

UPCOMING
EVENTS

(subject to change)

- Knott's Berry
Farm Living History
- Vista
- Temple City
- Prado
- Henry Clay
- Placerita
- Pierce

Check the company
web site for
calendar
updates at:
www.5NYZouave.org

The Official Newsletter of Duryee's Zouaves, 5th New York State Vols, Co. C

Message from President Tim Huebner

Greetings and Salutations....

Ah. Family.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil war, so it should be a good time for all us Civil War buffs. Battlefields will once again fill up, books, old and new will be perused, and for us in the 5th New York, a excellent time to remind ourselves why we dress up in all the fancy red do-dads. It's often been discussed that everyone has a different reason why they join the hobby. Some like to burn powder, some like the good fellowship that occurs around the campfire. Others like Mr. Keyes and myself, like to talk to the public and pass on what knowledge we have, hopefully to good effect.

Another reason I do it, as everyone around me knows, is to pay in my own

small way, tribute to those in my family who played their part in a drama that continues to effect us every day. That's why many of us don the scratchy wool of our ancestors; to honor their memory, and to try to experience at least for a day, the bone wearying existence of the average Civil War soldier. We've all been teased by outsiders for this "hobby," that for many of us is more like a mania. But how many people do we know that want to remember their forefathers in such a way. How many even try?

I've often believed that what interests a person at seven can still interest them at 70. I've loved studying the war since I was first given a copy of American Heritage's picture history of the Civil war. I still have two dog-eared copies,

which I pull out every now and then. It was of course my connection to one Mr. Ellsworth (That I readily admit I'll tell anyone about) that carried me to the present day. For the longest time, he was my only link to my family's history. Recently however, I discovered that the little Colonel had relatives that I didn't know about- two cousins in the 77th Illinois went with Grant to Vicksburg, and another fought with the 3rd Vermont, which found itself fighting in every major battle from Antietam to Spotsylvania. So now along with Uncle Elmer, there's Cousin Alonzo, Amos and Edward. I guess now I'll have to shell out some bucks for a "boring blue" uniform. Come to think of it though, boring blue doesn't sound so bad anymore...Until next time, for Liberty and Union...Pvt. Tim

Unit Donates Money for Big Bethel Monument in VA

The dedication will take place on June 11th, 2011. The time is not available yet, but they estimate it will be late morning in Hampton, Virginia in the small park created on the original Big Bethel Battlefield. The unit has voted to donate \$500 to help pay for the monument. The unit's name will appear with Company A's name on the rear of the monument. Here is the email that was sent to the 5th which describes the project.

The 3rd Vermont Co A here in Vermont were down for dedication of a new monument at Lee Mills last Fall and met Dr John Quarstein who has headed up the Virginia War Museum in the past. He has interested us in raising funds for a monument to Federal troops at Big Bethel - the 1st Vermont was there and many of those boys who were 3 month recruits came back and re-entered service in the 1st Vermont Brigade which included the 2-6th

*Vermont and eventually, the 11th. We are helping Dr. Quarstein in raising funds - a monument similar to the one shown would run around \$14,000 and could be inscribed on both sides - giving the history of the 1st Vermont and the 5th NY. We were wondering if you might be interested in helping with the fundraising and at the dedication.
YOS
Willima E. Minsinger, M.D.*

2011 Officers Elected at Christmas Party



Paul reveals the officer slate for elections at the Christmas party where the new officers were voted in for 2011 while wearing the "symbol of authority."

Thanks to Scott and Robin Harrington for hosting the annual Christmas Party & Meeting for the seventh consecutive year. The rain did not dampen the evening, as the event was well attended and much enjoyment was had by all! Company elections are now over and the following is a list of the results. Congratulations to all who have been elected for 2011. This will be another great year for Company C.

Corporate Officers:

President - Tim Huebner
Treasurer - Steve Johsz
Secretary - Don Roberts
Quartermaster - Ralph Keyes
E-Tombeau Editor - Lynn Johsz

Field Officers:

Captain - Steve Johsz
1st Sergeant - Paul Chaffey
2nd Sergeant - Darren Hoerner
1st Corporal - Joe Iside
2nd Corporal - Louis Bonsteel
Chaplain - Louis Bonsteel

Company C would also like to welcome new recruit Daniel Stafford, who we met at Moorpark this year.

The Time is Here to Pay Your 2011 Dues

It's the start of another great reenacting year and time to pay your 2011 dues. Company C appreciates your continued financial support, because along with membership benefits comes responsibility.

The \$25 annual dues pays for many things, including rounds, caps, drinks, food, donations to causes deemed worthy by the membership, postage, supplies, etc. *Most units do not provide rounds for their members* – Company C does because we

buy supplies in bulk and "roll our own," keeping your reenacting expenses to a minimum. In addition, a member must be in "good standing" in order to vote at the annual meeting.

Please send your check, made payable to the "5th NYVI, Co. C," to Steve Johsz (Treasurer), whose address is on the roster.

Unfortunately, our old bank (Chase) started to charge for the checking account this year. In order to maintain a minimum

balance, we need all members to pay their annual dues as soon as possible so that we can avoid any unnecessary bank charges. The Treasurer has found a bank, Wells Fargo, that doesn't charge small business checking account monthly fees.

As always, the Treasurer works to keep expenses down and to fulfill the promise to spend your dues wisely in order to provide the most benefit to all of the membership.

Unit Purchases New Guidon



The 5th has purchased a new regimental guidon to replace the aging torn and faded one that has served us so well. The old one will be framed and presented to Scott Harrington as a thank you for his many years of service to the unit. Hand painted, the two sided flag was made by Steve Hill.

“ The Zouave Practice”

Daily Alta California, Volume 13,
Number 4022, 18 February 1861

THE ZOUAVE PRACTICE BT DOESTICKS, P. B.

A fellow with a red bag
having sleeves to it for a coat;
with two red bags without
sleeves to them for trowsers;
with an embroidered and braided
bag for a vest; with a cup like a
red woolen saucepan; with
yellow boots like the fourth
robber in a stage play; with a
moustache like two half- pound
paint brushes, and with a sort of
sword-gun or gun-sword for a
weapon, that looks like the result
of a love affair between an
amorous broadsword and a
lonely musket, indiscreet and

tender — that is a Zouave.

A fellow who can put up a
hundred-and-ten pound dumb-
bell: who can climb up an eighty-
foot rope, hand over hand, with a
barrel of flour hanging to his
heels; who can do the "giant
swings" on a horizontal bar with
a fifty-six tied to each ankle; who
can walk up four flights of stairs
holding a heavy man in each
hand at arm's length, and who
can climb a greased pole feet
first, carrying a barrel of pork in
his teeth — that is a Zouave.

A fellow who can jump
seventeen feet four inches high
without a springboard; who can
tie his legs in a double bow-knot
round his neck without
previously softening his
shinbones in a steam bath; who

can walk Blondin's out-door
tight-rope with his stomach
outside of nine brandy cock-tails, a
suit of chain-armor outside his
stomach, and a stiff northeast
gale outside of that; who can set
a forty-foot ladder on end,
balance himself on top of it, and
shoot wild pigeons on the wing,
one at a time, just behind the
eye, with a single barreled Minie
rifle, three hundred yards
distance, and never miss a shot;
who can take a five-shooting
revolver in each hand and knock
spots out of the ten of diamonds
at eighty paces, turning
somersaults all the time and
firing every shot in the air — that
is a Zouave.

I am a Zouave!

Visit us often at
www.5NYZouave.org

More from President Tim Huebner

Thank you to Vince Callier for doing such a marvelous job with the E-Tombeau for so many years, and for Lynn Johsz taking the post. No doubt that she'll make it her own and bring the same sense of class and dignity that she brings to everything she does. Also, a gentle reminder, for those that are interested in our trip back east to mark Colonel Ellsworth passing, and the trip to Washington D.C., please let me know by early March. Our numbers are growing and Zouave and Federal blue units throughout the east have expressed an interest in attending. We'll talk more about it at Knott's. Finally, this being an anniversary year, interest in the war is building to a peak. Let's have a great turnout for all our events in 2011!

Drill Session to be Held at Knott's Living History Event

The Knott's Berry Farm annual encampment and drill session and the start to the sesquicentennial series of Civil War events begin next month over the weekend of February 19-20. We hope ALL of you will make plans to attend, as this is the first event of the New Year and we have many important issues that require your input. Primarily, we will:

- Pay dues – Please bring your \$25 annual dues if you have not already paid
- Drill, drill, and drill
- Discuss and vote on the 2011 Calendar of Events (see Company C website for tentative list)
- Discuss the upcoming trips back east
- Discuss unit goals for this coming year
- Have fun!

Participant Details for Knott's Living History Event , Feb. 19th & 20th

Participant Roster:

IMPORTANT: Knott's will need a list of participants by February 8th. If you are even THINKING of going, please let Steve know so he can put you on the list.

Set-Up:

We will set up our camp on Friday, February 18, beginning around Noon. If you can help, please do so as all help is appreciated.

Check-In:

Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Please be in the Company C camp, fully dressed and ready to go, by 8:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. We need to make the most of our short time together.

Registration Fee:

\$10.00 per participant ages 14 and over. If you do not register by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, you cannot participate.

Tickets for Knott's Berry Farm Amusement Park:

Participants will qualify for two adult passes for use in the next year at the completion of the event if the participant is there for the entire duration of the event from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ticket distribution will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Remember, each ticket is worth around \$56.00 each for use in the next year. Even if you don't use them, you will probably be able to make some family with kids very happy.

Parking Pass, Release and Safety Rules:

Parking passes, releases, and safety rules are on the www.civilwaralliance.com web site. **Download the parking pass and place it on your vehicle's dash OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED TO PARK!**



Marching at Knott's, 2010

Once again, the ladies
of the
**Women's Central
Association of
Relief**

will share the women's
side of the Union effort
with the public at Knott's.

**Be sure to stop by the
WCAR tent
to say hello and receive
some well-deserved
relief.**

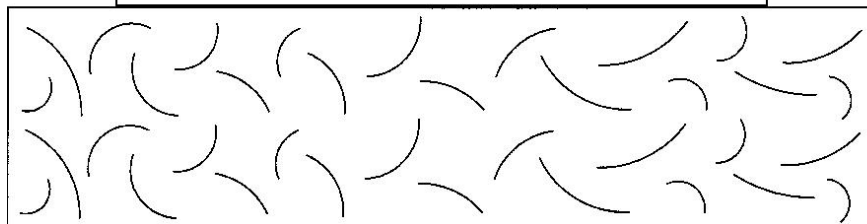
Flat Carved
Old VT coat of arms

DEDICATED ON THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY
BATTLE OF BIG BETHEL
UNION REGIMENTS ENGAGED:
1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 5TH (DURYEE ZOUAVES)
& 7TH NEW YORK
4TH MASS. & 1ST VERMONT
2ND U.S. ARTILLERY
UNION LOSSES:
18 KILLED, 53 WOUNDED, 5 MIA
TO THEIR EVERLASTING MEMORY



JUNE 10, 2011

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#5 (BACK)

DONORS:
THE VERMONT CIVIL WAR HEMLOCKS
AMERICAN LEGION POSTS: 24, 80
VFW POSTS: 4671, 792, 791
DAV CH. 22
THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS & VT. CAMPS
18TH VT. REG.
5TH N.Y. REG. CO. A & C
150TH NYSVIR

