$1100 for insurance;

~\$100 for the website; and somewhere between \$100-200 for the annual meeting venue. The Regiment will keep the budget lean with minimal or no overhead.

- It was agreed that any unit joining the Regiment would buy-in/1<sup>st</sup> year dues at \$200, as that was the initial buy-in/dues for all current member units. After that new member unit pays the amount set at the annual meeting, same as everyone else.
- **Board proposed returning member dues to be \$140 for 2026. Passed unanimously.**
- **Board proposed to expend ~\$1,100 for 2026 insurance renewal. Passed unanimously.**

#### 4. Elections for 2026 Board

**Members running for board positions (all unopposed) All approved unanimously.**

- President – Chad Slater (63<sup>rd</sup> PA)
- Vice President – Alex Campbell (2<sup>nd</sup> WV)
- Treasurer – Drew Schwartzel (63<sup>rd</sup> PA)
- Secretary – Joe Sabolek (11th PA)
- Military Commander – Scot Buffington (63<sup>rd</sup> PA)
- NOTE: The grouping of leadership from “Western PA” was briefly discussed – seeking leadership reps from the wider area of the Third Regiment was agreed to be a good thing.

#### 5. 2026 Focus Events

- Scot suggested attending the NR School of the Soldier on Feb. 21.
- Possibility of a 3rd Regiment “School of everything” weekend; Scot is working on finding locations. General interest in doing something together in the spring.
- First Kernstown mentioned as a good site, with Scot expressing interest in doing something there eventually.
- Liberty Rifles have NPS contacts that may help.
- Overall agreement that the Regiment should do at least one larger event together in 2026. Member units were encouraged to identify possible focus events once they have their own unit meetings.
- Remembrance Day 2026 will be a focus event and a good time for the annual meeting.

#### 6. Good of the Order

- Kim encouraged anyone interested to check out his book, *The Eighth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War*.

#### 7. Wrap-Up

Jerry reviewed all decisions (noted above in red) and next steps with the units.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.**

Minutes submitted by  
**Joe Sabolek, Board Secretary**  
**11/16/2025**

Attendance attached below.

## Meeting Attendance

<u>Organization / Unit</u>	<u>Members Present</u>
2nd U.S.S.S.	Jason Crawford
2nd W.V.	Alex Campbell, Nicole Bevard, Dillon Gooch
3rd U.S. Regulars	Jeff Mills, Craig Bondra
8th CT	Kim Perlotto, Bob Boucher
11th P.V.I	Joe Sabolek, Brian Shupe, Tom Zezyus, Alisha Shupe
14th CT	Dan Hayden
28th Mass, Co B	Jerry Lynes
28th Mass, Co K	Tom Bierly
63rd P.V.I	Dale Moore, Steve Boley, Tom Grant, Kyle Windahl, Chad Slater, Scot Buffington, Drew Schwartzel
78th P.V.I	Matt Hooks
Liberty Rifles	Tyler Grecco, Brian Koenig, Craig Schneider