



## MINUTES

### 12<sup>TH</sup> US INFANTRY, CO. A - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Liverpool Masonic Lodge, Vine Street, Liverpool, NY

August 8, 2006

**Board Attendance:** Jim Hurd (CO), Neil MacMillan, Peg Reilly (Treasurer), Charles Poltenson (Secretary), Bill Mayers, Carol Mayers, Pamela Crane (Civilian Coordinator), Jim Duran, Jan Reichert, Harold Reichert, Rachel Rock-Blake.

**Non-Board Attendees:** Linda Hurd

#### Attachments:

#### A - Treasurers Report

#### B – Section Reports

- **Call to Order/Additions to Agenda:** Jim Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. Additions to the agenda included a Public Relations Committee update.
- **Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2006:** Minutes have been posted on the website Member Section. Motion to approve by Neil MacMillan and seconded by Jim Hurd. Minutes were approved.
- **Treasurers Report (Peg Reilly):** A report on registrations and mess fees is attached.
- **Secretary's Report/Correspondence (Charles Poltenson):** There has been communication with Suzanne Chilson at Cedar Creek regarding the bus issues at the recent Bull Run event. She appreciated the information provided and will be investigating the issues.
  - **Venture Training for Adult Leaders.** Both Venture New Start and Venture Specific Youth Protection are available on-line and the Venture Crew Leaders are encouraged to take them. Capt. Hurd indicated he would complete the on-line training. Pam Crane has already done so.
  - **Gettysburg:** The Crew will be camping at Macmillan Woods at Gettysburg National Military Park on Labor Day weekend. There are also plans to lay a wreath at the 12<sup>th</sup>'s monument on Houkes Ridge.

Sgt. MacMillan moved to accept the report and was seconded by Pamela Crane. Secretary's Report was approved.

- **Overview of Sections:**

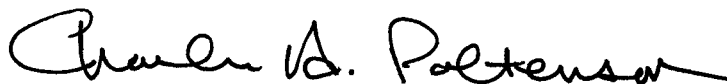
- **1<sup>st</sup>. Sgt. MacMillan:** No major activity at this time. Report attached.
- **Capt. Hurd:** Private Rowlands has resigned as Section Leader and other candidates are being reviewed. The section report is attached.
- **Private Rock-Blake:** Has communicated with the Syracuse Section. Report attached.
- **Cpl. Stowe (Venture Crew):** Absent. No report.
- **Sgt. Duran:** Sgt. Duran provided an update on southern tier events and condition of his section. A digital copy of the report was requested, but not provided as of the date of these minutes.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Boris:** Absent. No report.
- **Civilians (Pamela Crane):** A discussion of mess requirements took place. A Civilian Section report was requested, but not provided as of the date of these minutes.

- **Old Business**

- **Trailer (Sgt. MacMillan/Capt. Hurd):** Sgt. MacMillan has not talked with Larry about this. Capt. Hurd indicated he would give him a call. Trailers that he looked at were expensive. Looking at something around 1500 pounds that can be pulled by a smaller vehicle. Sgt. Poltenson indicated that he could look at some of the places where Scout troops purchase trailers.
- **Erie Canal 2006 (Capt. Hurd):** Saturday's battle was enjoyed by the crowd. Some individuals expressed safety concerns but it was noted that those concerns were under control. Sgt. MacMillan indicated he enjoyed Saturday better. Peg Reilly suggested that the unit needs to be in control of the crowd, not employees of the Village. It was noted that on Sunday the crowd could not see the battle. Comments were also made about the condition of the porta-johns. They need to be pumped at least once during the event. In discussion of next years event Sgt. MacMillan wanted to be listed as military contact. Jan and Harold wanted to be members of the Committee. Everyone enjoyed the band, Kitchen Chair, and the caller, Pam Crane. We will book them for next year.
- **Bull Run Recap (Capt. Hurd):** An excellent event. The regulars looked good and performed well. Capt. Hurd had his Civil War moment with the Square on Saturday.
- **Southern Tier Events (Sgt. Duran):** As noted in the attached Section Report.
- **Matt Gurniak (Sgt. Poltenson):** Matt is doing very well and sends his best wishes to everyone. He marches from boot camp training to the plains overlooking the Hudson on August 12<sup>th</sup> and takes the oath as a member of the Long Gray Line.

- **New Business**
  - **Dates for Drill (Capt. Hurd):** Several new members have inquired about dates for drill and civilian meetings in the off-season so they can schedule days off. This was duly noted and Capt. Hurd will be looking into some dates. Pam Crane suggested we set some time aside for singing as both soldiers and civilians did some and it might enhance our first person impressions. Jan suggested we bring in speakers. For those interested in dances we will utilize the Contra dances in Fayetteville. Several of the members have attended and have had fun.
- **Public Relations (Jan and Harold Reichert):** A list of things was presented for consideration of the Board. It was suggested we offer free membership to veterans interested in joining (although they would need to pay insurance). There is a fund raiser coming up on Channel 24 (PBS). We could do this as part of the 12<sup>th</sup> US. A discussion ensued about a magician at the Christmas party. It was decided to pass on this. There is an event at Hastings on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Harold suggested purchasing items such as pens, pencils, etc. with our name on it to give away. Capt. Hurd requested a catalog and a list of what they are proposing. This item was tabled until it could be reviewed further. Jan indicated that a new, updated brochure be prepared. Sgt. Poltenson will attempt to do so and report at the next meeting. The suggestion to proceed with Make-A-Wish Foundation was approved.
- **Good of the Order:** Several items were brought up under this heading.
  - **Clarification of Board Membership:** There was a need to clarify membership of the Board. Sgt. MacMillan brought up the status of the former CO. It was determined by the Board that he is not a member of the Board at this time.
  - **Local Living History:** Sgt. MacMillan suggested we need a Syracuse-based event to recruit and gain publicity. He noted that most of our growth is in the Southern Tier and Utica areas. He suggested we look into County Parks to see if we can set something up. Sgt. Poltenson offered to look into it with his contacts.
- **Next Meeting Date:** September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Location to be determined.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Capt. Hurd. Seconded by Bill Mayers. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;



Secretary



**From:** Neil MacMillan [nmacmillan@twcny.rr.com]

**Sent:** Monday, August 07, 2006 8:43 PM

**To:** Rachel Rock-Blake; Peter J. Boris; Pamela Crane; Maria Killius; Larry Allen; Jim Hurd; James D Duran; CplKillius@The12thUS.com; CplEdwards@The12thUS.com; Charles Poltenson; Chaplain12th@aol.com; Carol Mayers; Bill Mayers; Alexander Mackenzie

**Subject:** Section Report

From: 1st Sgt. Neil K. MacMillan

To: Board of Directors

Subj: Headquarters section report

I spoke with most of the headquarters section at Erie Canal Village. In discussion with QM/Sgt Poltenson and Capt. Hurd Discussed the mess situation and a misunderstanding on my part was clarified. However, I also explained that we need to have a tentative list of whom is going to be there and when for purposes of knowing who is where in the event of an emergency.

I will be contacting section leaders in the very near future for ideas in what to include in our drill sessions and also to get status on sections.

I remain your humble & obedient servant,

Neil K. MacMillan, 1st Sgt. Company A, 12th Regiment United States Infantry

Section Report

From: Capt Hurd [SgtHurd@The12thUS.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 11:03 PM  
To: Cpl Charlie Poltenson  
Subject: Section Report

The Oneida section is currently without a functional Section Leader. I am looking at Joe Jadhon as a possible Section Leader and will talk to him next week some time.

Capt Jim Hurd  
12th US

Syracuse Section Report

From: Rachel Rock-Blake [madcaprb@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2006 6:27 PM  
To: Neil MacMillan; Rachel Rock-Blake; Peter J. Boris; Pamela Crane;  
Maria Killius; Larry Allen; Jim Hurd; James D Duran;  
CplKillius@The12thUS.com; CplEdwards@The12thUS.com; Charles Poltenson;  
Chaplain12th@aol.com; Carol Mayers; Bill Mayers; Alexander Mackenzie  
Subject: Syracuse Section Report

Most of the Syracuse military section is, for all intensive purposes, inactive this season. With the exception of Matt Gurniak, who attended Peterboro and then left for the Point, we have six soldiers who have taken the field at some point this year.

Unless i can somehow get back from school for events in the fall, Hamlin Beach will be my last event this year. I will continue to make calls and keep the First Sergeant updated. I regret that I will not be around to do any recruiting for the section this fall, as I now see that it wouldn't hurt to gain more reliable numbers.

Respectfully,  
Rachel Rock-Blake, Pvt. Company A, 12th Regiment  
United States Infantry

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