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Members of the North Texas Reenactment Society, NTRS: 1<sup>st</sup> US Infantry and Civilians:

The North-South Alliance Corinth event on 29 September to 2 October, Twenty Oh Five is now a memory, and what a memory. We had many long time unit members and a fair number of new to the hobby recruits on the field. It would be fair to say all new recruits are dang near veterans following this event. It was hot, cold, rainy, humid, stand in the sun and wait, drill to the left, drill to the right, center dress, right dress, drill in Battalion, kneel, fire by Company, fire by file, rise up, advance, retreat (re-deploy) in good order, all with officers bellowing, constant bugle calls, drum & fife pounding

nearby, cannon blasting next to us, seemingly conflicting orders, it was compression and overlapping of units in retreat and flat out Pandemonium on all sides, with more Rebs shooting at us than I have seen in a long time, as they pressed the close advance. It was a fun, exciting, exhilarating and a fantastic experience.

On Sunday it was a chilling vision to see the entire Frontier Brigade doing a 1<sup>st</sup> US impression as we shouldered arms and marched into Battery Robinette. It was also charge bayonet into the Battery to retake the position with our own National Colors inscribed with 1<sup>st</sup> (Continued on Page 2)

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# 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Calendar

2005

**OCTOBER**

**Oct 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** – Mill Creek Farm, Tx

**NOVEMBER**

**12<sup>th</sup>** **Battle of Old City Park, Dallas Tx.**

**DECEMBER**

**10<sup>th</sup>** Drill & Candlelight – OCP

**JANUARY 2006**

**TBD** Drill – Veterans Park in Arlington

*Note: **Bold** are scheduled maximum effort events. Italicized dates are available events or recruiting activities.*

US snapping in the breeze above the wall. Once into the Battery we engaged our friends in arms, the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas with hand to hand combat and pushed them out and over the embankment. We ate well, enjoyed each others fellowship, sang songs and had clean shirts following Miss Julie's wash day. Two to three outstanding events all pushed into one. IT WAS GREAT! A special Thank You and tip of the cap to Miss Julie with her always fine mess. Captain Bowen made a gift to Miss Julie on behalf of the unit, of his hand made storage box that doubled as a seat, complete with backboard.

Please allow me to preach a bit next. Every event has its own flavor, as no two are alike. We each bring our own experience and expectations with us when we unload and set camp. I try to learn something about myself and our hobby each time we fall in. This time I felt a bit more appreciative of being patient with others and myself. This is a hobby and we should all strive to improve our impressions, skills and tolerance. Please do not misunderstand me, this was a great event. It was well worth the investment of time and resources to make the trip and I would do it again in an instant. Whatever the memory you have of Corinth, please know that it was an honor for me to be there with all of you. Thank you.

On to our next opportunity then: Mill Creek in East Texas, 28 to 30 October. This by invitation only event is a once in a life time opportunity to emphasis the "actor" portion in Civil War Re-enacting. As we will be a special guest of the well heeled, we really get to "act" and have fun too. We will also have the opportunity to share with others, the Federal Civil War Experience.

This is a MAX turnout event Gents, so please commit early to attend. This is a "military-only" event as stipulated by the event organizers. The unit will be compensated for our participation with proceeds applied toward a 1<sup>st</sup> US Regimental flag.

The organizers prefer we arrive and unload by noon that Friday, or if you arrive later you and your belongings will be carted to camp. If you cannot make that time frame, see if you can have your gear sent with someone who will be there by noon. All you have to do Friday night is walk yourself in. There will be additional information posted elsewhere in this newsletter on Mill Creek.

Also place on your calendar November 12 at Dallas Old City Park for drill and living history. Rumor has it the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas may be there too. An opportunity to watch Pete burn powder is in the works here.

As we draw closer to the end of the year, we need to start thinking about what we want to do in 2006. What do you like, want less of or more of? Give it some thought and share with us on the Board.

Respectfully,  
Henry Rochford (Blair Rudy)  
, 4<sup>th</sup> Sgt  
Company A #34

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## General Hancock

By Art Ogle

Gentlemen:

Winfield Scott Hancock the "Hero of Gettysberg":  
Born a twin on 14 February 1824

Great Warrior. When nominated to run for President refused to accept a single dollar of contribution.

Accepted by peoples of all political stripe. Named after General Winfield Scott, hero of the Mexican-American War 1846-1848

When he left for West Point his father placed in his luggage the U S Constitution and a copy of Blackstone's Commentaries with a note instructing him to read each at least once a year.

Hancock and wife Almira were stationed in California when the Civil War started. There was little Pro Union sympathy in California. Sensing trouble Hancock hid all the weapons and ammunition under his control in piles of grain until the arrival of Union Cavalry from Ft Tehone. Thereby helping to ensure California stay Union. General McClellan called him "Hancock the Superb".

At the Battle of Antietam, Gen Hancock was appointed Commander of the 2nd Corps due to the death of Gen. Israel B. (Fighting Dick) Richardson.

On the 1st day of Gettysberg the 2nd Corps was in position defending Cemetery Ridge and Little Round Top mountain. By the 3rd day of Gettysberg Gen Hancock was in Command of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Corps or 3/5ths of the Union Army at Gettysberg.

During Pickett's Charge a rifle bullet struck Gen Hancock's saddle horn driving the head of

a nail and a piece of wood the size of a Mini ball into his groin. There was an inch wide wound that looked as if he'd been cut by a butcher's knife.

Gen Hancock refused to leave the field until in his words, "this action had been decided".

Gen. Hancock was at his best in the Wilderness Campaign of 1864. Gen. McClellan called him "Brilliant in the Extreme" William T Sherman said "One of the greatest U S soldiers in history".

During the Reconstruction Period Gen Hancock was assigned to Governor of the 5th Mili-

tary District which was constituted by Texas and Louisiana. It was here that he issued his famous General Order 40.

"The greatest principles of American Liberty are still the lawful inheritance of this people, and ever should be". "The right of Trial by Jury, Habeas Corpus, and Liberty of the Press" "Free institutions, while they are essential to the prosperity and happiness to the people, always furnish the strongest inducements to peace and order". General Order 40 was published throughout the land.

Gen Hancock refused to use the military to interfere with the operations of Civil Courts, unless requested by local authorities.

Although Gen Hancock was considered as a nominee for President in the 1876 Election, N Y Governor Samuel Tilden ran against former Union General Rutherford B Hayes in one of the dirtiest political campaigns in this country's history. Hayes was declared winner by one single vote after a Special Commission voted 8 to 7 along party lines.

Gen William T Sherman said of Gen Hancock. "If you sit down and write the best that can be written in the English language of Gen Hancock, as a soldier, and a gentleman I will sign without hesitation". When Gen Hancock died in 1886, former President Hayes commented, "He was through and through pure gold".

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## Mill Creek

Oct 28 - 30

by George Hansen

Gentlemen, you are urgently needed to attend the Mill Creek event. A 25-man company presentation is requested by the organizers to depict a sizable Federal unit. This weekend, for the most part, will require an 1860's living-history persona when we interact with the guests. Impression ideas might be to trade buttons or period money for food or tobacco, or you might ask someone for the time and then comment that you never before have seen a wrist watch. Be creative, but remember to be tasteful.

Again, Trammel and Harlan Crow have invited the First US to help stage a Civil War experience as part of their annual outing as they invite a ‘Who’s Who’ of Texas & national corporate magnates. Those of us who attended a similar event in 1996 still say it was the most unusual event we have ever experienced.

Please try to arrive early Friday as we will assist with a skit planned after dusk. Some of us will get there at noon Friday as requested by the host organizers. Those who arrive later in the day will be carted to our camp in a period wagon. We will be IN PERIOD at all times when guests visit our camp both Friday and Saturday. Farb items are to be hidden at all times. We are entertainers for the weekend so please act accordingly. The event hosts have not invited any female guests and have asked us to reciprocate. So, this is a “military only” outing.

Bring 60 rounds. Scheduled departures from the site are either late Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. That’s right; you may leave Saturday if needed. Frocks preferred, but sack coats allowed. Slouch hats accepted as we’re assimilating campaign style. Tentage is shelters or A’s, your choice. This is late October so expect a shower. Camp grounds similar to Port Hudson; very picturesque. Meals are to be provided at no cost. Directions are included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Note that the 9<sup>th</sup> Texas will have on-hand one Zouave company and two Confederate infantry companies. The Zouaves will camp next to us so this is a prime opportunity to intermingle. Both artillery and Cav units will be onsite. I personally guarantee you will have a good time or the brews at Miss Tula’s are on me.

### **MILL CREEK DIRECTIONS –**

#### **Mill Creek Directions:**

**From Dallas/Ft. Worth** – I-20 east to Tyler. Go north on FM 14 to Hawkins which is about 22 miles; stay on FM 14 to Pine Mills (12 miles). At Pine Mills turn right on FM 49, follow short way and turn left on FM 312. Mill Creek entrance is

approximately 3 miles on the right. Once inside the property grounds stay to the right and follow the signs.

**From McKinney:** Take Hwy 380 east to Greenville and go south on Hwy 69 to Alba (42 miles). On the outskirts of Alba take FM 182 east to Hwy 154 and turn right on 154 towards Quitman. Stay on Hwy 154 thru downtown Quitman and approx. 7 miles from the city limits turn right (south) on FM 14. Go about 6 miles to Pine Mills, turn left on FM 49, go two blocks and turn left on FM312. Mill Creek entrance is approximately 3 miles on the right. Within the property grounds stay to the right and follow the signs.



### **“That Body of Brave Men: ....”**

by John Bowen

Let me once again suggest a great read - “That Body of Brave Men: The U.S. Regular Infantry and the Civil War in the West.” Mark Johnson’s book is one of few writings pertaining to the Western Regulars. His in-depth use of National Archives sources and other collections provide an excellent depiction of those who exacted high standards and values which were often envied or scorned by volunteer units. What an enjoyable experience to listen to the voices of those Regulars we portray.

Speaking of which, those in attendance at Corinth were assigned a name which appeared on the 1<sup>st</sup> US’ roles during the 1860’s. You were asked to refer to your other parads by that name as a way to honor those we portrayed while reenacting the Corinth battles and Battery Robinette. These name assignments are especially handy when we do first impressions like at the upcoming Mill Creek event. Below is a complete list and you are asked to try to remember your parads’ 1860’s moniker.

*(One small request – Lt. Branagan of Company A, requests that the men stop referring to him as Lt. Robinette, who is in company C. Lt. Branagan would also like to thank the men for their memorable lightning charge at Corinth on Sunday, whoever he, or they, thought he was at the time...he claims it was an honor*

*and a pleasure to command the company, even that no account ,tall tale telling shirker and beat Tabarine...Mcf. )*



**1<sup>st</sup> US Nationals fly over Robinette**



(No relation my foot....)



Tabarini trades his sack in for time in the sack



The President makes a surprise visit

### **For Sale:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> has purchased powder and contact John Bowen if you need some – [jbowen1stus@comcast.net](mailto:jbowen1stus@comcast.net)

### **E- Mail/Mailing submissions to The Union Standard**

– [d1stus@gte.net](mailto:d1stus@gte.net) or C/O Alan Prendergast, 1403 Barclay Drive, Carrollton Texas, 75007

### **Newsletter –**

contact George Hansen if you did not receive your mailed newsletter, [beast1st@comcast.net](mailto:beast1st@comcast.net) or (972) 529-5349.

### **Address/Telephone changes –**

any mailing/e-mail address changes or telephone number changes should be submitted to Ron Myers,

[soonlobo@verizon.net](mailto:soonlobo@verizon.net)

**or 817-416-3741**

**Mill Creek, East Texas**

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