

NEWS FROM THE CAMP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

For the
COLONEL BEN E. CAUDILL CAMP NO. 1629



MAY 19, 2011

An empty chair now and forever shall sit at our table in remembrance of those who have gone before:
**Mark Barger, Cecil Brown, Harold Cantrell, Jack Cantrell, Randy Cantrell, Greg Caudill,
Vernon Cooper, Roy Crawford, Atlas Hall, James Hamilton, Johnny Osborne, John Wesley
Roark, Jake Smith, Ben Buster Taylor, Henry Webb, William "Tom" Whitaker, Michael Wright**



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From the Quarters of the 1st Lt. Commander

May 19, 2011

Everyone who showed up for the Camp meeting in the Sandlick Cemetery last month should be proud of what was accomplished. Thanks to all who pitched in to place the five Confederate headstones and spruce up the surroundings. We do expect one additional headstone to be placed in the same area of the cemetery; that will bring the total of 13th KY Cavalry men honored there to thirteen.

Since that April meeting, every effort to place additional headstones elsewhere, especially in Morgan County, has been stymied by the weather. We do have plans to go back to Virginia this week, to replace the headstone for Henry Caudill, and to place the stone for David Hall as we pass through Letcher County. But, once again, it will depend on the weather and whether we can get a healthy crew together.

Our appreciation is in order for the efforts of Quenton Childers and his brother, who visited the Wolfe Confederate Cemetery in Scott County, Virginia recently. While there, they repaired the flagpole and replaced the Confederate Flag, which was initially raised at the Dedication in June of 2010, but had come down when the rope failed several months later. Well done, Quenton! We'll be looking for your flag next time we come down Yuma Road.

Anyone interested in reenacting this season may consider attending the 5th KY Infantry's School of the Company this weekend (May 20-22) at the Battle of Barbourville site. The event will begin with Reveille at 7AM on Saturday, and will end with Company Dismissal at 2PM on Sunday. The weather is expected to be drier for the weekend.

Eventually, this daily dose of rain will end, and we'll be able to work and play outside more often. May we take advantage of every opportunity to honor our Confederate ancestors; and, as we do, I remain your humble servant and your

First Lieutenant Commander
Manton Ray Cornett

Adjutant Report

Richard G. Brown

The Colonel Ben E. Caudill Camp No. 1629 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has fifty-two paid members at the present time as the purge of members who have not rejoined has happened. The cost to join, or to rejoin, is now \$45 (\$35 to National Headquarters and \$10 to Kentucky Headquarters). Anyone that joins between now and August can pay a prorated price which will cover them for the following year.

The Camp has been asked to help the Historical Society with the new Monument Park to be placed along the Whitesburg By-Pass at the truck pull-off. They want to establish a small park there with informative signs telling of the Battle of Whitesburg. The main attraction will be a full size statue of Lt. Martin Van Buren Bates in his Confederate army uniform.

Camp member Tim Shelby cut the grass, picked up the garbage and emptied the garbage can at the Brothers Once More Monument at Pound Gap. The tombstones that have been added in the Sandlick Cemetery looks great. Glenn Brown and myself cut the grass and weed eaten the Sandlick Cemetery

last Friday. My mother, Fern Brown, is in the process of making flowers to place at all Confederate soldiers graves there for Memorial Day. We will cut the grass again just before Memorial Day. Please continue to remember camp member, Danny Day in your prayers, as he is fighting cancer. Also remember Greg Bentley as his father passed away. Please keep Okie Blair and his mother in your prayers. Also, my brother and camp member, Wendell Brown, was informed this week that only 20% of his kidneys were working.

The Military Museum has asked us to fire the cannon for them at their **Memorial Day Observance at 1 pm on Monday, May 30, at the museum.** The Knott County DAV will conduct the 21 gun salute. Also, we will be firing the cannon on **Sunday, May 29**, at 1 pm at the **Sandlick Cemetery** in the Confederate section and playing Taps. Any help with either or both days would be appreciated. It is tough dragging the cannon up to the Confederate graves.

Trivia Questions

1. What disease was treated (wrongly) with injections of ink?
2. What type of vehicles served as ambulances for the Confederacy?
3. What was the usual anesthetic for patients undergoing surgery?
4. What city was the site of hospitals established for soldiers from the separate Confederate states?
5. What was "camp fever"?
6. Why was influenza not a problem for the Confederate Army?
7. What did "playing old soldier" mean?
8. How many years of medical school did doctors receive before the Civil War?
9. What was "laudable pus" ?
10. How many medical doctors did the Confederacy have when the war started?

Minutes of the Colonel Ben Caudill Camp No. 1629 April 21, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Colonel Ben Caudill Camp No. 1629, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, was held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the Sandlick Cemetery in Whitesburg. In attendance were members Richard Smith, Willis Strong, Randall Haddix, Quenton Childers, Okie Blair, Anthony Hawkins, Mark Bowling, Manton Ray Cornett, Buster Whitt, Larry Kiser, Garland Kiser, Carlos Brock, Richard Brown, Glenn Brown, David Brown and Raymond Isaacs.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Brown. Manton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Willis led the Salute to the Confederate flag. Commander Richard Smith offered the opening prayer, after which Adjutant Brown stated that we did have a quorum and that we could conduct official business. Everyone present then took part in the Ancestral Roll Call.

The adjutant read the minutes from the March meeting. Raymond made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Carlos seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Commander Smith welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for helping set the tombstones, as well as cleaning up the cemetery. The commander presented a certificate to Buster Whitt and welcomed him in joining the Camp. He noted that he had written about 25 poems dealing with the war and our area and hoped to publish them. Also, the Elias Jent tombstone story was talked about. Lt. Commander Cornett thanked everyone for their help, especially Carlos for his research required to order the stones. He noted that Faron Sparkman informed him Jim Pritchard would be publishing a book about the 5th Kentucky this fall, and that he did not intend to publish a book on the 13th. However, he said that if the

camp decided to publish one, he had some information about the 13th that camp members probably did not have. Richard gave the Adjutant Report, noting we have 50 members. Buster offered to help try to find information on Virginia soldiers, especially those buried in the Sandlick Cemetery. Anthony said that he attended the Half-Mountain reenactment and that the weather was awful, almost a tornado, resulting in a low attendance. Carlos gave the stone -setting report, noting that 1,241 Stones have been set so far, with 24 set so far this year. There are 18 stones on the ground waiting to be set but there are no stones on order, a first for us, due to the tightening regulations on ordering them. He will attempt to get permission to set the two stones ordered for Jennies Creek in Johnson County in a nearby cemetery as the graves are on the highway right of way and can not be set there. Raymond announced that Larry Honeycut, grandson of Captain Robert Bates, has a shoe sole from the giant, Martin Van Buren Bates. Randall gave the Blacksmith Report. The commander then conducted an auction of items brought to the camp by members (antlers, DVDs and Coal Songs). Due to darkness (we were still in the cemetery) the meeting was closed. Everyone was in agreement that having the meeting in the cemetery had been a great idea. In addition, everyone got to participate in the setting of five tombstones.

The next meeting will be held on May 19 at 6:30 PM, at the Military Museum.

Answers to the Trivia Questions

1. Gonorrhea, believe it or not.
2. Canvas covered wagons.
3. Whiskey or brandy, when available, and often it was not.
4. Richmond, the capitol. Being near the thick of the fighting, it naturally had more hospitals than any other city.
5. Possibly another name for typhoid, though the name is vague enough to apply to other diseases.
6. It was in fact, but the actual name "influenza" was not used at the time. Some types of what were then called "pneumonia" were what we probably called the flu.
7. Faking sickness at sick call.
8. Two.
9. The festering caused by infection, considered in those days to be part of the healing process.
10. About 24.

From the Journal of Captain Edward Guerrant Friday, May 6, 1864 Near Saltville, Washington County, Virginia

It was, as it were, a festive day the birds and brooks and flowers and fields and flocks, have all set apart for rejoicing and thanksgiving, and the sun comes, an invited guest, to lend the attractions of his brilliant wit, and the warmth of his genial temper to the occasion. A beautiful, glorious day!

We received an order making us a part of General Morgan's Command:

H'd Q'rs Morgan's Command
Saltville, Va. May 5, 1864
Circular

From this date the Brigade commanded by Colonel Giltner shall be known and styled "1st Brigade Morgan's Division Cavalry." That commanded by Lt. Colonel R. A. Alston, as the "2nd Brigade

Morgan's Division Cavalry.”

By command of
Brig. General John H. Morgan
signed C.A. Withers, A.A.A.G.
Official
Edward O. Guerrant, A.A.G.

The great majority of the Brigade is delighted now at this consummation, long and devoutly wished. May we never have cause to regret our association with this gallant Partizan leader and his band. Our brigade now composed of 1st and 2nd KY Battalions, 6th and 7th Confederate Cavalry, 4th and 10th KY Cavalry and the 10th KY Mounted Rifles, numbers some 1,500 effective men present for duty, some 500 of whom are dismounted.

Financial Report

The Caudill Camp has approximately \$832.88 in our checking account. The savings account has \$4,952.45 in but \$4,161 of this belongs to the Kentucky Heritage License Plate, leaving \$791.45 belonging to the Caudill Camp.