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FERNDALE

Reenactment & Living History Event August 20 and 21

The Ferndale event is a great opportunity for all our members and guests to participate in recreated scenarios of the Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg), Maryland, in 1862. The Command Staffs have been working hard to create some of the best battle scenarios for us to demonstrate, including the following:

- The Fight at the Sunken Road
- The Fight at the Dunker Church
- The Cornfield (complete with a tall cropfield to use)
- A.P. Hill's Counter-Attack

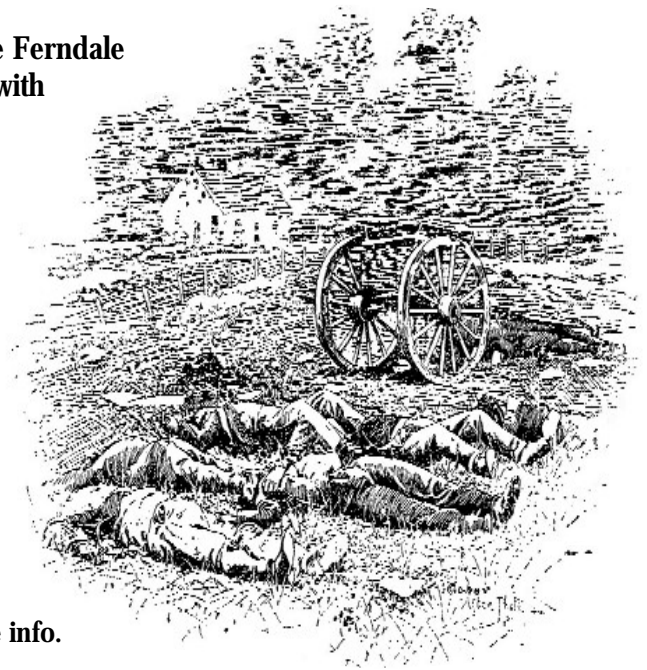
We will have the props and the field preparation to create great scenarios for the crowd. This will be a fun opportunity for our club to experience these major battlefield events and to present them for the public. There will be a large dance on Saturday evening with professional caller and band providing the music. Food vendors will be on site as well. The event coordinators have put in a great deal of effort and time promoting the event in the community, so, weather permitting, a large crowd is expected. This will be a great wrap-up to our schedule of major battle events for 2005!

Please show up and plan on having a great time. The Ferndale event has been held many years and is well organized, with all amenities. We expect to make it a convenient and easy event.

Directions to the Event Site

From North or South on Interstate 5, take the Main Street Ferndale exit, Number 262. Turn West on Main Street. Drive toward Ferndale, downtown. After 1/4 of a mile, you will come to a railroad overpass. Stay in the left lane. Immediately after the overpass, take the first Left turn (south). Go 500 feet, and watch for the sign for Hovander Park and Tenant Lake. Turn right toward the park. Follow the signs to the registration area and Reenactor parking.

Contact Chris Moran (eandcmoran@earthlink.net) for more info.





LIVING HISTORY at the EVERGREEN STATE FAIR AUGUST 27 & 28

LIVING HISTORY AND RECRUITING EVENT—Big crowds guaranteed! This is a great opportunity to “sell” your Unit and sign up new members. Set up your Unit educational displays, interface with the public and then camp over. Bring your 21st century family members to “do” the Fair while you sit in camp.

10:00 AM to 10:00 PM – Saturday, August 27th and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Sunday, August 28th

Information:

Set-up: You may load in Friday August 26th after 10:00 PM or early in the AM (6:00) on Saturday and Sunday. Vehicles must be off the grounds by 9:30 AM.

Tear-down: After 10:00 PM on Saturday or 5:00 PM on Sunday. Vehicles may park behind the Display Hall for loading. Do not park on the road by the Lumberjack Show west of the WCWA display.

Display location: We have the grassy area in Frontierland between the Shannahan Cabin the VIP cabin. There is room for 10 “A” tents for those who want to camp over, and for a large demo tent or fly. We cannot block the path to the Shannahan Cabin. There is a fire pit we can use behind the Shannahan Cabin.

Fairground location: The Fairground is on Highway 2 and 179th St. in Monroe. Enter at the East gate to unload and

then park in the Hanson or Blue Lot which is also on the East side.

PLEASE BRING: Artillery and horses for the Parade. Artillery for display. Unit displays and weapons. (We cannot shoot, except the artillery in the parade.) Bring unit brochures. General WCWA brochures will be available.

Schedule:

Monroe Parade: Saturday, Aug.27, through the town. Arrive at parade head at Monroe Jr. High School at 10:00. Line up after the Fair Board Trolley. Parade begins at 11:00.

Dance and Style Show: Saturday 12:55 to 1:35 and Sunday 2:55 to 3:50 on the Stage area east of the Display Hall.

We are invited to march around the grounds in drill and with fife and drum corps.

We will have on-going displays in the Display Hall close to our outside area.

WE REALLY NEED:

1. Volunteers to cook and do indoor displays.
2. Dance caller
3. Style show MC
4. Fife & Drum Corps

Tickets:

Call or e-mail Pat Pietsch for free entry and parking tickets before Aug 20. She has only 10 hours of e-mail time per month, so phone might be safer. 360-794-9630 or trustinyhwh@juno.com. She will have tickets with her at Ferndale. You can also get them at “Will Call” at the East entry gate at the Fair.



ECHOES OF BLUE AND GRAY A Call To Arms

At 2 p.m. Saturday September 10, following the WCWA board meeting, the Evergreen Cemetery at 4501 Broadway in Everett, WA will sponsor and host the 1st annual *Echoes of Blue and Gray* ceremony. Similar in format and content to the *Honoring Their Memory* ceremony held yearly at the Snohomish G.A.R. cemetery, this inaugural outing will focus on the dedication of a new \$5,000 monument. While the monument and ceremony will be held in in the cemetery's recently refurbished G.A.R. section, both will commemorate the more than 150 Union and Confederate veterans buried within the cemetery grounds. This is a call for blue and gray uniformed troops (especially riflemen and artillery) and civilian reenactors to turn out for what looks to be a media event offering good exposure for the WCWA. For our efforts, the WCWA will be paid \$200 by the cemetery's parent organization. For additional information please contact R. Bruce Smith at (425)483-0351 or babrsmith@peoplepc.com.

Notice: To All Participants of the 2005 Ferndale Event

You are cordially invited to attend the wedding of 15th Alabama 1st Sgt. Jerry Shiner and Miss Cosette Landon of the Confederate Marines. This event is scheduled to be held on the battlefield between the Saturday battles about 1 p.m. Both Union and Confederate are welcome, as a temporary cease-fire will be in place. If you are the proud possessor of a sword, bring it along and participate in the sword arch. We will be serving wedding cake and punch shortly before the dance Saturday evening. We hope all will come to join us for this happy occasion.

ONTO ATLANTA The Civil War Experiences of Franklin A. Rogers

Edited by
R. Bruce Smith

Continued from the February issue...

[On the 13th of May, ed.] Howard was following us closely and a part of the Fourth corps relieved us and we were sent to the left to guard the left wing of the railroad. We were on the battle line all the rest of the day with some light skirmishing. The whole regiment was on picket duty all night. Howard and McPherson were fighting nearly all night on our left. We could hear our boys hurrah when they gained a point and the Rebs hurrah whenever they repulsed our men.

On the 15th we were still on battle line along the railroad and there was heavy fighting all day about a mile to our left. We had no Rebels in front of us during the forenoon, but in the afternoon as Thomas was driving them back toward the river, they began to get too thick for comfort in front of us and we had to run up the six 18-pound Rodman guns of the Eighteenth Indiana battery and open fire on them. Part of the brigade dismounted to support the battery while the rest of us went to the right and left in front and fought the Johnnies, sending our horses to the rear. We were good and busy the rest of the afternoon. Towards evening



the Rebels withdrew toward Resaca. Two of us were to watch the fort to our left. Just at dusk five Johnnies came to cross the river at the ford and we took them to camp with us. The infantry was still having heavy fighting a short distance to our right until 12 at night, when they fell back across the river.

The Rebels burned the bridges when their rear guard had crossed, but before night the next day the railroad bridge had been rebuilt by our engineer corps and we had trains across it. It was a common remark by the troops that before one bridge was entirely burned, a new one was in place and a train across while the whistle of the engine told the Johnnies we were right after them. The reason of this was that a number of important bridges were framed and numbered in the yard at Chattanooga and scores of these bridges were still in the yard in that city long after the war closed.

The battle of Resaca was two days and one night in length and the losses were heavy on both sides. During the battle the Rebs had breastworks to fall back to, while we had none, only what were thrown up in a hurry. We found many of the Reb sharpshooters dead in the trees after the battle. They had climbed the trees and tied themselves so they would not fall out of it. General Kilpatrick was wounded here on the first day.

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~WCWA 2005 Event Schedule~

Events in bold are WCWA approved and sponsored

August

- 6, Little Diamond Resort Event, Spokane. Contact Harold Voltz, hjvkev@icehouse.net, 509-467-4667.
- 6, Stanwood Parade, sanctioned. Contact Rose Pugh, rlp4thus@earthlink.net, 360-654-0196.
- 13, Gen. Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.
- 20-21, Hovander Farms, Ferndale, sponsored public battle.** Contact Chris Moran, eandcmoran@cs.com, 360-398-8914.
- 27-28, Evergreen State Fair and Monroe Parade, sanctioned.** Contact Pat Pietsch, trustinyhwh@juno.com, 360-794-9630.

September

- 3-5, NCWC Ft. Stevens State Park public battle event, Warrenton OR.
- 10, Gen. Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

October

- 1-2, Backcountry Tactical, Naches, sanctioned. Contact Alan Geho, 509-966-0867.
- 15, Gen. Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

November

- 6, Veteran's Day Parade, Auburn, sanctioned. Contact Contact Craig Gideon Pete, waywardpilgrim@juno.com, 253-720-8179.
- 12, Gen. Board Meeting, Snohomish G.A.R. Cemetery.

"What I Saw"

Reminiscences of a Confederate Officer At the Battle of Franklin

By David Imburgia

Along the Nashville Pike,
Franklin, Tennessee.

PART 6.

We were among them. The ground around me was covered with the bodies of men, dressed in blue, and gray and butternut and in every posture and position imaginable. A moment before we had stood suspended at the brink of this display of human pandemonium, dressing our lines one last time. But then, we had plunged forward. We had crossed the last yards. Climbed upon the red dirt piled as an obstacle and stepped among the fallen at our feet. Down we went into the deep trenches and leapt up onto

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Classified Ads

Submit your ad and let the Dispatch work for you. This is a free service for WCWA members. Ads will be run for 4 months then removed. If the item sells before that or you wish to run your ad for another 4 months, contact the Editor.

TO TRADE

Wall tent w/ side poles, ropes, uprights and ridgepole for A-Frame (preferably the 9 ft. length) with or without poles. Wall tent is in good shape and waterproofed, just want a little smaller rig to put up. Contact Dave Lambert, 253-847-5331 or at cwchap@yahoo.com

Expires Oct '05

FOR SALE

Euro Arms 1853 Enfield. Well cared for. \$350. Contact Dave or Jennifer Snow, 360-782-0682 or dasnowz@wavecable.com.

Expires Aug '05

FOR SALE

U.S. Infantry frock coat w/ enlisted shoulder scales, 42R, for \$120. ~ Dark blue enlisted 38 X 34 wool trousers for \$50. ~ Dark blue Kepl lined for \$20. Says size 7 but can fit 7 3/8. Contact John Strand, 4th US Inf, (206) 784-5141 or StrandJR@hotmail.com.

Expires Nov '05

FOUND

Folding camp stool left in the Stanford's Battery camp at Spokane. Owner may call 425-392-6992 to claim it.

Expires Sept. '05

FOUND at Spokane. Unusual Federal canteen. Call 360-456-4743. Ted Saylor, 20th Maine Co. F

Expires Sept. '05

FOR SALE

Used Federal shell jacket approx size 42-44 with sergeant stripes. It is of excellent quality and in good shape. Asking \$75.00. Open to trading for two dog tents or an A-frame tent. Contact David Dougherty of the 4th US, david-

FOR SALE

A number of young girls dresses (dresses for girls preschool up to 10 years old) in good condition. Along with these are straw bonnets. Make and offer for any you may be interested in. Contact David Dougherty, davidcdougherty1@hotmail.com.

Expires Nov '05

WANTED

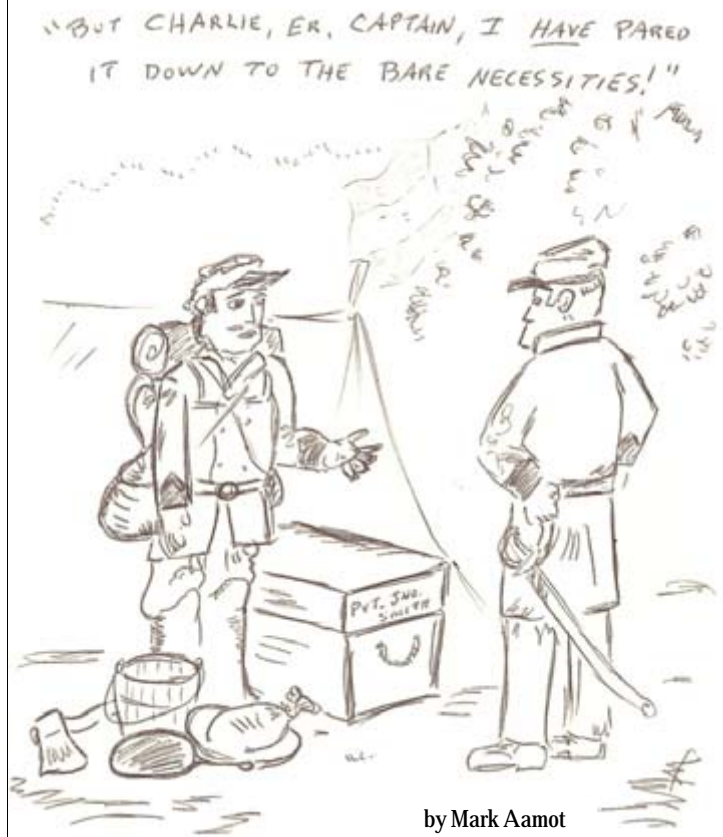
Lightly used dog tents or an A-frame tent. Contact David Dougherty, davidcdougherty1@hotmail.com.

Expires Nov '05

LOST

at the GAR ceremony. Blue crocheted cotton hair net/snood. Please contact Corky at 425-335-4904 or corkym3@juno.com if found.

Expires Aug '05



by Mark Aamot

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the far sides. Strangers in blue uniforms lifted muskets toward us and tongues of blue flame lashed out to be answered by our own defiant volleys. Always, some fell.

Our line stood and traded terrible blows with these strangers. All about me was confusion, yelling, loading, firing, and men toppling to lay against our legs. Shapes appeared out of the smoke, and others disappeared. Voices rang out in desperation or fear and some laughed in hysterical abandon.

I saw the body of our Colonel, sprawled upon the red clay breastwork before us, his one wild arm still pointing forward as if accusing the strangers of the fate he had met. I saw the gaze of our Major roll one last time toward the proud Tennessee banner, and go still. And the boys continued to stand, until they in turn fell, adding their bodies

to the weight about my legs.

I came upon half a dozen strangers in blue, their rifles held upside down, surrendered. Still their faces held defiance, as well as concern over what would next happen. I stood above them, they down in their trench. I held my revolver pointed in their general direction, and made sure that they saw I was serious about my duty.

The end was near. Finally, the critical moment arrived, when we must prevail or recoil. When there could not remain enough of us to succeed unless we managed that success at this critical moment! I saw the sword held high by Captain Lowery as he aimed us, the few remaining, in one last supreme effort to go over the last breastwork. I saw the boys around me step forward, to obey, to follow, to victory or to destiny. They jumped over the first ditch, and leaned forward and away,

far away into the smoke and noise and confusion.

I saw the captain fall. Slowly, from the labor of his long day, he lay down among the heroic friends who had shared his long day's labor, blue and gray, and he was still. *To be continued...*

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PLEASE NOTE that the deadline for submissions for the next issue is the 25th of the month.