



# RALLY ON THE COLORS

*A Current Events Bulletin of the Cedar Fork Rifles – Co. I 6<sup>th</sup> NCST*

## ***Battle of Averagesboro*** *March 15-16, 2008*

The annual Camp of Instruction is behind us. Probably everyone can say that with some degree of relief. For those who attended, it is a relief that the weather cooperated Saturday and the Colonel wasn't too hard on us. Others can say that knowing it will be another year before it comes around again. In either case, it's in the past and we all need to continue working on our own drill development.

Turnout was "light" by the Sixth and our men were only participants on Saturday. We had a total of six men at the event, which provided some quality time to study Hardee's Tactics in better detail than we normally do. We attempted to run through the School of the Soldier "by the book" for the most part and were fairly successful in doing so. I feel sure we helped enlighten a number of our men, myself included, on some of the finer points of the manual. We had three members of the 49<sup>th</sup> fall in with us, which worked out well for all of us as a group. As we continually reminded ourselves throughout the day, this was a day of instruction and not a demonstration of perfection. I know a number of you were dealing with some health issues and I was completely sympathetic to your absence. I was in a similar situation last year at this time and stayed home, where I needed to be.

Just a brief word regarding our next event. **Averagesboro is almost on top us** (March 15) and I want to make an appeal to all the Sixth to make a **STRONG** showing for this event. This is the first major scheduled event for the year at the Company and Legion level. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find some general information on how the weekend's schedule is shaping up. Very importantly – BRING BOTH UNIFORMS. Also, we'll be on our own for food, (no commissary) so bring your gear and your grub. Camping will be Garrison style.

Because we can self-preregister and register on site for Averagesboro, I don't have a good feel for who will be in attendance at this point, so I'm asking you to help us out by emailing 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Walton right after you read this and let him know of your intentions, either attending, or NOT attending. I would appreciate getting a sense of our numbers; because that's the question I get from the Colonel most often. We also need to spend some time discussing Chancellorsville and Gettysburg at Averagesboro, so think of this as a reenactment with a bit of a business meeting thrown in.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the field in a couple of weeks,

Stan

**Location:** Averagesboro Battlefield – Highway 82 between Dunn/Erwin & Godwin

**Registration:** \$10 by mail or at the event

**Camping Type:** Garrison

**Uniform:** CS and US

**Commissary:** NO – form messes

**Number of Rounds:** 150

**Suggested Reading:** *Last Stand in the Carolinas* – Mark Bradley

Camp opens at 2 pm on Friday. There will be company and battalion drills on Saturday morning, with the spectator battle Saturday afternoon. The Carolina Legion will portray Confederate forces on Saturday. There is a Sunday morning tactical, and an afternoon spectator battle. The Legion will portray Federal forces for Sunday's tactical and spectator battle. There will be **NO** commissary!