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## Field Orders

I hope everyone is recovered from the Saturday stroll at Franklin. All in all I think the event was good. There were some sore spots that weren't on anyone's feet. The predawn cavalry raid may have begun as a fun idea to roust the Rebs from sleep. As usual, when you mix a poor plan with a poor leader something goes awry. Riding at full gallop amongst the tents and men in the dark was as asinine as it was dangerous. The command staff got an earful more than once about the incident. Let's use it as an example to keep your wits about you. There appear to be enough idiots in the hobby.

I am very pleased at how we maneuvered at Franklin. There were few foul ups and they were small ones at that. Our worst misstep was attributed to being assigned to the wrong marker. However, we went to said marker quite well. The drill that we've been working on through the year has definitely paid off. It made our brigade movements as smooth as possible, considering we haven't worked with anything larger than a battalion for over two years. One of the things we need to emphasize at company drill is moving by the flank. It's a good way to move quickly because it saves a few extra commands. And since we're usually trying to get into position in the most expedient fashion - due in some part to folks shooting at us - we should work to be more proficient at it.

I was happy with the two companies combined from the assembled groups. I would have been absolutely ecstatic to have had four companies of the same size. My thanks go to the men for working together. I also appreciate the officers for alternating their commands.

Bentonville is coming up in the spring and I want to encourage it as an out of state eastern event. It only takes place every five years. It's held on the original battle site. It's close to home. There's probably going to be a lot of folks going to this one and I think we're being invited as Southern troops. For this one, let's campaign. I'm sure there will be typical camps set up and I want the folks that don't care for hard core camping to use them. However, we'll have just finished a stretch of good events that lend themselves to heavy camping. For a change of pace, let's try it the other way. Get a shelter half and a friend if you want the luxury of a dog tent. I'm having visions of the last Bentonville and Perryville, and I like

'em. For those of you that have company cooks, we'll make a spot for them. I'll contact the event staff and see if I can arrange for a site tour. It would be good to know where we'll camp before we get there.

Everyone by now knows that we postponed Battalion elections because of the storms. As it turned out, the weather was beautiful the day we were supposed to get together. When we had to make the call, there was too great a chance for rain and wind. That's the way it goes. And ya'll know about my influence with the supreme weather maker. The extra time allowed us three more opportunities to achieve voting privileges. That worked out well since Tunnel Hill was cancelled.

By Secessionville, your choices for events should be made and your unit reps should have sent them on to the adjutant. If you don't know what I'm talking about or have any questions, get with your rep or contact me directly.

Back to the elections. It's my intent to seek the position of colonel for another year. The past two years have been a great learning experience for me. In this coming year I'll continue to focus on battalion and brigade evolutions. We'll still look for ways to increase attendance. And we're still going to have a good time while looking our best.

At Your Service,

*Tom*

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★ **Schedule Correction:** ★

★ The incorrect dates were listed in ★

★ the July Vindicator for the Battle of ★

★ Secessionville. The correct dates ★

★ for the Battle of Secessionville are ★

★ November 19, 20 & 21, 2004. ★

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## From the Desk of the Lieutenant Colonel

**G**reetings Palmetto Battalion,  
 As I write this column the long anticipated Battle of Franklin is now a memory. Thanks to all of you who made the event memorable. This Battalion performed quite admirably. Unfortunately, there seemed to be more rounds available at the end of this event than anticipated. Looking on the bright side, though, you are ahead of the game for upcoming events in 2005! You will need them. So keep your powder dry, fellers!

While on the subject, I'd like to commend you all for not turning our streets into a parking lot Sunday morning/afternoon as other groups did. Like most of you, I was surprised that a national event would allow such disregard for any semblance of safety and authenticity. If not for us, at the very least the spectators who paid to be there walking among our camps. I would have to say this was a "lowlight" of the weekend. Thank you for not participating in the melee.

The highlight, for me, was witnessing the unity of this Battalion in the field. It was encouraging to see many members who are not habitually accustomed to serving together in the same company working together to meet the requirements of the Battalion. There was a palpable team attitude that deserves commendation and recognition. I believe as we acknowledge that we all depend upon one another that we begin to work as one toward common goals that benefit all of us. I don't intend to imply that this hasn't been the case before. Perhaps I've only begun to more clearly see this from my vantage point as Lt. Colonel that I wasn't privy to as a company commander. Regardless, seeing all of you "making it happen", working together and helping one another is worthy of my Franklin "highlight reel."

Of course, there were some minor points relating to drill that would benefit from further attention to basics. I encourage company commanders and NCO's to emphasize basic School of the Soldier and School of the Company movements. I believe that if we're fundamentally sound the rest comes much more naturally. All movements come down, essentially, to direction (which way am I heading) and dress (what I ultimately will do when I've arrived). Several movements performed at Franklin (notably our movements Saturday afternoon) were done quite well. Perhaps due to the fact that the length of the march while in Battalion front gave us some time to get comfortable with the movement. It's not very often that we have the space available for such a prolonged maneuver. But, we can accomplish much the same in company front marching for an extended distance (i.e. column of companies). Again, the idea is to keep to the basics (the shoulders square, light elbow contact toward the guide direction, etc.) of drill. I hope that many of you are realizing that regardless of the eloquent litany of words flowing forth from the Colonel the maneuver itself should really be quite familiar to you at the company level.

Finally, I hope that you will be participating in the upcoming November elections. You have opportunity to participate in two elections! The "biggie", of course, occurring on November 2 and our own elections taking place at Boone Hall

November 20. My emphasis, however, will be on the former for just a moment.

Recently, I watched one of my favorite things on the History Channel. A program called "Heavy Metal" featuring the magnificent P-51 Mustang. I am somewhat the addict when it comes to World War Two material. The program was quite informational concerning the airplane itself. Most compelling to me were the discussions with the men who flew it. As you might expect, they all recounted riveting personal experiences during their ETO service. But now, as they've had many years to reflect upon their lives, they see the bigger picture of what their service meant to the sustenance of freedom.

I can't help that too many in modern America seemingly don't appreciate the enormous costs paid for freedoms taken for granted. I can do my part, though. In my view, part of the appreciation that I can show veterans of America's wars is to participate in the election process. I understand that many folks have reservations about our process. But I cannot let an apathetic attitude deprive my participation. The price paid for my right to participate is just too expensive to ignore. I think it's appropriate that Election Day and Veterans Day occur in the same month. In my opinion, both honor the flesh and blood sacrifice of those "who more than self their country loved."

Thank you Veterans!

God bless and keep you all. I look forward to seeing you in the field soon.

*"Rusty"*

Mike Weatherford  
 Lt. Colonel

**Battalion Dues**  
 were due to the  
**Battalion Adjutant on**  
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**If you have not forwarded your dues to your unit rep, please do so immediately.**  
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**William Patton Mauldin:**  
 “...the near end of this age.”

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*John K. Graham, great-great-grandson of Private William Patton Mauldin, Company F, Blue Ridge Volunteers, 1<sup>st</sup> (Orr’s) South Carolina Rifles, recently donated a 1927 image and a “Life Sketch” written by the private on November 30, 1927. Mauldin was born in the Piedmont section of SC on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1843.*

“On July 20, 1861, the day I was 18 years old, offered my services for the war, went to Virginia in the early spring of 1862, and was in Virginia Campaigns until the surrender of Richmond and Petersburg in 1865. Was captured by the enemy at the fall of those cities only a few days before the Surrender of Lee at Appomattox on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, 1865. Went north and served as prisoner at Hart Island, New York. Was detained in prison and never got back home until August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1865. I served every phase of the war, was in most of the hardest fought battles of the war. I was wounded three times, one time severely. Was in the campaign from the Seven Days’ Battle before Richmond until the fall of Richmond in the year 1865. I feel that there was a special Providence that took care of me through all that conflict. There were comrades killed on my right and left in some of those battles.” According to Mr. Graham, Mauldin’s three wounds were in the thigh, calf and right arm.



Mauldin moved to Mississippi in 1865 and died in Wayne County August 25, 1928, age 85. In his 1927 sketch he enlightens us with this observation of a long life, “This is a luxurious and complex age. We have so many inventions and conveniences. We have the telephone, the motor cars, radio,

electric lights and the flying machines...Yet, of all the marvels of the modern day, we find something lacking, an intangible something that we miss from the days of old...How different now when children disappear when the evening is done, going to the show or some haunts of vice and sensualism and find it difficult to observe the hour of family prayer...and yet education has not stayed the tide of criminality. The electric bulb will never take the place of Eternal light that never fails. I am neither prophet nor son of a prophet, but it seems to me as to many others, that everything is pointing to the near end of this age.”

Note: The 1<sup>st</sup> {Orr’s} SC Rifles organized for three years or the war on July 20, 1861 at Sandy Springs which is located between Anderson and Clemson. Resigned US Senator and SC Secession signer James Lawrence Orr raised the regiment, then was elected Confederate senator from South Carolina. Orr is buried at First Presbyterian in Anderson. The Rifles recorded a minimum of 745 deaths during the war. The regiment, which served in the Maxcy Gregg/Samuel McGowan Brigade, had the highest death total of any South Carolina regiment and in casualties is ranked near the top for any regiment North or South. [Kirkland, Randolph W. Jr., **Broken Fortunes**]

**Humors Of Camp In Chatham Artillery**

By Clement Saussy, of Savannah, GA., to his camp

Contributed by:  
 Joe Long, Historian wjlong@sc.gov  
 SC Confederate Relic Rom and Museum

*This account of Christmas of 1864 on the Combahee River was published in the Confederate Veteran of 1910. Clement Saussy, seventeen at the time of his enlistment, was a fairly regular contributor to the magazine, and the Chatham Artillery spent most of its time on the coast, serving as well at Olustee and in the Carolinas Campaign.*

“On Christmas day of 1864 the battery was on duty at a rice plantation, expecting the enemy to advance from Port Royal, S.C., toward the Savannah and Charleston Railroad. This was at Chisholmville, on the Combahee River. The weather was intensely cold; but no Yankees approached, so we had a quiet day. The negroes on the plantation gave us some sweet potatoes, and we had a lot of them roasted for our Christmas dinner. Another mess decided to have a fine cake for their Christmas celebration, as they had a small quantity of wheat flour and a little sugar. So they bought eggs from the negroes, and the whole bunch wanted to have a say in the making of this Christmas cake. It was fun to see these fellows who knew how to fry bacon, when they had any, and boil rice or make corn bread trying to bake that



cake. This was something new to them. They had no butter nor yeast; but, having set their hearts on a Christmas cake, they got the best rubber blanket, put it on the ground, put the flour on it, mixed in the sugar and eggs, when they found that there was not sugar enough for the flour. While in this dilemma I suggested that they put some sorghum sirup in it, which they did; but they put in too much, which made the dough look like batter. I again suggested that they add meal to make it thick enough. Our meal was ground with the shuck and the cob ground in. So they borrowed a sifter from an old negro woman and added enough meal to make dough of the batter. I have forgotten how the baking turned out, for they did not even offer me a slice! Our dinner was a good mess of roasted potatoes.”

## On the Drill Field

**Reenactorisms.** We've heard the term, but what is it? Simply put, a reenactorism is an action or a piece of equipment that is generally accepted in the hobby as "correct," but has no historical support as being plain, everyday, and common to the civil war soldier. What are some reenactorisms overheard and seen at events?

"Load and Hold!" This command is not found in the drill manual. If the officer here wants his men to stop shooting and load their pieces, the correct command from Hardee's is "Cease FIRING!" According to Hardee's 282 "*At this command, the men will cease firing. If they have fired they will load their pieces and bring them to a shoulder; if at the position of ready, they will half cock and shoulder arms. If in the position of aim, they will bring down their pieces, half-cock, and shoulder arms*"

How about "fire at will?" The jury may still be out on this one. "Fire at will" doesn't appear in the drill manuals, but reading official records, it appears that the term was used to describe both what was done as well as a command. There are reports where the reporting officer explicitly states the commands he gave. In a few, "fire at will" was one of them. So the question remains, is "fire at will" plain, everyday, and common enough to be authentic as a command? You decide. I can say with some certainty however, that if your officer chooses to use the command, it is not authentic to respond with "Which one's Will?" Here are some examples:

"Report of Lieut. Col. Wharton J. Green, Second North Carolina Battalion.

ON BOARD STEAMER S. H. SPAULDING

Off Roanoke Island, N. C., February 18, 1862.

SIR: I herewith submit a report of the skirmish in which my battalion (Second North Carolina) was engaged on Saturday, the 8th instant:

... After proceeding about half a mile we came suddenly upon a Federal regiment, which I have since learned was the Twenty-first Massachusetts. The two advanced companies of the respective commands were about 75 paces apart, I being some 20 paces in advance of mine. I gave the command "By company into line," when the officer in command of the Federal regiment threw up his hand and cried cut, "Stop, stop, colonel; don't fire; you are mistaken!" Believing it to be a trick, I repeated my command. Thereupon the Federal officer gave the command, "Fire." My advanced companies returned the fire, firing at will after the first volley. Finding that there was some confusion, and not knowing the ground, I soon became satisfied that I could not form my men in line of battle to any advantage on the ground that they then occupied, so I ordered them to fall back a short distance and form behind the log houses occupied by Colonel Jordan's regiment as quarters. This they did in good order. The Federals fell back immediately after. Immediately after forming behind the houses Lieutenant-Colonel Fowle, of the Thirty-first North Carolina, passed by with a white flag, and stated that a surrender had been determined upon.

My loss was 3 men killed and 5 wounded, 2 of whom have

since died. I am happy to be able to report favorably of the action of both officers and men. The enemy's loss, as I learned from themselves, was between 20 and 30.

I marched my entire command, with very few exceptions, in good order back to your camp.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WHARTON J. GREEN,

Lieutenant-Colonel, Second North Carolina Battalion.

Col. H. M. SHAW."

Series 1 - Volume 10 (Part I), p 492, No. 172.

Report of Cot. B. L. Hodge, Nineteenth Louisiana Infantry.

HDQRS. NINETEENTH REGT. LOUISIANA VOLUNTEERS, Corinth, Miss., April, 1862.

"...We had advanced midway the little farm, which is about 150 yards in width, when the enemy, lying in ambush about 80 or 100 yards beyond the outer fence and directly in our front, opened fire upon our entire line. Although the fire was not expected at the moment, the advance of the regiment was not checked in the slightest; but moving forward steadily to the fence the men commenced to deliver their fire at will..."

Series 1 - Volume 11 (Part II), p740

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH South Carolina REGIMENT, July 10, 1862.

GENERAL: I beg leave to submit the following report of the action of the Seventh South Carolina Regiment in the engagement of the 29th ultimo:

At 11 p. m. Saturday, the 28th, I received orders to prepare to march at early dawn on Sunday. Such preparation was made, but we did not move until 9 am, when I joined, with my command, the remainder of the brigade at a point known as our picket reserve. From this point we advanced upon the enemy's breastworks and found them evacuated. Thence we marched by a flank down the Nine-mile road to the railroad, where we were drawn up in line of battle on the left of the railroad. Advancing but a short distance, we moved by the right flank and crossed the railroad. For half a mile, or perhaps less, we advanced in line of battle and were ordered to retire. Another flank movement carried me down the railroad to a new line of battle, which, as we advanced, threw us off the railroad, either because the railroad turned to the left or we diverged to the right. Another flank movement was resorted to and again line of battle formed. We advanced until the skirmishers announced the enemy in line of battle. This line of the enemy being dispersed by a battery of artillery we were again ordered forward, and about 4.30 or 5 pm were halted in a valley in the woods beyond Savage's farm. In my rear a battery was again drawn up, and, firing directly over the right of my regiment, subjected us to a very severe cannonading, from which there was no escape. This duel resulted in my losing 1 man and having 2 slightly wounded.

At about 5.30 pm I was ordered by some one I did not see to move my regiment forward after a couple of volleys of musketry had been heard on my left. I moved forward, and imme-

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diately upon emerging from the oak grove and entering the pine thicket I encountered the enemy. Cautioning the men to reserve their fires, I ordered a charge. The charge was made, some few firing, and the enemy gave back. Another forward was given, and onward we went, firing generally as we advanced. I next ordered, "**Load advancing , and fire at will.**" This command, heard by but a few, was intuitively obeyed by all. After the enemy had been pressed back about 150 yards a heavy firing began on my right and considerably in the rear. Fearing this might be from our friends, I sent the sergeant major to inquire of the lieutenant-colonel how the right was progressing, for it was impossible in the thicket to see half the length of the regiment. He returned almost immediately with the word that the lieutenant colonel was taken from the field wounded, two companies on my right were cut off, and the enemy were in our rear. I forthwith issued the order to retire in line, which was heard by but two companies. I withdrew these to an old crossroad and in a few minutes collected the others. Cautioning this portion of the regiment to lie down and be on the watch, I started to look for the two right companies, which soon reported and were attached to the regiment. I then formed line of battle, but the firing on my left having ceased, I faced by the rear rank and retired about 50 yards into the oak grove, halting and fronting again. No enemy advancing, I faced about again and marched out of the woods, where I found the two left regiments and formed upon them. The battle over, we were permitted to lie in line of battle in the valley whence we first started, and there we remained until Monday, 7 am.

The casualties of my command were: Two sergeants, 2 corporals, and 9 privates killed; 1 lieutenant colonel, 4 lieutenants, 9 sergeants, 5 corporals, and 46 privates wounded. Total killed, 13; total wounded, 68. Two of the wounded privates have since died.

Respectfully submitted.

D. WYATT AIKEN, Colonel Seventh South Carolina Regiment.

Series 1 - Volume 30 (Part I), p833, No. 190.

Col. Granville A. Frambes, Fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry.

HDQTS. Fifty ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry  
Chattanooga, Tenn., September 26, 1863.

"Captain: I have the honor to report the part which my regiment took in the late engagements since crossing the Tennessee River at Bridgeport, on the evening of the 7th instant:

...I had not advanced over 300 yards when my regiment became engaged with the enemy, well positioned in a depression in the woods. I kept up an incessant fire, and advanced steadily all the time, driving the enemy slowly before me until he reached his second line, when he came to a stand. I then ordered my regiment forward on double-quick, cheering heartily as we went, which caused the enemy to give way in confusion in my front. I then observed that my line was in advance of the remainder of the line, and my right flank was unprotected by an interval of half a mile caused by the force on my right not connecting with me. I then halted and had to lie down and fire at will. Shortly after I gave this order I discovered that the enemy was flanking me on my right and the line on my left was falling back rapidly, which left me in great danger of being captured. I then gave the order to fall back. My regiment fell back in order about half way to the road, when I moved it by the left flank a short distance and then forward and joined the Thirteenth Ohio on its right and engaged the enemy vigorously, but my right flank being exposed, the enemy took advantage of it and charged upon us with an overwhelming force, which caused my regiment to fall back with the whole line in confusion. I succeeded in rallying a part of the regiment behind a line of artillery stationed on a ridge in an open field on the west side of the Chattanooga road. Here we succeeded in checking him by the aid of artillery and the stubborn fighting of the fragments of several different regiments for some time, but was finally forced to give way. I then fell back to the Crawfish Spring road, about a half mile, where, with the brigade, I camped during the night. Thus closed the day's fighting of my regiment, in which I had 1 officer and 2 men mortally wounded, 1 officer and 32 men wounded, and 5 men missing...."

## Campaigner's Corner ~ "What They Knew"

Daniel Fodera  
Palmetto Living History Association

*The prayers below are taken from "The Soldier's Prayer Book" printed in Philadelphia, 1861. They are arranged from the Book of Common Prayer.*

### A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves

to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen

### Soldiers' Prayer

O God Our Father! Wash us from all our sins in the Saviours blood, and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a clean heart and fill us with the Holy Ghost, that we may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified and manfully to fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; looking the Jesus, the great Captain of our salvation. We ask it all, because he lived, died, and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen

## Material Resources

**Replica:** A copy. A replica is virtually identical to the original in every detail. Signs of wear or age may or may not be copied and the item still be considered a replica.

**Reproduction:** An item using period materials and construction techniques. The variation in a reproduction and an original is the same as "the next one off the production line." For example, a garment might have details attributed to a certain depot, but still retain the variation seen in different seamstresses. A reproduction may be modeled off an existing artifact or it may be conjectural based upon research.

### The Watchdog

The Watchdog is a quarterly publication that publishes articles of interest, research and comparisons of original items to goods offered by vendors. It's a welcome addition to the mailbox of any detail-oriented reenactor. A one-year subscription is \$15

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## Recommended Vendors and Christmas Specials

For those of us looking to add reenacting gear to your Christmas list this season, several vendors have been kind enough to offer special deals for Palmetto Battalion members. I have included specials that I hope can fit every budget. The vendors listed produce the highest quality reproductions and replicas using period methods and materials while treating their customers with the best in modern customer service. Editor

### Federal Issue Blanket by Matt Woodburn

"I am happy to provide an "in stock Christmas Special" for your readers. The special will be the lighter striped discount blanket at \$75 plus \$10 shipping." Orders must be received by December 15th to make it by Christmas. Further info can be found at

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### Columbus Depot Jacket and Federal Issue Blouse by CJ Daley

"We can do both the blouse and jacket on sale for the Palmetto Battalion for Christmas starting from the day after Thanksgiving and running until New Years." Federal Blouse special \$160 (that's \$20 off) and CD Jacket \$190 (that's \$35 off).

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**Haversacks and Shelter Halves.** Providing replicas of Civil War haversacks, shelter tents, tent poles, and hemp rope. (There is a Christmas Special for orders postmarked before December 1st.)

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### Suspender Kits and Lowell Towels by Michael McComas, Confederate Tailor

"I'd be happy to run a few specials for the Palmetto Battalion for the Christmas season. How about Lowell Towels for \$4.50 a yard postpaid (normally \$5/yard postpaid) and fancy suspender kits (everything you need, cut to length and sew yourself) for \$25 postpaid. I have set up a webpage for you."

[www.confederate-tailor.com/pv\\_special.html](http://www.confederate-tailor.com/pv_special.html)

### Handknit Charleston Socks by Karin Timour

There are two different sets of sock directions printed in the Charleston Mercury (one set in 1861, the other in 1864). I am prepared to take orders for five pair of socks, from any five members of the Palmetto Battalion for a pair of custom-knit socks made to either pattern. These would be delivered through the 2005 reenacting season - one pair in February, one pair in April, June, August, October. My normal price for a pair of socks is \$75, postage included. I am prepared to give a 10% discount to members of the Battalion, lowering the cost of each pair to \$67.50. Furthermore, for each pair ordered, I'll donate \$25 to the Save Morris Island Coalition.

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## From the Telegraph Wires

### Hunley Funeral Caisson Destroyed

On the morning of October 20th, at approximately 3:00am the barn where the Douglas Battery's newly built caisson was stored burned to the ground. The fire was so intense that it melted the copper on the ammunition chests. The worse news is that the barn had minimal insurance on contents. The ironworks may be salvageable but everything else was lost.

Douglas Battery, a horse drawn artillery unit out of east Texas, had completed the caisson earlier this year in time for the Hunley Funeral. Lots of time and effort went into fabricating wooden parts, saving money to buy wheels, painting, finishing. The caisson was the culmination of the battery's best fabricating efforts. They were really proud of her. The honor and emotion of carrying Corporal Carlson to his final rest just added to the unit's sense of pride.

Mark Hutson, the unit contact said "We enjoy our mounted impression, while this may alter our plans to have a gun/limber and a limber/caisson fully mounted by Spring 2005, we'll rebuild. I have no doubt in the resilience of our unit!"

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## 2005 Events

**N**ow is the time that we should be thinking of the events we want to attend in 2005. On the bottom of the Calendar page, you'll see some events that I already know the dates of. If you know of other events we might consider, send me a note and I'll put them on the list. The way we're going to select the events this year is going to be different. In the past, we'd convene the staff and unit reps and vote on a list of possible events. Typically what would happen is the folks would get tired of sitting in the meeting and affiliate everything that came up. That's not the way to do it. When the Battalion affiliates an event, we should be saying that we'll attend the event in battalion strength. It's nonsense to declare an event affiliated and then have 6 people show up. Since the Battalion represents the members, this year the members will have more of a say in it. Hopefully this method will help us determine which events we all really want, and will go to. Each unit will submit their three top choices for the events that they will attend. I also want one eastern and one western out of state event. We'll take the top three and two others and make them affiliated or max efforts. We may take the top 5 plus two, and then the next 5 can be "other" events. We still have a few details to work out, but this seems to make a fair amount of sense. I expect there will be some deals struck by the units that host events. A "You scratch our backs and we'll scratch yours." kind of thing. That's fine. We should be doing what the membership wants.

If we (collectively) don't want to cross the state line, then we shouldn't. I don't think that's the case though, and I encourage all our members to consider everything that makes the list. That being said, do not send me every farm festival and county fair to put on the list. Any event worthy of consideration is fine, but please keep it within the realm of reason. So, go to your unit meetings and discuss it with your pards. When ya'll have it figured, have your unit rep hermetically seal the selections in a mayonnaise jar. When we have the staff meeting to set the official schedule, he'll need to dig up the jar from the back yard and bring it along.

*Tom*

