

22 November 2013

Gentlemen,

I'm aware of at least two annual meetings for units in Pridgeon's Command that will take place Remembrance Day weekend. The following is provided as a quick summary of events that the Division will be participating in (in whole or part) the upcoming campaign season:

**Note: all available registration links can be found on [www.southerndivision.org](http://www.southerndivision.org).**

**Remembrance Day:** Saturday, 23 November

The Carolina Legion will join Pridgeon's Command for the grand parade. Expectations are 150 infantry, the Carolina Legion Band and Field Music, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Field Music, a contingent with Rob Hodge, and several mounted horse under Kern will march. We will be the last unit in the procession. The Division is to be formed between the grass park on LeFever St. (across from the Farnsworth House) and the Middle School at noon. We will establish the final order of march once all units are on site. Parade steps off at 1 p.m.

**Fort Washington: *ADJUNCT EVENT*;** 21 – 23 March 2014

Bobby Small has arranged for a second version of this year's popular event. The school will again primarily emphasize Sharp Shooter tactics and we plan on adding a short parallel school for those interested in military paper work. All troops will be quartered in the restored barracks; the weekend will be run in military fashion from reveille till an appropriate hour around 5 p.m. after which the men are free to fraternize. Regular garrison evolutions will be run during the day with opportunity to continue with them after regular hours for those so disposed. Standard amenities will be provided and Bobby is looking into providing meals as per the past event.

**Bermuda Hundred: *ADJUNCT EVENT*;** 25 – 27 April 2014

Organized by John Pagano and supported by Chesterfield County, VA, this event promises to be an exciting one. Location is on the original site of the '64 Federal Hospital. It is now fully wooded. The county will construct 150 yards of opposing trenches, with a 100-yard no-man's land between. The event will be a mixture of immersion and traditional event, providing opportunity for participants to operate under a more relaxed personal schedule as desired. We will be portraying the 15<sup>th</sup> VA under Brian Hicks, and the 30<sup>th</sup> VA under Dick Watters, supported by two field pieces and mounted troops, all under the command of Skip Owens. Those desiring will have the opportunity to 'immerse' from Friday night till noon on Sunday,

conducting evolutions night and day. We will defend the works, make improvements to them throughout the weekend, and can dig rifle pits, etc. as we attempt to gain the advantage over our opposition, the Liberty Rifles under Jeff Hayes. Currently the 30<sup>th</sup> is organized into two companies, Company B under Jaime George, and Company A under Bill Bosworth; each to be 30 men minimum. Skip Owens has allocated the 30<sup>th</sup> 100 slots and we hope to fill them with S-D members. A third company will most probably be added if we hit the 100 mark. CS registration is limited to 250 and it's filling up fast.

**Wilderness: *S-D MAX EFFORT*; 1-4 May 2014**

This event will be held at the same site as this year's Chancellorsville event. Planning is well underway. The S-D has been allocated a prime wooded campsite central to the site and activities (same as this year). A Saturday dawn tactical is scheduled in a wooded area literally 100 yards from the original mule shoe. A recreation of Sanders Field will be held for the public Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday afternoon the recreation of the battle for the Mule Shoe. The event is constructing earth works for the latter. Plans are under way to allow some to sleep in and skirmish from the earth works Saturday night into Sunday, more to come.

**New Market: *ADJUNCT EVENT*; 16-18 May 2014;**  
<http://www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/index.html>

Another opportunity for those interested! Two options are known at this time:

1. Chris Anders is forming a Federal Adjunct for the event, supported by both the Mifflin Guard and the National Regiment. This event is traditionally short of Federals and this effort will help balance numbers and give S-D members the opportunity to use that blue in the closet. "Have fun and give'm Hell" is the motto.
2. The second opportunity is to follow Skip Owens as the 22<sup>nd</sup> VA (General George Patton's grand father) from Lexington to the site along the original route and marching with the VMI Cadets. Marchers will arrive on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>, where non-marchers can join them and then participate in the event. Skip welcomes CS either way they want to do it.

A separate S-D CS unit can also be formed if someone steps up.

**Campaign before Richmond (The battle of New Market Heights): *S-D MAX EFFORT*; 26-28 September 2014**

Hosted by Henrico County, this event will occur immediately adjacent to Malvern Hill and the actual New Market Heights site. The county is reconstructing Fort Harrison (center of the fighting) for the event. It will also incorporate as many USCT as interested (they earned 11 Medals of Honor there). Fort Harrison was eventually

taken by Federal forces after considerable loss (especially to the USCT) and nearly re-taken by CS counter attacks. Chris Anders plans on utilizing the works throughout the weekend, which gives us the opportunity to both hold the works on Friday-Saturday, and assault them on Sunday. Shaping up to be another MmM. Worth the price of admission alone if we witness a large number of USCT assault us.

**Cedar Creek: *S-D MAX EFFORT*; 17-19 October 2014**

Another interesting event put on by the Mason-Dixon Alliance. Plans include:

- A cavalry ride from Kernstown to Middletown/Cedar Creek battlefield.
- An infantry march from Fisher's Hill to the battlefield.
- 3 days of living history at Belle Grove and Cedar Creek battlefield.
- The recreation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> battle of Winchester.
- The Battle of Cedar Creek.

Additionally, traditional campsites will be changed to enhance the authenticity of the event (now if we can only get them to fight Cedar Creek in it's original direction over the ground!).

And there are other events that the Legion has scheduled in addition. More on that later.

More info to follow as obtained,

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