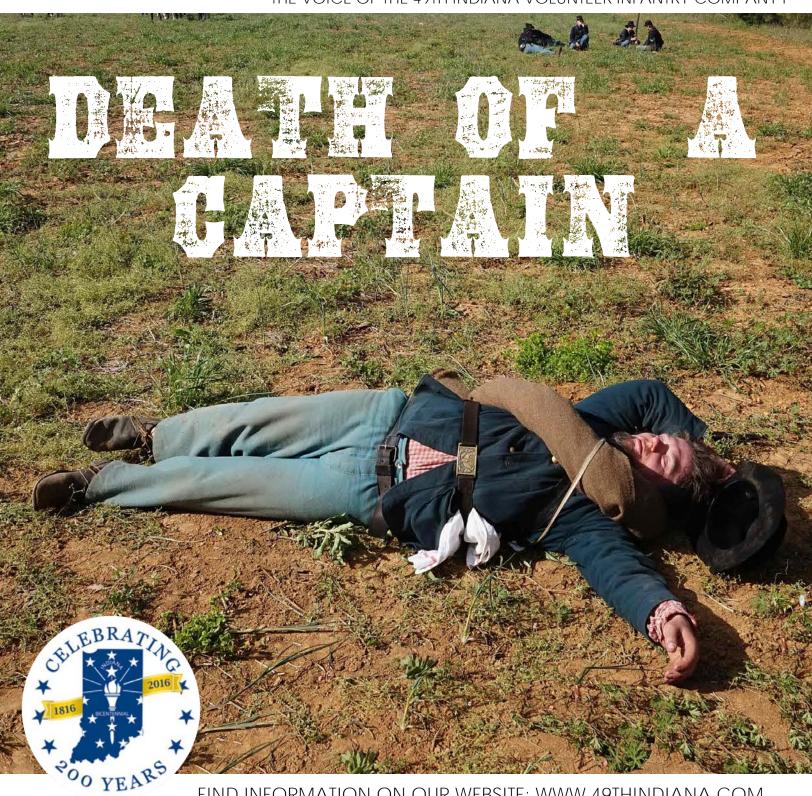
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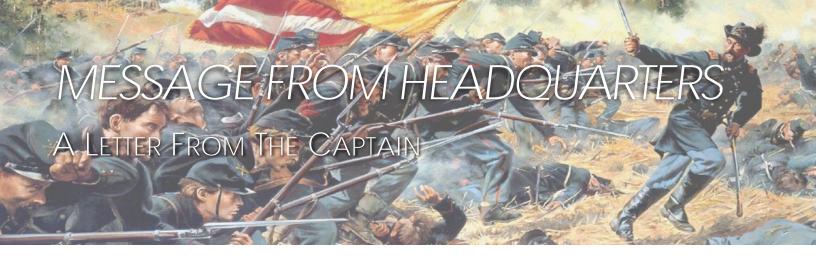
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In my emails which have substituted for 'mininewsletters' I already covered Shiloh and Vernon, so I'll focus just on Hartford City as well as the upcoming event at Spring Mill.

We were fortunate to have great weather for Hartford City. I arrived Thursday night shortly after Mark Benning and we both set up after an extended period of time. I think Mark was delayed because he had about 5 people's worth of gear in his van, and I was simply moving slow.

Although they always want more, I think the school day was well attended and was an improvement from last year. After the various presentations, we had a small skirmish with the Rebs which the students seemed to enjoy. After the school day we spent some time focusing on how we were going to handle the Ellen Show taping. Thanks to Ethan Cox for doing everything possible to make that as smooth as possible. In the end, Macey (the small girl) ba-

sically showed up in our camp with little advance warning. We marched out to the field and did a few evolutions and firings. Thankfully our volleys were about the best we had that weekend when Macey provided the firing commands. After viewing the video I would say the folks at the show did a good job of capturing the event in a positive manner.

Our attendance was simply outstanding, and we had the pleasure of seeing Beau Cunningham and Rich Anderson for two events back to back. We also saw returning new recruit Eric Crossman as well as a host of other new recruits. I'd like to personally thank Dennis Curtis and Greg Swank for being so willing to share their gear to get these folks in a position to participate. Also thanks to the NCOs for drilling the new recruits.

Over the weekend we made a bit of an impromptu decision to support the event by buying a significant amount of musket raffle tickets (proceeds which go to Hartford City). We won

the piece, and will be using it in our recruiting efforts.

Next up Spring Mill...I should be there sometime Friday. I look forward to seeing all of you, please drive safe.

Captain Van

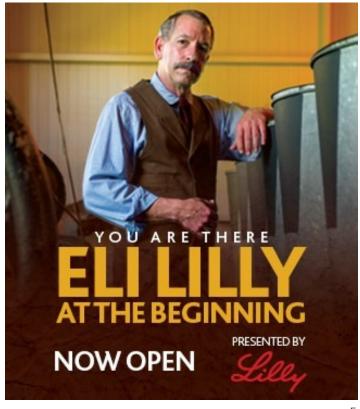


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16	39		\$2,066.49	4/1/2017	Reported at April 2017 Newsletter
2		\$224.00	\$2,290.49	5/14/2017	14 Cans of Powder Sold @ \$16 each = \$224
	6	\$330.00	\$2,620.49	5/14/2017	33 Tins of Caps Sold @ \$10 each = \$330
		\$50.00	\$2,670.49	5/14/2017	Donation by Joe Sharp to Hartford City
		\$(250.00)	\$2,420.49	5/14/2017	Raffle Ticket Purchase for Musket
		\$15.00	\$2,435.49	5/14/2017	2017 Individual Dues (\$15 ea): David Fulkes
2	6		\$2,435.49	5/14/2017	Reported at May Newsletter



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FROM THE TRENCHES

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

They meet on the third Monday each month except July, August, and December at 7 p.m. at the Madison County History Center, 15 West 11th Street, in downtown Anderson.

6/19 - TBA
No meeting in July
No meeting in August
9/18 - Tony Roscetti, "Acoustic Shadows"
10/16 - TBA
11/20 - "Filling the Ranks"



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June 12

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THOUGHTS ON SHILOH

By Scott Lawalin

Before we arrived at the reenactment, lan, Logan and I stopped at the Shiloh battlefield, which is a national park. It was my first time there, and I did a little research beforehand to better understand the area and the effect it had on the battle. During the time we were there, we went over the entire battlefield, and tried to trace the movements of both sides and to make sense of how the battle progressed. Here are some things I noticed while there.

The terrain at Shiloh was interesting in two respects. First, it is rugged. Aside from the scattered farm steads and fields, the area is riddled with gullies, ravines, ridges, bogs and congested woods. Whether advancing or retreating, movement would have been difficult and quickly exhausting. Even when the troops encountered a road, it wouldn't help much since the roads bend and curve and crisscross in a confusing pattern. In fact, even with detailed maps and road signs, I found myself turned around more than once.

The second was the visibility. Walking through these places, I could see that the soldiers could see very little beyond their immediate area. Throw in the morning fog and the smoke from the battle itself, and it would have resulted in very little ability for unit commanders above the regimental level to understand the situation and for the soldiers themselves to see what they were shooting at or who was shooting at them. In fact, this is remarked upon in several accounts. The soldiers moved blindly and fought blindly.

The battlefield itself is small. Very small, considering the number of participants, and it only got worse as the battle went on since the battlefield is somewhat funneled-shape. I walked the ground where the final Union line was established on the evening of the first day. The Army of the Tennessee, or what was left of it, had been pushed up against its namesake river with no real options. No retreat was possible. There



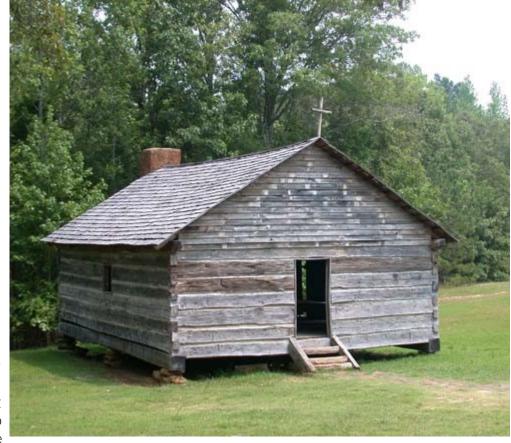
were perhaps 25,000 exhausted, frightened and confused men jammed into an area not much bigger than Lucas Oil Stadium. It must have been sheer pandemonium.

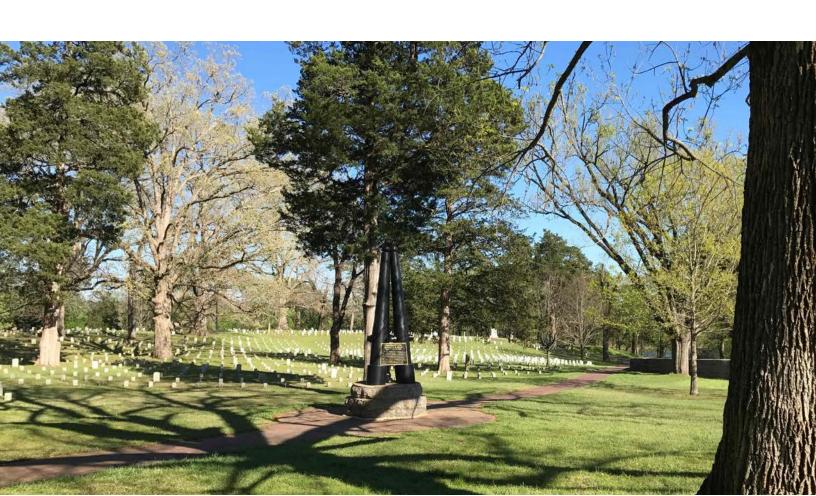
The last interesting feature was the ravine where the last Confederate attack occurred. Looking at the ground, it could have only been sheer desperation that would make them attack across that ground. From the Union line at the edge, it's a steep descent down to the stream that leads out to the river. At the time of the battle, the river was in flood and there was water backed up into the ravine. Also, since the river was up, the Union gunboats were at the level of the stream. So, the Confederates were trying to cross a flooded stream and climb a steep rise while not only under fire from the Union troops directly above them, but also from the gun-

boats, who opened a deadly crossfire of balls that could, and did, mow down men in rows. Why any rational commander would think that an attack there had any chance of success is beyond comprehension.

Overall, I found Shiloh extremely interesting. No doubt due to its remote location, there has been very little development of the land in and around the park, meaning that the area likely looks very similar to how it did 150 years ago. Compare

that to Fredericksburg, where the town's growth over the years has nearly engulfed the original battlefield. It's definitely worth a trip to visit.





SHILOH 2017



Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Night Good everyone! What a way to start off the season, for me at least. The Shiloh Battlefield is always one of my favorites to visit, as it's off the beaten path and doesn't have a lot of modern intrusion. The trip down with Scott, Logan, and Javy was rather eventful in conversation and uneventful in driving, which is good. Made it down to Shiloh early enough to be able to spend some time on the battlefield, walking the Hornet's Nest, seeing where Albert Sidney Johnston was mortally wounded, and walking through the National Cemetery to name a few. The weather was absolutely gorgeous that day and for the rest of the weekend for that matter.

After all that walking we decided to visit the Corner BBQ & More, we had happened across a flyer in Shiloh Church and man was it some good eating. We even played some cornhole while listening to some music the waitress provided. We were supposed to say Go Vols or something like that, but we felt that would be



letting down Dennis and Anthony, so of course we had to go with Roll Tide.

The event itself went pretty well, as I mentioned the weather was beautiful, had lots of ground to camp, war battle, and march on. For me the strangest thing was seeing how unaggressive The Confederates were, not sure if it's because we're used to facing the 44th Tennessee or what, but it seemed rather difficult to get them engaged. The comradery was great, the funnel cakes, whew I could go on about those for hours they were so good. The most

memorable moments for me were the hanging in camp, singing the Battle Cry of Freedom at the dance over the band, the walk back after the dance and the little kid jumping out in the spooky forest and then subsequently almost being judo chopped by one Logan Banks. kid had no idea who he was dealing with. Oh and Ivan being wounded 15 times in one battle, I've never seen one filled with such love for the Union to persevere through such trying times!



Wanted to give a shout out to all the new recruits and the veterans who helped out at Hartford City! Had a great turnout and even with all the new recruits think that the weekend went pretty well. Big props to Anthony, Dennis, Mark, and Connor for spending time working with them. I would be remiss to also say big props to Captain Van for not going full Captain Van on them. Looking forward to the month of June, we have the first full event at Spring Mill down in Mitchell, IN. We were down there in February for the winter tactical, and am really looking forward to the weekend in June. Glad, that we are able to use the property for an event and curious to see how it works out being expanded with artillery and such. We then finish off the month with Hesston, our annual rite of passage

riding the trains and then riding them a little more. Hope y'all have safe travels!

Respectfully Submitted by,

1st Sgt. Ian Fulford





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CALENDAR

49th Indiana Potential 2017 Schedule						
Cumberland Guard Annual Meeting	Luthern Hospital, 7950 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN	01/14/17 @ 10:30 am EST				
Army of the Wabash Meeting	Shrine Club, 3671 N. Shrine Drive Muncie, IN 47303	01/21/17 @ 2:00 pm				
49th Indiana Winter Meeting	Shrine Club, 3671 N. Shrine Drive Muncie, IN 47303	01/21/17 @ 6:00 pm				
Winter Spring Mill	Mitchell, IN	02/17/17 - 02/19/17				
How To Fair	Greenwood Public Library	02/18/17 2:00p - 04:00p				
155th Shiloh	Brownsburg, IN	04/06/17 - 04/09/17				
Sassafras Tea Festival	Vernon, IN	04/21/17 - 04/23/17				
Hartford City	Hartford City, IN	05/12/17 - 05/14/17				
Spring Mill State Park	Mitchell, IN	06/10/17 - 06/12/17				
Battle of Hesston Junction	LaPorte, IN	06/24/17 - 06/25/17				
Charlton Park	Hastings, MI	07/14/17 - 07/16/17				
Hale Farm	Ohio	08/11/17 - 08/13/17				
Cascades Park (OPTIONAL EVENT)	Jackson, MI	08/25/17 - 08/27/17				
Civil War Program for Kids	Hancock Public Library	Saturday 09/09/17				
Avon Washington Public Library	Avon, IN	09/23/2017 11:00 - 3:30				
Lebanon Lincoln Days	Lebanon, IN	09/29/17 - 10/01/17				
Piney Acres	Fortville, IN	10/14/17 - 10/15/17				
Belzer Scout Camp	Indianapolis, IN	10/20/17 - 10/22/17				
49th Indiana Potential 2018 Schedule						
Brandenburg	Brandenburg, KY	07/06/18 - 07/08/16				

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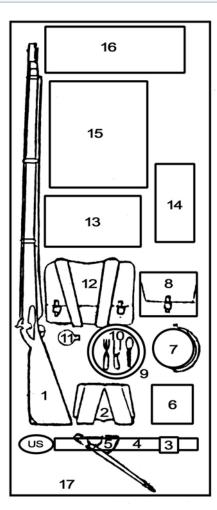
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Other Interesting Sites:					
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http://www.civilwarteaser.blogspot.com	Our own Corporal Swank				
http://www.authorsden.com/visit/viewArticle.asp?id=31792	Article on the steamer the 49th was on				
http://18thindependentbatteryindianalightartillery. weebly.com	Great article on leather care				
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Camp Inspection

Layout Plan for Inspection of Two Man Dog Tents

- 1. Rifle Musket
- 2. Cartridge Box & Sling
- 3. Cap Box
- 4. Waist Belt
- 5. Bayonet & Scabbard
- 6. Cleaning Equipment
- 7. Canteen
- 8. Haversack
- 9. Plate
- 10. Fork, Knife, & Spoon
- 11. Cup
- 12. Knapsack
- 13. Greatcoat rolled (in season & if not worn)
- 14. Personal items:
 - a. Hygiene Items
 - b. Writing Material
 - c. Candles
 - d. Small amount of food
- 15. Additional Clothing
- 16. Bedding folded
- 17. Poncho (black down)
 Items 1-16 to be placed on the poncho



NEXT EVENT INFORMATION:

Civil War Summer Battle Spring Mill State Park

DATE & TIME June 9,10,11

LOCATION Spring Mill State Park 3333 State Road 60 East Mitchell, IN 47446 Lawrence Phone: (812) 849-3534

PLEASE BRING Standard Gear





NEXT EVENT INFORMATION

Civil War Railroad Days Hesston Steam Museum

DATE AND TIME: June 23, 24, 25, 2017

LOCATION:

1201 E 1000 N, La Porte, IN 46350

DIRECTIONS

Take I-94 to Exit 1, south to "County Road 1000 North". Or take the Indiana toll road to Exit 49, north on 139 to "County Road 1000 North" and watch for our billboard.

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WEBSITE

http://www.hesston.org/events/civilwardays.html

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Museum Grounds open at 11:30am CDT. Civil war displays and encampments are available for viewing.

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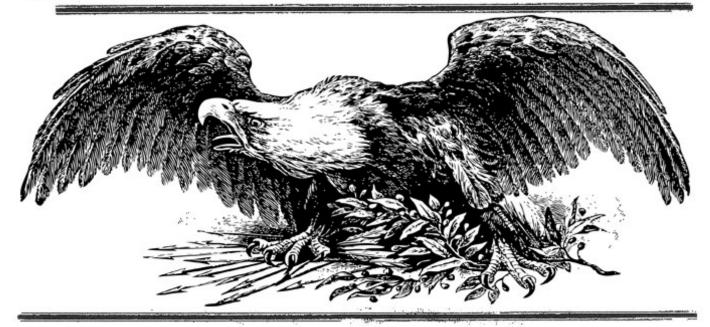
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