

THE BUGLE CALL

NEWS FROM THE NCWC

SEPTEMBER 2017

Victory at Fort Stevens!

Confederates Routed at Coast

Three Days of Hard Fighting

*****Wallace's Warriors Triumph*****

By John Hartman of the Chattanooga Gazette

The First Battalion, Army of the Willamette, commanded by Lt. Col. James Wallace, turned back a strong force of the Rebel Army of Northern Oregon led by Col. James Stanovich, known as The Stonewall of the Pacific Northwest. In three days of hard fighting the Union force kept the Rebels stopped at the walls of Fort Stevens on Sept. 2nd and 3rd, with possession of the field changing hands daily.

At the end of the second day possession of the road leading east to Portland was in Union hands, with a high number of casualties incurred on both sides. The heat was intense, as soldiers in both armies were brought down by the sun's powerful rays.

On Sunday the Confederate position was scouted at a distance, and there was concern about a group of women reportedly being behind the Rebel field pieces, which were dug in behind a berm. The women were later observed safely beyond the battle lines, but the fighting had resumed with a vengeance.

In the afternoon the 69th New York held the Federal right flank, led by Capt. Robert Heenan. They held their position for the whole battle. As the Federals gradually pushed the Confederates back, savage hand-to-hand fighting was seen as the 69th New York collided with the 24th Georgia Infantry. Ironically, both regiments are predominantly Irish. While pressed hard, the 69th vanquished the other Sons of Erin, and the 24th Georgia lay dead on the field.

The two sides fought for a final time on Monday the 4th, near noon. Col. Wallace established a strong line after his men had stopped for a rest, with his cavalry on his left flank, anchoring the road. The Gazette correspondent was with a detachment from the 79th New York Highlanders, led by Sgt. Stillwell, who prudently guarded the Federal back door, watching for a detachment of the Palmetto Rifles, whose position was not determined. After the battle the bodies of the South Carolinians were found on the Confederate left. Sgt. Stillwell's tactical wisdom was to be admired.

The 79th captured a field piece on the Rebel right, which began the Gray rout. Col. Wallace thereupon ordered all his units into one long Blue line, which poured volley after volley into the Rebels, who fell like wheat before a scythe.

The Federal victory was complete, as remnants of the once proud Army of Northern Oregon limped away from Fort Stevens. Wallace's Warriors held the ground, and any threat to the port of Portland had been vanquished.

Fort Stevens went well. Thank you Cindy Hilchey and Jim Stanovich for coordinating this event.

Dehydration

With several people during the Fort Stevens event having medical issues in regards to dehydration lets make sure we are all drinking enough water during the Colton event.

Colton

September 23rd and 24th

Event opens to public at 9am and closes Saturday at 5pm Sunday at 4pm

LOCATION: The Horning Seed Orchard/BLM, 27004 S. Sheckly Rd., Colton, OR 97017 (See map below.)
(Directions) From Estacada head south on OR 211 Woodburn Estacada Hwy. At 8.1 miles take slight right onto Unger Rd. At 0.9 miles take a right onto S. Sheckly Rd. Stay on road approx 0.5 miles to the Horning Seed Orchard parking area. Signs posted.

Still no fires, candles or oil lanterns so make sure your people are prepared to cook with gas. We will have the same water precautions as we did at FT Stevens, everyone should carry a canteen, artillery will follow the same guidelines with extra water on the battlefield and wetted burlap. All kitchens need to have 2 water buckets and a shovel just in case. If there are any last minute changes to the fire situation a special edition will be published. It appears that we will not have any restrictions on the battles. Fire danger is based on ODF fire dangers, so if you want to try and follow go to Oregon Department of Forestry.

The area for cavalry and Union camp have been mowed. Union cav will be on west side of timber patch, Confederate on the east side. They mowed a pathway for Cavalry and will use the North side of the road to get to the battlefield. This will minimize walking on the 2 inch minus gravel road. We will have water tanks set up for the Cavalry camp, Civilian camp, Artillery camp and Confederates. Union camp will use the frost free next to their camp. Just to assure everyone, the water coming out of the frost free valves is well water and tested regularly and is potable. The lines don't get regular use so water can be ugly when first turned on, but they plan on flushing the lines next week. The water that came out was clear from both valves after a few seconds on Friday. Just be aware this water is hard, people who have lived on wells will understand, but this means the water will have a different taste due to hi mineral and iron content. Most domestic systems will have a water softener to reduce this effect. Hard water is common in the valley due to high iron content in the soil. If you do not want to drink hard water it is recommended that you bring your own water supply along.

If you want a modern camp spot for Colton contact Cindy Hilchey
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EVENT SCHEDULE

Subject to changes

Rain or Shine!

Saturday & Sunday

September 23rd, 24th, 2017

9:00am Event opens

Battalion Parades

9:30am Sunday Only

Church Service

11:00am Morning Battle

Union Medical demo after battle

12:30 Saturday only Lincoln

1:00pm Confederate hospital

2:00pm Fashion show

3:00pm Afternoon battle

Event closes for the day at

5:00pm Saturday and

4:00pm Sunday

NCWC Elections

Elections Procedures

Voting members must have paid the required dues and have completed and signed NCWC waivers as part of the annual membership application.

Administrative Officers Voted on by members of NCWC (inactive and probationary)

Chair/Vice Chair

Secretary

Battalion Commanders Voted on by respective Battalion (not probationary)

Union

Confederate

Civilian Alliance

Nominations:

Received by Secretary September 15th of election year

Candidates:

Has the right to submit to the Newsletter Editor a statement not over 300 words for publication in the October issue of the Bugle Call. Statements after the October Bugle Call will not be published

Membership:

Provide Election Coordinator and Secretary a list of voting members (paid) age 14 and over as of September 30th.

Secretary:

notifies candidate nominated by someone by October 1st: notifies Chair of confirmed nominees by October 4th.

Chair:

Appoints Elections Coordinator October 1st

announce candidates October 7th

appoints a counting committee to count ballots no later than December 15th

Elections procedures continued

Election Coordinator:

Prepare ballots and voting material for mailing by October 31st

Voting done by November 30th (post marked on or before to be counted)

Ballots counted no later than December 15th

Results announce promptly after counting/published in next scheduled Bugle Call

Coming up

The next board meeting is September 28th 7pm at Country Cottage Restaurant 1776
Country Club Drive Woodburn Oregon

The next planning meeting is October 2nd 2017 7pm Sizzlers 1151 Lancaster Drive NE
Salem Oregon