



RALLY ON THE COLORS

A Current Events Bulletin of the Cedar Fork Rifles – Co. I 6th NCST

Members of the 6th NCST,

This edition of our Rally bulletin is being issued with an emphasis on two events coming up very shortly for the Sixth. I hope you already have some awareness of both events from previous newsletters and emails. This issue of the Rally is intended to keep the dates for our annual Federal Occupation of the State Capital and the Onslow County Living History visible to you and help you plan for supporting us at these events.

Saturday, April 26 – The State Capital staff is counting on the Sixth to provide some “Blue” background color to their annual living history depiction of Sherman’s occupation of Raleigh in 1865. Garrison camping will be the order of the day for this Saturday only event on the Capital grounds. We have typically had a good turnout for this event and I would expect the same of our men again this year. Please plan on arriving and setting up between 8:30 and 9:00. This will allow us to be fully prepared for the programs which start at 10:00. The event will conclude around 4:00 pm. We will be providing guard postings during the program tours and some drill, if numbers permit. No musket firing will be performed, based on what we understand at this point, but bring a few rounds, just in case. As usual, we should have some great opportunities for spectator interaction and possible recruitment. Bring your kits and displays to share and discuss. The Capital staff really does appreciate our support with this event.

Saturday, May 3 – Many of you participated in this first-time event for the Sixth last year. The Onslow Co. Museum staff was very grateful for our help and has invited us back again this year to support their programming. (Pictures of the Sixth from last year’s event are featured on the museum’s flyers promoting this year’s program). It has been requested that we again represent Federal troops

from the Eastern N.C. theatre, in a garrison encampment. For those of you who could be available on Friday the 2nd, the opportunity exists for you to interact with local school groups that will be at the Museum on Friday. Although we have made no firm commitment of numbers to the museum, I am asking that you let Jeff Morton (jeff_morton@ncsu.edu) know if you can participate and will plan to be present. [Note that there is an underscore between Jeff’s name in the email address] Whatever our numbers might be, our effort will be appreciated.

145th Gettysburg Planning Update; July 3, 4, 5 and 6 - First of all, our understanding is that open registration has been extended until near the end of April, the cost is \$25 per participant, and the BEST way to get registered now is by going online to the event website (www.gettysburgreenactment.com). Registration numbers for the Sixth are looking very positive at the moment. As of late March, the Sixth had approximately 24 military and 3 civilians registered for the event. I have received feedback that perhaps another 3 to 5 individuals (military) plan to register before the end of the month. This is great news and points to a good showing in the field. For those of you who were not at the 135th anniversary in 1998, (estimated 20,000 plus re-enactors) this event will, I suspect, be an eye-opener in terms of what major reenacting is all about. It’s a sight you won’t ever forget. Initial reports are indicating perhaps 12-15,000 re-enactors will be present, so we should see some very good troop numbers stepping onto the field. We probably won’t see numbers like this again until the 2013 – 150th anniversary celebration. It’s being projected that the Carolina Legion as a whole will be fielding between 100 – 130 men. This Sixth NCST should be counted on to do their part! Bottom line, if you haven’t signed up, your time is running out.

Captain Stan Morton

143rd Federal Occupation of the Capitol

April 26, 2008

The Cedar Fork Rifles will again observe the anniversary of the Federal occupation on the North Carolina Capitol on Saturday, April 26. The event will be much the same as previous years, as the Capitol will host period interpreters portraying former Governors William A. Graham and David L. Swain, local plantation wife Margaret Devereux, Union Signal Corps Officer George Round and former slave Ellick Moore. The Sixth will portray the Federal troops that occupied the State House on April 13, 1865 with a view of camp life on the Capitol grounds. Camp will open at 8:30 am with the interpretive programs scheduled for 10:00, 11:00, 1:30 and 2:30. The event should be concluded by 4:00.

Please inform Captain Morton (stan.morton@pgnmail.com) if you plan to attend this event.

Chancellorsville Living History

May 2-4, 2008

The 26th N.C. has arranged for the Carolina Legion what looks to be another outstanding battlefield tour with the Chancellorsville Living History on May 2-4. It will be a full weekend of informational tours of the battlefield, including the recreation of Jackson's flank march on it's 145th anniversary. Camp opens at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 1 and the flank march is scheduled for Friday. The 8 ½ mile march is optional. The event is campaign style (if you must bring a tent, bring no more than a shelter half) and no commissary will be present, so plan accordingly. The 26th will issue a food ration for the weekend at a cost of \$15. The money is due by April 25, so time is short. Contact Marc Cheek if interested in attending this event.

Thursday, May 1

2:00 pm Camp opens at the Visitor's Center

Friday, May 2

7:00 am Reveille/Breakfast
9:00 Marchers assemble and begin transportation to Catherine's Furnace
9:45 Begin Flank March

Tour Stop # 1 (9:45 - 10:00) – "Set the Stage"
Discuss Lee/Jackson plan and the last meeting
The Start of actual march; what units were involved
Discuss Sickles advance & action around the Furnace area
Discuss Anderson's movements
23rd GA rearguard
Furnace history

Tour Stop # 2 (10:20 – 10:35)
Railroad cut / Scott's Branch
Wellford Home

Tour Stop # 3 (11:30 – 11:45)
Brock Road and why Jackson took the route he did
Mid-Day Meal (11:45 – 12:45)

Tour Stop # 4 (1:45 – 2:00)
Union Trenches - Hancock

Tour Stop # 5 (2:30 – 2:45)
Brock Road & Plank Road Intersection
Hancock's Assault May 6, 1864
Longstreet's Counterattack & Longstreet's wounding

Tour Stop # 6 (3:30 – 3:45)
Brock Road & Orange Turnpike
Discuss unit arrivals
Forming of three attack lines
Set the stage for Jackson's Attack

4:00 pm Return to Camp
5:00 Evening Meal
8:00 Battalion Formation – Prepare for the Evening Program
9:00 Evening Program – "The Wounding of Jackson"
11:00 Tattoo

Saturday, May 3

5:45 am Musicians First Call
6:00 Reveille & Roll Call
6:15 Breakfast
7:00 Morning Reports Due
7:45 Camp Inspection
8:00 First Call
8:15 Battalion Formation & Receive

8:30 the Colors
 Depart for Park Program
Tour Stop # 1 (8:50)
 Jackson's Assault

9:30 Stage for Park Program
 10:00 Park Program – "Jackson's Assault"

11:00 Park Program Ends / Return to Camp

11:30 Mid-Day Meal
 1:00 pm Battalion Formation
 1:15 Depart Camp

Tour Stop # 2 (1:30)
 Hazel Grove area
 View Union lines...chronological detail of action from Sickles first occupation to Lee's arrival

Tour Stop #3
 Half way to Fairview
 Archers initial assault
 Slocum and Ruger's defense
 All out assault
 Joining of Anderson's and Stuart's line

Tour Stop #4
 Fairview
 Union defense
 Best's artillery emplacements
 Rear guard of forces

Tour Stop # 5
 In front of the Chancellorsville House
 Final assaults
 Lee rides past

3:30 Battalion Formation / Stage for Afternoon Program
 4:00 Afternoon Program – "From Hazel Grove to Fairview"

5:00 Park Program Ends – Return to Camp
 5:30 Supper
 7:00 Depart for Marye's Heights / Sunken Rd. Tour
 9:00 Tattoo

Sunday, May 3rd

5:45 am Musicians First Call
 6:00 Reveille & Roll Call
 6:15 Breakfast
 7:00 Morning Reports Due
 7:45 Camp Inspection
 8:00 First Call
 8:15 Battalion Formation

Tour Stop # 6 (8:30)
 North Carolina in the May 3 Assaults

Tour Stop # 7
 North of Turnpike & Slocum's log works
 Lane and Pender and Iverson plus other unit north of road

Tour Stop # 8
 Paxton's death marker
 Talk about action South of the Turnpike
 Move to Slocum's log works

10:00 Return to the Camps
 10:30 Public Demonstration
 12:00 pm Event Ends – Break Camp

Once everyone is packed, Randal Garrison will take those that want to see some more of the neighboring sites (about 10 min. away)

12:45 Spotsylvania Court House & the Mule Shoe
 1:30 Guinea Station – the Stonewall Jackson Shrine
 2:00 Depart for home

Onslow County Living History Weekend
May 3rd.4th

As an alternate for those not making the trip to Chancellorsville, the Onslow County Museum has once again invited the Sixth NC to their 11th annual Living History Weekend in Richlands. The weekend presents a cross-section of Onslow County's history from 1776 to 1946. As last year, this will be a Federal impression for the Sixth. The museum will provide firewood and straw for the camps, as well as provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The site will be open to set up camp at 3:00 pm Friday afternoon. There is no participation fee, but those interested in attending must sign in and register with the Museum, either before the event or upon arriving in Richlands.

The registration form is available at the following link:
<http://www.onslowcountync.gov/museum/historyweekend.aspx>

For anyone that is planning on attending, please contact Jeff Morton (jeff_morton@ncsu.edu)