



Captain's Comments



Where does the time go? It's hard to believe that we're already well into the second month of 2007. For all of you who were in attendance at our annual January business and planning meeting in Raleigh, I extend my sincere thanks for

your participation. This formal gathering only comes around once a year, and your input is a critical step in helping us lay out the year's schedule.

In reviewing the potential events for the year we considered a number of factors, with an eye toward those events that were of particular interest to the men of the Company and those which would provide more personal contact with the public. We also looked at events to align with the Carolina Legion, to have an opportunity for brigade level functions, as well as experiencing the camaraderie we all enjoy with our sister units of the 25th, 26th and 49th. As you will see from the schedule adopted in January, we have a mix of events this year that should provide everyone with some variation of the old as well as the new. There are no "mega" events on the schedule, and I doubt we'll see much in the way of an effort to promote those until we hit the 150th cycle in 2011. In the mean time, I believe what we'll see is a more concerted effort put into staging more authentic, small scale, high quality events, with restricted participation. We saw this with several events last year, and we have a couple on the table this year. I

would encourage you to take a look at these events, and plan on participating in them; because I think this is the general direction that "quality" reenacting is heading in.

In a more practical sense, authenticity is becoming the hallmark of the better organized and established units. It's my sincere hope that every man of the Sixth would continue to be challenged to make personal improvements in the area of general knowledge of the period, uniforms, equipment and drill. It's fair to say that the leadership of the Legion is doing their part to help lead us in the right direction. I also believe that we're very fortunate to be associated with fellow reenactors who have a desire to accurately portray the soldier of the period. To do anything less would be a disservice to the men that we're trying to emulate.

On the immediate horizon, I'd ask that you plan on participating in the annual **Camp of Instruction** coming up in **mid-February. Please make this a priority on your calendar.** Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter edition. Contrary to what I said at the business meeting, it now appears that I should be able to attend, and look forward to the opportunity to see you all in the field. The COI should also provide us with an opportunity to delve into the plans for the Spring Campaign season in more detail, and have some discussion concerning the two planned "campaign" events that were voted on in January.

With Regards,
Cpt. Stan Morton Cmd'g. ☼



**Sixth N.C. State Troops at Segrove Pottery Festival -
November 18, 2006**

Thanks to Captain Morton and First Sergeant Walton for their remarks in this issue of **The Cedar Fork Sentinel**. Thanks also to Robert Conner for his contribution and to Tim Morton for the transcribed minutes from the annual meeting. This newsletter is coming to you via email in pdf format in an effort to save on the cost of mailing printed copies. If anyone has trouble downloading or printing the newsletter, please let me know, and I can mail out a hard copy. The next issue will be tentatively scheduled for mid-May. I'll be looking to receive reports for the COI and the Plymouth event as well as any other contributions and/or ideas from the company members. Please email me (preferably in Word format) any articles, etc. for future issues to: mgcheek@earthlink.net ☼

Private Marc Cheek

2007 Carolina Legion Camp of Instruction

The first event of the year is upon us – the Legion Camp of Instruction near Walnut Cove on February 16-18. In addition, the Legion Officers and NCO School will be held on Friday, February 16 at Old Salem.

Carolina Legion Officer and NCO School

Location: Old Salem, NC – MESDA Auditorium

Dates: February 16

Time: 9:00 am until 4:00 pm

Lunch: Bring your own...we will be taking a short 30 minute lunch on site

Type of Event: Classroom Setting – not in uniform

Directions: From Business 40 westbound: Travel through the intersection with US 52 North/South. Exit off of Business 40 at the Main Street exit. On Main Street, please turn left at the intersection with First Street (one-way street). Go through intersections with Liberty and Cherry streets. At the next intersection, please turn left on to Marshall Street. Follow Marshall Street south through the stoplight with Academy Street. Travel just beyond a brown building on your left and turn left immediately after that building, into the Old Salem Visitor Center parking lot.

Notes: Please bring something to write with and some paper...we will leave the meeting at 4:00 pm and drive up to Camp Marshall for the Carolina Legion Camp of Instruction.

Carolina Legion Camp of Instruction

Location: Camp Marshall – Walnut Cove, NC

Dates: February 16-18

Registration: \$3.00 (pay on site)

Type of Event: Regimental – Maximum Attendance

Camping Type: Garrison Style

Uniform: Camp CS (Bring US for tacticals)

Commissary: YES

of Rounds: 100

Directions: Take I-40 BUSINESS (not I-40) into downtown Winston-Salem. Follow the signs on Bus. I-40 to U.S. 311 North and follow U.S. 311 through Walkertown. About four miles north of Walkertown, take a left onto Dennis Road. Look for the New Birth Baptist Church sign at Dennis Road. (Look for Lake Wousickett Road on the left just before Dennis Road.) The parking lot for Camp Marshall will be on the left through a red metal gate about 200 yards in.

Notes: There will be a live shoot following the conclusion of the event on Sunday...this should be about 12:00 pm...it is recommended that you only shoot rounds balls and not spherical...all live rounds are to be left in the vehicles throughout the weekend...do not bring them into camp until given the all clear sign...

For those who wish, the 6th will participate in the 26th NC Commissary at the Camp of Instruction. The will be \$12. 



Confederate Christmas at the Capitol 2006

6TH NC State Troops Annual Business Meeting Minutes January 20, 2007

The Cedar Fork Rifles annual Business meeting was held at the N.C. State Capitol on January 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The attendees were as follows: Capt. Stan Morton, Lt. Tim Cifers, 1st Sgt. Rick Walton, Cpl. Dave Lanier, Cpl. Tim Morton, Pvt. Milton Barnes, Pvt. Marc Cheek, Pvt. Robert Conner, Pvt. Ed "Grizz" Hills, Pvt. Matt Holder, Pvt. Andrew Morton, Pvt. William O'Quinn, Pvt. Gary Pierce, Pvt. Woody Ragan, Pvt. Joe Madden, Pvt. Jeff Morton, Pvt. Woody Witt, Pvt. Kevin Barnes, Cpl. Roy Laney, Pvt. Ronnie Boyd, Pvt. Zach Tyler.

1. The meeting was opened by Chairman Rick Walton and he outlined the order of the meeting. He then turned the floor over to Captain S. Morton to start the meeting.
2. Captain Morton thanked the attendees for coming and turned the meeting back over to Chairman Walton. Chairman Walton mentioned that lunch would follow the meeting at Tir-na-nog.
3. Captain Morton gave a financial report and distributed a hard copy of the units' finances. Beginning balance as of 1-1-2006 was \$4,891.37. Ending balance as of 12-31-2006 is \$5,027.62. Estimated company "net" value (including equipment/supplies/etc.) is \$7,588.12 with

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no liabilities. Pvt. Pierce made a motion to accept the report as presented and Cpl. Lanier seconded the motion. The financial report was passed unanimously without further discussion.

4. Pvt. Andrew Morton mentioned that he had registered 2 domain names for the unit: *6thNCST.org* and *Sixthnsct.org*.
5. Captain Morton mentioned that full time members need to pay their dues of \$25.00 for the current year. Members that are paid up will get 1 pound of powder at the first event. At their 4th consecutive event, they will receive a tin of percussion caps.
6. Chairman Walton presented to the unit the names of the 2 outgoing board members: Matt Holder and Woody Ragan. The following nominations were made for new board members: Marc Cheek and Robert Conner. Motion was made by Gary Pierce to accept the nominees by acclamation. It was seconded by Pvt. J. Morton. The members voted unanimously to accept the nominees.
7. Pvt. William O'Quinn gave an update on the Recruiting Committee. They committee made 2 large recruiting posters for the unit. The poster includes NC Governor Ellis' response to Abraham Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops. He will give the information to Ed "Grizz" Hills to include in the Civil War News Magazine. They are also looking at getting handbills made up with the same information.
8. Chairman Walton then discussed the upcoming calendar of events for 2007. A handout was given out listing most of the available events: Feb 16-18 Camp of Instruction; Apr. 14th Onslow County Museum Heritage Day LH; Apr. 27-29 Battle of Plymouth; May 18-20 Legion Event at NC State Capital LH and Morrisville Event; June 15-17 Jackson's Valley Campaign-Cedar Creek, Middletown VA; Sep 7-9 Maryland Legion Event- Battles of South Mountain & Antietam-Boonsboro; Sept 14 Live Shoot at Pierces; Oct 12-14 Legion Bentonville LH; Oct 27 Oakwood Lantern Walk; Nov 3-4 Ft. Branch NC; Dec 8th 6thNCST Annual Christmas Party-Raleigh.
9. The meeting was turned back over to Captain Morton.

Captain Morton expressly thanked Pvt. Kevin Barnes for his efforts in producing the Fisher Flag. A motion was made for Pvt. Barnes to pursue commissioning a regulation size NC State Flag. It was unanimously approved by the units' members.

Captain Morton said that he had caps and powder available for anyone that needed some. He also had some 6th NC buckles for sale at \$14.00 each.

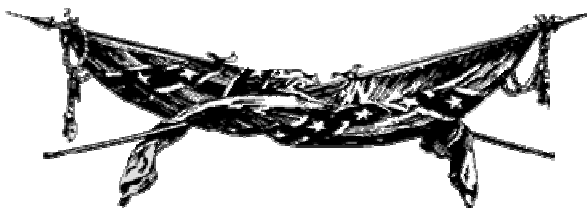
Chairman Walton opened the floor for general discussion:

1. William O'Quinn brought up the Oakwood Cemetery Brick Project. A motion was made (with amendments) for the Cedar Fork Rifles to purchase 3 bricks (\$240.00) and have them engraved with the names of Col. Fisher, Col I. Avery, and the 6th NC State Troops. Cpl. T. Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the members.
2. Pvt. Kevin Barnes indicated that he had miscellaneous items for sale to members.
3. G. Pierce mentioned that the NSSA has six shoots in the spring and five in the fall. He invited members to attend any event to experience the live firing.
4. Ed Hills inquired about XL sweatshirts and decals. A. Morton indicated that he had some information on the vinyl decals that he would forward to the board. The Board will review what is available and get back with the member.
5. Roy Laney requested that we investigate having T-shirts made with the Fisher Flag on it. The Board will investigate this possibility further. He also mentioned that it would be a good idea to assist with the Averasboro Battlefield site (possible workday and support any event held there). Gary Pierce will investigate the operation status of the Battlefield museum and report back.
6. Ronnie Boyd mentioned that his camp will be having Ed Maudlin as a guest speaker on Tuesday evening January 23rd at Joyner's Motor Inn Restaurant (Hwy 15 South of Oxford). They will also be having a Vidalia onion fundraiser to raise funds for cleaning the Confederate monument in Oxford.

The meeting was turned back over to Captain Morton at 12:00 noon and the meeting was adjourned. The Board members tentatively scheduled a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon Feb 11, 2007 at Carolina Barbeque in Garner (Hwy 70).

Several members had lunch at Tir-na-Nog.

Minutes prepared by Cpl. Tim Morton, Secretary 6th NCST (Cedar Fork Rifles) 1-22-07 



Fort Branch

After Action Report

Private Robert Conner

The scout reports of the 1st confirmed the presence of a small rebel garrison between the towns of Hamilton and Williamston in the county of Martin, North Carolina along the Roanoke River. The high command had determined that a small detachment be sent to remove said garrison and secure that section so that our steamers may once again run the river. We deployed on the morning of the 3rd from the area of Tarboro and set camp at the town of Gold Point, ten miles to the South West of what reports have identified as a rebel outpost named Fort Branch. Our battalion had procured a spot in a vast pine forest for our camp to be. This became both a blessing and a curse. The blessing was that we were shaded from the elements of rain and frost. The curse being that the wood for our fires was green and hard to split. The rest of the battalion came upon camp all through the night. Our full numbers were fifty before nightfall, with the rest of the battalion stationed five miles North West serving as a screen in the event that rebel reinforcements were to come from the vicinity of Rocky Mount. The rest of the battalion would link back into line in the morning, and we would move as one unit until we had met the enemy. Our company's numbers were six comprised of Sgt. Kevin Barnes, Cpl. Dave Lanier, myself, Pvt. Ernest Dollar, Pvt. Ethan Guthauser and Pvt. Zach Tyler.

The temperatures that night were to the freezing mark, so Sergeant Barnes and I made our beds next to the fire pit to keep it stoked through the night. Reveille came at 6 o'clock, morning reports were submitted and the camp broken. We began up the small road and met with the rest of the battalion on the Williamston Road three miles to the south of the enemy position. Our numbers, now equal to eighty, made our force equal to that of the enemy. Colonel Smith had a plan of swinging wide to the east and attacking from the north and east there. Scout reports confirmed that the enemy was ill prepared for an attack from that direction. Not only were we able to sneak behind their lines, but we were also able to cut their supplies from Williamston. At this point we were now two miles west of the enemy and the right wing was deployed as forward skirmishers.

Once we were within a mile, the artillery was brought to the head of column. We moved off the road and came at the fort from the woods to the northeast. Upon entering the open fields to the east, the artillery hurriedly deployed to our left in the aid of the skirmishers already engaged to the front. The enemy, having been informed of our intentions, constructed a crude fence to slow our advance. Two enemy batteries answered the cry of our artillery. The battalion was then deployed forward with the left wing now extending intervals to cover the field as we made a half wheeling movement to the enemy front. The enemy, being stubborn, slowed our advance considerably. The forward skirmishers, having been hotly engaged, were now back in line formation pressing the enemy left. Third company,

being our own, served as the color company. We came forward, volleying as we were able, to the aid of the first company who was then engaged to their flank by a small band that had taken to the woods on our right. Seeing the impending crisis, the Colonel ordered all companies to the fence line. At this point Sgt. Barnes was mortally wounded. Seeing nothing could be done to help him, he was left behind for the medical details.

Upon seeing the en mass movement, the enemy pulled back leaving its forward battery wide open to be secured by our troops. Taking refuge behind said fence, we exchanged fire with the enemy until our men began to get their dander up at the stubbornness of the enemy. The Colonel seeing this ordered the fence destroyed, and a forward motion of all units in the hopes of disorganizing a struggling enemy to the front. The ground was littered with dead and wounded - more of theirs and less of ours - with the poor souls writhing in pain as we stepped off past them. I could not help but feel sorrow for them, but I then remembered all those that I had seen in the past and blocked the vision from my thoughts. We halted within fifty yards of their lines. They had but one course of escape which was over their trenches. We sent them a screaming volley of lead, seeing that they were now struggling to regain order, and charged with all the fury of a swarm of half-crazed fire ants.

The result was a rout of the enemy on all fronts, over their trenches and beyond. They were soundly beaten and showed no signs of stopping. In such haste were they, that they had left their rear battery behind in the confusion. A small number of prisoners were taken, and a goodly number of stores were captured. Our losses were thirteen killed, seven wounded including Pvt. Dollar and Pvt. Guthauser.

We had made camp on the interior of the fort, something which had not been done since its construction. That night we were treated to the spoils of our victory. Turkeys, bread, fresh pork and local vegetables were all gleefully welcomed as a substitute over the army's usual fare. A small store of local sprits was discovered, and there was much rejoicing. Forward reconnaissance brought reports that the enemy had reorganized six miles to the southwest and a group of reinforcements had been spotted moving from the direction of Tarboro. But nothing could spoil the mood we were in. That is until we were told we would be moving at first light to intercept the enemy before they had time to make a run on Williamston. We slept through the night fat and happy despite the fierce cold and orders to move early.

Just before dawn on the morning of the 5th, we arose to frost on the ground and huddled round the fires for what little warmth we could receive. I received a report from the surgeon that Privates Dollar and Guthauser had not survived the night. Our platoon effectives were now down to three. We were formed and moved just as the sun began to crest the tree tops. Fearing the enemy had made a feint towards Williamston and were planning to make a re-deployment from the west, we moved to the west heading down a road the enemy was likely to come from. The

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right wing of the line was deployed as flankers to the left and right of the road. The Colonel had acquired a map of the area, and proceeded to deploy a trap. There was a small dirt bridge separating a low marshy area that was of great importance to our plan. Should the enemy come in the vicinity of Hamilton, they would have two courses of action. The road that we now occupied looped around and emptied back onto the running front of the fort. The enemy seeing the fort abandoned, would assume we had taken to one end of that loop. Our strategy was as follows: Captain Brooks placed his company on the mouth of the road closest to Hamilton. He would then lure the enemy onto the road. Captain Prestipino's company was placed in the woods on the left of the road. Once the enemy had passed his front, he was to form on the road and hit their rear.

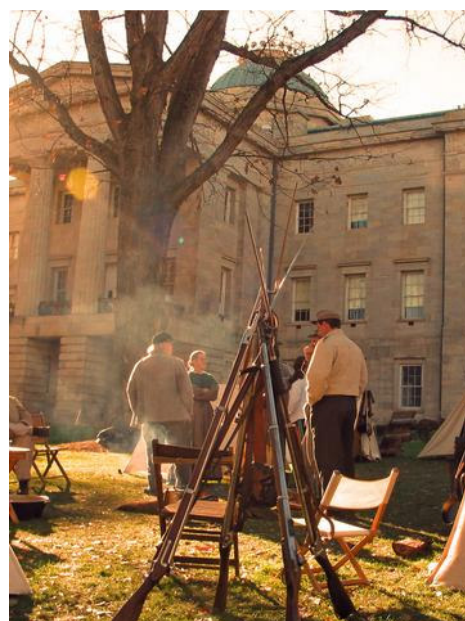
Another company was to be placed at the mouth of the other end of the road, and move in a manner liken to that of Captain Brooks'. Captain Burt, commanding color company, was to move between the two roads depending on which one the enemy took. Otherwise, we were positioned to the left of Captain Prestipino and given the task of flanking the enemy mid-column. However, things do not always go as planned. The enemy came upon the road, and all was within its parameters, until the middle of the enemy column took to the woods to our front. Suspicious that they may not know we were there; we remained still until they had made a line. When it became apparent that they were unaware of our position, we let them know where we were with a volley.

It had been determined that we would be unable to hold them and fell back to the open field in our rear. The task of getting to that field was a daunting one. The woods were thick with undergrowth, and a small marsh had formed from the recent rains on the border of the field. We had no choice but to cross it to envelop the small band that had been formed to the rear of our previous position. The water was cold and about four inches deep. Once in the clearing my platoon laid chase to the enemy and in doing so my foot became tangled in the tall dead grass and as I fell I wrenched my left leg to much discomfort. I managed to get back on my feet as the rest of my platoon had chased the rebels into the swamp behind them, and we fell back to the left to reform the company.

At this point, we looked to command the field. All advances of the enemy had been checked, but they were still coming strong and with greater numbers. The main body of our forces were being pressed still down the road, but had succeeded in holding the enemy while we prepared new positions. Captain Burt placed us at the mouth of the small dirt bridge. Our artillery had fallen back behind us, piece on the prolong, and proceeded to cross the bridge when we heard a crash. The piece had slid partially off the road onto the steep bank. Captain Stanley ordered the horses forward to try and pull it out. The piece pulled slightly forward, but then slid the rest of the way down the bank. We were then sent to retrieve the piece and allow them to carry on. It took ten men, but we were

successful. Upon returning to our post, the rest of our line fell back across the bridge. We then proceeded to cross and block the enemy advance. After an exchange of several shots, the enemy had slowly made its way to a dangerously close distance to our front and we were forced to retire.

The battalion was now engaged in street fighting, each company engaging the enemy and falling back. The artillery once again got stuck while trying to maneuver through the twisted lines, this time while loaded. This caused much distress in our ranks. They were able to move the piece on, and we were able to keep the enemy at bay. Seeing that our present course of action would get us nowhere, and with a company of rebs now in the woods to our right flank, we ran back to the end of column and took to the woods ourselves. Once the fighting had progressed past our position, we readied ourselves to open up on them. But before we were able to, we saw rebs coming on our right. The situation was grim; we had no choice but to make a charge. Our company losses were great, with nearly half were killed or wounded, including myself with wound to the left arm. The charge was enough to push the enemy back and allow us to escape. We re-united with the rest of the battalion and found ourselves in grave danger. An enemy skirmish line was to our rear as well as two enemy batteries. We had managed to split the skirmish line from the main body and proceeded to take the piece to our immediate front. Again losses were heavy; I received another wound to the right shoulder, but managed to get away before being caught. We were forced to withdraw from the field. The enemy, being greater in numbers, had fully driven us from the vicinity of the Fort. We withdrew during the afternoon, and made camp at Gold Point. We remained there for three days until we were able to be moved again. Our losses of the 5th were twelve killed, thirty wounded, leaving our strength at eighteen effectives. This will be the last time an attempt is made on Fort Branch. 🇺🇸



Letter from the Front

Cpl. David Lanier

Skip did a grand job and took advantage of a tactical blunder on the part of the rebs. They were focusing on our secondary force and weren't paying attention to us coming up on their left. We took their artillery, flipped the guns on them, put a mass of infantry on their flank and caused them to retreat. Then we formed up, fired a volley and charged. The Reb commander said he'd intended to form a line to protect the works, but his guys were running by that time. We followed them right over the works into the fort. The numbers were even, so it's a wonder we did so well. Location, location, location.

For Sunday's tactical we had me, Zach Tyler, and Robert Conner. Skip kept us out of the swamp, but a cannon almost went in, and the artillery called on us infantry to get their precious out of Middle Earth and back on the road. We defended the choke points against double our numbers (four companies against eight). We scurried hither and yon and sold our lives dearly. We set two ambushes and blindsided the rebs, resurrected and charged a battery across a cotton field.

It was a lot of running, and I did well just to keep up. I came down with a cold after I got back and am just now getting over it. It was a bad time for my aging equipment, over the course of the weekend, I

- 1) split my camp stool (bought another at Fair Oaks and am trying to repair the old one)
- 2) ripped one of the strap retainers on the back of my cartridge box. On Sunday I had to fasten my cartridge box to my belt.
- 3) lost my US cartridge box plate. I was a wild man in the charge.
- 4) put my knee down too hard on my end flap and ripped a hole in my tent at the top right button. I tried to sew it back; the needle came loose from the thread. I dropped the needle into some of the luxurious straw I had bought. I was down on hands and knees literally looking for "a needle in a haystack" at one point.

But I got back in one piece (still on the subject of aging equipment). Zach had a really good time. I'll forward this e-mail to his dad's address; perhaps he can send you his personal e-mail address.

David

Skip was inspired by the result and inscribed our names on immortality's scroll—somewhere near the bottom. 

Oakwood Cemetery Brick Project

If you were at the Business meeting last month, you are aware that the Sixth NCST voted to purchase three bricks for the Oakwood Cemetery walkway, which the NC Division of the SCV has been selling. The purchase of the engraved bricks will fund the \$26,000 cost to have the walkway installed. It turns out that the walkway installation will begin by the end of February and will be completed in time for the NC Division's Confederate Memorial Day service. The three bricks purchased by the Sixth are will read as follows:

*Col Chas F Fisher
1816- 1861
6th Regiment NCST*

*Col Isaac E Avery
1828 - 1863
6th Regiment NCST*

*Cedar Fork Rifles
Co I 6th Regiment
NC State Troons*

Kee in mind that the Company has a number of uniforms and accouterments as well as a musket that could be loaned out to prospective members. If you have a friend who would like to try reenacting for the weekend, we can outfit them, so bring them along. If you have spare "stuff" in the back of your closet or taking up room in your garage, consider donating it to the unit to help us outfit new members.

Please contact Captain Morton directly for additional details. 

The Cedar Forks Rifles has the following items for sale: (12) baseball caps (\$10 ea), (7) Large & (2) 2X T shirts (\$10 each), (4) XL Sweatshirts (\$15 each), and extra 6th NCST Buckles (\$16.50) suitable for spares or book shelf ornaments as well as the usual caps and powder. Contact Captain Morton if you wish to purchase any of these items. 

Charlie Brown: Confederate in the Attic?

Private M. Cheek

Fantagraphics Books in Seattle recently began publishing *The Complete Peanuts* in hardcover, covering the 50 years of Charles Schultz's comic strip in 25 volumes over a twelve year period. In reading the most recent volume covering the years 1960-1962, I couldn't help but get a kick out of the July 8, 1961 and the November 23, 1961 strips. Though these two strips were the only two in the 1960-62 collection that directly addressed the War's Centennial, there were numerous strips in the volume that had Charlie Brown and Linus both wearing kepis. You might recognize that Schroeder is singing the first line of *The Bonnie Blue Flag*. And to me at least, it looks like they're wearing Confederate grey... ☼



First Sergeant's Report

First Sergeant Rick Walton

This is the time of year when we start thinking of the spring campaigns. We have lined up a good event schedule this year from a somewhat limited field of events. We need your action (see below) to sign up for the events and we need you to attend. We have big reenactments and local living histories. There are opportunities for parades with Flags flying, opportunities to burn powder and opportunities to sit around the camp fire in the company of good friends. The 6th NCST has never been known to pressure anyone to attend an event (although we might talk about you if you're not there ... well actually, we might talk about you even when you are there!). I encourage you to get this year's events on your calendar now so you stand a better chance of attending. I know, we all have real life responsibilities... jobs, wives, kids, etc., that sometime take precedence over our hobby.

But remember, you have chosen this hobby or maybe it has chosen you... You have a significant investment in uniforms and equipment and an even more significant investment in your field experience and friendships. None of these grow if you don't attend events. We are a small enough regiment that one or two missing men makes a difference. We miss you when you're not there and, generally, you miss out on a good time. I'm not suggesting that reenacting be your top priority, (I'll settle for number 2 or 3), but I do ask you to get these events on your calendar now. These are the events that YOU, our members, voted to support so let's get behind them. You will find a complete list of this year events listed in this issue of the newsletter and posted on the website.

The first event on the calendar is Camp of Instruction. Please don't think of this as an optional event. Please make an effort

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to be there. It's a chance to get back into the swing of things for all of us, and it sets the pace for the rest of the year.

I hear a lot of scuttlebutt about camp of instruction and drill in general. Why do our officers make us stand in the cold or the rain or the blazing hot sun and go through maneuvers that we will probably never use? Lots of reasons come to mind, but when sitting in on the 26th NCT's annual planning meeting recently Skip told the attendees straight out: **"We want to be the best at what we do!"** We want people to take notice when the legion comes onto the field, and not because we look like the Keystone Kops! It is painful watching some units stumble across the field! We have all seen them. Sometimes it's quite comical. Now don't get me wrong - I do not put US in THAT category. The 6th can be proud of its professionalism and cohesiveness on the drill field, but like anything else that matters in this world, what we did yesterday doesn't count for much. The question is what can you do tomorrow. Let's face it; we didn't exactly wear out any shoe leather practicing our drill during the last 6 months! So start psyching yourself up now! The camp of instruction will be on February 16-19 and you need to be there - simple as that. Yes it will probably be cold and it will probably be tiring...but think of how good that hot shower will feel Sunday afternoon when you get back to the 21st century. Our ancestors dealt with cold and tired and drill day after day. Their lives depended on it. Ours don't, but our reputation does. Help the 6th NCST live up to the reputation we have built over the years.

This year the Carolina Legion Camp of instruction will be held at **Camp Marshall in Walnut Cove, NC** on February 16-18. The Registration fee is \$3.00 (pay on site), which helps to pay for porta-johns and other essentials. The Uniform will be Confederate but please **bring US for tacticals**. There will be a Commissary available (not sure of the cost, but it is generally a bargain) For those of you that are interested there will be a live shoot following the conclusion of the event on Sunday...this should be about 12:00 pm...it is recommended that you only shoot rounds balls and not spherical...all live rounds are to be left in the vehicles throughout the weekend...do not bring them into camp until given the all clear sign...

If you are currently an Officer or NCO or if you want to become one someday, please plan to attend the Carolina Legion Officer and NCO school. This will be an all day event held in Old Salem, NC at the MESDA Auditorium on Friday February 16 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. (which means if you are leaving from Raleigh, you should be on the road by about 6:30 AM). Bring your own lunch...we will be taking a short 30 minute lunch on site. This class will be held in a Classroom Setting, no need to wear your uniform. Please bring something to write with and some paper...we will leave the meeting at 4:00 pm and drive up to Camp Marshall for the Carolina Legion Camp of Instruction.

Your action is also required for the 2 big events this year. The 26th NCT will be coordinating the registration. Please send your waiver form and check to Sam Prestipino at: 5107 Brookstone Drive, Durham, NC 27713. Make check payable to 26th NCT or to Sam. Please write the event AND 6th NCST on the memo line.

Please note the early registration cut-offs....Make sure you send this before the due date. The following is a brief synopsis of each event:

June 15-17: Down the Valley - 145th Jackson's Valley Campaign- This is one of the two large fighting events we will have this year...

Location: Middleton, VA (Cedar Creek Battlefield)

Registration: **\$15.00 until April 6 / \$20.00 from April 6 - May 25 (No Walk-ons Allowed)**

NOTE - THERE IS A WAIVER REQUIRED- THIS MUST BE TO SAM PRESTIPINO NO LATER THAN APRIL 2ND FOR THE FIRST PACKET AND NO LATER THAN MAY 21ST FOR THE LAST ONE...This will allow drive-by registration and your registration material will be mailed directly to you ahead of time.

Uniform: CS - Early War Impression

Commissary: TBD

of Rounds: 120 (Saturday - Battle of Kernstown - portraying the 2nd VA of the Stonewall Brigade, Sunday - Battle of Winchester - we will be portraying the 21st NC)

Suggested Reading: *Stonewall in the Valley* by Robert Tanner

Internet: www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org (then click on Down the Valley) The waiver form can be printed out on this site and must be mailed to Sam with your check.

Directions: I-81 North to Middleton, VA...follow the signs to Cedar Creek Battlefield...then look for the Carolina Legion Camp...we are camping on the battlefield...

September 7-9 September Storm- the 145th Maryland Campaign This is the 2nd of the big fights we are going to have this year...

Location: Boonsboro, MD

Registration: **\$15.00 until February 28 / \$20.00 from March 1st to May 31st / \$25.00 from June 1 to August 31st...THIS NEEDS TO BE INTO SAM PRESTIPINO BY FEB. 24TH; MAY 27TH; OR AUGUST 27TH...NO WAIVER FORM REQUIRED... Walk-ons may be limited.**

Uniform: CS - Early War Impression

Commissary: TBD

of Rounds: 160

(Sat- South Mtn/Fox's Gap - 5th NCST/ Frost Town Rd - 6th AL, Sun - Sharpsburg- Iron Brigade attack - 4th VA/ 6th NCST/ Repulse of Sedgewick - 24th NC)

Suggested Reading: ***Landscape Turned Red* by Stephen Sears**

Antietam - A Soldiers Battle by John M. Priest

www.aotw.org (Antietam on the Web - great site with maps)

Internet: www.wmhf.org (then click on September Storm)

Directions: coming later...I-81 all the way...

So start getting your uniform and equipment out of winter storage, get loaded the night before (load your vehicle that is...) and get on the road early to enjoy drilling with your parads!

See you on the Field! 

2007 Schedule of Events

Legion	February 16-18	Legion Camp of Instruction	Walnut Cove, NC
FYI	March 3	Flag Day at N.C. Capitol	Raleigh, NC
26 th NCST	March 9-11	New Bern Living History & Monument Dedication	New Bern, NC
26 th NCST	April 13-15	Stoneman's Raid	Morganton, NC
Company	April 14	Onslow County Museum Living History	Richlands, NC
FYI	April 14	Dedication of Lee Monument	Sanford, NC
Company	April 27-29	Battle of Plymouth http://www.livinghistoryweekend.com/intro.htm	Plymouth, NC
FYI	May 5	Confederate Memorial Day Observation & R.E. Lee Bicentennial Parade	Raleigh, NC
26 th NCST	May 18-20	Capitol Living History	Raleigh, NC
Legion	June 15-17	145 th Jackson's Valley Campaign 1 st Kernstown/ 1 st Winchester) http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org/	Middleton, Va.
FYI	July 4	Fourth of July Living History at N.C. Capitol	Raleigh, NC
FYI	September 6-7	September Storm 145 th A.P. Hill March http://www.wmhf.org/septstorm/aphillmarch.html	Boonsboro, Md.
26 th NCST	September 6-7	September Storm 145 th South Mountain Preservation March http://www.wmhf.org/septstorm/southmntnmarch.html	Boonsboro, Md.
Legion	September 7-9	September Storm 145 th South Mountain/Sharpsburg http://www.wmhf.org/septstorm/index.html	Boonsboro, Md.
Company	September 14	Live Shoot at the Pierce's	Bunnlevel, NC
26 th NCST	October 12-14	Bentonville Living History	
FYI	October 19-21	143 rd Battle of Cedar Creek	Middleton, Va.
FYI	October 27	Oakwood Lantern Walk	Raleigh, NC
Company	November 2-4	Fort Branch	Hamilton, NC
26 th NCST	November 9-11	Old Salem Living History	Winston-Salem, NC
FYI	November ??	Seagrove Living History	Seagrove, NC
Company	December 8	6 th NCST Confederate Christmas at N.C. Capitol	Raleigh, NC

Note that registration for Jackson's Valley Campaign event and the Sharpsburg event should be sent to Sam Prestipino. Early registration (cost \$15) for Sharpsburg needs to be to Sam by **February 24**. *See the First Sergeant's Report for more information on these event deadlines!*

Annual dues remain at \$25 and are payable to the Cedar Fork Rifles. **Reminder:** Members that are paid up will get 1 pound of powder at the first event and will receive a tin of percussion caps at their 4th consecutive event. Dues may be sent to Captain Morton at: **Stan Morton 8801 Boston Rd., Roxboro, NC 27573**

Did you know that our by-laws call for dues to be paid by February 15th to be considered an active member?

Non-paid up members will be dropped from the email distribution list!