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Commander's Corner

I can't believe we're coming to the end of the 150th cycle. It seems like only a couple of years ago we were planning for 1st Bull Run and now we're staring Appomattox in the face. I guess it's true that time flies when you're having fun.

At this time no one knows what's going to happen in the hobby after April, nobody can say, so it is imperative that we ALL try to keep involved in the National Regiment. I only know that this organization can only move forward and stay relative if we have ACTIVE units which continue to participate in NR events. As you all know, in this hobby numbers talk.

We've had a great run of 30 years and more because of the devotion of your units to the NR, it would be a shame to see us dwindle and fade away. I have every hope that you, the life blood of the NR will not let that happen.

I'm looking forward to the new season; there are already several VERY interesting events on the calendar. See you all in the field.

NR Training School, Feb. 28, Mar. 1, Gettysburg, PA

The 2015 National Regiment Officer & NCO School will be held the weekend of February 28/March 1st at the Gettysburg American Legion Hall, 528 E. Middle St.

At this time the tentative cost for the school will be \$35 per person, payable on site, and will include the school, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

The school is open to ALL NRmembers regardless of rank.

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms at the Days Inn Gettysburg for the nights of Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb 28, so call NOW (717-334-0030) and tell them you are with the National Regiment. Rates are \$49 per room, per night.

Appomattox National Park, Appomattox, Virginia.

The NR will be issuing raw foodstuff for rations in the form of potatoes, onions, bacon, and perhaps more. Cost will be \$11 per man, per day for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It will cover breakfast, lunch and dinner. Preparation will be up to the individual companies. More details will be forthcoming, with final instructions at the school.

Arrival will be on Wednesday, early morning tactical on Thursday morning. If you can't make the full event, come to as much as you can.

THIS WILL BE ON THE ORIGINAL SITE OF LEE'S SURRENDER, AND PARTICIPATION IS STRICTLY LIMITED, DON'T MISS THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT.

The Grand Review Parade down Pennsylvania Ave. Sunday, May 17, 2015.

The purpose of this event is to reenact and mark the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Review – a military parade by the Army of the Potomac and Sherman's Army of the Tennessee/Georgia down Pennsylvania Ave. This parade marked the end of the war and the dismissal of many of the troops.

We looked into the possibility of hiring a motor coach somewhere outside of the DC area to take us to the site, but those plans have fallen through, so it is up to the individuals to make their way to the site.

All parade participants will meet at 7:00 am on Sunday, May 17th at RFK (DC United) Stadium, just outside of Washington. Registration and all inspections will take place there. Participants will be given IDs and all weapons and horses will be inspected. Due to the security concerns and prohibitions against moving in the city with such weapons, troops will form up and be loaded into shuttle busses, by unit, for transport to the parade start. It is the same approach used for all inaugural parades. Cav and artillery horses will be inspected at RFK as will invited artillery guns. Once inspected, horse and gun trailers will proceed as directed into DC to unload and – having unloaded – move to the pick-up points.

Overall, this is a parade of 10 city blocks down Pennsylvania Ave- about 1 mile. At the conclusion of the march, participants will make their way back to the starting area where they will re-board the busses and be shuttled back to RFK (DC United) Stadium and disperse from there.

Please note: Due to security concerns, pistols are strictly forbidden. Obviously, no caps or ammunition.

The \$25 fee covers the participation in the parade ONLY. This covers the shuttle ride from RFK stadium to the parade start area and back to the stadium after the parade.

PLEASE NOTE: RFK stadium is NOT the starting point of the parade. That is where security will be done. We will then be bussed to the start area, do the parade, and then be bussed back to RFK.

Registration

Cost to participate is \$25.

Register online at: http://www.grandreviewparade.org/
Follow the links to register for the Grand Review Parade

Should you wish to pay the Marcher's fee by check, please write check to **African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation** and mail it to:

African American Civil War Memorial Freedom Foundation (AACWMFF) 1925 Vermont Ave N.W., Washington, DC 20001

Dues

The NR dues for 2015 will remain at \$90. If you have not yet paid, please send a check, made out to the National Regiment to:

The National Regiment PO Box 8862 Elkridge, MD 21075

National Regiment Events Reminder

If you have not yet selected your choices for the 2015 schedule, please send your picks to Chip Smith at: coh7res@verizon.net

Proposed National Regiment Events for 2015

*Feb 28 to Mar 1 - Officer & NCO School; Gettysburg, PA

March 20 to 22 - 150th Bentonville Reenactment; Four Oaks NC

*April 8 to 12 - 150th Appomattox NPS Living History; Appomattox, VA

*May 17 - 150th Grand Review: Washington D.C.

May 30 to 31 - Centerville 1861 Tactical; Gettysburg, PA

June 27 to 28 - Gaines Mills NPS Living History; Richmond VA (5th NY event)

June 27 to 28 - Hartwood Acres Reenactment; Pittsburgh PA

(116th PA event)

July 3 to 5 - Gettysburg Reenactment; Gettysburg PA

(www.gettysburgreenactment.com)

July 25 to 26 - Landis Valley Living History; Lancaster PA

(53rd PA event)

Sept 19 to 20 - Historic Zoar Civil War Reenactment; Zoar OH

(www.zoarcivilwar.com)

Sept 26 to 27 - Gettysburg Drill/Living History; Gettysburg PA

(53rd PA Event)

*Nov 21 - Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade: Gettysburg PA

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The Union Army is in formation for the Battle of Cedar Creek.

(Sandy Goss/Eagle Bay. Additional photos at eaglebaymedia.FotoTime.com)

Left Center: Gen. Brennan, Cols. Washburn & Downes, Federal Alliance Brigade to the Right.