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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 25-26, 2005

Living History
Mt. Zion Church
Aldie, VA

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July 1-3, 2005

Living History
Fredericksburg NP
Fredericksburg, VA

http://www.geocities.com/potomac_legion/events.html

NPS LIVING HISTORY, JULY 1-3
CHATHAM HOUSE

The only NPS living history program at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park during 2005, will be held the weekend of July 1-3, on the grounds of Chatham House across the river from Fredericksburg.

Sponsored by the Columbia Rifles and Potomac Legion. This event will be a recreation of garrison life in the 7th Wisconsin during the summer of 1862. This was on the eve of the second Manassas campaign, when the 7th as part of the famous "Iron Brigade" would serve with distinction.

More information on this event can be obtained by going to <http://www.122ndnewyork.com/fred/fred.html>. If you have not registered yet for this event, please contact Jeff Lau at flag8tr@yahoo.com.

The registration deadline for this event was **June 15th**, but there is still a chance to register if you contact Jeff right away. 2005

ROSTER

The copies of this newsletter going to paid members, will include a 2005 membership roster. Please take a moment and check your personal information to make sure it is correct. If anything needs to be corrected, please contact James at jdo@npmhu.org or

(301) 681-7462.

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE CHANGES AND REMINDERS**

NPS Chatham If you are planning to attend the NPS Chatham living history, July 1-3, registration is due by June 15. For more information on this event go to: WWW.122NDNEWYORK.COM/FRED/FRED.HTML.

PAYNE'S FARM It was recently announced that the registration deadline for the Payne's Farm event, October 29-30, had been changed to August 31. For more information on this event, go to: WWW.STONEWALLBRIGADE.COM/PAYNESFARM.HTML.



**“The Union, the Constitution,
AND THE
Enforcement of the Laws.”**

**NEW SOURCE OF MILITARY FABRIC
by James Owens**

At the recent Fort Frederick Market Fair, I met up with Jim Kochan of Kochan & Phillips Historical Fabrics. Collector, dealer, researcher, and student of 18th & 19th century clothing, Jim furnished me with samples of his new dark blue broadcloth and sky blue kersey.

The production of historical fabric is not new to Jim. Four years ago, Jim and Sean Phillips, who family has been in the Yorkshire woolen trade for generations, first started offering a line of historically correct woolen broadcloth. This fabric is based on 18th & early 19th century examples, and is produced by an English mill that is nearly 200 years old.

The new fabrics being offered are a great addition to their current line. Both the broadcloth and kersey measurers 54- 56 inches per yard and weighs approximately 25 ounces per running yard. Broadcloth colors offered are royal blue, brown, madder red, buff, grass green, bottle (rifle) green, deep indigo (navy) blue, natural white, and mock scarlet. Kersey colors offered are deep indigo (navy) blue, and sky blue. Other fabrics under development include superfine, kerserymere, shalloon, and serge.

The price on this fabric is \$42 per yard, plus postage. To place an order, please contact: Kochan & Phillips Historical Textiles, P. O. Box 3970, Frederick, MD. 21705, (301) 668-2456, JKCOHAN@ADELPHIA.NET.

Samples sets are available for \$10 postpaid in the USA.

Keith Rocco Permanent Show at the Brafferton Inn

The 8th annual History Meets the Arts weekend has concluded for 2005, but the historic Brafferton Inn is the place to visit to view Keith Rocco's largest body of work in Gettysburg, PA.

The Brafferton has been showing Keith Rocco paintings since 1998. Now, the front parlor is the site of a permanent show of Keith Rocco originals and framed giclees. Rocco is most well known in the realm of American Civil War and Napoleonic artwork, and one of the most sought after painters of historical subjects today.

The Brafferton Inn is located at 44 York Street, just half a block east of Lincoln Square (717-337-3423). Brian, Joan and Amy Beth Hodges are the proprietors. They would be happy to have you stop by and view the exhibit in this, the oldest residence in the town of Gettysburg.

HISTORIC PROGRAMMING TAKES A LEAP FORWARD IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA by James Owens

It was recently announced that the Prince William County, Virginia, Department of Public Works, Division of Historic Preservation, has hired a new Historic Programs Coordinator. This position will be filled by long time friend of Company D, David Born who currently is Chief Ranger at Saylor's Creek Battlefield Sate Park.

Dave is very excited about his new position. One of the sites he will be working with is the newly acquired Bristoe Station Battlefield. Through the efforts of the Civil War Preservation Trust, this site was saved from being totally developed and it the core battlefield is intact. As most of you know, it was the First

Minnesota that opened this battle for the Federal forces on October 14, 1863, which resulted in a complete repulse of the Confederate troops under General A. P. Hill.

As a longtime progressive reenactor, Dave has our unit on the top of his list to call on for programs. Plan to hear more about this site and programming opportunities in the near future.

Important News: Savings on Uniform Items

With a number of our members in need of uniform items, the following specials should be noted:

C. J. Daley Historical Reproductions is now offering a Federal Uniform Combo. This consists of a lined sack coat, trousers, and shirt, for only \$400. This is a \$75 savings over the price of these items if purchased separately. As all of us know, Mr. Daley is one of the premier makers of Federal uniforms. For more information on his products got to www.cjdaley.com

Jersey Skillet Licker is now offering a J. T. Martin contract lined sack coat, for \$180, which is a \$15 savings over the regular price. Produced by well know historical tailor Nic Sekella, this coat is copied from surviving originals and is lined in brown or tan jean cloth, and features period makers and inspectors stamps. For more information on this and other Skillet Licker products, go to www.skilletlicker.com

PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE UNIT SCHEDULE

By James Owens

On May 14th, I participated in the first ever living history program at the US Army Heritage & Education Center. This center is the new site of the US Army Military History Institute, and will be the future home of Army Heritage Museum and Conservation Center. Located just outside Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania (established 1777), this site will be the premier military museum in the country when completed.

The event on May 14th was a showcase of recreated units from the Revolution through WWII. There was plenty of time to visit with other groups set up on the site, as well as check out exhibits indoor at the newly completed Ridgeway Hall. Over 800 visitors attended the event. At the end of the day, participants were treated to a cookout provided by the museum staff and friends. Overall it was an excellent time, and well worth the trip.

The USAHEC next event is scheduled for October 8th. This event will focus on the Civil War, and will be centered around newly built replica winter huts. The huts are just a few of the period structures planned for the site, which will include a Colonial Blockhouse, Rev War Redoubt, and WWII Barracks.

Since we have no event scheduled between September 11th and October 29th, I move that we consider adding this event to our schedule. I think it would only be to our benefit to be connected to a nationally known site such as this.

A vote on this subject will be taken at the Mount Zion event. In the mean time, please check out the USAHEC website:

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usahmi>.



McDowell 2005
By Carter Bertone

Most of the soldiers arrived mid to late afternoon on Friday, May 6, 2005. Attending this year's event from Company D, 1st Minnesota Infantry were PVT Bertone, PVT Schwartz, and PVT Fleming. We fell in with Co. C 83rd Ohio Infantry, under the able command of CPT Joseph Somerton. The Union forces were encamped on the eastern side of town, in the woods alongside a creek with a natural spring flowing on the north side of the Union line. Several of the companies erected wedge tents; however, the men of Co. C opted to sleep under the stars. On Saturday morning the battalion formed and marched into town where the men participated in company and battalion drill for approximately two hours. Even though the company was composed mostly of men who had never served together, the company was surprisingly well drilled. This is owed in great part to both the professionalism of the men and the watchful eye of CPT Somerton. After drill the battalion marched back to camp where the men were assigned to various details and awaited the afternoons planned engagement. Rations were issued again and PVT Bertone served as the company butcher, preparing the meat for issue.

At 3:00 P.M. the battalion was reformed and marched into town for the afternoon battle. The two union battalions conducted several full scale rehearsals prior to the arrival of Confederate forces. Once the enemy took to the field the battalion conducted itself exceptionally well. The scenario lasted some 45 minutes before we were driven from the field. The battalion reformed and was marched back to camp where the men settled in for the night. The men were allowed passes into town, where most went to enjoy libations at the local "Country Store" and took in the local entertainment.

After a second cold night under the stars the battalion reformed at 6:00 A.M. to march up the mountain to engage the Confederate forces holding the breastworks overlooking the town of McDowell. According to the officers the march was approximately 3 miles gaining more than 2,000 feet of elevation. The march was slow but the men successfully ascended the hill with very few stragglers. Once initial contact was made, the lead company formed a skirmish line and began maneuvering on the enemy pickets. In short order the pickets were swept from the field and the Battalion formed in line of battle for the main assault. The Battalion assaulted valiantly but became pinned down approximately 50 yards from the confederate line. Once momentum was lost and casualties began to mount the union forces were forced to withdraw. Once the Battalion reformed, we were marched up to the breastworks for a closing ceremony where the organizers of the event praised our efforts and thanked all participants for their involvement.

The Battalion then reformed and marched back down to camp. While marching down the mountain, the battalion was momentarily halted when a scuffle broke out with a band of confederate sympathizing refugees. Once their belongings were searched the battalion moved back to camp where the soldiers were dismissed.

Living History - Mt Zion Church, Aldie VA.

DATE: JUNE 25-26, 2005
 TIME: SATURDAY 9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM SUNDAY
 DETAILS:

OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE THE ANNUAL LIVING HISTORY EVENT EYEWITNESS TO WAR (ETW) SPONSORED BY THE MOUNT ZION CHURCH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (MZCPA). ETW 2005 WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS EVENTS IN THAT WE WILL BE USING THE NEW 88 ACRE TRACT THAT THE MZCPA TOOK POSSESSION OF THIS PAST OCTOBER. THIS LAND IS DIRECTLY ACROSS ROUTE 50 FROM THE HISTORIC CHURCH (BUILT 1851) AND DURING THE CIVIL WAR WAS THE FARM OF ALEXANDER "YANKEE" DAVIS, A UNION SYMPATHIZER AND SCOUT.

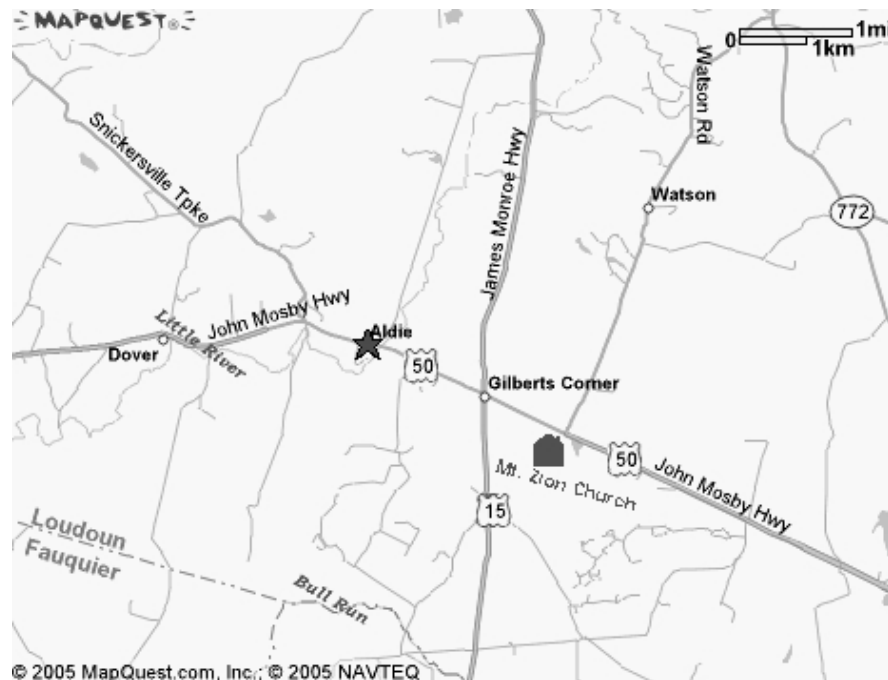
THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL ALSO BE DIFFERENT IN THAT IT WILL BE STARTING EARLIER. ACTIVITIES KICK OFF AT 10:00 AM ON SATURDAY, WITH A CEREMONY AT THE FEDERAL GRAVES IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY. AS A RESULT, WE NEED EVERYONE PRESENT BY 9:30 AM. FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY WILL BE A TALK BY NOTED ARTIST KEITH ROCCO ABOUT THE "HOW TO" OF HISTORICAL ART. SATURDAY EVENING WILL FEATURE A CONCERT OF PERIOD BANJO MUSIC BY MARTY "BANJOMAN" LIEBSCHNER, FOLLOWED BY THE OUTSTANDING MZCPA TORCHLIGHT TOUR. FOR THOSE WHO WERE AT LAST YEAR'S TOUR, THIS YEAR'S WILL BE ON A DIFFERENT SITE AND WILL FEATURE SOME NEW TWIST! SUNDAY ACTIVITIES WILL RUN FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM.

UNIFORM FOR THE EVENT IS THE STANDARD US FATIGUE UNIFORM WILL FULL MARCHING ORDER. WE WILL BE DOING A FIRING DEMONSTRATION, SO YOU WILL NEED A FULL CARTRIDGE BOX. YOU WILL NEED RATIONS FOR ALL MEALS EXCEPT SATURDAY SUPPER, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE MZCPA. BECAUSE WE ARE BEING PROVIDED FOOD, JAMES NEEDS TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT HIM AT JDO@NPMHU.ORG, OR (301) 681-7462 BY JUNE 20TH.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.: TAKE I-66 WEST TOWARD MANASSAS-FALLS CHURCH FOR 17.3 MILES. MERGE ONTO US 50 WEST VIA EXIT 57B TOWARD FAIR OAKS - WINCHESTER. TAKE US 50 WEST FOR ANOTHER 18.2 MILES. MT. ZION CHURCH IS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY JUST BEFORE IT INTERSECTS WITH US 15.

FROM THE SOUTH - FREDERICKSBURG, RICHMOND ETC.: TAKE I-95 NORTH TO US-17 NORTH TOWARD WARRENTON. FOLLOW US-17 UNTIL IT INTERSECTS US-15 NORTH TOWARD WARRENTON - WASHINGTON. FOLLOW US-15 NORTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 28 MILES UNTIL IT INTERSECTS US-50. TURN RIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION. AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST HILL ON THE RIGHT IS MT. ZION CHURCH.



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