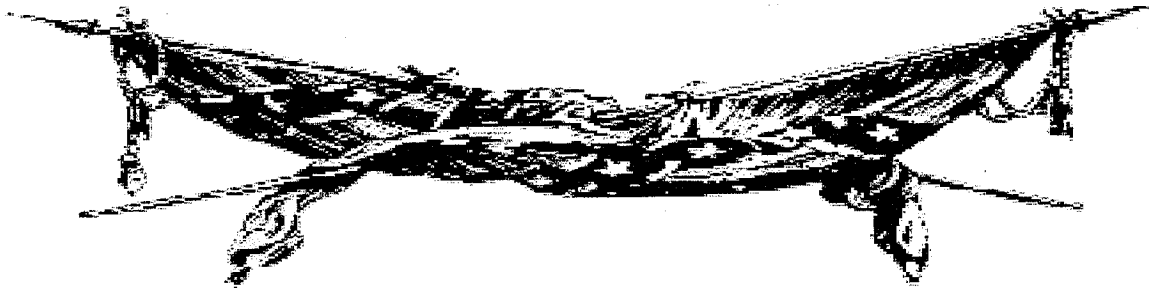


1ST Nebraska Volunteer Infantry

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COMMANDERS CORNER

This is the first publication of hopefully a continued series of newsletters that will go out to the membership and friends of the 1st Nebraska. In 2002 we tried to resurrect the newsletter but we were only successful in getting one newsletter out. My goal is to publish a newsletter each quarter. The purpose of the newsletter will be two-fold. First it is my desire to provide historical information on the 1st Nebraska and the Civil War to help all of us improve our impressions, knowledge of the war and information regarding the original 1st Nebraska. Secondly, it will be a vehicle for keeping everyone informed as to what is going on with the unit and events. The goal will be to produce a newsletter in March, June, September and December. With the unit's approval the newsletter will be produced in a paper format and mailed to members. While there will be additional costs incurred as a result of this type of distribution it is my feeling that this method is better than email because if we get something in a hardcopy format we are more than likely to read it verses getting it in an email. In addition, some members do not have a personal email. The format of future newsletters will be different from this newsletter. Future newsletters will include the following sections:



Commander's Corner: A section for the Field Commander to address the unit on a topic of his choosing.

President's Corner: A section for the President to address the unit on a topic of his/her choosing.

NCO Corner: A section where one or more of the sergeants or corporals can address the unit on a topic of their choosing.

History Corner: A section that provides historical information on the 1st Nebraska. The purpose of this section will to provide specific information for members on the history of our unit.

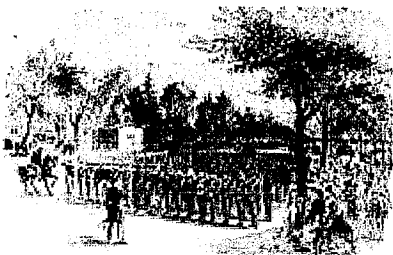
Authenticity Corner: A section for the Authenticity committee to address topics of their choosing related to authenticity and improving our impression.

Event Reports: A section that contains reports on regimental events that the unit has participated in.

Membership List: A section that contains a list of the members and their contact information, address, phone number and email address.

Event Schedule: A section that contains a list of the upcoming events.

In addition, any member of the unit can write an article for publishing in the newsletter. We will have established deadlines for dates that articles need to be submitted to be included in the newsletter. The deadline for articles in the June newsletter will be June 1, 2009.



New Associations

Over the past few years there has been a noticeable reduction in the number of re-enactors attending local events and the number of our members attending events has seen a significant reduction. We've had events where the total combined infantry has been less than 30 rifles. This really limits our ability to put on a realistic event that the public and participants would enjoy. The past couple of years we have been working with other re-enactment units to address this problem. As a result the Muddy River Battalion and Midwest Civil War Re-enactors Association were created. I am including some additional information on each one of these organizations to provide you with some history about why each was formed and the goal of each of these organizations.

Muddy River Battalion

The Muddy River Battalion was formed primarily to provide units in the Northwest Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota areas an opportunity to work together as a battalion at local, regional and national events. The Muddy River Battalion was founded by Jim Crofutt of the 7th & 30th Missouri Volunteers and includes the following units: 1st Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, 3rd Iowa Infantry Volunteers, 13th U.S. Regulars (Company D), Consolidated Company 7th and 30th Missouri Volunteers, 23rd Illinois Infantry Volunteers, the 25th Missouri (Company A) "Saint Joseph Rifles" and an independent Company the Veteran Reserve Corps. The latter is currently being developed. Since our formation the battalion has participated in events at Fortesque, Missouri; Brownville, Nebraska; Olathe, Kansas; Pawnee City, Nebraska and Westport, Missouri. This has provided our unit with the opportunity to function, on the field, in a battalion organization which has provided some of the newer members of the unit with a new experience and some of the

older (more experienced) folks a chance to refresh their knowledge on battalion maneuvers. At Westport Missouri in 2008 the battalion fell in with the First Federal Division. The First Federal Division was really pleased with how the battalion performed on the field and has offered the battalion membership in the First Federal Division. This will provide benefits for the battalion when attending large regional and national events. As a result of our involvement with the Muddy River Battalion we have dropped our membership with the Frontier Brigade. The Muddy River Battalion provides us with a better opportunity to work with units that can support our events and we can reciprocate by supporting their events.

Midwest Civil War Re-enactors Association

The Midwest Civil War Re-enactors Association was formed in 2007 as a result of discussions between Mike Carr from the 10th Iowa and myself. Mike and I began the association with the idea that we needed units in the Nebraska/Iowa area to better coordinate our activities so that we could reduce the number of conflicting events, increase participation at events and improve the overall quality and safety of events. The organization currently consists of the following units: 1st Nebraska, 1st New York Light Artillery, Battery B a/k/a Pettit's Battery, 165th New York Zouave, 10th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Fremont Pathfinders (Infantry and Cav), K Battery, 4th U.S. Artillery and the 1st Illinois Artillery. The organization has developed a set of standards related to safety on the field and in the camps. We continue to work together on coordinating events and supporting the events the members of the organization have voted on as Max Effort Events. The association differs from the Muddy River Battalion in that the association has no command structure on the field. It operates from an organizational aspect to work towards improving the quality

of events and increasing the attendance at events.

Our involvement with Muddy River Battalion and the Midwest Civil War Re-enactors Association has impacted our yearly schedule and those events that are identified as our Regimental or "Max Effort" events. The idea is to support both of these organizations by attending the events they deem important or they sponsor. In addition, they work towards supporting our events. As we move forward this should help to increase number of re-enactors participating in events and improve the quality of the events.

2009 Survey Status

A couple months ago we sent out survey forms to the members in the unit. We are in the process of summarizing the results of the surveys that were returned and will have results out in the next month or so. The purpose of the survey was to obtain your ideas on what we can do to improve meetings, camp impression and membership activities.



Congratulations are in order

Eric Frank has been appointed to the position of Sergeant Major for the Muddy River Battalion. Eric will assume this role at those events that have been designated as Muddy River Battalion Events. For the 2009 season this will include; Saint Joseph, Pawnee City and Fortesque. Next time you see Eric take the opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment.

New Members

In the last couple of years we have had an influx of new members and prior members that have returned to the ranks. I would like to list those that have either joined or re-joined the unit after being away. Please welcome the following:

David Barnett	Ryan Bauer
Chase Freed	Paul Lahowetz
Annabel Major	Gary Planck
Sam Planck	Anthony Razor
Ryan Tucker	Janet Tucker
Marc Witkovski	Rachel Witkovski

Some of these individuals have yet to renew their dues for 2009 but they have joined us in the military or civilian ranks over the past couple of years. In addition, we have had about three or four additional people that have expressed an interest in joining our unit and hopefully we will see them in our ranks this year.

Membership List

A membership list is being included in this newsletter to provide contact information for all members. Please review the information I have listed for you and if you find any errors please let me know. In addition, please let me know if you would rather not have your information included in the newsletter. Please notify me of any changes so that the information is accurate when we distribute the newsletters.

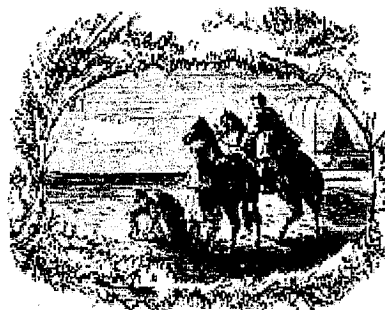
2009 Event Schedule

At the March Business Meeting the unit voted on the event schedule for the 2009 season. The schedule is attached at the end of this newsletter. We need to get some idea as to our numbers for the scheduled events so if you could review the list and let Rex or I know as to which events you anticipate being able to support it would be appreciated. A couple comments on the events:

The St. Joseph, Pawnee City and Fortesque events are Muddy River Battalion events so we will be operating in battalion formations at these events.

Powder Rations are being provided for the Carson Iowa event. Our unit will receive a pound of powder for every rifle that we put on the field. This helps the unit in reducing the expenditures for powder.

Planning is underway for the Pawnee City event. We are expecting more confederate infantry this year so this event could be larger than in the past. TJ is working with the Pawnee City Historical Society on getting more ground for camping and for the battle. This is our sponsored event for the year and more information will be provided in future newsletters.



Conclusion

For some of you the information in this newsletter might be information that you are already familiar with. For others hopefully this information will provide you with an update on the unit as to where we are at and what we are trying to achieve. Please let me know if you have any suggestions related to future newsletters or if there are needed corrections to the contents contained in this newsletter.

Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant,
Captain Lloyd Coates

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2009 Event Schedule
(Events in Bold are Regimental "Max" Effort Events)**

Event	Location	Dates
Spring Muster (Muster)	Glenwood Iowa (Rex Wright's Place)	March 28th - 29th
St. Joseph Days of the Civil War (Reenactment)	St. Joseph Missouri	April 18th - 19th
Keokuk - Reenactment	Keokuk, Iowa	April 25 th - 26 th
Annual Pathfinder Tactical	Verdigre, Nebraska	May 2 nd - 3 rd
Jefferson City - Reenactment	Jefferson City, Missouri	May 15 th - 16 th
Memorial Day Celebrations	Prospect Hill Cemetery, Omaha Wyuka Cemetery, Lincoln	May 25 th
Carson - Reenactment	Carson, Iowa	June 13th - 14th
Nebraska Homestead Monument (Living History)	Beatrice, Nebraska	June 20 th - 21 st
Ralston Parade (Parade)	Ralston, Nebraska	July 4 th
Diller - Reenactment	Diller, Nebraska	July 11th - 12th
Burwell, Fort Hartsuff Living History	Burwell, Nebraska	July 25 th - 26 th
Fort Snelling Living History	St. Paul, Minnesota	Aug 1 st - 2 nd
Lamoni - Reenactment	Lamoni, Iowa	Sept 5 th - 6 th
Pawnee City - Reenactment	Pawnee City, Nebraska	Sept 26th - 27th
Fortesque - Reenactment	Fortesque, Missouri	Oct 17th - 18th

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