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WINTER MEETING

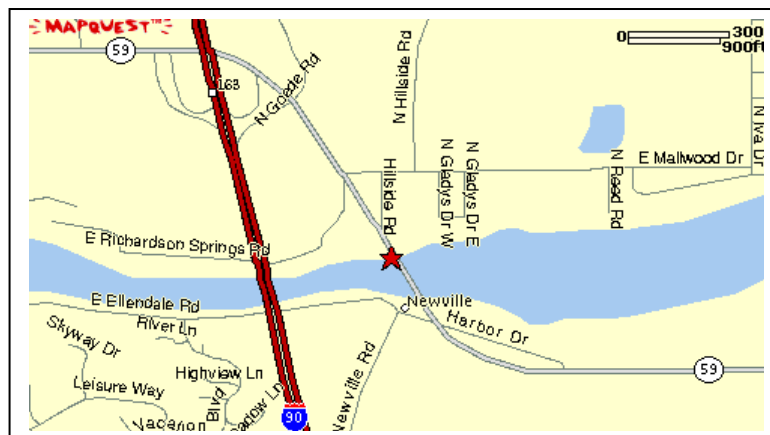
The 33rd Wisconsin will hold its Winter Meeting on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and until 3:00 p.m. The location for this year's meeting will be Emigail's Roadhouse, Newville, Wisconsin, located at the Hwy 59 Exit on I-90. Newville is just three miles east of Edgerton, and about 10 miles north of Janesville.

Emigail's Roadhouse features a Cajun / Tex-Mex menu, and has a bar. The food should be to everyone's liking, and the beer is guaranteed to be cold.

4. Civilians' Report
5. The year 2001 in review
6. Membership and event attendance
7. Authenticity standards and updates to the "Sources List"
8. Inter-unit relations
9. Proposed events for 2002
10. Other

We will be putting together a draft for the 2002 reenacting season with dates for events that are presently known. If you have an event which you would like to see considered as a unit event, bring the details to the meeting. If you have topics of discussion which you believe should be brought before the membership, please send them to Mark Reitz prior to the meeting so that they may be included as a part of our agenda.

As always, our Winter Meeting is a closed meeting, and will be open only to 33rd



The purpose of the Winter meeting is to recap the reenacting season just finished, with a focus on those things we did well, and those items for which we need improvement.

Our *draft* agenda includes the following items:

1. Financial Report
2. Newsletter Report
3. Website Report

Wisconsin members and invited guests. If you are receiving a copy of this newsletter however, you are a member or guest.

An initial event list to review, consider and discuss at our meeting would be as follows:

- ???? Spring Muster
Apr 26 Whitewater School Event

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May 3 Recon II : Maryland
May 24 Appleton School Event
May 27 Memorial Day
July 4 Wauwatosa Parade
July 12 North Freedom / LaRue
Aug 2 Crabill House, Ohio
Aug 10 Shrake Wedding
Aug 30 Old World
Oct 4 AoP Perryville

Please remember that this is *not a schedule of events for 2002*, but is merely a list of events and dates for consideration.

It is hoped that we will once again have a good turn-out of members for this meeting. Remember, this is your organization, and it runs and functions best when we all take responsibility in making sure that the unit operations.

Emigail's Roadhouse is located at 650 East Highway 59, in Newville, Wisconsin. See the map on page one, but *please note* that Emigail's is located just north of the star, at Hillside Road. Telephone 608 884-7922.

For locations from the north or south, take I-90 to Newville, and Exit at Highway 59. Travel East/South (Right) on Hwy 59 until a block before the bridge. Emigail's is on the left (east) of Hwy 59.

From Milwaukee and points east, take I-94 to Hwy 26 Johnson's Creek exit. Travel Hwy 26 until about 6 miles south of Fort Atkinson, and take County Hwy N east (right) to Hwy 59. Take Hwy 59 to Newville. Emigail's is on the right just on the other side of the bridge.

NORSKADELEN EVENT REVIEW

by Dave May

Beginning on October 12, 2001, elements of the 33rd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry arrived in support of the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry at a homestead within the coulee region of western Wisconsin. At this pristine site free from modern intrusions, a struggle over possession of the valley ensued against various elements of the 'secesh.'

The Federal elements bivouacked on a pine covered hillside near the homestead while the confederates occupied the various buildings within the homestead. Soldierly tasks such as picketing and skirmishing were supplemented by the digging of rifle pits, constructing breastworks, and chasing goats and chickens which had escaped from the homestead. After a brief struggle with the Johnnies over possession of the goat, it was successfully captured by the Federal forces. Various children in the area proved to be more elusive.

The weekend activities concluded with a battle over possession of the homestead in which the federal infantry drove the opponents from building to building in a lively manner.

For such a small action, the Federals were blessed with the presence of two correspondents from a major eastern newspaper. One of them proved to be a talented sketch artist who no doubt will enjoy a lucrative future in art work. The other with suspect political tendencies, dressed largely in butternut shades, spoke of evading the draft by purchase of a substitute and did provide a steady source of contraband throughout the weekend for the Federals.

The civilian population at the homestead appeared to be appreciative of the Federal presence as a steady supply of comestibles attested. The fried chicken (they didn't *all* get away) provided on Sunday went well with the apple pie confiscated from the correspondent.

Overall, Norskadelen was a very worthwhile event. Several of us from the 33rd Wisconsin attended. This is one we should look to add to our calendar for consideration in future years.

INVITATION TO THE CRABILL HOUSE LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Gentlemen,

The George Henry Thomas' Invincibles <http://www.authentic-campaigner.com/>

would like to extend an invitation for you and/or your unit to attend the Crabill House Living History event to be held August 2- 4, 2002. The Crabill Homestead <http://www.geocities.com/pentagon/bunker/7349/page36.html> is located near Springfield, Ohio.

The Thomas' Invincibles will be recreating the mustering in of the 105th Ohio Volunteer Infantry <http://www.geocities.com/ovi105/> The weekend living history will consist of drill and training, as well as interaction with local citizens. Federal infantry, early-war impressions, new recruit-military impressions are encouraged. Civilian participants are encouraged to represent friends and family of the troops. All military participants will register as privates, command structure to be determined based upon numbers. Realistic sized companies for the scenario will be observed, 80-100 per company.

Registration: This event is by invitation only. A registration fee of between \$15 and \$20 (the exact amount has not been determined) will be going to providing period amenities such as a picnic, period bands and music, a period sutler, etc. etc.

Information about the event (registration, requirements, etc...) can be found at our web site <http://www.geocities.com/crabillhouse/>

We look forward to seeing you at the Crabill House!

The Union Forever!
Billy "Bugs" Young

<http://members.tripod.com/pcalloway/invincibles.htm>

ROLL CALL

by Nathaniel Greene

Submitted by Bill Zuelsdorff

"Corporal Green!" the orderly cried;
"Here!" was the answer loud and clear,

From the lips of a soldier who stood near,
 And "Here!" was the word the next replied.

"Cyrus Drew!" then silence fell;
 This time no answer followed the call;
 Only his rear-man had seen him fall:
 Killed or wounded - he could not tell.

There they stood in the failing light,
 These men of battle, with grave, dark looks,
 As plain to be read as open books,
 While slowly gathered the shades of night.

The fern on the hillsides was splashed with blood,
 And down in the corn, where the poppies grew,
 Were redder stains than the poppies knew,
 And crimson-dyed was the river's flood.

For the foe had crossed from the other side,
 That day, in the face of murderous fire
 That swept them in its terrible ire;
 And their life-blood went to color the tide.

"Herbert Cline!" - At the call there came
 Two stalwart soldiers in the line,
 Bearing between them Herbert Cline,
 Wounded and bleeding to answer his name.

"Ezra Kerr!" - and a voice answered
 "Here!"

"Hiriam Kerr!" - but no man replied.
 They were brothers, these two; the sad wind sighed,
 And a shudder crept through the cornfield near.

"Ephraim Deane!" - then a soldier spoke:

"Deane carried our regiment's colors," he said,

"When our ensign was shot; I left him dead,

Just after the enemy wavered and broke"

"Close to the roadside his body lies;
 I paused a moment and gave him to drink;

He murmured his mother's name I think;
 And Death came with it and closed his eyes."

"'Twas a victory, yes; but it cost us dear:

For the company's roll call,
 when called at night,
 Of a hundred men who went into the fight,
 Numbered but twenty that answered "Here!"

NOW AND THEN ©

Editors Note: The following article appeared on the website of the Wall Street Journal, with regard to the criticism by the Press of the present war efforts against the Taliban and terrorists abroad.

By Christopher Buckley, editor of Forbes FYI. His new novel, "Trial of the Millennium," will be published next year by Random House.

Dear Mr. Reitz,
 Permission [to reprint Now and Then] granted, with pleasure. Just put somewhere at the bottom, "Reprinted with permission of Christopher Buckley. All rights reserved."

JANUARY 6, 1942

MEDIA REPORTED 'FRUSTRATED' AT LACK OF U.S. VICTORY IN 'WORLD WAR II'

'How Long is This Thing Going to Drag Out?' demand New Type of Commentators Called 'Talking Heads'

Cheers, regards,
 Chris Buckley

Dec. 12, 1941: The City Council of

FEBRUARY 6, 1942

MEDIA EXECUTIVES CHAFE AT WAR DEPARTMENT RESTRICTIONS ON REPORTING

'Why Can't We Go on Doolittle Raid Over Tokyo?'
Demands Head of ABC News

Berkeley, Calif. approves, by 5-4, a resolution condemning as "warmongering" the recent U.S. declaration of war on Japan. In a statement, the council deplors "violence as a means of settling international disputes" and urges

FEBRUARY 18, 1942

CRITICS WORRIED WORLD WAR II COULD TURN OUT TO BE 'QUAGMIRE'

MARCH 1, 1942

BRITISH URGED TO HALT BOMBING OF OCCUPIED FRANCE DURING LENT

Insensitivity to period of fasting and repentance could 'offend' Christians, 'strain' Alliance

MARCH 3, 1942

RAF BOMBERS STRIKE RENAULT PLANT OUTSIDE PARIS, KILLING 623 AND WOUNDING 1,500

Churchill Reported Sleeping 'Like a Baby' Following Raid

President Roosevelt to "sit down with the Japanese ambassador in Washington" and "enter into a meaningful, non-gender or race-based dialogue."

Dec. 13, 1941: In an article for the New Yorker, Mavis Montag suggests that the U.S. "has only itself to blame" for the attack on Pearl Harbor. However, she expresses satisfaction that America is now formally at war with Germany and will thus "be forced to aid the heroic struggle of the Soviet Union."

RECON II

Jan. 30, 1942: In an interview on "Good Morning Nippon," a Japanese bomber pilot wounded over Pearl Harbor denounces the American Navy's attempt to defend itself from the attack.

"They should have accepted our bombs as divine will," says Murama Takaji, 22, who appears on the popular morning show with both arms in a sling. He says that once he recovers he hopes to join the elite Divine Wind ("kamikaze") squadron. "It would be a great honor to crash into an American ship," he says. "I hear there are many pretty geishas in the next life."

Feb. 7, 1942: The head of ABC News retracts revelation of Doolittle mission. "I misspoke," he says. "There actually is no secret plan to launch B-25 bombers off aircraft carriers to bomb Tokyo on April 18. Really."

April 20, 1942: Officials from the Japanese Imperial Ministry of Propaganda and Dissimulation give American reporters a tour of areas of Tokyo damaged in the Doolittle raid. According to the officials, all bombs missed military targets, landing instead on nursery schools, hospitals, temples, infant formula factories and schools for handicapped children.

April 21, 1942: The head of the United Nations expresses "grave concern" over civilian casualties in yesterday's Doolittle raid over Tokyo.

"If there are to be any more of these so-called 'daring' raids over Japanese population centers," he says, "American pilots must be more sensitive to collateral damage."

The 33rd Wisconsin has been invited to attend the Recon II event which will take place on the weekend of May 3-5, 2002. Recon is self-described as a campaign-style event at brigade level, involving combined arms (infantry, cavalry, artillery, and supporting troops), conducted under realistic conditions, using accurate organizations and procedures, and observed and evaluated by a corps of trained referees. Participating units will spend over a year in preparing for this exercise, using their own resources and those provided by the organizers.

The organizers are seeking roughly equal forces of two or more battalions of 250-350 men, plus cavalry and horse-drawn artillery. Forces of other support arms (signal, engineer, etc.) may be accepted if the scenario allows. Depending on the scenario, there may be a limited role for stationary artillery in small numbers.

The scenario will be an adaptation of a historical situation – not a reenactment of an actual battle, but an event that might have happened, providing historical accuracy without making commanders try to follow a "script."

Both forces will be organized as brigades, with 2-4 regimental maneuver units of 250-350 men, plus supporting elements. Participants will include all commanders and staffs at brigade level and below, and the troops themselves; higher headquarters will be on site, but these will be used for maneuver control, providing orders and receiving and sending communications.

Every aspect of operations, including supply, will be kept as realistic as possible within the limits of safety and practicality.

Like Recon 2000, this is an event for reenactors – there

will be a limited (but realistic) sutler presence by invitation for purchase of last-minute items like ammunition and non-issue provender. There will be no spectators. The entire event will be funded by registration fee. There will be a limited role for civilians; however, all these will be invited role-players.

Like the Reconnaissance on the Rappahannock in May 2000, this event will be conducted under strict campaign conditions, with maximum safe and practical realism used throughout. Pay particular attention to these points:

Recon II is not a reenactment, and it is not a "tactical" as the reenacting hobby has come to understand these terms. Like ROTR in 2000, this is a training exercise designed to improve the hobby's understanding of military operations from brigade commander down to the privates in the ranks. The old assumptions of the hobby are worthless for this event. You must think a new way – like soldiers.

Presently, the 33rd has received invitations to join in with Bill Cross and the Kearney Guards. Dave Gerow advises that the Hardhead Mess would love to fall in with the 33rd and attend the Recon. Some ideas and thoughts that we will have to address at our Winter Meeting in January.

And finally, a telephone call between our member Dave May and Kevin O'Beirne of the Columbia Rifles, a moving and shaking organization out east, reveals that the Recon II event may be cancelled. There have been ongoing problems in securing the use of an appropriate site for the event, and it also sounds as if there has been some eastern reenacting politics in the background making the event less viable. Kevin is on our mailing list for the RCV and we ask that he perchance keep us posted as to the prospects for the event.

APRIL 20, 1942

**WAR DEPARTMENT PUZZLED BY U.N.
PHRASE 'COLLATERAL DAMAGE'**

*Military Scholars, Analysts Say They
Cannot Find Term in Dictionary*

JUNE 1, 1942

**NEARLY 60,000 GERMANS ARE HOMELESS
FOLLOWING RAF BOMBING OF COLOGNE**

Churchill Reports 'Best Night's Sleep' Since 1939

A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS

T'was the night before Christmas, He lived all alone, in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney with presents to give, and to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, on the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.

With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, a sober thought came through my mind.

For this house was different, it was dark and dreary, I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone, curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, not how I pictured a United States soldier.

Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed? I realized the families that I saw this night, owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children could play, and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone, on a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;

I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, my life is my God, my Country, my Corps;

The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours, so silent and still and we both shivered from the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night, this guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, whispered, "carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right. Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night;

This poem was written by a marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

Submitted by John Atkinson.

CORPORAL OF THE GUARD

Reprinted from Customs of Service by August V. Kautz

Corporal of the Guard is the most important duty that falls to the corporal. He should be perfectly familiar with the duties of the sentinel, and able to instruct the members of the guard in their duties.

Ordinarily, a guard consists of a lieutenant and sergeant of the guard, and three corporals, one to each relief. As soon as the guard has marched on, it is divided into three reliefs. The senior corporal is assigned to the first relief, the next to the second, and the third corporal to the last relief.

As soon as his relief has been assigned to him, the corporal makes a list of the

names and numbers, beginning on the right, the odd numbers being in the front rank, and the even numbers in the rear rank. The list is handed to the sergeant of the guard. The corporal should keep a copy of it also.

As soon as the list of the first relief is taken, the corporal marches it off to post it, accompanied by the corporal of the old guard. No. 1 is relieved first; he is always stationed at the guard house, and is not required to march round the chain of sentinels with the relief. The other sentinels are relieved in succession, and are required to fall in in the rear and march round in order, at a "Support Arms." The Regulations prescribe:

When a sentinel sees the relief approaching, he will halt and face to it, with his arms at a shoulder. At six paces, the corporal will command,

1. *Relief.* 2. *Halt!*

when the relief will halt and carry arms. The corporal will then add, 'No. 1,' or 'No. 2,' or 'No. 3,' according to the number of the post,

Arms – Port!

The two sentinels will, with arms at *port*, then approach each other, when the old sentinel, under the correction of the corporal, will whisper the instructions to the new sentinel. This done, the two sentinels will shoulder arms, and the old sentinel will pass, in quick time, to his place in rear of the relief. The corporal will command,

1. *Support – Arms!* 2. *Forward.* 3. *March!*

and the relief proceeds in the same manner until the whole are relieved."

