THE VOICE OF THE 49TH INDIANA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY COMPANY F





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A founding member of the "Cumberland Guard"

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The 49th Indiana, Company F is Indiana's oldest and largest nonprofit organization devoted to portraying life during the American Civil War. Since 1974, we have represented Indiana's civil war heritage in movies and documentaries, for newspapers and TV, and at schools, museums and reenactments across the US. For more information, please contact Greg Swank at 765-404-1603 or visit our website at http://www.49thindiana.com. The Rank & File is the membership magazine of the 49th Indiana Company F.

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ROB VAN

1ST SERGEANT

IAN FULFORD

2ND SERGEANT

• ROBBIE VAN

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- ANTHONY WYROBEK
- LOGAN BANKS
- COWBOY BOB



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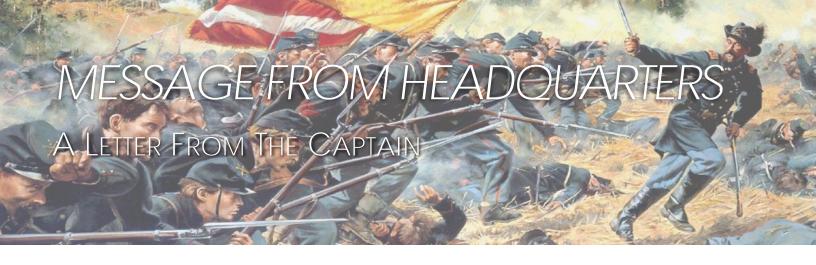




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PAY YOUR DUES VIA PAYPAL SUBMIT TO ROBERT R VAN@YAHOO.COM



Ivan and I are scrambling a bit to get this newsletter out, I have to say I have been very busy working on the logistics and planning for Shiloh. I hope to get some more detailed orders out to you this week. Know the 49th Indiana will be commanded by Ian and we will be in the 1st Brigade, 2nd Battalion, 1st Company. I plan on being there Wednesday which should be long before anyone else gets there, so make sure you seek me out so I can make sure you get to the correct spot.

(Phew)...so let's recap a few things.

Winter Meeting. Great time, and thanks again to Dennis and Laura Curtis for allowing us to have not only the AOW meeting, but our 49th meeting as well. It was a great facility. Awards for 2016 go to Anthony Wyrobeck for best overall soldier, and the Captain's Award goes to Mark Benning for all his work and effort on recruiting in 2016. Elected as Officers and NCOs for 2017include Captain Rob Van, 1st Sergeant Ian Fulford, 2nd Sergeant Rob Van Jr, Ranking Corporal Anthony Wyrobeck, then Dennis Wyrobeck, and Brevet Corporal Logan



Con-Banks. gratulations to all for being chosen to lead the very best company in the Midwest, I am proud of all of We also you. were able to meet new recruit Oliver Bass, welcome Oliver! Last, I need your 2017 dues if you have not yet paid.

Winter Spring Mill. I was coerced into sleeping in the cabin when I saw the sign that Cowboy Bob made for me and 'reserved' my space. I was reminded by the freight train snoring of 'Slappy' Les Bedwell and 'Scrape and Save' Scott Lawalin why I had originally planned on sleeping in my car. Having said that, the weather was reasonably pleasant. I have to say for the planning we did, the Rebs were a bit frustrating to work with this year, and I voiced my concerns to them over the weekend. I also was frustrated by their lack of safety protocol when Dennis Wyrobeck had a Reb go into unplanned hand-tohand combat and roll on his knee, which he is still working through healing. This is EXACTLY why we do not need to do unscripted hand-to-hand. A big thanks to Rob Van Jr. for filling in for 1st Sergeant, and leading a squad of soldiers on our flanks. Also thanks to the other Federals who fell in with us. Anthony did a great job as 2nd Sergeant as well. We had two new faces (Allen and Simon) fall in with us.

Beech Grove HS Civil War Show. Again thanks to the Wyrobecks and Bennings for performing the primary staffing for this, as well as lan, Ivan (and I think a few others) that showed up over the weekend. This was probably a bit of a bust for us in terms of recruiting, but we needed to try it and see what we had to work with.

So...on to Shiloh. I'll be the 1st Brigade Commander and we will be in the largest Brigade of the Army. Looking forward to a great time, please drive safe, and I will see you there!

Captain Van









GETTYSBURG

154th Anniversary Civil War Reenactment

* * * July 1 - 3, 2017 * * *

Event Location: "The Gettysburg Movie Site" 965 Pumping Station Road, Gettysburg



For Information and Reenactor Registration Please Visit Our Website...

WWW.GettysburgReenactment.COM

Gettysburg Anniversary Committee P.O. Box 3482●Gettysburg●PA●17325 ● 717-338-1525

* Event Schedule Subject to Change



FROM THE TRENCHES

HAMILTON COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

They meet at the Carmel City Hall, located at 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the program will start at 7:00 in the Second Floor Counsel Room. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month, September through May, excluding December.

4/12 Samuel Passon - 15th Indiana Regiment 5/10 Bob Smith - Sultana Ancestor

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.

4/17 - Brian Dirck, "Lincoln's View of Death"

5/15 - Dr. Thomas Hamm, "Quakers in the Civil War"

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"



INDIANAPOLIS CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

They meet at the Indiana Historical Society Auditorium on the second Monday of every month.

Apr. 10 May 8 A Visit with Jennie Wade's Mother—Connie Hansen The Murder of Major General William "Bull" Nelson—

Robert I. Girardi

June 12

Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination: The Untold Story of the Actors and Stagehands at Ford's Thea tre—Thomas Bogar



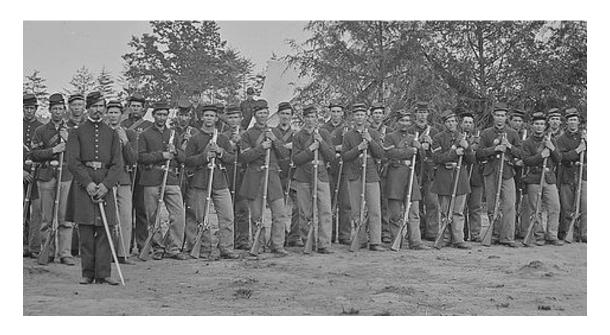
Monument to the 19th Indiana Infantry at Gettysburg

CAMPAIGNER EVENT!

Greg Swank is raising a company (Co. B 3rd PA reserves) for the campaigner adjunct and would love to have any of you who would like to try it out. This is for the "On To Richmond" Seven Days event coming in June. Should be a blast!! Feel free to drop him a note if you have any questions!

Additional Information can be found here:

http://www.westernrifles.org/3rd-pennsylvania-reserves



FOR SALE!!

MUSKET CAPS & GUNPOWDER



- ◆ 1 lb. of Goex Powder: \$16 per pound
- ◆ 1 Tin of 100 caps : \$10 per tin

See the Captain For Purchase.

HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?

Want to make you voice heard? Have something to share? The newsletter wants your stuff!! We're always looking for pictures

or info of members at work, rest or play. Send a r t , photos, announcements, letters, opinions, articles or ads to the editor at:

IVARGAS21@GMAIL.COM



CIVIL WAR PIN UP GIRL

By Ivan Vargas

I asked the group what they wanted to see added to the newsletter, and the rather enthusiastic response I got from Les was "Pin up Girls!" So below is the original pin up girl, This was pulled from "THE CIVIL WAR PARLOR" blog.

ADAH ISAACS MENKEN (1835-1868) CIVIL WAR PIN-UP GIRL

She sold cartes de visite at her performances, of herself basically in her undies, and many made their way to the Civil War trenches to serve as pinups

During the Civil War she was arrested as a Confederate agent—and became America's first pin-up superstar, Menken married and left five husbands. She could sing and dance, and she was a wonderful comic. She was fond of gambling the night away dressed in men's evening clothes. She rode horses astride, took and discarded lovers, and wore revealing sheath dresses in an age of hoop skirts.

Onstage Menken did a little of everything, whenever possible when garbed in form-fitting tights, whether minstrel acts, celebrity impressions of noted actor Edwin Booth (the brother of Lincoln's assassin), and tightrope walking.

Adah Menken smoked in public, was courted by Mark Twain and Dickens, stole headlines from Abe Lincoln's presidential campaign, was a pin-up girl for Union and Confederate troops, defended homosexuals, and may well be the first American master at the art of exposure. Her storied life is the topic of a new book called A Dangerous Woman: The Lifes, Loves, and Scandals of Adah Issacs Menken, America's Original Superstar by Barbara and Michael Foster.

Menken died after suffering a collapse in Paris after rehearsals, just eight days before her collection of poems, Infelicia, which wrote knowing she was dying, was published 1868 197). (Richards The work, dedicated to Charles Dickens, included poems that focused "on the impossibility of human connection and the voices that no one is willing hear" (Martin 253; Levin and Whitley Speculations on the cause of her death include



tuberculosis, an abscess in the side, peritonitis, or cancer (T. A. Brown 335).

http://www.amazon.com/Dangerous-Woman-Scandals-1835-1868-Superstar/dp/1599216027







COMPANY FINANCIALS

Powder Cans In Stock	Caps In Stock	Debit / Credit	Balance	Date	Comment
28	53		\$ 1,112.59		Reported at December 31, 2016 Newsletter
		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,312.59	1/1/2017	State of Indiana: Hoosier Homecoming Appearance Fee
17		\$ 160.00	\$ 1,472.59	1/21/2017	11 Cans of Powder Sold @ \$16 each = \$176
	41	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,592.59	1/21/2017	12 Tins of Caps Sold @ \$10 each = \$120
		\$ 165.00	\$ 1,757.59	1/21/2017	Proceeds from 2017 Winter Meeting Raffle
		\$ 260.00	\$ 2,017.59	1/21/2017	2017 Family Dues (\$20 ea): Van, Steve Smith, Bedwell, Allbright, Benning, Lawalin, Oliver Bass, Curtis, Wyrobick, Brent Freiberger, Todd Wilson, Kenny, Kruslic (13 total x 20 = \$260)
		\$ -	\$ 2,017.59	1/21/2017	2017 Family Dues (\$0 ea): Vargas
		\$ 45.00	\$ 2,062.59	1/21/2017	2017 Individual Dues (\$15 ea) : Ian Fulford, Logan Banks, Jennifer Whelan
		\$ 360.00	\$ 2,422.59	1/21/2017	Shiloh Registration (\$20 ea): Bryant Allbright, Kenton Allbright, Mark Benning, Connor Benning, Scott Lawalin, Javy Lawalin, Ian Fulford, Ivan Vargas, Dennis Wyrobik, Anthony Wyrobik, Logan Banks, Todd Wilson, Kyle Wil- son, Rob Van Sr, Rob Van Jr, Ray Van, Riley Van, Tracy Whitsell (18 total x \$20 = \$360)
		\$ (360.00)	\$ 1,702.59	2/17/2017	Shiloh Registration (See Above)
		\$ (32.10)	\$ 2,390.49	2/17/2017	2017 Captain's Award - Mark Benning
16		\$ 16.00	\$ 2,406.49	4/1/2017	1 Cans of Powder Sold @ \$16 each = \$16
	39	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,426.49	4/1/2017	2 Tins of Caps Sold @ \$10 each = \$20
16	39		\$ 2,426.49	4/1/2017	Reported at April 2017 Newsletter

Civil War Brigadier General Frock Coat Attributed to John Cook of Illinois



Confederate Artillery Implements & Augusta Fuse Box. Certainly one of the finest groups of Confederate used artillery implements, including a fine Confederate manufactured artillery fuse box, marked "Augusta, Georgia Julius Darrow" in an oval stamp embossed on the flap. The leather is still nice and supple with an excellent patina.

The implements as found within the box are; 1) a finely crafted lanyard that was used to set off the cannon blast, appearing different than the U.S. regulation lanyards, 2) Confederate manufactured friction primer that was used to spark the cannon's ignition, 3) a vent pouch that would have cleaned out the fuse hole of the cannon, 4) three shell fuses, two are wrapped, and 5) a long steel cylinder with brass ends used for holding the bursting charge for an Armstrong cannon. All of the implements are in exceptional condition having been stored within the fuse box.



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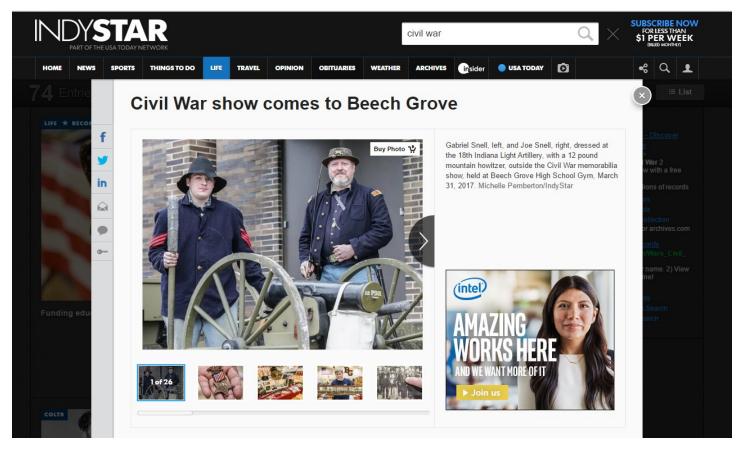
CIVIL WAR SHOW

By Ivan Vargas

Big thank you to the individuals who participated in the "Crossroads of America Civil War Show" at Beech Grove High School. The event was able to raise over \$3500 for the school and featured antiques from various American wars as well as political memorabilia.

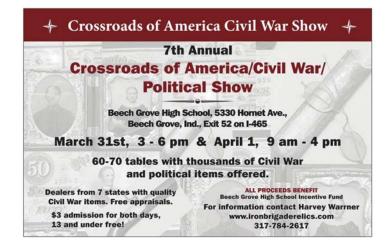












CALENDAR

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				





WEB LINKS OF INTEREST

49th Indiana Company F. Webpage: http://www.49thindiana.com

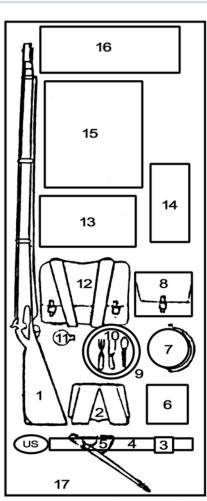
49th Indiana Company F. Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/49thIndiana

Other Interesting Sites:					
http://www.zipcon.net/~silas/links.htm#N_17					
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				
http://thebalticforge.weebly.com/	Blacksmith—The Baltic Forge				

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:

SHILOH 155TH SHILOH, TENNESSE

EVENT TYPE
National Event

DATE & TIME April 6th –9th

LOCATION 1115 Hwy 22 South Shiloh, TN 38376

PLEASE BRING Standard Gear

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Monday......April 3rd
Site opens to Sutlers at 10:30 am

Tuesday......April 4th
Site open to Sutlers only

Wednesday..April 5th
Reenactor registration opens at noon & closes
at midnight.

Thursday.....April 6th

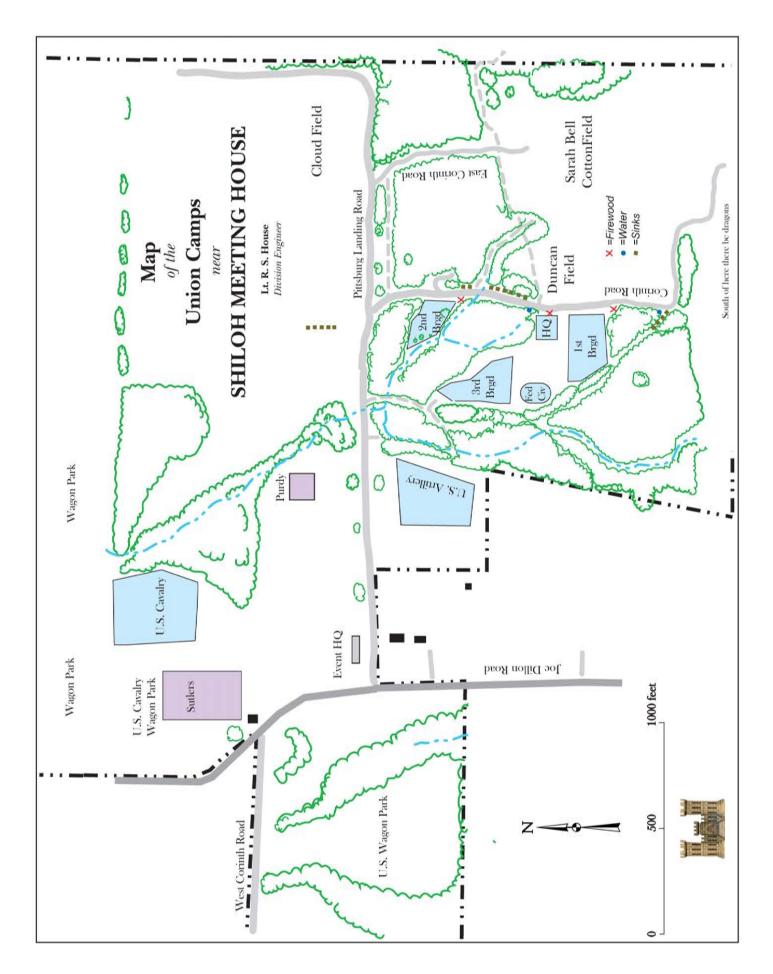
Registration opens at 8 am. Will remain open all night.

Friday......April 7th
7:00 am....Reveille
8:00 am....Registration remains open
10:00 am....Gates will open
10:00 am....Reenactor arrival/setup continues
3:30 pm....Form for battle
4:00 pm....Battle of Fallen Timbers, non-specta
tor
10:00 pm....All cars out of camp
11:00 pm....All quiet

Saturday......April 8th
7:00 am.....Reveille
9:00 am.....Gates open
11:00 am.....Ladies Tea at the activity tent
2:30 pm.....Form for battle
3:00 pm.....Battle of the Hornet's Nest
6:00 pm.....Camps Close
8:00 pm.....Military Ball in the activity tent.
10:00 pm.....Ball ends
11:00 pm.....All Quiet

Sunday.......April 9th
7:00 am.....Reveille
9:00 am......Gates Open
10:00 am......Church Service
12:30 pm.....Form for battle
1:00 pm.....Battle of Grant's Counterattack
3:30 pm.....Camps Close

The music for the Ball & during the day will be provided by Un-reconstructed. There will also be activities all day long on Saturday & Sunday. Please enjoy your stay with us & have a safe trip home. We want to thank you for your support.



49th Indiana Company F



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The 49th Indiana is seeking individuals who have an interest in the Civil War and a willingness to portray the life of a Union Soldier

Meet The Members - Contact us by phone or email, or simply visit us at one of our upcoming events and let us know you're interested.

Acquiring Equipment - We do not expect new members to purchase all of their equipment at once. Start slowly, and ask other members for advice on where to purchase your basic uniform. We allow new members a year to fully equip themselves. Under some circumstances we can offer to loan gear to those wanting to test out the hobby before they spend too much money.

Become a Member - Once you have attended a few events, attained all of your necessary gear, and paid your yearly dues, you will have become a full member!

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to contact us or visit us at one of our upcoming events.

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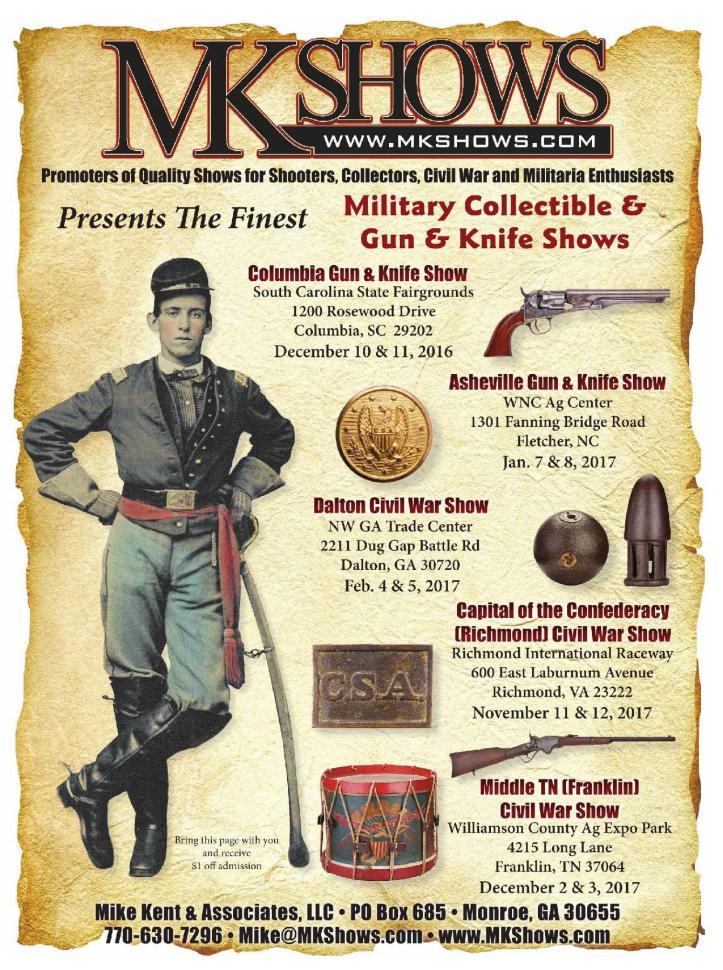
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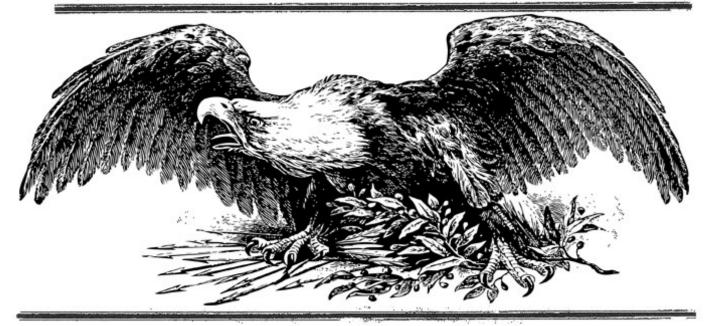
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49 TH INDIANA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

COMPANY F

is enrolling new recruits in this city under the command of

Capt. ROB VAN

Recruiting Officer: GREG SWANK

Those who come to their country's call in her hour of peril will live in her pages of history. The Roll is now open, and will be found with the undersigned.

A MEETING TO BE HELD AT

TO BE ADDRESSED BY

THE \$25 BOUNTY PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT,

And the Advance Pay and Enlisting Premium will be paid to each Recruit on being mustered into service.

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