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Cushing's Battery and Historical Association

Camp Commanders Column

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Brothers

We are continuing in our attempts to bring in new membership by making our camp more responsive to what our surrounding community is looking for. Our October meeting, in association with the Saukville Historical Society will be on genealogy.

We have scheduled the cemetery cleanup for Saturday, 18 October 2014. Rain date is Sunday, 19 October 2014. Union Cemetery and St. Mary Cemetery are the cemeteries we are going to clean. They are back to back. We estimate 9 Civil War veterans at Union cemetery, and 6 at St. Mary's.

Keep your calendars open. 20-23 August 2015 are the dates for next year's SUVCW National encampment. It will be in Richmond, Virginia.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty

Rich Young

Commander Camp 5

Battery Commander's Corner

All

We are at the last 3 events of the year. Wade House is my last event of the year. The fake world of making a living interferes, and I am on call to fix furnaces. I will still be around for off season work obviously.

As I noted earlier in the year we improved as the year progressed. The early year marching difficulties are being worked on, and gradually we are getting better. Let's all continue to play safe.

Your benevolent dictator in the field

Rich Young 1st Lieutenant Cushing's Battery

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The biggest news so far is the Medal of Honor awarded to Alonzo Cushing. It took a great deal of time, but we are finally there. Special thanks to former Senator Feingold for his years of efforts. When his service ended Representatives Ron Kind D-WI, and Jim Sensenbrenner R-WI took up the challenge. Thank you to each of these gentlemen.

I have been hearing rumors about instituting the rank of 1st sergeant. One of his duties would be developing non-coms. That is an area we have not been very strong at. Again, it is only a rumor at this time.

Our season has been very safe, again. Thank you to everybody to continuously look out for each other.

Wade House will be held this year 27-28 September. This year they have new directors. They have the chance to rebuild the event to be a great event. In the past I felt that the wishes of our taxpayers, and admission paying public were not their 1st priority. Let's give this new group our support, and take the event back to its previous status.

The week after Wade House is our new event at Ashippun. Ashippun is a multi-era event. I was there last year, and it looked like a very promising event.

The next week is Half Point Rendezvous at Union Grove. The event doesn't have much public attendance. It is a fun reenactor's event. Come out to see either this event or Ashippun. You will not be disappointed.

Ron Miswald President Cushings Historical Association

Eye ware

There, I've said it. Gentlemen, our presence in camp and on the field is exemplary except for this one item of error. I know eyewear of period design can be expensive, but a lot less than a new shell jacket or trousers. Many optometrists now offer decently acceptable frames and some even carry a special line of period style frames. Check the internet for sutlers that offer authentic frames. Also keep your eyes out (no pun intended) at antique stores for real old frames, and if they fit you. You can get lenses made to your prescription to fit most of them. Your prescription can be obtained from your optometrists for free. Yes they can be tinted brown or green if your eyes are sensitive: it is authentic. Even blue or rose colored to portray a response to various diseases is authentic.

I think we should have a grace period of 1 year or 1 season to obtain these frames.

Ron Aronis

P.S. at the dress parade at Boscobel, Major Henson remarked on the good dress of our men and said, "hey, these guys even all have belts", something that could not be said of many of the other troops, so we are noticed.

Saber Drill

I would request all members that have one or more sabers bring them to the Wade House event for saber drill exercise. It can be fun especially for new members. Saber belts are optional but suggested. I'll volunteer to teach them. Ron Aronis

Who Are We?

For the benefit of new members, and prospective members, there are three main groups. The groups are Sons (Alonzo H. Cushing Camp #5 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War), Our mission is to keep green in our minds the sacrifice made by many so that our nation may be preserved. The Battery (Cushing's Battery), and Cushing's Historical Association an umbrella organization for Cushing's Battery, and civilians. You can be a member of any or all at your discretion. If you are a member of the Sons you do not have to be a battery member, and vice versa. If you are a civilian you do not have to take on any military duties.

Note from the Editor: The next Newsletter will be published in November. All pictures and columns and articles must reach me by Nov.1st. This will give me time to set it up for publishing our newsletter. Tom Brown— E-mail all items to tjbcarver@sbcglobal.net. Remember this your news letter I put in what I receive. So lets fill it up, I can add pages.



Members of Alonzo H Cushing Camp 5 Ron Miswald, Dick Rohan, Ron Aronis and Commander Rich Young. With Members of Cushing's Battery, Don Rogers ,Warren Liljegren, Jon and Eric Theissen , Tom Trimble and

Artillery Manual

Instruction For Field Artillery

By Wm. French, William Barry, Henry Hunt

Cushing's is a field artillery unit, we are a mounted artillery. Which is generally attached to, and maneuvers with infantry. Mounted artillery has cannoneers marching at the side of their pieces. Sometimes they are mounted on the artillery chests. Another type of field artillery is: horse artillery, which generally attached to , and maneuvers with the cavalry.

The proportion of field artillery to other arms varies 1-4 per 1000 other arms. For infantry it is two pieces of artillery per 1000 men. A 6 gun battery in the field consists of : 5 officers, 150 enlisted men (including non-coms) and 110 horses. Where the men are detailed is not given here, the numbers varies from 20-30 depending on the circumstances. It should never be less than 25 for field service. Total number of rounds per 6 gun battery in the field is 1100-1344 depending on the type of piece.

The friction Primer-It is ignited by the friction produced in drawing a rough wire briskly through a friction composition consisting of one part chlorate of potassa and two parts of sulfuret of antimony, moistened with a weak solution of gum Arabic and mixed together in as wet state.

A cavalry will take about 7 minutes to travel 1000 yards. This charge starts from a walk until the final 200 yards when in a gallop. In that time each piece can fire 11 rounds of shot, and 5 canisters(or about 2 1/4 rounds per minute) This rate accounts for aiming-it understood that canister is not aimed. Canister is effective from 350 yards and in, depending on the terrain. Firm ground the balls can ricochet along the ground. Swampy ground double canister 150-160 yards on in can be used.

Civil War Trivia



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**Regulars By God!
Regulars!**

In 1991 a group of re-enactors came together to form a unit that would represent Battery A of the 4th U.S. Light Artillery. The organization currently owns one 3-inch ordinance rifle and limber, which we use at events. Members of our organization portray both military and civilians from the 19th Century. The military side represents the regular army soldiers of Cushing's Battery as they appear in Spring of 1863. The Civilian side is for those who wish to portray the civilian aspects of people during the Civil War such as laundresses, soldier's wives, nurses and refugees. Our organization is family friendly and we always welcome visitors to our Camp during events.

Schedule for the 2014 Season

Subject to changes and additions

Sept. 26-28. Wade House 24th. Annual Civil War Weekend.

Sept. 30th. Alonzo H. Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting at 7:00p.m. Saukville Community Center

Oct. 2-4th. 8th Indian Summer– A Living History Event.

Oct. 10-12th. Half Point Historical Re-enactment Union Grove

Oct. 18th. Cemetery Cleanup at Union and St. Mary's Cemetery Rain Date Oct. 19th.

Oct. 28th. Alonzo H Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting 6:30p.m.Saukville Historical Society

Round Table Discussion at 7:00p.m. Genealogy

Oct. 29th. Alonzo H. Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting and Civil War Round Table Saukville Meeting starts at 6:30p.m.

Nov. 2nd. After Season Cushing's Historical society and Battery Meeting 1:00-4:00p.m. at the s Saukville Community Center 639 E Green Bay Ave. , Saukville, Wi.

Nov. 25th. Alonzo H Cushing SUVCW Monthly Meeting at 7:00p.m. Saukville Community Center