



28th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company B

TO: Membership
FROM: Rolf Madole, 1st Sergeant
DATE: January 24th, 2026
RE: 1st Sergeant's Report for the 2025 Season

I have the honor to present the 1st Sergeant's Report on the 2025 campaign season.

The Company agreed upon eleven events and one secondary event for 2025. This was same as the number of events in 2024. All planned primary and secondary were executed. (See Below)

Event Type (Primary & Secondary)	Planned	Actual	Notes
Living Histories	2	2	
Parades / Ceremony	5	5	
Reenactments	4	4	3-Primary, 1-Secondary
Drill	0	0	
History Tours	0	0	
Meetings	1	1	
Total	12	12	

Actual primary events and attendance:

Primary Event	2025 Attendance	2024 Attendance	% from last year	Notes
Annual Meeting	36	23	157%	
Alexandria St Patrick's Day (Parade)-- Primary	16	13	123%	
Manassas St Patrick's Day (Parade)-- Primary	19	26	73%	
160th Sailors Creek Reenactment -- Primary	15			
Fairfax History Day (Living History)-- Primary	15	12	125%	
Gettysburg NMP Irish Brigade (Living History)-- Primary	23			
Cedar Mountain (Reenactment)-- Primary	7			
161st Battle of Cedar Creek (Reenactment)-- Primary	32	22	145%	Includes 4 guests
City Fairfax 4th of July Parade (Parade)-- Primary	17			
Remembrance Day Gettysburg (Ceremony)-- Primary	16	16	100%	
162st Fredericksburg (Ceremony)-- Primary	10	13	77%	Wx snow
Bentonville, NC (Reenactment)-- Secondary	8			
Total *	214	125	171%	
Avg Attendance/Event	17.8	14.9	120%	2024 Avg taken from total events of that year

*2025 totals include guests of Cedar Creek that have fallen in with 28th in past years. Actual attendance is 210 of membership.



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With eleven events accomplished, overall attendance was up from last year which could be due in part to the increased interest in the hobby, more aggressive recruiting, and new members. The average attendance is up for last year's 14.9 to 17.8 per primary event.

There was no dedicated company drill/muster with a busy schedule at the beginning of the year. Fortunately, the living history and reenactment events included company drill as well as school of the soldier conducted by the company NCOs. This compensated for the lack of a dedicated drill weekend. This year's turnover in leadership with the 2026 officer election, it is essential to have a drill/muster weekend for the benefit of new members, members espousing to be NCO's and positions of leadership, and the newly elected officers.

Rather than providing a synopsis of the events of 2025, I would like just to make a few points and express my gratitude as this will be my last 1Sgt's report.

First, our company continues to gain goodwill capital with event coordinators, National Park Rangers, and the public at large, by the membership's pursuit of excellence, in terms of soldier impressions, historical knowledge, and public engagement. An example to illustrate this is, is the Gettysburg NPS living history in June. Our organization of the company encampment in compliance with regulations of the day, disciplined firing demonstrations, and discussions with spectators about the life of the civil war soldier, are typical of what the 28th brings to an event. Whether it is a parade, living history or living history, the 28th has established, in my view, an unrivalled reputation with the civil war community.

Secondly, many thanks go around. Excellent job once again to our fine musicians, Joanna Forbes, Joe Abernathy, Brian Mitchell, Joe Abernathy, Steve Klitsch, and Rob Calhelha. Thanks to Aaron Harvey, Rob, and team for organizing event rations. To Jerry Lynes for setup, sustainment and operation of the company website and email accounts, thank you. Hal Lapham has done a wonderful job serving as the quartermaster for all these years. Thank you to all those who have stepped up into leadership opportunities at our events and behind the scenes. To the membership overall, fantastic job on continually improving your individual impressions and participation. Special thanks to Joe Pankey, our company commander. Joe's leadership these past six years has been instrumental in the success of the 28th Mass Co B, and the respect of other units and those we serve.

Lastly, To the entire membership, you have my admiration as reenactors. I have been in this hobby off and on for about thirty years, based in three states with four different units You all exemplify what is good about this hobby and what it should be. You understand the importance of telling story of the common soldier and the contribution of Irish Americans made in America's most crucial period. Thank you for indulging me in being your company's 1st Sergeant for these last six years. I have learned a lot from you all. I enjoyed the camaraderie, and I look forward to sharing the campfire with you in the years to come.

Your obedient servant,

Rolf B. Madole

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Abernathy, Joe	1	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	8
Air, Kevin												0
Barker, Arthur (Jay)												0
Banke, Daniel												0
Bealefeld, Michael										1		1
Bealefeld, Adele												0
Bema, Ed	1								1	1		3
Bema, Kathy	1											1
Bobst, Dylan												0
Calhelha, Robert	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	11
Carty, John												0
Corcoran, Grover												0
Davis, Jason	1										1	2
Davis, Justin	1										1	2
Faudree, Eden	1											1
Faudree, Timothy	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	10
Faudree, Dan								1				1
Fitzpatrick, Jonathan	1			1				1				3
Forbes, Jason	1	1		1	1							4
Forbes, Joanna	1	1	1	1		1						5
Freeman, Andy	1	1					1	1	1			5
Gibbons, Brett												0
Gray, Pat												0
Guju, Timothy												0
Hanna, Paul				1		1						2
Harris Austin				1								1
Harvey, Aaron (M)	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	9
Harvey, Courtney	1											1
Harvey, Kendra [Sullivan]												0
Harvey, Cynthia	1											1
Harvey, Daniel												0
Hodges, Aubrey	1		1	1	1	1		1	1			7
Hood, Benjamin	1		1	1	1			1	1	1	1	8
Howley, Robert												0
Kerr, William												0
Klitsch, Steve	1							1	1			3
Krisch, Marc												0
Lapham, Hal	1	1			1						1	4
Lewis, Benjamin	1					1					1	3



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Voelkner, Bill														0
Wantland, Chase										1	1			2
White, Doug														0
White, Micah														0
Yurechko, John														0
Heath, Bob	1	1												2
Robertson, Gregory	1													1
Harvey, Paul	1													1
Harvey, Annabel	1													1
Harvey, Kaylie	1													1
Schaeffner, Michael														0
Scanlan-Teller, Audrey														0
Seavey, Jeremy														0
Walton, Desmond														0
Ballard, Bill			1											1
Joyce, Jeff			1							1				2
Harrell, Javen														0
Cook, Chris			1											1
Martinez, Luis			1											1
Reed, Ben						1								1
Ryan, Kevin						1								1
Brumbaugh, Mike						1								1
Cheeseboro, Bryan									1					1
Gantt, Ed									1					1
Gracia, Gil									1					1
Marquette, Mitch									1					1
Glidden, Ron											1			1
Glidden, Sue											1			1
Abernathy, Sam									1					1
Total	36	16	19	15	15	23	7	32	17	16	10	8	214	

“Guests” highlighted in yellow