



“The Beacon”

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“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

PSALM 119:105

From The Captain's Tent

Ralph Mills
Captain



Brothers of the 43rd,

We were blessed indeed to have had the leadership of Rolf, a real professional soldier over the last two years. Precedents were set and our expectations for leadership were raised to another level. Having been in the ranks as one of you will no doubt require a new paradigm for us all as I transition into the position as your CO. If there are those among us that look to me to fill the exact mold patterned by our late brother, then they will be disappointed. My

presence, style and leadership will be unique to my own personality and background. My only active service to the USMC was limited to the weeks of training in the PLC Program in 1970 with reserve status for the years until I was honorably discharged. I have been in the reenactment hobby for twenty years, serving as a CPL and SGT, but most often as a front rank PVT. My most pertinent leadership training came in a thirty-two year career in the public school system, the first third of which was spent as a head coach of football and track and field.

Allow me to share some goals I envision for our Company:

I believe in controlled quality growth with recruits who desire to portray the honorable Confederate soldier in the light he so deserves as the greatest citizen soldier ever to grace this continent. Each of you are well aware of the standards we hold dear, and will continue to recruit only those prospects with whom you are personally willing to assist in reaching that level.

It is my desire that we become the best drilled, most authentic Company in

the reenactment community. This will require more frequent drill than we have experienced in the past. This is in no way meant to discourage our long-range commuters who will not be penalized for living in other sections of the state, but we will centralize our future drills to the drill field at Walnut Bottoms Farm (2625 Webb Girth Rd., Gainesville, GA). Planning for drills will always take into account the schedules of our many law enforcement members and the various agencies and shifts represented. I believe we can greatly improve our individual military bearing as well as that of our Company at future events.

Never take for granted the Spiritual foundation on which this Company stands. We are to my knowledge the only Christian based unit in the entire hobby. I have been in some excellent reenactment units in the past, but I never want to go back to the days where I felt I needed to guard my sons (in their youth), from the godless immorality and influences that were so prevalent in camp. Let us always keep Christ in the camp.

Finally, if you disagree or have contention with me in any matter, bring it to my attention privately as the Bible prescribes. I have never handled public humiliation well, but have matured considerably in my old age as far as private rebuke is concerned. If at any time I no longer have your confidence as your CO, then just let me know. Do not assume that I know concerns within the ranks just because I spent so many years in them. If the day arrives when you are no longer proud of me as your CO, tell me, and I will return to the ranks.

I do not take lightly the trust which has been placed in me as CO of the "Hall Light Guards", and I am determined to always do my duty where you are concerned. But I have never wanted to

serve where I am not wanted. I will make plenty of mistakes. But if the day ever comes, when I betray your trust or commit an immoral act, then it is your solemn duty to confront me immediately and demand my resignation.

It is my honor to serve as your CO, and my duty to live before you as one who has been bought with the Blood of the Precious Lamb of God. May He sustain us all until that time when He calls us to Himself.

Your CO,

Ralph West Mills

Attention to orders!

Rod Glock
1st Lieutenant



EVENT CHECK LIST

Pards,

For your convenience, I have developed a "checklist". You may not need all the items listed, some are just suggestions, and you should "*pard up*" on the pot/hatchet, etc. In any event, this will let you get organized before the *last minute*. It will help me at least.

Uniform:

<input type="checkbox"/> Boots	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks
<input type="checkbox"/> Trousers	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawers
<input type="checkbox"/> Shirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Braces
<input type="checkbox"/> Vest	<input type="checkbox"/> Hat
<input type="checkbox"/> Overcoat (if needed)	

Weapon:

<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle/Musket	<input type="checkbox"/> Bayonet
<input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning Equipment/Tool	

Accoutrements:

<input type="checkbox"/> Belt: Cap Box/Bayonet/Scabbard
<input type="checkbox"/> Cartridge Box & Strap
<input type="checkbox"/> Canteen
<input type="checkbox"/> Haversack

Mess Gear:

<input type="checkbox"/> Plate
<input type="checkbox"/> Cup/Mucket
<input type="checkbox"/> Pot** (or simply use mucket)
<input type="checkbox"/> Frying Pan** (or canteen half)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rations for the weekend
<input type="checkbox"/> Ration Bags (extra)
<input type="checkbox"/> Salt
<input type="checkbox"/> (Other)

** Try to “*pard up*”

“Housing”:

<input type="checkbox"/> Poncho	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Cloth
<input type="checkbox"/> Wool blanket	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Half
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Twine
<input type="checkbox"/> Knapsack	<input type="checkbox"/> Blanket Roll
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Shirt(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Drawers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Packing everything inside the pack is generally best (no roll to pull back on your, everything is kept dry, etc.)

Other Items:

<input type="checkbox"/> Housewife	<input type="checkbox"/> Matches
<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Knife	<input type="checkbox"/> Towel/Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Candles
<input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Pipe/Tobacco
<input type="checkbox"/> Crotch Powder	<input type="checkbox"/> T. Paper

Extra Stuff:

<input type="checkbox"/> **Camera	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine
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**If you bring a camera, please be very discrete when using it; do not ruin the atmosphere for others.

Capt. Henry Richards’ (93rd OVI, 3d Div, 4th A.C.) recommendations to his brother, entering 100 days service in May, 1864:

“He should take nothing but what he can carry on a march, ... One blanket, one extra pair of socks, one extra shirt, haversack, canteen and rubber blanket, with half of a shelter tent is all he should take. The pants he wears will last him. A tin plate, knife and fork and spoon, tin-cup and very small tin bucket, with cover, that will hold about a quart, to make coffee in, a little sack for coffee, one for sugar and one for salt, just large enough to hold three days’ rations and a small frying pan completes the outfit. He will find when he carries all these with gun, cartridge-box, with forty rounds ammunition he will have a pretty good load. Nothing is better than Government shoes for the march, and they should be one size larger than he wears at home.”

See you round the campfire,
Rod

43rd Georgia – 1st Call!

Chip Mattocks

1st Sergeant



Comrades and Friends,

It is that time again for an article of profound insight into our shared interest. As it turns out we are coming back from a national event, the 145th Anniversary of the

Battle of Gettysburg. It was also the 25th Wedding Anniversary trip for Kris and me. We actually did a history type trip (I'm very lucky Kris didn't want a cruise! Thanks, Hon!), visiting Marion SC, Williamsburg VA, Richmond VA, and Fredericksburg VA before getting to Gettysburg.

Those that were able to make the trek to far off Pennsylvania had a wonderful time in spite of the rain and heat. Of all the memories made there, the one that sticks out most is that several of us were granted the honor of making it across the stone wall on the third day's assault.

Now we find ourselves preparing for another national event, the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. I also understand that we are having three to six new members join at this event. I would like to welcome them all to the "Hall Light Guard", and suggest they listen closely to those veterans of the Gettysburg Campaign on what they will need to be prepared for this event.

Now, I would like to provide you with a brief history of what the original 43rd Georgia was doing at that time. They had been decimated in battle at Baker's Creek in Mississippi, withdrawn into the defensive positions around Vicksburg, surrendered and were paroled with the Vicksburg garrison in July of 1863. The men were still assembling in camp at the time of the Battle at Chickamauga. There is information that indicated that several members of the 43rd fought at Chickamauga, but with who and where, it is uncertain. They did participate in the Siege of Chattanooga from September to November of 1863.

So to conclude this brief - start preparing now! Drink lots of water before the event and walk, walk, walk. Veterans from the past event at Chickamauga remember the dust and the nickname "Chokeamauga", so be aware, the heat can cause problems, even in September.

See you in camp,
Deo volente
Chip

Chaplain's Corner

Joey Young
GVB Chaplain



Dear Friends,

It is with thankfulness to our Lord Jesus, that I am able to write to you in the Chaplain's Corner.

I also want to say thank you to Kris for asking me to fill in at this time.

This letter is addressed "Dear Friends" and that certainly applies when I think of you, the members of the 43rd Georgia. You all have been so kind and supportive of me and the ministry our Lord has called me to do. That is why I say: **"I thank the Lord for friends like you"**.

The bible talks about friends in Proverbs 18:24 where it says: *"A man that hath friends must first show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."* The first part of verse 17, in Chapter 17 of Proverbs says: *A friend loveth at all times...*. These verses can very much apply to many of our friends down through the years, but because we are just human, sometimes our friends move away, pass away or even fade away from us.

This is **never** so when it comes to the friend of sinners, the Lord Jesus. The Lord promises never to leave us nor forsake us. He is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother. He is the friend of John 15:13 where our Lord says: *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"*.

I have had many a good friend and family who have stuck with me in times of troubles. Thank God for them all. In sickness, they visited me, in distress, they prayed with me, but as much as they would have, if they could have - they could not stay with me around the clock. But, there is one friend who did. He is the one who will always be there. He has no limitations, He never sleeps nor slumbers, His name is Jesus, our Greatest Friend.

Do you know him as your Greatest Friend? First, you have to know Him as Saviour in order to know Him as Friend. If not, let me encourage you today to trust Him.

Repent and believe. The bible says in Romans 10:13: *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* Call on Him today. Admit to Him that you are lost and you are a sinner. Believe that Jesus died on the cross to save you and trust Him by faith by asking Him into your heart and you will find the Greatest Friend of all.

If you ever need me as your Chaplain, please feel free to call on me any time. My phone number is (706) 789-2566.

In Christ,
Brother Joey

Trea\$urer'\$ Report

Chip Mattocks
Treasurer

All checks being written to the Unit should be made out to the **"43rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment Living Historians"**. The checks should then be mailed to Chip Mattocks, 277 Bill Branch Road, Chula, Georgia 31733.

Twenty-five pounds of black powder were purchased by the Organization thru Rod Glock. After the Battalion Drill event at Nash Farm (April 19-20), there is thirteen (13) pounds left in the Quartermaster stores. The cost is \$12.00 per can to cover the cost and shipment of the powder.

Pre-registration (\$10.00 each) for the 145th Battle of Chickamauga (September 19-21) was paid through the Organizations funds.

2008 Dues paid to date:

Chip Mattocks Family (3)
Chad Teasley Family (7)
Rolf Madole Family (2)
Montana Thrasher (1)
Chad White (1)
Wesley Lawrence (1)
Ralph Mills Family (3)
Bobby Perrin Family (4)

Honorary Members (non-voting):

Daniel Gray

John Hughes
Mike Smith
*Rolf Madole
*Thomas Madole

*to be transferred to this roster December 31, 2008

Thus ends the Regiment's financial report for June 2008.

Chip Mattocks, Treasurer

On the Home Front

Kris Mattocks
Civilian Coordinator

Potato Breakfast Fritters

4 large russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
½ large onion
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 large egg
Salt and black pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons vegetable oil plus more, as needed

Preheat oven to 200°F. Coarsely chop potatoes and onion in a food processor or by hand; transfer to a bowl. Add cornstarch, egg, salt and pepper; mix well. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add potatoes and form small patties; cook until golden brown on each side. Keep cooked fritters warm in oven until serving.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our unit – to continue to grow in numbers and in God

Our Battalion

Rolf Madole Family – their upcoming move to DC
Chip Mattocks Co-worker – Alice McGarry

Beacon Birthday List

We need updates! If you know of someone whose birthday is NOT on this list – that means YOU new members – please let us know.

Email us at attilathe43rdhun@hotmail.com
Thanks!

July

Thomas Madole	18
Ron Perrin	21
Kaylee White	23

August

Rolf Madole	10
Rhonda White	22

September

Ashley Toppins	5
Rod Glock	9

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember that in order to maintain voting privileges you must pay your dues and attend at least **HALF** of all **Maximum Effort** events as prescribed by the unit's calendar each year.

**** MAXIMUM EFFORTS.** These events are to be of **HIGHEST PRIORITY**. The Unit is counting on you to be there.

*** UNIT EVENTS.** These are events that we have scheduled to attend as a whole unit.

EVENTS OF INTEREST. These are placed on the calendar just so that you will be aware of them. It is perfectly acceptable to attend one of these, but if you must make a choice between one of these and a unit event or Max Effort event, it would be much more strongly advised to choose a unit event or max effort.

****2008****

September

- 6-7 Battle of Tunnel Hill, GA
<http://www.tunnelhillheritagecenter.com/battle.htm>

- **19-21 145th Battle of Chickamauga, GA – NATIONAL EVENT
<http://www.battleofchickamauga.net/>

October

- 4-5 Battle at Andersonville, GA
- 10-12 Battle of Jonesboro, GA
<http://www.historicaljonesboro.org/events/event.s.html#battle>
- 10-12 Battle of Blue Springs, TN
<http://www.battleofbluesprings.com/>
- 31-Nov 2 Battle of Missionary Ridge, TN
<http://www.battleofmissionaryridge.com/>
- 31-Nov 2 Battle for the Armory, Tallassee, AL
<http://www.tallasseearmoryguards.org/>

November

- *8-9 Battle of Atlanta, Nash Farms, GA
<http://www.atlantacampaign.com/>
- 8-9 Battle at Irwinville, GA

December

- 6 1860's Christmas, Irwinville, GA