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Perryville's Come and Gone . . . Now On To Prairie Grove!

If you missed Perryville then you missed a typical, Western-style, National event. It rained on us Friday night, got hot Saturday, got cold Saturday night/Sunday morning and then turned nice for the ride home. The battles were marked by "historically accurate" leadership and the usual scenario-busting by Western Confederate reenactors. The food was first-rate and there was plenty of it (there was even a funnel cake available if you were adventurous enough to go into town!) And, of course, the conversations around the campfire were as lively as ever. But let's take a look at all of this in the specific instead of the "general." More on that to follow!

Grand kudos go to Don Gates for being the best cook at the event and earning for evermore the title of "Cookie" in the 1st Infantry. Brook Thomas has taken over the role previously held by Don Gross and yours truly as "Mr. Extra." Brook brought along a box full of extras that were decked out as a parcel from home that included cakes, cookies, candy and a host of pickled things. We even got a delivery from the General's lady in the form of soft bread baked with her own hands! And, as I said, more on that to follow!

We were reenacting a battle from 1862, one of the first battles of many of the Union commanders. There were those who said that we were poorly handled as a battalion. I tend to agree but look on it as an example of history living in the present. If our leadership was inexperienced and did some things that first time leaders do . . . well, then, I am sure that this was an experience that many Union privates had to endure in 1862. But, as we all know, things got a heckuva lot better as the

leadership became more and more experienced. You cannot tell me that a Grant and Sherman combo in 1864 would have been caught with their pants down like they did at Shiloh! I prefer to respond to this all the way the Army of the Potomac did – let's soldier on. But the battles were large and, from what we have been told, extremely well received by the public.

I won't even go into the way that the Rebs busted scenario. The story is the same old refrain. I intend to recommend that at any historical reenactment from this day forward that any unit, North or South, which violates the historical scenario will be deemed to be surrendering – to include surrendering their flags. So, the Confederate unit that came over the crest of the hill (and it WAS a cool sight to see!) and came on through the Union lines would have been deemed to have been rushing to surrender! We'll see if they'll agree to that! Of course, for me, one of the highlights of any event is the time we spend around the campfire. Clark Kirby's dry humor was evident again and again and it will be a long time before I stop laughing about his comical bit about all of us "needing to have more white babies." We also had a visitor from another unit – a kid named David who entertained us around the campfire with plenty of jokes, though he couldn't sing or dance to save his life.

But, the highlight of the event, at least for us old Army grognards who have had to stand in parade for more hours than we care to count, was the passing of the flag from General Chuck Warnick to General Mark Dolive.

It was a stirring sight to see the entire Division pass in review after General Dolive, one of our own, took command. While it is hard to let a commander like
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Ft. Worth Veterans Day Parade

November 9th

9:00 a.m.

(see Page 3 for more details)

From the North/Northeast: Take Airport Freeway (121) into Fort Worth. Then take 35W south. Exit on spur 280 to DOWNTOWN. As the road splits stay right to 4th Street. You will run right into one of the parking garages. (There are several other parking lots in the area that may or may not be available.)

From the South/Southeast: From I20 - take 35W North. Exit spur 280 and follow above. From I30, exit 287N just before you reach 35W. Follow signs to spur 280/DOWNTOWN.

From The Board (Continued from Page 1)

General Warnick go, it softens the blow considerably to see a 1st Infantry Regiment commander leading us in the field. Now, if he can only find a horse that he can command!

Okay, that's enough about the past. Let's look ahead to the parade and to Prairie Grove. I would love to see a full company on the street for the Veteran's Day Parade. If you have never marched in a parade, or if you have been in every one we've ever attended, this is the time to "show the colors." This is a day especially set aside to commemorate the service of our veterans to our Country. Shine up your brass, get your rifle gleaming, blacken your leathers and come join the parade to honor the men and women who have worn the uniform of our Nation.

Prairie Grove is one of the VERY few (well, okay, Perryville was, too) events where we get to reenact on the ACTUAL BATTLEFIELD. December is gonna be cold so the more bodies we have up there generating body heat the better! Besides, we have a lot of food left over from Perryville and we need everyone up there so it can get eaten! Seriously, Prairie Grove has always been a great event and this year will be no exception. If you haven't taken a look at the Frontier Brigade website's information on this year's event, go see it and get ready to have a good time. As always, this is a Brigade MAXIMUM EFFORT event so if there is anyway possible, be there, please! Your leadership will be comprised of Captain Hansen and First Sergeant Prendergast. If THOSE guys can't provide a great time then nobody can.

My term as First Sergeant of Company D is about to come to a close. I have been honored to serve the unit and am glad that I had the experience. In the future, I intend to serve the unit the way I can do best and return to the ranks as a "high private." We need rifles, gentlemen, rifles that are going to be at as many events as they can. Look for me in the line from now on. Thank you for everything.

YOS,
Stephen Sanders
First Sergeant, Co D
1st Regiment of Infantry

VETERANS DAY PARADE INFO

The Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade will assemble starting at 9:00 AM at the corner of 1st and Grove Streets, just east of downtown Fort Worth. The parade will step off at 10:15. Grove Street is just east of Sundance Square and the City Towers. There are parking garages (should be free on Saturday) at Commerce and 1st, and Calhoun and 3rd/4th. Uniform for the day is preferably frock coat & Hardee hat, but sack coat and forage cap are also acceptable. Gentlemen, we are Regulars in a dress parade so leathers & brogans are to be blackened, brass shined and white gloves present. No haversack but bring the canteen.

This year's parade salutes the NAS JRB Fort Worth, Reserve and National Guard Forces. These forces have played a vital role in the current War on Terrorism including air patrols within the Continental US and deployments of forces to the Middle East and Afghanistan. Many of those personnel remain deployed and will do so for some time to come.

From the Diary of David Lane

Loudon, Tenn., October 23d, 1863, 7 p.m.
It began to rain at 5 o'clock this morning, and has rained all day, and there is every prospect of a wet night.... My comrade and I have a good tent, each of us a blanket and rubber ponchos, which enables us to keep dry and warm. These rubbers are very useful. If overtaken by a storm while on the march, not only is the person kept dry, but his blankets and haversack. At night we spread it on the ground, and no moisture can reach the person.... If this is really the beginning of the rainy season, we can do but little more. And so much remains to be done. We must occupy and hold this railroad, or evacuate East Tennessee, and that right speedily. We can get supplies no other way. There are not mules enough in the United States to haul our supplies over the mountains in the winter. — David Lane, USA

On Detached Duty:

Cpl. Adam Gross has been on detached service to the Air Force Academy in Colorado since late June. Summer campaigning in Basic Cadet Training. The first half was spent at the academy proper, and the second out in field conditions at Jacks Valley. The summer was a mixed experience for him. He kept a low profile the first three weeks (no doubt he learned this from hanging around the 1st) but he managed to highlight himself during the field training. First because he was put on limited duty by the medics (despite his pleas not to) for as he calls it “being stopped up” and not being able to eat. Just my opinion, but I think it was because somehow he got a hold of some of George’s cheese. The “docs” did what they’ve always done – gave him some god-awful stuff that got him regular again. He also managed to come to the attention of the upperclassmen at a sporting contest where he disagreed with a close call at home. For those old timers who’ve seen Benefiel run around the company at high port picture Adam doing this on a long march with a rifle, then a rock.

He has adjusted as well as can be expected to life at the Academy. Football is his one link to sanity although being one of four kickers on a 120 man JV/freshman team is a lot different from being the only kicker and punter in high school. He got a severe neck sprain and was out for a month but is back in the swing of things now. The benefits of being an intercollegiate athlete is that he gets out of most of the “training” dished out by the upper class and sits at the training tables. The disadvantage is that when they get their hands on him, as at breakfast, they tend to make up for lost time. He also has less time for studying and has to make up certain military duties like In Ranks Inspections on his own.

Academically he got quite a wake up call at mid term progress reports. He didn’t get put on academic probation (where you lose even the few privileges you have) but it certainly wasn’t what he was used to in high school. Now well alerted he sees the need to make better use of the study time he has available.

He’s been off post only three times since school started in August. His take home pay is

pretty much in line with what a private got in 1863. It will take him the better part of three years to pay the government back for what he owes for uniforms, books, and the computer.

Prison Camp: Another Civil War Experience

Gene M. Fogerty

Canons roar, the ground shakes, and the sounds of thousands of muskets blend with the cries of men, the shouting of officers, and the thudding of horse hooves on the ground. Your heart pounds as you carry a heavy rifle, panting, grunting, into a cloud of smoke and uncertainty.

Men are falling and screaming around you, dying and being wounded, and the gnawing fear tears at your stomach as you force your feet to run forward to your call of duty.

With your pards around you, you fire, round after round, hearing bullets whiz around your ears and feeling dirt shower you from canon blasts.

Suddenly the worst thing happens. Your side begins falling back, pouring from the field, overwhelmed and outfought. You see the enemy advancing, shouting in triumph with their flags waving, so you turn to run. Too late. Now you are surrounded and a few feet away gray coated men around ordering you to throw down your weapon and surrender. Maybe angrily, maybe fearfully or both, you drop your useless gun to the ground.

My family and I recently went to Camp Ford, an original POW camp in Tyler Texas. Doing a personal impression of a Cavalry captain, Robert Henderson of the 6th Kansas, I bore a wound to the head and a memory fresh with research on the man. Rain was pouring down, but it just added to the reality.

Most of us like to read about the victories, the sieges, and the heroes, but I had to wonder, what must it have been like being removed far into

enemy territory with no weapon, and no idea how long you would stay.

We began a tour at the cabin of an officer, Lieut. J. B. Leak. The cabin was different than anything I had ever seen. About the size of the living room in a family sized R. V., it was a windowless box made of logs, with a small fireplace. This dark, dirt floored structure I was told by my tour guide, who's great great-grandfather had been a guard there at that time, was the deluxe version of home for up to fifteen men. Even my kids were surprised.

This was the home the men were brought to, or built for themselves, after marches that most of us now would consider unimaginable. During the marches, stragglers, Negroes and white officers leading Negroes were very often shot. Kansas men were treated as equal to slaves.

We walked on and saw the large posts used for the stockade, which stood sixteen feet tall and kept the men in their hopeless confines as they ate meager rations and wore the same clothing for up to a year. Across the street was a shop which had been built on the Union graveyard. I felt sadness for the men resting in such an unhonored grave.

Trees had been planted during a reunion to mark where the original walls had stood. "I drank from the spring they used this morning." My guide commented. I looked down at this "fresh water source" which resembled thin chocolate milk. The rain that fell from my hat brim was cleaner. We went to the top of a hill and looked down at a wooded area where we could see the flat, grassy patches where men had made shelters. Behind us, the Captain had watched the masses of soldiers from his bunker.

The Yankees had kept gaming tables going, entertaining themselves and they had foraged for wood, coming back at the end of the day. We did not see the tunnel where a successful escape had been made, but as we stood on the ground, I felt the haunting sensation of standing on the ground where my subject, Captain Henderson, had once stood. He, in a sad, helpless situation, his stomach gnawing for decent food as he must

have dreamed of home, his wife and children, and I, over a century later soon to go home to my amenities. How different were our paths.

At last we finished our tour and walked toward the front of the establishment. The kids went in the cabin to warm up for a moment, and I walked on for a moment, alone and distant. I thought of the men who had been here, many of them with wives and families who thought them dead, some of them ill and dying. The medical area was no more than a stand with no walls where men had lay on boards with little or no medicines for their wounds.

I thought of Henderson, waiting for a moonless night, covering his bare feet with turpentine and pepper (He had sold his boots to buy eggs and potatoes) to kill the scent, as he climbed over the stockade wall one night in a bid for freedom. Others had gotten out, some to be caught again and punished. Captain Henderson, his heart pounding in anticipation, made his way with two other men through the night, and the next night, sleeping during the day on a path to freedom.

Their diet was acorns and whatever water they could find, with a few ears of corn at one point, and a large skunk at another. The trip took them through a brief encounter with bushwhackers and occasionally a house where they might get different food and news of the war. They succeeded this way for over a month, from Tyler to Little Rock, to the awesome relief of a U.S. flag flying in the sun.

I thought of Robert Henderson, his fellows, and the trials they endured on this very soil, as I stood in a mild, cool rain. Touched by the emotions of the moment, I snapped a smart salute, returned to join the family to finish our day, then go home to dinner and television.

"Any person that will soldier for money alone is a poor soldier indeed. Where his conscience is not enlisted his cause is not much."

Pvt. George Peters, 94th Ill. Vol. Inf., Jan. 25 1863

“Davis & Lincoln At War”

9th Annual Texas CW Preservation Seminar
Confederate Research Center, Hillsboro, TX
Saturday, November 23, 2002

This all-day seminar will feature nationally known and regionally respected figures discussing the attributes, deficiencies and strengths of the two Presidents locked in mortal combat during America’s Civil War – Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln. See the below agenda for specific topics and times. Proceeds go to the Confederate Research Center and Civil War Battlefield Preservation. Special raffle of Don Troiani’s “The Emmitsburg Road: Battle of Gettysburg.” Conference audiotapes sell at \$15 each. Seminar cost is \$50 and for more information call (254) 582-2555, ext. 258.

Seminar Agenda

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| 8:30 | 10:00 | Registration |
| 9:00 | 10:00 | Civil War Preservation
breakfast with the speakers
and their preview of the
seminar |
| 10:00- | 10:15 | Welcome & overview by
Buddy Patterson, Director,
Harold B. Simpson Complex |
| 10:15- | 11:00 | “Lincoln: the Master
Politician” by David Smith |
| 11:00- | 11:45 | “Jefferson Davis: the Chief
Executive and Politician” by
Jack Davis |
| 11:45- | 1:15 | Lunch; visit Book Show,
Vendors and Museum |
| 1:15 | - 1:30 | Overview of efforts to save
Brice’s Crossroads |
| 1:30 | - 2:15 | “Lincoln as Commander in
Chief” by Ed Bearss |
| 2:15 | - 3:00 | “Jefferson Davis and His
Generals” by Steve
Woodsworth |
| 3:00 | - 4:00 | Panel discussion on Lincoln
and Davis: strengths,
deficiencies, glories, failures,
war & political policies, and
their legacies. |
| 4:00 | - 6:00 | Raffle, closing and autograph
session by the speakers. |

Pearce Collections Museum

Sir,

I am happy to report that Sgt. Jim Kirkendall and I made the trip to Navarro College in Corsicana on October 8th to attend the ground breaking for the new Pearce Center for Civil War History and Western Art. This Center, when complete will be unique in its balanced view of Civil War history and will contain over 6,600 documents and artifacts. A beautiful rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic intermingled with Dixie was sung with the unveiling of a life size bronze statue entitled, "The Letter" was the highlight of the ceremony. Jim and I answered the many questions thrown our way and represented the 1st to our utmost. This facility will be quite something when complete. I remain...

Your Obdn't Svt.,

Mark Dolive
1st US
1st Federal Division

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As added commentary to Mark’s report, the Pearce Collections Museum will house over 6,000 Civil War letters, journals, photographs signatures and artifacts, as donated by Charles and Peggy Pearce. The Pearce’s also donated their Western art collection, as the total collections are valued at \$4.4 million. The 14,000 square foot museum costs \$3.4 million to build and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003.

Julie Holcomb, archivist at Navarro College, says, “The heart of the collection are the letters from soldiers. We have acquired them from family attics or private dealers. A lot of them have never been in a public repository and there are some letters that researchers have never seen.” Navarro College presents this collection as “the only one of its kind in the South.” This isn’t a Confederate museum, nor is it given to the cause of the Union. This collection, Holcomb says, “Is balanced and unbiased and is the only one of its kind in the nation as it tell both sides of the story.” The North and the

South are both represented, as are all major political and civil leaders.

Visitors will see and hear letters from Lincoln, Davis, Grant, Lee, Sherman, Jackson, John Wilkes Booth, Frederick Douglass, Julia Ward Howe and numerous other figures of the era. The museum will feature two multi-media theaters, original documents, artifact displays and graphic depictions of each year of the war. Samples of the Pearce collections include the telegram from P.T. Beauregard to Pres. Jefferson Davis stating shelling of Ft. Sumter had commenced; photo of Lee taken by Mathew Brady months before Lee's death and is signed by Lee; letter by Joshua Chamberlain to his wife Peggy for her birthday describing the bullets and shellfire surrounding him while engaged at the Battle of Antietam; and numerous letters written by the common soldier describing the gruesome realities of combat and the expressions of the desperate loneliness of soldiers in letters to beloved parents, siblings and sweethearts.

It is suggested the 1st U.S. aligns itself with this unique and noteworthy museum by making our presence at its grand opening next year, as suggested by museum authorities. Stay tuned for periodic updates.

George Hansen

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The Finer Points Of Drill.....

In the 1st US we use Casey's Infantry Tactics as the basis for our drill and maneuvers. It's always good to review the manual periodically – that's the only way to keep "reenactorisms" out of what we do.

When the company is marching by the flank and you want to form it into a line of battle on the right (or left) by files the command is *On the right, By file, Into line. March.* (para. 150) As we all know the rear rank men mark time to allow the front rank men to clear and come up on the line. The rear rank men have waited for four men of the front rank to pass before turning right into the line. This is not quite right. Casey states that the rear rank should take care not to

commence the movement until four men of the front rank are established on the line of battle.

Thanks to Mike Phineas for pointing this out!

When the command **March** is given the Captain and 1st Sgt. Will turn right and march forward at least six paces, placing themselves correctly on the line of battle. The first two men of the front rank (doubled) will continue to march and turn right after passing the Capt. And 1st Sgt. They march elbow to elbow until two paces from the line of battle when the even number man will shorten his step to allow the odd number man to get on line first. The remaining files of the front rank follow suite. Again, the rear rank men are marking time until the first four front rank men are on the line before they turn to the right following the procedures above. When the rear rank men come on line they line up behind their file leader.

Practically speaking this has a negligible effect on actually getting up on the line of battle. This is a minor point but we should strive to do things as they did them – by the book.

In the School of the Battalion (p 820) markers will be placed on the determined line of battle before the command is given. These markers are placed where the right front rank man of the leading company and one of the three left files of the same company will rest when in line. The final paragraph in Casey's cautions that

As marching by the flank in the presence of the enemy is a very objectionable movement, it will not be executed except for the purpose of moving the battalion to the right or left for a short distance, or when the narrowness of the way will not permit a company front.

In re-enacting we probably over use *On the right, By File, Into Line* when in Battalion formation.

Camp Ford Grand Opening

by George Hansen

The grand opening festives for Camp Ford finally arrived on October 19. Although it has been a state park since the 1930's, Camp Ford

officially opened to the public where state and private financial contributions made it possible. A 24-hour rain dampened the ceremony where Congressman Ralph Hall delivered the honorary speech announcing the park's official opening. The rain eventually subsided and spectators started to arrive in abundance around noon, but most activities involving first-person impressions by the reenactors and a POW simulation had to be cancelled. Interaction with the crowd did occur by those 1st US members in attendance – Mike Daley, Jim Gigliotti, George Hansen and prospect Blair Rudy. We answered questions regarding a typical soldier's life during the Civil War, tried to trade Yankee or Confederate script for fruit, dickered with a cantankerous Southern woman, Mrs. T. J. Betts, for her 'okra coffee', and inquired with the visitors about the status of the war due to our prisoner status.

Of particular note is that Blair's great grandfather, Albert M. Glenn, was interned at Camp Ford starting Sept. 1863 and finally paroled Sept. 1864. A sergeant in the 26th Indiana Infantry, he was captured along with the rest of his regiment at the Battle of Camp Sterling, near Morganza, Louisiana. October 19th was a special day for Blair as he was able to honor the very place where his ancestor endured such a terrible detainment. Blair will be at Prairie Grove so feel free to further discuss this with him. Next month expect to see Mr. Glenn's diary in the newsletter.

Camp Ford encompasses 11 acres in Tyler and is now covered with huge pine trees. A trail traverses through the site with pictures and points of interest along the path. A kiosk made of logs similar to the once standing stockade serves as the entrance point and the many displays detail the camp's history. Holding as many as 5,400 Federal troops the facility was destroyed by Union troops soon after the war. 283 deaths occurred during the camp's nearly two-year existence, which is the lowest ratio for any Southern POW camp. This is attributed to a spring inside the prison camp, reasonably adequate sanitary conditions, gardens planted by the prisoners outside the stockade, active trading with and purchasing from the local citizenry

(even cast iron stoves), and a plentiful supply of wood as Confederate officials allowed many rudimentary cabins to be built.

Thanks to lithographs, personal diaries, archaeological excavations, and a former prisoner's documented visit to the site much has been retained for historical interpretations. It is my hope the 1st will again be invited sometime next year so that we may conduct living history demonstrations along with first-person impressions. This important Texas landmark fully deserves our support. See www.campford.org for more information regarding the facility.

NT Gun Show

The 1st US will recruit at the North Texas Gun Show on November 16 & 17. Volunteers are still needed to work a full day or a half-day. Contact Kip Bassett if you want to work Saturday and Alan Prendergast for Sunday. Uniform with rifle is mandatory dress, but absolutely NO caps or cartridges due to safety reasons and event regulations. A skeleton recruiting crew is assembled so additional help is needed.

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REMINDERS

Newsletter contributions - E-Mail/Mailing submissions to **The Union Standard** – D1stus@gte.net or C/O Alan Prendergast, 1403 Barclay Drive, Carrollton Texas, 75007 (please help out by using Times New Roman font if available on your machine...)

Newsletter – contact George Hansen if you did not receive your newsletter, beast1st@attbi.com or (972) 529-5349.

Address/Telephone changes – any mailing/e-mail address changes, or telephone number changes should be submitted to John Bowen, bowen01@dellepro.com or (972) 539-6167.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

In accordance with *Article VII, Amendments*, of the Bylaws of the 1st United States Infantry Regiment, notice is given that a proposed amendment to the bylaws was submitted to the Board of Directors. The Directors at the September quarterly board meeting considered this amendment. All the Directors present voted in favor of the proposed amendment and recommend approval by the membership. Per Article VII, the unit will vote on the proposed amendments at the next regular meeting, said meeting is Prairie Grove. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those regular members present or represented by proxy is required to adopt the amendments. – *John Bowen, Secretary*

Rational for amendments: *Article II, B, 1* brings military structure and Board of Directors in line with current operating procedures (no field grade officer or adjutant was elected two years ago). It preserves the two-company organization, but facilitates election of best qualified from the unit as a whole rather than individuals specifically from each company. In the field additional flexibility is provided to operate as one or two companies. Paragraphs *B, 7* and *C, 1* are modified to support paragraph *B, 1*. The addition of Paragraph *C, 5* clarifies interaction with other units in the field.

Proposed amendments are in ***bold italic*** text to replace lined-out text.

Article II, Organization.

A. The Unit will generally be organized along the military rank structure found in the Regular Army of the 1860s.

B. Election of Officers, Board of Directors and Regiment Ranks:

~~1. The unit will elect a Board of Directors as follows: The military ranks will elect a unit commander (Field Grade) and an adjutant from the general membership. Each company will elect a Line officer, First Sergeant, Second Sergeant, and Corporal. Additionally each company or civilian organization will elect a direct representative to the Board. Each company or civilian organization is entitled to such direct representation however, such representative shall be a non voting member of the Board of Directors unless the company or civilian organization has at least 10 active members.~~

1. The unit will elect a Board of Directors as follows: The military ranks will elect two company grade officers, six NCOs, and two military representatives at large. The civilian organization associated with the 1st U.S., with at least ten active members, may elect a representative at large to serve on the board.

2. At their first board meeting following election the Board of Directors will select from their membership a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Terms of office for all corporate officers will run concurrently as the Board of Directors.

3. Elections will be held between 1 January and 31 March of odd numbered years at a duly convened meeting. Ballots by mail will be accepted prior to the election.

4. If unit growth allows, additional ranks may be added.
5. To stand for election, one must have been an active member for 180 days prior to the election and meet the posted standards.
6. Standards to qualify to hold various ranks are shown in the following table.
7. The ~~Unit Commander~~ **Senior Officer** with the approval of **the Board of Directors** ~~other elected officers~~ will appoint members to fill rank vacancies.
8. Failure to attend events, per guidelines, could result in loss of rank.

C. Unit Organization

1. The Unit will be organized ~~into~~ **as** two or more companies. Each company will have a minimum of one officer, ~~one 1st Sgt., one 2nd Sgt.~~ **two Sergeants**, two Corporals, and 12 Privates (Frontier Battalion minimums for a standing company).
2. If minimum numbers are not present the unit will be organized into one company with an appropriate number of NCOs and Officers assigned. If the unit is scaled down into a single company all officers and NCOs not required, elected or appointed will serve as privates.
3. Members may be assigned on an event-by-event basis to any formed company within the unit.
4. Additional companies will be formed as membership allows. Company Officers and NCOs will be elected as described above as membership warrants.
- 5. The ranking officer will represent the unit in the field. (added)**
6. Other sub-units such as a Civilian Organization may be formed with approval of the Board of Directors.

(end of proposed amendments)

1st US Board Eligibility List

The Election Committee used the Standards For Rank document to determine those eligible to hold office in the upcoming elections. Listed below are the individuals eligible for each elected position.

Should you wish to run for office contact Steve Sanders by November 30th.

Your name will automatically be removed from Election consideration if you do nothing; i.e., your name will be dropped should you not contact Steve. You may run for more than one position, but be elected to only one position. Elections shall be held in the order of highest rank to lowest rank; each office will be elected independent of each other. Candidates running for office (those who contact Steve) will be announced in the December newsletter.

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Tony Durant
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Bob Fuhrmann
Don Gates
Pete Graham
Adam Gross
Don Gross
George Hansen
Wes Hanson
Clark Kirby
Jim Kirkendall
Beck Martin
Arthur Ogle
Alan Prendergast
Sean Prendergast
Terry Quigley
Andrew Schultz
John Schultz
Brook Thomas
Brad Walsh

2nd, 3rd, and 4th SGT

Kip Bassett
Gregg Benefiel
John Bowen
Rick Brockman
Mark Dolive
Kevin Doughtie
Greg Fett
Bob Fuhrmann

Don Gates
Adam Gross
Don Gross
George Hansen
Clark Kirby
Jim Kirkendall
Beck Martin
Art Ogle
Alan Prendergast
Terry Quigley
Andrew Schultz
John Schultz
Brook Thomas

1st SGT

Kip Bassett
Gregg Benefiel
John Bowen
Rick Brockman
Mark Dolive
Kevin Doughtie
Greg Fett
Bob Fuhrmann
Don Gates
Don Gross
George Hansen
Jim Kirkendall
Alan Prendergast
Andrew Schultz
John Schultz
Brook Thomas

Junior Officer

Kip Bassett
Gregg Benefiel
Rick Brockman
Mark Dolive
Kevin Doughtie
Bob Fuhrmann
Don Gates
Don Gross

George Hansen
Jim Kirkendall
John Schultz

Senior Officer

Kip Bassett
Gregg Benefiel
Rick Brockman
Mark Dolive
Kevin Doughtie
Don Gross
George Hansen

At Large

Kip Bassett
Gregg Benefiel
John Bowen
Sean Bowen
Keith Brazile
Rick Brockman
Mark Dolive
Kevin Doughtie
Tony Durant
Greg Fett
Gene Fogerty
Bob Fuhrmann
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