



The Adjutant's Call

The Official Monthly Newsletter of the 4th Kentucky Infantry Regiment Company "F"

"CAPTAIN'S REPORT"

January 2009

As we close 2008 and another year of reenacting, I want to say how proud I am of each and every one of you for the effort you put forth this year to attend events. We started the year with Spring Drill at Camp Nelson— great place to do drill and to help them with the ground breaking ceremony for their new barracks .

In April, we had the artillery living history at Mill Springs— great time for us reenactors, but a bad time for the public. We'll change the date in 2009.

May— We went to Resaca, GA. A great reenactment, and we had 5 new recruits for that event.

June—We went to celebrate Jeff Davis's birthday at Fairview, Ky. In my opinion, that event was a bust. The State Parks decided they didn't want reenactors there after they advertised for all of us to come; still, the 4th made the best of it and we picked up a new recruit from there. In June, we took the cannon to Louisville for living history. They took good care of us, but again, the public didn't show up. Too bad, as it could have been a good event. Still we had fun firing the cannon across the Ohio River at Indiana, (Did you hear us Alex??)

Also in June, we went to Gettysburg— the mecca to all reenactors. There were 2 events this year and we might have picked the wrong one to go to. But again, anywhere the 4th goes, we make the best of it. As always, the best part of going to Gettysburg is touring the original battlefield. I personally like the new Visitors Center— a lot better than the old one.

Unfortunately, we sold the cannon to our partners, so we missed the artillery weekend at Stones River National Battlefield & Camp Nelson. We've got a cannon on order, so we should be ready to go in 2009.

September— Chickamauga— What can I say? Probably one of the top 5 reenactments I've been to in the 17 years I've been reenacting. I hope they have some more events at this site.

We finished up the year with a living history at Nashville Bicentennial Mall. It was a good event to close out the year. It was the type of event that you could relax & enjoy yourself as well as see a lot of other reenactors of different period do their stuff. Its always a pleasure to help our sister unit the 19th Alabama as they were our host for the weekend. We want to thank the 19th for donating 3 A-frame tents to our unit, plus a coffee pot for the museum.

I have to thank each and every one of you for the effort you put forth in 2008 to make each event, and for letting me be your captain. I would hope that the original boys of the 4th Ky would be proud of the way we portray them and keep their memory alive.

Your Obedient Servant,

C.H. Johnston

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Next Event....On to 2009!

**January 17th-
Mill Springs 147th Anniversary Ceremony.**

I hope all of you can come as this year we are having a special ceremony at the museum with our parads the 5th Indiana Artillery & the 7th Kentucky Infantry U.S. I will be providing lunch for everyone at the metal garage building across from Zollicoffer park. Please try to be there by 11:30. At 12:30, we will march up to the cemetery for a 30 minute program. We will be firing a rifle salute so bring 6 rounds. After the ceremony, we will go over to the National Cemetery for a rifle salute to the Union boys. We will then adjourn to the Mill Springs Visitors Center for cookies and punch, followed by a special presentation. We should be done by 5:00. Dress warm, as it is usually the coldest day of the year!

4th Kentucky Annual Meeting

Our unit meeting will be held in Louisville at Fielding Skaggs's Beer Hall, January 24, 2009. We will start the meeting at 11:00 and will order pizzas for lunch. Everyone try and bring old pictures/ scrapbooks to pass around. We will be voting on events , plus NCOs & officers.

The current list of officers & NCOs are:

Captain– Bill Neikirk	1st Corporal– Open, since Ben Green resigned
1st Sergeant– Greg Weigel	2nd Corporal– Harry Ehney
2nd Sergeant– Jim Forrester	3rd Corporal– Shannon Causey
3rd Sergeant– Kent Acree	4th Corporal– Scott Ballinger

All present officers & NCOs are automatically nominated for their positions. But the floor will be open for anyone that would like to run.

2009 Tentative Events

January 24th: Unit Meeting	Louisville, KY	
April 3-5th: Shiloh National Park (Shiloh, TN)	Living History	Brigade MAX EFFORT
May 15-17th: Resaca, GA	Reenactment	Brigade MAX EFFORT
June 26-28th: Mill Springs Battlefield (Nancy, KY)		Artillery Living History
July 18-19th: Artillery Living History at Stones River National Battlefield Park (Murfreesboro, TN)		
August: Open		
September 4-6th: Battle of Atlanta at Nash Farms Reenactment (Atlanta, GA)		Battalion Event
October 3-4th: Perryville State Park (Perryville, KY)	Reenactment	

Other Ideas.....

- I will be collecting money for pre-registration for Resaca (\$6.00), and the Battle of Atlanta (\$10.00)
- Dues are \$20.00. Plus I'll have powder to sell at \$11.00 per can.
- At the Nashville relic show, caps were going for \$7.00 for 100.
- Andy Faulk said no one can get Navy Arms caps anymore and expect the cap prices to go even higher, so boys, try to buy what you need now before the reenacting season starts. You can buy them online from the sutlers. I paid \$17.00 for a box of 250 Navy Arms. Andy's website is www.fcsutler.com.
- I will have our new t-shirt at the unit meeting. Bring \$7.00 per shirt.
- Also, if anyone wants to tour Cave Hill Cemetery, call & let me know ahead of time so I can set it up.
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 IF SOMEONE GETS LOST

Photos of Nashville

1st Corporal Report on Nashville Bi-Centennial Mall Acting 1st Corporal Adair Waggoner Reporting

The Bi-Centennial Mall Event was great. We had 4 people for the Friday event with the school children and 8 for the Saturday living history and battle. The park service was great to us and took care of our every need.

Highlights:

- 1) Interacting with the school kids on Friday.
- 2) Beautiful mall area to camp, living history, and battle in.
- 3) Good lunch provided on Friday & Saturday
- 4) Perfect weather.
- 5) Hanging with our pards from the 19th Alabama.
- 6) Getting to tour & see all the other history/military history reenactors & equipment. Every period covered from Revolutionary War to Vietnam.
- 7) Watching a WW2 reenactment battle, especially when they broke out the .50 cal machine gun.
- 8) Seeing the look on George's face when we found out the sink was about a block away.

Low points:

- 1) Not a very good turnout for us.
- 2) No port-a-potties set up.

Your servant,

Adair Waggoner



**Abe electioneering
with the unit.**



**CH & George
working on a promotion**