



E-Tombeau

The Official Newsletter of
Duryee's Zouaves



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E-Tombeau Poetry Contest
The WINNER is...

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ELECTION RESULTS!!!
RECRUIT OF THE YEAR!

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Christmas Party a Success

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2008 SCHEDULE

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Searching for Articles!!!
We Need Book Reviews!!!
Where the Hell Are you
People!!!

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And WCAR



The Return of
Tim Huebner !!!
Former President
Re-Takes Office
A "RETURN TO THE BAD
OLD DAYS" IS PROMISED
Unit must bear another
year of Ellsworth Tales!

The 2008 elections were held in December at the Christmas party – see back page for complete results. The big news is the re-election of former 5th NYDZ, Company C, President Tim Huebner to the office which he held for 6 long years. It was a surprising result, to cap off a surprising election. It was only a year ago that Huebner's political career seemed dead and gone. The scandal at Madame Rousell's Supper Club (located in the middle of the red light district), the ugly divorce and subsequent revelation that his soon to be former wife was a man, the allegation of his taking money from church poor boxes, his excessive dining bills and tabs on Company funds, the lawsuits over his nearly killing three Zouaves during various reenactments, the hard to be forgotten "Black powder Papers," the disappearance of Hal Cardwell and finally the discovery of a gross amount of pistachios in his kit (an earlier investigation into the disappearance of unit pistachios had uncovered nothing) all would give the most savvy political analyst the conclusion that Huebner was dead. Dead as a doornail...ah, but that's another tale.

And yet like Lazarus, Huebner is alive! His resounding victory gives credence to the axiom that America is "The land of opportunity" or that famous French axiom "Americans are stupid!" Either way – it works.

How Bean Hackett was made a Zouave

I was put through a rigid course of examination before I could be made a Zouave, and I say it with feelings of gratification and self-esteem that I was remarkably well posted in the catechism. My father was a hero of the revolution, having been caught once in a water-wheel, and whirled around rapidly a number of times. Others of the family have also distinguished themselves as military men at different periods, but their deeds of courage are too well-known to need repetition.

The following is a copy verbatim et literatim et wordent of most of the questions propounded to me and the answers thereto, which my intimate acquaintance with the Army Regulations and the Reports of the Committee on the Conduct of the War enable me to answer readily and accurately. My interrogator was a little man in Federal blue, with gold leaves on his shoulders. They called him Major, but he looked young enough to be a minor. He led off with:

How old are you, and what are your qualifications?

Twenty-two, and a strong stomach.

Then I requested him to fire his interrogations singly, which he did.

What is the first duty to be learned by a soldier?

How-to draw his rations.

What is the most difficult feat for a soldier to perform?

Drawing his bounty.

If you were in the rear rank of a company during an action, and the man in the front rank before you should be wounded and disabled, what would you do?

I would dispatch myself to the rear for a surgeon immediately. Some men would step forward and take the wounded man's place, but that is unnatural.

If you were commanding skirmishers, and saw cavalry advancing in the front and infantry, in the rear, which would you meet?

Neither; I would mass myself for a bold movement, and shove out sideways.

If you were captured, what line of conduct would you pursue?

I would treat my captors with the utmost civility.

What are the duties of Home Guards?

Their duty is to see that they have no duties.

What will you take?

Bourbon, straight!

Submitted by Scott Harrington

E-Tom Haiku Contest - Results

V.E.Callier

The 2007 E-Tombeau Haiku contest results are in and we have a winner. Choosing a winner was difficult, not because of the large amount of submissions I had to read and weigh, but because of the terrific quality of the THREE poems I did receive! Since I submitted one of the poems, and had decided it would be bad form to declare myself the winner, which leaves TWO poems to choose the contest winner. Due to the less than overwhelming response I have come to expect from the 5th NY membership, I will re-publish all three poems in their entirety before declaring the winner.

A haiku contest?

A scotch would help me to think,
Glad Scott does not drink!

Submitted by Steve Johsz

Women volunteer,
helping stranger's lives improve.
Angels are unseen.

Submitted by Lynn Johsz

Cold steel cannon
Red flowers bloom in the fields
I load and prepare.

Submitted by V.E. Callier

Bonus poem!

Bright red and blue stand
Cold southern wind widows,
Dead blooms on grass.

Submitted by V.E. Callier

And the winner of the 2007 E-Tombeau Haiku Contest is...

Mrs. Lynn Johsz!

Congratulations Lynn! You will receive an E-Tom Party Bag sometime during the re-enacting year.

Metaphorically yours,
V.E. Callier, Editor

A Quick Hit from Quig

Mike Quigley

You know you know the Civil War when...

- 1) Start calling it "The Rebellion"
- 2) Enjoy reading "period" newspapers and they make more sense than "modern" newspapers.
- 3) Reading the references of a recently published Civil War book and realizing you have read almost half of them
- 4) Having a picture of your Civil War ancestor or other soldiers in your home (I have my GGGrandfather William Winters 67th Indiana, Officers of the 82nd Ill, Franz Sigel, and August Willich)
- 5) Being able to ID obscure generals and even common soldiers in group pictures
- 6) Visited almost every major battlefield at least once.
- 7) Tracing the ground and movements of particular regiments and brigades on these battlefields.
- 8) Reading names of soldiers on battlefield monuments of units which they were formed in the area you grew up and wondering if people that went

with you in High School are related. (For me it's the 17th, 36th, 55th II from Kane and McHenry Counties)

9) Walking through a GAR graveyard and being able to identify what engagements the regiment or battery is on their tombstone and wondering if they were a participant.

10) Secretly hoping Neo-Rebs could actually achieve their lifelong dream of Southern Independence so you could finish the job for good!

The Red Files

Spirit of the Times - September 21-1861
Batavia NY

Good for Old Genesee (County)

It will doubtless be a satisfaction to the Ladies of Genesee Co., who have so nobly responded to the call for articles for the relief of the Soldiers, to know that seven boxes have been filled from the several towns in the Co., and forwarded from this place to New York. Through the kindness and generosity of the United States Express Company, the boxes were shipped by them free of charge. The boxes were all received by the "Women's Central Association of Relief," in New York, and gratefully acknowledged by them as a valuable donation. In a letter from the Sanitary Commission, the following articles are particularly requested: Bed Sacks, 3 feet wide and 7 feet long; Flannel Shirts and Drawers; Woolen Socks; Slippers-leather if possible-of assorted sizes, but chiefly large.

Submitted by S. Johsz



Drum Barracks Holds Annual Christmas Open House

Lynn Johsz, member WCAR

A brisk and breezy December day welcomed local Civil War enthusiasts to the Drum Barracks. Although most of the visitors wore jeans, jackets and tennis shoes, many of the visitors dressed in Civil War period attire.



Groups in attendance were the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans, the Berdan Sharpshooters and the 116th Pennsylvania Infantry. Steve Johsz wore his 5th New York officer sack coat, while I wore my plaid day dress and much needed cold weather cape.

Marianne Koenig served as a museum docent in the model room, looking holiday festive in her fire red dress and Zouave jacket ensemble. She and I each wore period appropriate head pieces hand fashioned by Janet Whaley, a fellow living history impressionist and dear friend of the WCAR.

We admired an original photograph purchased recently by Susan Ogle, the museum's curator. The photo came from a private collection in Massachusetts, and shows soldiers and a camel at the fort during the 1860's. The photograph was a huge find, obtained after intense bidding on ebay.

Holiday decorations adorned the banisters and tables, and crafts were offered to children who seemed to enjoy their chance to take home a new skill, such as making popcorn and cranberry garlands.

WE HAD A BALL IN RIVERSIDE

Lynn Johsz, member WCAR

The historical Mission Inn located in Riverside was chosen as the site for the Grand Ball-Winter Cotillion sponsored by the American Civil War Society in early January.

Approximately 150 guests dressed in Civil War era finery to dance the Virginia Reel and waltz to the music of "The Occasional Strings." The men wore uniform or formal civilian attire, while the ladies wore ball gowns accessorized with baubles, bangles and beads.

The 5th New York and WCAR were represented by Lt. Steve Johsz and me, along with Pvt. Jeff Wildman and his lovely wife Kris. It is not an exaggeration to say that Kris was the belle of the ball with her dark ringlets, Egyptian inspired headpiece and ball gown adorned with satin yoyo rosettes which cascaded down the front of her gown. During dinner, we shared a table and very pleasant conversation with Janet Whaley who does an Abolitionist Movement impression, as well as her husband Steve who wore a very striking period civilian ensemble.

Many guests stayed at the Mission Inn, and enjoyed brunch on the patio the next morning. All agreed that this event is one of the little often unexplored treasures of the hobby. I encourage anyone who has never attended a formal dance to consider attending one next year.

The museum will hold two open houses in 2008. The summer event will take place on June 7, and the Christmas event will be held in early December.



GOING GRAY ???

We salute the following members of the 5th and WCAR who are now year closer to veteran's statues.

January

Brian Dillow - 26
Shelley Chaffey - 26

February

Steve Johsz - 1
Jennifer Muir - 16
Mike Quigley - 23

March

Chris Chrislip - 22

HUZZAH!!!



Editor's Desk

On Hiatus!



NEXT EVENT NEWS

The below table reflects what you will need for this event and what the Company will provide.

Toy Soldier Show – Irvine Marriott, March 2

Ramrod: SCOTT HARRINGTON

ARRIVAL: DRESSED and READY by 0830!!! We need to form up in the hotel lobby by 0830 to march in by 0845. DON'T BE LATE!

Preparation: Full Zouave uniform (haversack and canteen), blacken brogans, shine brass, clean weapon, bring snacks, \$\$\$\$. No knapsacks!!!!

Directions: 18000 Von Karmen Avenue, Irvine. The Irvine Marriott Hotel.

PARKING is at the hotel and is discounted.

This is a paid event for the unit, so show up if you can. We only need bodies for an hour first thing in the morning when we march in other reenactor in a parade.

This is a cool event where you can talk to some other reenactors and look at A LOT of toy soldiers, models, dioramas, etc... The retailers often will give us discounts on our purchases because we are the honorary Honor Guard. Lunch is free and a good time is guaranteed – plus it's a chance to recruit!

Go to www.thewestcoaster.com for more details.

Knott's Berry Farm February 16-17

Ramrod: Steve Johsz

Refer to numerous email for details

Battle Hymn of the Republic by Julia War Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

(Chorus)

Glory, Glory Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory Hallelujah,
Glory, Glory Hallelujah,
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews

and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and
flaring lamps,
His day is marching on. (Chorus)

I have read a fiery gospel write in burnished rows of
steel:
"As ye deal with My contemnners, so with you My
Grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with
his heel,
Since God is marching on." (Chorus)

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call
retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His
Judgement Seat;
Oh! be swift, my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant,
my feet!
Our God is marching on. (Chorus)

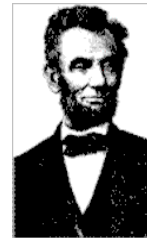
In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the
sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and
me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men
free,
While God is marching on. (Chorus)

2008 Calendar

January 26 -- Drill Session, Central Park,
Huntington Beach, CA
February 16-17 -- Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park,
CA
February 23 -- Round Rolling Party
March 2 -- Toy Soldier & Miniature Figure Show,
Irvine, CA
March 21 -- Temple City Jr. High School, Temple
City, CA
March 29 -- Swallows Day Parade, San Juan
Capistrano, CA
April 5-6 - Prado Regional Park, Chino, CA
April 11-13 -- Oakley Tactical 2008 (reenactors
only, no spectators)
April 19-20 -- St. Catherine's Military School,
Anaheim, CA
May 2 -- Placerita Jr. High School, Newhall, CA

May -- Izaak Walton Middle School, Garden
Grove, CA (Tentative)
June -- Live Fire, Santa Clarita, CA (date TBD)
July 12-13 -- Old Fort MacArthur Days, San Pedro,
CA
August 30-31 -- Huntington Central Park,
Huntington Beach, CA
September 20 - Oak Glen Encampment (Tentative)
October 11-12 -- Marching Through History
Exposition
November 8-9 -- The Blue and the Grey,
Moorpark, CA
December 6 -- Drum Barracks, Wilmington, CA
December -- Christmas Party and Company
Elections (date TBD)

News From The Top



Private Tim Huebner
President
5th NYDZ, Co. C

Greeting and Salutations :

Well folks, here we go again. After a year away, I
thought my days as company President was over.
Truth be told, I had reached something of a burnout
stage, so the break was good. My sympathies go out
to Mr. Thompson, who I think would have been as
good off the field as on. But since I'm here I can
only promise to do my best and show up to as many
events as possible.

As we take stock in the new year of where we are,
and where we're going, it's important to look at
where the hobby and living history are headed in
general. Back east reenacting seems to be growing
and thriving, with the buzz building for the 150th
anniversary, which promises to be huge. Our neck
of the woods is very different, where the ego and
arrogance of certain event organizers is pushing
numbers down. Common sense tells you that if your
pool of available recruits is limited, it's stupid to
push the older members out of the hobby. And just
as we need younger members to remain alive and
vibrant, so do other units.

I've said in the past, that if there were no battles, I
would still show up in uniform to do living history.

I think that this is where some of the boycotting units are making a mistake. We all know that our mock engagements are often silly and disorganized affairs; the other side has seen to that. But if we don't teach the history and strive to keep it alive, than all that we do is for naught. I was planning recently to speak at my niece's high school history class, until I found out that they only allotted three days to the Civil War. Three Days! That's just enough time to learn that Lincoln was President in 1861, but not enough time to learn why. This is happening all around the country, as schools cut history and civics from their lesson plans. Even Ivy League colleges, which one would hope would know better, have dropped American history classes, or made them elective courses, as if the history of our nation were no more important than basket weaving. It's no wonder then that so many of our citizens don't know D-Day from a D-cup.

In the end, all we can do is don our baggy pants, and be the best we can be. Here's to a fun and informative 2008...it's good to be back.

Until next time, for liberty and Union,
Pvt. Tim

THE RESULTS OF THE 2008 ELECTION

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