

Ist Div. Army of Northern Virginia
Convention
November 8, 2008

1) **Call To Order:** (Colonel Neil Sunderland)

- Quorum announced: 90 validated voting ballots issued...2/3=68.
- On and off probation lists were passed to Secretary to be added to the minutes.

2) **Welcome:** (General Jake Jennette)

- Introduction of guests from USV, Gen. Waffler, wife and several staff members. Discussed the need to grow the relationship. Discussed past opportunities where we were able to have some clout working together for common interests. Stated a special need to work together for 150th Anniversary events.

3) **Salute to the Flags and Pledge of Allegiance:**

4) **Battalion Reports:**

- 1st Batt: Attendance at 12 events. Worked with 7th Batt. 1 new company joining.
- 2nd Batt: Slow growing, economy resulted in lowered attendance etc. "Mud & rain" at Chancellorsville. Supporting 5th Batt at New Jersey event this year.
- 3rd Batt: Had 3 events within 6 weeks. Commander's first year leading, has gotten a lot of support.
- 4th Batt: Fond memories of Chancellorsville (mud and rain), but would go back again. Col. Taylor not at Gettysburg but other staff commanding. Economy hit them but sent representatives to Cedar Creek and Chickamauga.
- 5th Batt: Attended all ANV Max effort events and several Battalion level events. Have some units and people transferring.
- 6th Batt: Col. Pereira retiring and new commander Lee Jones assuming command. Major gap between events in the middle of the year.
- 7th Batt: Col. Perry not present. Was a good year, as always. Their membership at same level.
- 8th Batt: Strange year. Large gap between events. Mainly focused on New Jersey events. Their largest local event was cancelled. They have lost some units, 1 left, 1 transferred to 5th Batt. 1 or 2 new from Long Island. Economy has hit them hard, so they only had 75 members at Gettysburg...gas was \$4.75 in Long Island at that time.
- 9th Batt: Both economic issues and not many yanks to kill.
- 10th Batt: Not a good year. Cut back from 6 events to 3. Will have 1 new unit this year.
- Cavalry: Wonderful year with lots of events. Serious issues discussed in Executive meeting.
- Artillery: Excellent year even with the gas prices. Still had good participation of units at max effort events. Expecting 2 new units with possibly 14 new guns. We are picking up units further south. As a group we attended 14 events and all 3 max effort events.
- Staff: Each members announced their position
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5) **Insurance Report:** (Col. Rich Rathbun and Insurance chairperson Capt. Jenni Haines)

- 144 companies, with 2,386 combatants, and 1199 civilians.
- Only one insurance claim was filed this year and it was actually a 2007 incident. Our insurance did cover the claim without much expense to the claimant.
- Prices on most everything are going up, thus our insurance needs to rise a bit.
- Executive board meeting and Insurance: We had covered 52 events in the past. Now we are doubling our coverage to 104 events. Cost not completely set but may double with the increase of the number of events to the 104 the board decided on. In the past our Accident policy actually only covered about 500 people, but not now that's not enough coverage and the cost will rise proportionately.
- We are now Chartered in Virginia, and our Non Profit, 501-C3 is pending. We have 2 attorneys working Pro Bono for the Division. We, as an organization, must change our insurance coverage to reflect our status as a corporation instead of a "club".

- With the need to cover all members for Accident and by increasing the Liability coverage to 104 events, the board has set these insurance dues for 2009:
 - Combatant was \$9, now \$20 (liability & accident), a Civilian Head of Household will also be \$20, but a dependent wife, child, legal partner etc. is \$8 each and will be covered for liability under the head of household coverage.
 - This information will be clarified on the website www.bonnieblue.net.
 - Staff regrets the increase in insurance but it was necessary for safety reasons.
 - *******Each battalion commander or adjutant will handle filing the necessary payment and insurance for their member companies instead of having each company send in the registration. The deadline is February 1st 2009 to allow the insurance coordinator ample time to prepare for the policy start date of April 1, 2008. If the information and money are not submitted, YOU HAVE NO INSURANCE.**
 - There will be **Accident coverage at ALL events**, however **Liability insurance** will only be provided for **ANV Max effort, and Battalion level Max effort events**. Each company is to provide a list of events to the Insurance Coordinator. The coordinator will compile a master list to determine which events will be covered. We will try to have all of the events added to the 104. Special note, please provide the Insurance Coordinator (Jenni Haines) the name of an event you wish to add to the master list at least 2 weeks prior to the event date. **Due to the set limit (104) there will/can be some events that won't be covered.** Please check with the insurance coordinator to be sure that your event is covered.
 - New units and new members that join after the deadline will be able to get insurance.
- Units may wish to get their own additional insurance if they have a lot of events that aren't covered.
- Our policy is the only one of its kind with this carrier, and the ANV has an excellent reputation and record in regards to safety.
- There was discussion on how the number "104" was achieved. Decided to double the previous figure. It's an estimate for insurance rating purposes. Didn't want too little or too many.
- Who counts as a "combatant?" Is that anyone taking the field? What about Medical, Ice Angels. Flag bearers? ***** **A person in the rear with ice is not actually involved in the battle but IS on the battle field...YES they DO need combatant coverage.**
- Remember to give the Insurance Coordinator a two (2) week notice for events not already listed on your insurance filed in February.
- Suggestion to cover ANV Convention, and Remembrance Day as 2 of the events since so many members attend these non combat events.
- Emails Jenni Haines at rebels49th@comcast.net, and Rich Rathbun at aphill@gmavt.net

6) Treasurer's Report:

- We opened the new account with \$23,840, had expenses of \$16,566. This leaves \$7,274. Last year's meeting we agreed to donate up to 3% of our net each year. During the executive meeting it was declared that instead of the max of 3% which would be \$218.23, we would donate \$1000 to Brandy Station.
- The 2008 budget was a trial. To avoid a monthly fee, we go no interest. It was decided to set aside \$10,000 in CD's. \$5000 for 6 months and \$5000 for 3 months.
- Because of the insurance issue and uncertain cost, we are not investing our entire surplus until we know our actual insurance costs.

7) Requests for admission to the ANV (units coming on and off Division Probation):

(Added in via sheets submitted to Michelle Smith)

- 1st Batt- 1 unit from probation to full status.
- 2nd- On to probation- 54th NC Field Hospital, 12th VA Co. B
- 3rd- Coming off probation- 40th VA. Co. B. New unit coming onto probation- 34th NC, Co. H
- 4th- New units coming on probation- NCS Militia "Home Guard", and 20th NC Co. K
- 5th- 1 unit transferred in (already full status)- 44th GA
- 6th- None
- 7th- None
- 8th-None

- 9th-None
- 10th- on to probation- 7th LA Co. B, 10th TN Co. M
- Cav: Coming off probation- 13th VA Co. C, 1st MD Co. C, 1st VA Co. E, Civilian Co. Coming onto probation- 9th VA Co. C, 1st VA Co. D, 7th VA Co. A
- Art: Coming off probation- Adam's Batt, Andrew's Batt, Lee's Light, LA Guard, Morgan's bat, 3rd Richmond Howitzers, Davidson's Flying, Hanover Batt. Going onto probation- Jordan's batt (2 guns), Black Creek (12 guns).

Vote for all at once: "0" Nays, No abstentions, the Yay's have it. All passed into acceptance.

8) Election of Division Commander:

- 10 new units received their voting cards.
- Col. Tony Farinelli nominated Jake Jennette to be General for the 2009 season. There was a move to close the nominations and a vote by acclamation with no objections.

9) Old Business: None

10) Point of information:

- How much was spent on Door Prizes? See the treasurer's report for figures.
- If you do not get what you won, how can we handle this problem? Speak with Neil Sunderland if you have trouble claiming a prize you received a gift certificate for.

•11) New Business: Events for 2009 and beyond.

- 145th Spotsylvania- May 1-3, 2009. Website coming soon. No trenches this year due to funding. Will be at Belvedere Plantation.
- 145th Cedar Creek- Oct 17-18, 2009. This will be our last year in the command rotation. Still trying to get the big piece of land near Belle Grove.
- 145th Atlanta-Labor Day Weekend (Sept) 2009/ On the Nash Farm, Henry Co, off I-75. This will be the last Atlanta battle of Sherman's March. Will be on the actual battlefield. ANV will have its own Brigade. \$10 per person until May 1st. www.atlantacampaign.com
- 145th Bentonville- March 20-21, 2010. Restricted Confederate registration, need Federals. There will not be a tactical. Approximately 2000 troops only, 40,000 visitors last time the event was held. Proceeds will be donated to Civil War Preservation trust. Website available by January 2009 www.bentonville145.com. Will not be any online registration.
- 144th Bentonville March 21-22, 2009. Will be a living history event with 4th regiment.
- Isle of Wight- June 5-7th, 2009. Battles of Gaines Mill and Malvern Hill. Still in early stages of planning. www.isleofwight.gov, check ANV website for more details.
- Neshaminy- April 17-19, 2009. This is the 20th anniversary. Will be one week earlier this year so as not to conflict with the Spotsylvania event. Will reenact Ft. Stevens Monocacy Battle. www.28thPVI.org.
- Zoar- September 18-19, 20, 2009. Central Ohio, held every 2 years in 19th century German village with German Inn.
- 145th New Market- May 15-17, 2009.
- Woodbury(Connecticut)- August 14-16, 2009
- Vote:
 - Neshaminy-30, Spotsylvania-86, New Market-7, Isle of Wight-57, Woodbury-23, Atlanta-13, Zoar-23, Cedar Creek-86.
 - **ANV Max Effort will be Spotsylvania, Isle Of Wight and Cedar Creek.**
 - Discussion if a regional max effort could be used to count as a Max Effort for those who live far away and can't afford the gas prices.
- Discussion of other events:
 - Ft. Pocahontas- May 23-24th
 - Locust Grove October 31, White Hall (near Allentown PA) June 12-14, will have trench warfare.
 - Ridley Creek September ???

- Remembrance Day 2008- November 22-24th.
 - We will be working with the USV. Obtained a special permit to do a parade on the actual battlefield below the wall. Will happen directly after the parade, down Steinware Ave and then across into the field. USV should already be there waiting. Mason-Dixon Alliance! Comments made by Jake Jennette and the USV General. Opportunity for us to meet the other side and start to know one another. The USV general said that events with the ANV have been some of the safest groups he's worked with. **** Sabers and Bayonets must be sheathed on the park grounds! Huge fines if you don't.
 - Please let Neil Sunderland know if you plan to march at Remembrance Day
- Discussion of the USV organization:
 - There are 4 branches. An infantry regiment with 2 battalions and 1 colonel and 2 majors, 1 from each battalion. They have 3 infantry regiments (1st, 2nd, 3rd) with approximately 900 rifles. Line company commanders are elected. Sharp shooters are independent. Artillery is about 17 batteries with 38 guns and approximately 230 artillerists. Their Cavalry is about 120 horses.
 - Again, hoping that Mason-Dixon Alliance can form a bond between organizations, influence events in the hobby. We did invoke the Alliance at Gettysburg on the water issue.

12) Committee Reports:

- By-Laws Committee: Some minor grammar issues only.

13) Changes in Headquarters Company:

- Discussed in the Executive meeting. The HQ personnel will be formed into a unit since some members aren't affiliated with other units.
- Vote to have the HQ unit be passed to full membership with the general commanding. Nays- "0"

14) Accommodations:

- The group voted to return to the Fredericksburg Hospitality House in 2009 for the convention.