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UPCOMING EVENTS

The next events for the company on the 2005 calendar are:

May 6-8, 2005

**Battle & Living History
McDowell, VA**

[HTTP://WWW.BATTLEOFMCDOWELL.ORG](http://www.battleofmcdowell.org)

Federal Commander: Chris Piering
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- See page 4 for more details -

June 25-26, 2005

**Living History
Mt. Zion Church
Aldie, VA**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

MAY 14th

Friends of Fort Ward, civil war book sale, Saturday, 10 am to 3pm. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. 22304. 703- 838-4848.

Used books available include: Reference, classic & recent publications, biographies, regimental histories, historical fiction.

Donations of Civil War books for the sale are being accepted at the Museum. Receipts are available for tax purposes. All proceeds benefit Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site.



A CONFEDERATED DEADHEAD

ITEMS FOR SALE

Sgt. Owens offers the following items for sale to the membership. Please contact him directly if you are interested in any of them.

Sack Coat, size 40-42, made of Runt Ann Van Horn indigo blue wool. Use two seasons- \$75.00

Civil War period original "Warranted Flask" with classic separately applied lip, needs cleaning- \$8.00

18th Century 3 tine forks with wood handles, need cleaning but in good condition- \$3.00 each

Handkerchiefs, various colors 20"-22" square, hand sewn- \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Poke bags, various colors, approximately 5X8 inches, \$3.00 each, or two for \$5.00

Civilian drawers made of cotton drill with antique milk glass buttons, size 38, made by Ruth Owens, \$40.00.

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
PRESS ISSUES NEW MILITARY
HISTORY CATALOG**

by James Owens

One of the leading publishers of western and US military history books, University of Oklahoma Press, recently issued a new catalog of military history titles in print. Their offerings cover the period from classical times to the 21st century. Here are a few titles that might be of interest to 1st Minnesota members:

0-8061-3624-3, The Uncivil War: Irregular Warfare in the Upper South, 1861-1865 by Robert R. Mackay, cloth, \$34.95

0-8061-2298-6, Mead of Gettysburg by Freeman Cleaves, paper, \$19.95.

0-8061-3187-X, Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas by John J. Hennessy, paper, \$24.95

0-8061-3217-5, The United States Infantry: An Illustrated History 1775-1918 by Gregory J. W. Urwin, paper, \$19.95

This last title is strongly recommended to members. It is an easy read and will give you a clear understanding of how the army developed in the period from independence to WWI.

There are numerous other titles listed in this 17 page catalog. To obtain your copy go to www.oupres.com, or call

1-800-627-7377.

**THE QUARTERMASTER STORES
CLOSED?**

by James Owens

Intelligence was recently received that the two partners who operated the business known as The Quartermasters Stores (members.aol.com/theqmsstores) have dissolved their partnership. This firm has been carried on the unit vendors list for the last year.

It is reported that there is a backlog of orders and delivery time is uncertain. Anyone thinking about an order from this company is advised to contact them first at theqmsstores@aol.com or (919) 260-9304.

CLOTH FOR FROCK COATS

by James Owens

Rob Westbrook and I recently located a source of melton wool coating, similar to what is offered by the Hainsworth company in England. At the Baltimore Antique Arms show on March 20th, a sample was compared with several original frock coats on display, and found to be a color match to three out of four coats on display. In addition, a sample was soaked in warm salt water and found to be color fast.

This price on this fabric is \$11.00 per yard, including shipping. It takes roughly four yards for a frock coat.

With Family Heirloom Weavers leaving the retail business, and delays in getting fabric to their new retailer, this cloth is a good alternative to pool table fabric (average \$40 per yard) or the Hainsworth fabric (average \$50 per yard). Anyone interested in placing an order should contact James at JDO@NPMHU.ORG, or (301) 681-7462.

MORE BAD NEWS ON MUSKET PRICES

by James Owens

The weak state of the US dollar against foreign currency is again being felt by our hobby. The new 2005 Dixie Gun Works catalog is out, and the prices in the musket section are not pretty. Here are the prices for the various .58 Springfield reproductions offered by Dixie:

PR1001 Euroarms 1861 Springfield \$925
 PK1005 Euroarms 1861 Springfield kit \$575
 PR3180 Pedersoli 1861 Springfield \$850
 PK0431 Miroku 1861 Springfield kit \$575
 PR0900 Miroku 1863 Springfield \$650
 RK0900 Miroku 1863 Springfield kit \$575
 PR1021 Euroarms 1863 Springfield Type 1 \$650
 PK1025 Euroarms 1863 Springfield Type 1 kit \$500

The flintlock and cartridge guns offered by Dixie have also gone up a similar amount.

With the current prices, used muskets will bring a premium. In order to gain any new recruits, it will be necessary for everyone to be on the lookout for good condition used muskets. Anyone who finds one should contact me right away to see if we have someone who could use it.

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1ST MINNESOTA AVAILABLE ON-LINE

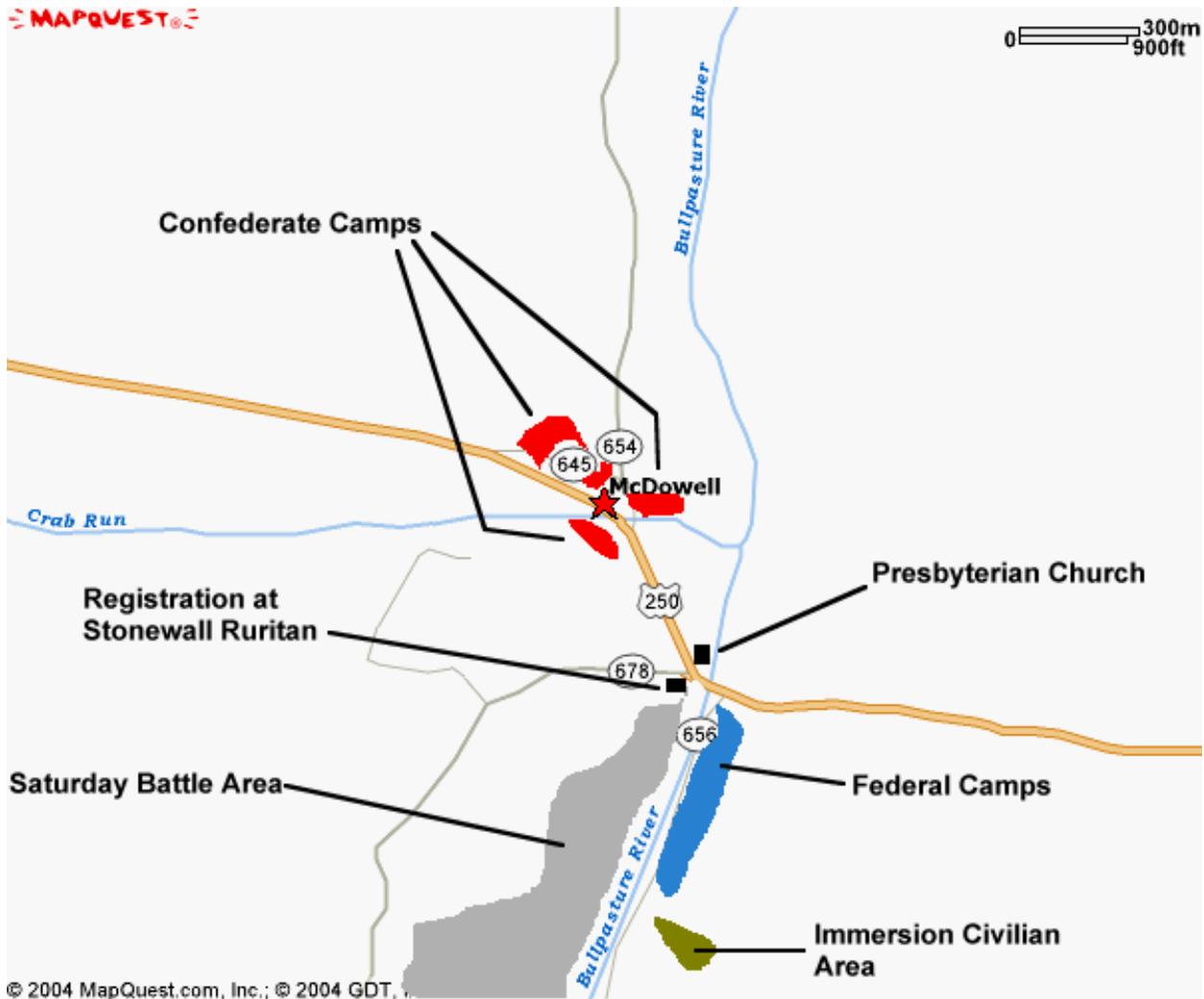
Your attention is directed to the following web address

[HTTP://WWW2.SMUMN.EDU/DEPTPAGES/~HISTORY/CIVIL_WAR/INDEX.HTM](http://www2.smumn.edu/deptpages/~history/civil_war/index.htm)

The site is posted courtesy of the Winona County Historical Society Education Project. The journal presents the battle of Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863, and its aftermath in the words of the men from Winona County's Company K who were at the center of this significant battle of the Civil War. Letters written by Alfred Carpenter, Jane Ely (mother of Charles) Charles Ely, Charles Goddard, William Lochren, and Matthew Marvin as well as a lengthy account of the battle by Alfred Carpenter and portions of Matthew Marvin's Diary are transcribed from the original manuscripts.

Additional links take you to a page comparing the 1st Minnesota and 20th Maine at Gettysburg based on data from William J. Fox's, *Regimental losses in the American Civil War, 1861-1865*. There are also pages dealing with more general history of Winona County and a host of other informative articles. This site is well worth some time.

Here's a close-up map of the area right around McDowell to orient folks who have never been there before!



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