

Meeting Notes
1st Division, Army of Northern Virginia
21st Annual Convention
10-12 November 2006

- 1) **Call to order** (Major Jake Jennette, Chairman Pro-tem)
- 2) **Welcome** ~ Col. Ray Justice)
- 3) **Invocation** (Chaplain Priore absent) Col. Pereria
- 4) **Pledge of Allegiance, to the Flag of The United States of America**
- 5) **Salute to the Confederate Flag**
- 6) **Honor to Canada**
- 7) **Credential Reports Summary of 2006** (Gen J, Robert Tolar, Commanding)
 - Gen, Tolar commented that this is our 21st year meeting together.
 - Discussed the 3 Max effort events this year:
 - New Market- could have had a few more ANV members present.
 - Manassas- A great even where we helped Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation to earn \$95,000 toward their preservation efforts. It was the best event they have ever had. Doc Harris put together a well organized medical set up and we were very prepared for any medical concerns.
 - Cedar Creek- It went well and we will be in command again for another year.
 - Announced that not only is it Ray's (Col. Justice) birthday, but he became engaged to Valentina at Cedar Creek! He was presented with a dog collar and leash.
- 8) **Battalion Reports:**
 - 1st- Attended 2 of 3 max events, many local events, 1 new unit and loss of 2 units.
 - 2nd- 1 new cavalry unit, 1 new infantry unit. Please see the hand out about the event they are hosting.
 - 3rd- Attended all 3 max events, several new units. Please note the event they are hosting .
 - 4th- Col. Taylor missed several events and Col's Potts and Smith covered for him. No loss or gain of units.
 - 5th- Attended all max events. New cadet unit from Massanutten Academy. 5th Battalion has become incorporated in Virginia.
 - 6th- A very slow year with very few events in their area. Issues of "political correctness" reducing the number of local events in some northern states. They are trying to build new momentum, and are gaining 1 new unit.
 - 7th- Attended all 3 max events. 3 new units.
 - 8th- Similar lack of events as 6th Batt. Southern Legion's 10th anniversary Currently have 9 units, will lose 1, gained 2 new, plus 1 new civilian unit.
 - 9th- Same issues as 6th and 9th in the Northeast area, a very slow year. Along the Canadian border there are still not enough Yankees to fight! 2 new units, 1 new civilian unit.

10th- Also a reduction in events in their area. This was Mr. Murray's last year as Adjutant, sorry to see him go up to Division.

Cavalry- A very strong year, a lot of controversy. Attended 2 max events, 2 Cavalry events with good attendance. Events were very regional due to gas prices.

Artillery- Have more guns than we can get into most events. Artillery is very dangerous! Infantry and Cavalry need to know our signals i.e. *Implements up on the wheel hubs means a hot tube*. Please watch yourself for safety sake. Have just purchased 2 range finders to check distances to improve safety.

Gen. Tolar- Commented that he commanded only at the New Market event, and that Col. Britton Commanded at 1st. Manassas and Col. Perry commanded at Cedar Creek.

Civilians- This has been the best year for civilian units. They lead candlelight tours, ice stations and worked with Doc Harris with medical concerns. The civilians helped a lot of Federals at Manassas. On Sunday at Manassas there was a bad incident with Col. Britton on one side and a unit of Federals on the other which over ran a group of our civilians who were in camp cooking etc. The Federals didn't raise their muskets high enough when firing upon the ladies. Some were 5 feet away, when 15 feet should be the closest. The ladies thanked Col. Britton for yelling at the Federals and rescuing them from injury. Civilians that form orderly units can go onto probation and then have the right to vote.

9) **Insurance Reports:** (Charles Clark III)

-Only 1 insurance claim filed this year. Please call him or Wendy to get answers about any insurance questions. Please DO NOT call the insurance company. We have had no problems with our insurance company and we have about \$23,000 in our treasury. Please give Wendy Clark 2 weeks notice for additional events you want insurance coverage for. She has copies of Certificate of Insurance for event planners. (see hand out of insurance info)

10) **Introduction and Request for Admission of New Units into the ANV-**

<u>Battalion</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Permanent/Probational</u>
1st Battn.	<u>42nd Va</u>	Perm
2nd Battn.	<u>13th Va Cav, Company 'I'</u>	
3rd Regt.	<u>37th Va and 19th Va, Company 'B'</u>	Perm
4th Regt.	None	
5th Regt.	<u>Massanutten Cadets and</u> <u>5th Regt. Soldiers Aid Society</u>	Perm Perm
6th Regt.	35th Va Cav, Company A What Remains, Civilians	Perm Probation
7th Regt.	None	

8th Battn.	2nd Texas Cav and 7th Va Cav, Company A	Perm Perm
9th Battn.	61st Ga, Company 'A' 44th Ala, Company 'C' Alexander's Btry Blue Ridge Grays Soldiers Aid Moody's Btry	Probation Perm Perm Perm Probation
10th Battn.	None	
Artillery	Chesterfield Light Georgia Light	Perm Probation
Cavalry	7th Va Cav, Company E 7th VA Cav, Company F	Failed to obtain sufficient votes for Membership Failed to obtain sufficient votes for membership

11) **Election of division Commander:**

-Vote by acclamation for General Tolar to continue-(his 5th year)

12) **Old Business:**

- None

13) **New Business:**

-An Artillery member took the floor to ask that we change hotels for next year. Many members report room aren't clean, there's no ice, there are water leaks etc.

-Gen. Clark said that he would follow up on the new management in 3-4 months and if things aren't greatly improved, then he will arrange for us to use a different hotel for next year.

-Dixie Days@- June 2007 The Edmund Ruffin SCV camp will sponsor the Battle of Gaines Mill in Mechanicsville VA. Usually 1,000 reenactors, 5-6,000 spectators. Artillery bounty not confirmed yet. www.dixiedays.com .

-Down In The Valley@: A CMF event held at Cedar Creek Battlefield June 15-16, 2007. Battle of 1st Kernstown and 1st Winchester (sat march 3 mile and through the trenched!) Need more Confederates. Can't open event to entire ANV or entire Longstreet's, but need CS troops (like 500 ANV). ***There will be very strict regulations. See the website. Units can do special units upon request only. Cavalry and Artillery very restricted. ltcolcsa@hotmail.com for questions. *** Females must be able to document a specific female that was at the battle as a soldier or as a female vivandier etc. Must be able to hide your gender if portraying a male!

- Handmade flags for sale: John Pitzenbarger Northstate Haberdashery. 13th NC will promote a march every 5 years to raise money for South Mountain Battlefield in MD. Walkers to raise a minimum \$50, and suggest donations are money per mile.

-145th Sharpsburg/ Antietam: www.mhf.org event by invitation only! 150 slots for ANV members.

-Gen Tolar- Presented Suzanne Chilson, Executive Director of Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation. Thanked her for a great 1st Manassas event. The General feel there are none better than Cedar Creek, and that they go out of their way to support reenactors. They appreciate us!

-Chris Loving- Flag preservation (4th Regt.) collecting funds to restore the 58th VA flag that was captured and then returned in 1905. They must remove stitching that was added in the 1940's to help preserve it. They have already collected \$10,000 but still need another \$10,000. See the table in rear where they are selling t-shirt and collecting donations.

Jerry Prentice- Help with a scouting educational event to present Sharpsburg to No. VA scouts. Need help with program demo, mock drill, and mock battle. They will pay reenactors powder bounty, all fees, meals, wood and straw. Event for scouts on April 21-22, 2007. Call him at 703-425-5844.

Lunch Break

Chickamauga event: Possible ANV Command

-Fall 2008, same location as 13th "The Dust Bowl". There will be grass this year! Sponsored by *Civil War Courier*. Artillery may be by invitation only.

Stratford Hall-R.E. Lee Birthday party- Col. Rick Britton

-Jan 19-21, 2007. Artillery already involved, need 20-30 men to drill.

Camp of Instruction at New Market Battlefield: Col. Rick Britton

-New Market Battlefield April 20-22. Registration fee \$2.00. All Saturday different drills "School of the soldier" Parade, Tactical on Sunday. *** Can follow your own schedule if you like. 3rd Regiment will host this event. See ANV web site.

143rd Cold Harbor: Col. Smith

- March 30-April 1, 2007. 8 cannon bounty, at least 100 Cavalry, 1,500 to maybe 2500 reenactors. Event to benefit local fort restoration. Located in Wight Co. VA near Rt. 95 and 460. Event run by reenactors.

Nashaminy: Col. Rodman (wrodman1@aol.com)

-Northeastern ANV members here=s your chance. April 27-29, 2007. Artillery by invitation only! Plenty of Yankees to kill. About 1000 reenactors last year. There will be a tactical in

the woods (very enjoyable) then a scripted scenario with a lot of spectators. All proceeds go to preservation, last year Confederate charities received \$1000. Art. Commander Greg Fitzgerald. Event contact www.28thPVI.org.

Carolina Campaign: Brian Stanton

-Feb 24-25, 2007 in St. Paul, NC (15 miles S. of Fayetteville) Donny Taylor commanding. No restrictions at this time. Plenty of room for Cavalry. There will be a pig roast sat evening. \$8 reg fee. Proceeds to Robinson Co. Historical soc. (this is NOT the Averysboro battle). Federal impressions needed! (see flyer for contacts).

Ft. Branch: Bill Potts

-1st weekend in November 2007. Really need federals for this event.

Zoar: Col. Perry

-Zoar, Ohio. Sept 15-16, 2007. Everything will be supplied, many Federals, period village. Reenactors have the entire town and river frontage. Can hold as many troops as we can bring. www.zoarcivilwar.com Artillery, as many as want to attend. All proceeds go to preservation.

Cedar Creek: Suzanne Chilson

- Down in the Valley @ spring 2007
- Cedar Creek Oct 19, 20 21, 2007. Limit of 20 Artillery on each side!!! Same camp set up as 2006. ANV commanding again for 2007. Please register Artillery ASAP.

Elmira, NY: 9th Battalion

1st weekend in May 2007. Small event at prison camp sponsored by 9th Batt. About 300 CS. There will be a breakfast on sun. Any ANV welcome to come and command their own unit. Contact aphill@gmavermont.net

Sharpsburg at Loudon Heights:

Proposal for Max Effort events:

-Discussion of doing it regional this year. 1 northern one southern, one western seem logical.

Break to Caucus individually with units.

Voted in events: (Voted on as a whole) Vote passed

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| 1) Cold Harbor, Isle of Wight (March/April) | 3) Zoar (Sept) |
| 2) Nashaminy (April) | 4) Cedar Creek (Oct) |

*** Clark=s battalion will be activated as Union at Cold Harbor

14) **Committee reports:**

-By laws: Walt Hilderman-No Changes

-Ordinance & Provost: Walt Hilderman- Thank you to Sgt. Majors and others. Any recommendations for re-writes, please provide in writing via email.

-Senior Reserve- Jake Jennette -A new program to offer something for those who do not feel able to take the field. Offer something to do. Work as provost, man the provost desk, guard camps during battle etc. Please encourage those members to participate in this new program.

15) **Raffle Prizes**

Possible 2008 events: Chickamauga, Gettysburg, Ft. A.P. Hill (With Mason-Dixon Alliance), Cedar Creek.

16) **Closing:**

17) Last Roll Call & Benediction:

Ed Little, Sr. (18th NC)

Stan Jordon (1st Reg, VA Vol. Co. D)

Corp. Jeff Bishop (9th VA)

David Keal (44th GA B was only 17years old)

Alex Leslie (8th Batt. Adjutant)

Rich Stover (needs prayer, in Hospice)

Chris Cook (Please pray for our Veterans on Veteran's Day)

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Smith

Captain

Artillery Battalion