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Attention - COMPANY

A Drill Column by the 1st Sergeant

"Where Am I?"

In recognition of the conferring of additional (or lesser) rank on some members of the company, it's time for our annual review of placement of NCOs and Officers in line of battle and other commonly-used field formations.

Captain:

In Battalion Line of Battle: At the right end of the front rank, next to the Corporal. He may step to the front of the company to control alignment (during wheels, for example). He retires to behind the center of the line during firing - four paces behind the file closers.

In Column: By the Right Flank: At the head of the company, to the left of the First Sergeant. By the Left Flank: At the other head of the company, to the right of the Second Sergeant. In Column of Companies (or when the company is maneuvering independently): In the front-center of his company. In Column of Platoons: In front-center of the First Platoon.

In Skirmish Order: 80 paces to the rear of the center of the deployed line (with a guard taken from the reserve, if there is one).

When the company is broken into platoons, the Captain commands the First platoon only from positions that correspond to the above.

1st Lieutenant:

In Battalion Line of Battle: As a file-closer in the center of the fourth section, two paces behind the rear rank.

In Column: He essentially turns right (or left as the case may be) and marches in his file closer position alongside a column marching by the flank. In Column of Companies he keeps his line-of-battle file closer position. In Column of Platoons he steps to the front-center of the 2nd Platoon.

In Skirmish Order: He commands the reserve -- who's primary purpose is to replace casualties, and serve as a rallying point. He keeps it approximately 150 paces behind -- and conforming to the movement of -- the skirmish line.

When the company is broken into platoons, the Lt. commands the Second platoon in the same manner that the Captain commands the First platoon.

1st Sergeant:

In Battalion Line of Battle: At the right end of the rear rank, behind the Captain. If the Captain steps in front of the line, he takes the Captain's place in the front rank. When the Captain retires behind the center of the line during firing, the 1st Sergeant steps back to a spot even with the line of file closers.

When Opening Ranks: At the preparatory: "To the rear in open order...." he takes four paces to the rear. At the command "march" the rear rank moves backward. He commands "guide left". The rear rank conforms to the 2nd Sgt.

In Column: By the Right Flank: At the head of the company. The right corporal follows directly in his footsteps. By the Left Flank: He follows the company in the footsteps of the front rank twos. In Column of Companies (or when the company is maneuvering independently): Right end of the front rank as the right guide (but guide/dress are LEFT). In Column of Platoons: He'll pass quickly to the LEFT end of 1st Platoon's front rank, because the guide will be left -- just as in a column of companies.

In Skirmish Order: As the right guide, he conducts the far right group of four to their deployment point, then takes a spot ten paces behind the end of the line once it's aligned. If the line moves, he moves up next to the corporal to

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be the right guide. When rallying, he joins the nearest square.

2nd Sergeant:

In Battalion Line of Battle: As a file closer, two paces behind the second file from the left (just to the left of the 1st Lt.). If we are the Color Company, he is to the left of the color guard, but still in the file closer line (actually directly behind the next company's First Sergeant). If we are the left flank company, he is at the left end of the front rank.

When opening ranks (if the company is NOT in battalion line): At the preparatory: "To the rear in open order..." the 2nd Sgt (who has been ordered to the left end of the front rank in anticipation of this order) takes four paces backward just like the 1st Sgt. The rear rank will align on him. At the command "Front", the 2nd Sgt. returns to his spot on the left of the front rank. (If the company IS in battalion line, he remains in his filecloser position when ranks are opened.)

In Column: By the Right Flank: He turns to the right and follows the 1st Lieutenant in the line of file closers. By the Left Flank. He leads the company from his front rank position. The front rank twos follow in his footsteps. The Captain is on his right. In Column of Companies: At the left end of the front rank. He is the all-important left guide, and follows directly behind the 2nd Sergeant of the company in front of him. (If we're the lead company, all the other 2nd Sgt's follow him.) In Column of Platoons: At the left end of 2nd Platoon's front rank, following in the footsteps of (and maintaining proper wheeling distance from) the 1st Sergeant, who is left guide of the 1st Platoon as described above. Once the company/platoon has returned to a Battalion Line of Battle, the 2nd Sgt. immediately resumes his file closer spot. He should never be on line when there's a company of our battalion to our left.

In Skirmish Order: When the whole company is deployed he is going to be the left guide, conducting the left group of four. When aligned he takes a position ten paces behind the second man from the end. Like the 1st Sgt, he moves up on line when it moves, and joins the nearest square during rallies. If his platoon (2nd) is kept in reserve, he'll remain with it.

Corporals:

In Battalion Line of Battle: One on each end of the front rank — the tallest on the right, and the shortest on the left. They remain always in these positions. If the company is large enough to break into platoons, there are two more corporals in the center of the front rank where the break comes. Of these two, the left one (always a number 1) becomes the right guide of 2nd Platoon in platoon maneuvers.

In Column and In Skirmish Order: Corporals do whatever their "number" compels them to do (vis. facings & doubling) just like the privates.

See you on the drill field.

**Minutes
Annual Election Meeting
5th Missouri Infantry (CSA), Inc.
Sunday, January 18, 1998
Sedalia, Mo.**

The meeting was called to order promptly at 2:30 p.m. in the chambers of Judge Bob Koffman in the Pettis County Courthouse. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last membership meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Dennis Faught reported a year-end balance of \$2,399.32 in the corporate treasury, with all expenditures in 1997 under budgeted amounts. Messenger costs were \$340.88, Recruitment/Board Costs were \$85.74. \$447.90 was expended on equipment, which was offset partially by the sale of a company musket for \$225. The organization donated \$500 toward charitable preservation concerns. Income included \$656 from membership dues, \$200 in donations, \$232 from the sale of black powder and caps, and \$112 from the sale of logo apparel. The financial report was approved as presented.

Mike Meoli presented recruit Nick Meoli for Veteran status. Passed. Alan Bowling presented recruit Justin Gerke for Veteran status. Passed. Steve Fink presented recruits Randy and T.J. Bruegger for Veteran status. Passed.

Corporate Elections

Jerry Lee was nominated for a third two-year term as President. Bowling moved/Gilger 2nd that he be re-elected by acclamation. Passed. Sam Hafley and Alan Bowling were nominated for a one-year term as Company A Vice President. Hafley was elected by ballot.

Field Staff Elections

Captain Jerry Lee, 1st Lieutenant Alan Bowling, 1st Sergeant Dennis Faught, and 2nd Sergeant Sam Hafley were re-elected to their posts by acclamation. Steve Fink, Larry Dietzel, Mike White and Joe Hafley were nominated to fill three Corporal positions. Fink, Dietzel and White were re-elected to their posts by ballot.

Mike White volunteered to provide a centralized storage location for the company trailer and camp equipage. Alan

Bowling volunteered to retain Ordnance/Armourer responsibilities.

Event Schedule

Company A voted to support the following events during the 1998 campaign season:

Officer/NCO School -Site TBA March 14-16
Spring Drill & Muster -Cole Camp March 21-22
Wichita, KS April 4-5
Vicksburg Campaign May 8-10
Columbia, MO June 13-14
Gettysburg July 3-5
Fordland, MO Aug 8-9
Pilot Knob, MO Sep 26-27
Clinton, MO Oct 10
Warsaw, MO Oct 17-18
Prairie Grove, AR Dec 5-6

Other Business

Cindy Lee reported invitations for upcoming meetings and seminars geared toward civilians. Todd Conner requested permission for members of the 1st Missouri Cavalry to fall in with the 5th Missouri for the recreation of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg. Permission was granted, with the stipulation that the troopers appear equipped as infantry and drill with the company prior to the event. Mike White introduced new members Rusty and Jaime Cash of Fulton. Alan Bowling agreed to continue publishing the newsletter until Larry Dietzel is able to resume the responsibility.

The next membership meeting is scheduled for Spring Drill March 21-22 on the Ron Foraker farm near Cole Camp.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Faught

Minutes

Quarterly Corporate Board Meeting Sunday, January 18, 1998 Sedalia, MO

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Lee immediately following adjournment of the election meeting. Present were Lee, Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Faught, and Company A Vice President Sam Haffey. In attendance were several members of Company A.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as published in the Messenger. Treasurer Faught suggested an adjustment in the organizational dues structure, in line with recent changes to MCWRA dues. He proposed doing away with "family" memberships as there was no value-added reason for families to pay a higher rate. Instead, dues would be \$12 annually for all full memberships. Also, since it costs more than \$8.50 per year to send the Messenger to a member, he proposed raising the Associate dues from \$8 to \$9. The net dues income after these changes would continue to cover expenses. The changes would take effect with 1999 dues. Passed unanimously.

Faught presented a proposed 1998 budget. Dues income for 1998 (based on an estimated 45 memberships) is projected at \$538. \$400 was proposed for printing the newsletter (72 cents per issue copying/postage = \$388). \$100 was proposed for Recruiting/Board expenses (\$25 Recruiting, \$40 Postage, \$20 Director Reimbursement, \$15 Annual Corporate Fee). The remaining funds would be available for Company needs. From other treasury funds Faught proposed continuing support of monument maintenance at Vicksburg with \$200, with another \$200 to be allocated to other preservation concerns to be chosen later. No equipment purchases or special needs were seen at this time. Faught moved/Lee 2nd that the budget be adopted. Passed unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the next Board Meeting was set for June 13 at Columbia. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Dennis Faught

VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

THE VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN: Getting you and your feet in shape

(The following contains excerpted material from an article by Dr. Bob Williams in the Dec. 1993 issue of "Reenactors Journal".)

Are you trying to figure out how to get ready for the Vicksburg Campaign? Maybe for some of us -- particularly after a long, lazy winter -- getting in shape should take first priority. What follows is a reasonable schedule of preparation that should get you in shape for marches even longer than those at Raymond. First of all, you should consult your doctor before starting any program.

Getting in Shape

February -- Walk two-to-three times a week in comfortable walking shoes. Start walking for fifteen minutes. Work up to one hour by the end of the month.

March -- Walk three times a week in the brogans and socks you'll be wearing at the event. (Make sure they are thoroughly broken in first.) Start walking for fifteen minutes. Work up to one hour by the end of the month.

April -- Wear brogans daily. Walk three times a week.

First week: March two miles each time, wearing uniform and leathers.

Second week: March 2-to-3 miles each time, wearing uniform, leathers, and empty knapsack or bedroll.

Third week: March 3 miles each time, wearing uniform, leathers, empty knapsack/bedroll, and carry weapon.

Fourth week: March 3-to-4+ miles each time, wearing full gear (including weight of rations) you'll carry in Mississippi.

Three days before going to Mississippi: Clip toenails straight across (do not tear off). Clean under nails. Check for sore or blister formation.

Notes...

Change your socks at least twice a day or when they get wet. You'll need a bare minimum of two pair -- preferably four. Wool, not cotton. Wash them in a creek if available, and tie them on your knapsack or bedroll to dry. (Sunlight kills germs).

Powder feet each time you change socks. Rub it in, and don't let it cake up between toes. (Do not use corn starch, use foot powder)

Wash your feet daily.

Seek medical attention for blisters, severe pain or bleeding.

Next month: "What's for supper? - Campaign Rations"

New Member!

We have a new member to add to our rolls. Braxton Dean Fink arrived at 6:24 P.M. on Tuesday the 30 of December 1997. He was finally delivered by C-section after 17 hours of labor. At birth Braxton weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 21 inches in length(roughly Capt. Lee's size). Mother and son came home from the hospital about noon Friday, Jan. 2 and both are doing fine.

Your Obedient Servant,
Steve Fink

GETTYSBURG 135TH EVENT SCHEDULE

Monday

June 29 Sutlers and Headquarters staffs will be allowed to setup. General registration will not be open. Only people on a list approved by the sponsors will be allowed on site so please advise your folks not to show up early.

Tuesday

June 30 Camps open for general registration.

Wednesday

July 1 Registration continues.

Cavalry Battle of Middleburg, Va.

Cavalry Battle of Rummel Farm

Thursday

July 2 Registration continues. No major activities are scheduled for this day because the bulk of the reenactors will arrive this day.

Friday

July 3 Registration continues.

1200 Vehicle cut of time. All vehicles out of camp.

1600-1800 1st Days Battle (Buford vs. Heth)

Saturday

July 4 Registration continues'

1000-1200 Battle of the Wheatfield

1300-1400 Cavalry Battle of Hanover

1400-1600 Assault on Little Round Top

1600-1800 Assault on Culp's Hill

Sunday

July 5 0800-0900 Church Call (Quiet in Camp)

0930-1100 Stuart's Grand Review

1200-1300 Cavalry Battle of Fairfield

1330-1530 Longstreet's Assault

Monday

July 6 Reenactors may remain until 1200. It is recommended that anyone who can remain over to avoid the traffic congestion of Sunday evening.

BATTLE SCENARIOS

The intention of the sponsors is to run this event differently than any event tried before. The plan is to fight the three days as they occurred with almost continuous fighting from morning to night. While there will be periods where the fighting will drop off the men will have the opportunity to stand down on arms and resupply while skirmishing continues. You will notice on Saturday in particular, timing will become the key to making things work. While troops are moved into the fight others will be in reserve and will enter the fight as the first troops are moving off the field. Troops will cycle to the rear regroup, water and resupply and then move forward again. This will allow a better flow of realistic casualties since folks will know they are going back in later. Of particular note is the Little Round Top fight where some troops will have to be pulled out and then sent to the opposite end of the farm where they will start the Culp's Hill fight.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be set up at the red barn located at the movie site on Pumping Station Road. For those of you that have attended events at the movie site it is where we registered in the past. For those that have never attended this event the barn is about two miles South of the battlefield. Registration at this site should reduce some of the congestion normally experienced at events. Fees are \$8 per Military and/or Civilian (kids under 12 free but must be registered). Deadline is April 15th. The walk-on fee will be \$15.

135th GETTYSBURG SCHEDULE(continued)

INFANTRY CAMPS

The two armies will be located at opposite ends of the property with the Federals to the South and the Confederates to the North. Both armies will have their own entrances to reduce congestion. Both camps are mostly wooded with the Confederate camp having a few large meadows. At this point no brigade camp assignments have been made however due to the expected numbers it is highly recommended that troop commanders stress early arrival for as many as possible. When parking near the site is gone parking moves to the movie site about a mile away. In addition the 1200 cutoff for cars on Friday makes early arrival a must. We would appreciate it greatly if you traveled as light as possible at this event. Those with A tents and (gulp) wall tents please have more than one person in it.

CAVALRY

Both cavalry camps will be located to the West of the Confederate Camp next to each other. This camp is secluded and is ideal for security of the mounts. Each camp has a meadow area and tree lines for shade. One difference from other events is that staff mounts will have to be picketed in the cavalry camps so staff riders may want to assign rangers to care and picket their mounts. It is expected that there will be 500+ mounts at this event so rules must be strictly enforced for everyone's safety. No civilians, period or otherwise will be allowed to ride at this event. Please brief these folks up front so it is not a problem at the event.

CIVILIAN CAMPS

An area at the fringe of each camp will be used for those that want to camp in the refugee area. I would recommend that these folks plan on traveling light for this event since the area may be limited. There will be a coordinator for each of these camps to direct setup and make sure things run smoothly. Tighter control of camp setup will help everyone have a more enjoyable time. **MILITARY REENACTORS HAVE PRIORITY.** If we have to limit civilians or sutlers to provide adequate room for the armies we will do it. This is a battle reenactment. The needs of the army have priority.

MODERN CAMPING

The event sponsors have made arrangements for modern camping a short distance from the main site. This was at the request of many people who know that the hotels are full already and that getting to the site daily could be a major problem. These camp sites will cost \$25.00 to cover the cost of the addition land, and sanitation. No camp fires will be allowed at this site but Coleman stoves are allowed. **ALL MOTEL ROOMS FOR 30 MILES AROUND HAVE BEEN BOOKED SINCE LAST JULY.** If you're planning to "motel milish", start looking NOW and expect a commute of an hour or more.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

The age requirements for this event are 13-15 years of age may only be on the battlefield if they are functional musicians, no runners, couriers, waterboys etc. The minimum age for a combatant is 16. No one below this age may carry a weapon on the field in any capacity.

OTHER TIPS

Please plan on as little car use as possible once you arrive.

Please carpool.

Please plan on putting as many people as possible into your tent. 16,000 men is a LOT of people.

Please travel light.

Please register early! (Deadline April 15th.)

PRESERVATION

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PURCHASES FORT BENTON

A piece of land that played a vital part in Wayne County history now belongs to the Wayne County Historical Society.

The Historical Society closed the deal to purchase Fort Benton at Patterson Monday afternoon. The Historical Society purchased the 46-plus acre tract of land where the earthen Civil War fort is located from Vernon and Jean Montgomery of St. Louis.

The purchase price for the fort was \$46,000. The Historical Society spent a year raising the needed funds to purchase the fort. One week before the Historical Society's one-year option was to expire on the property, they found themselves still \$9,000 short of needed funds.

The Historical Society has been working since October 1996 to raise the needed funds. They have sponsored a benefit golf tournament and a gospel singing/pie supper. They have also sold t-shirts and afghans to raise funds. The majority of the funds came from private donations. [Ed note: The 5th Missouri Infantry donated \$100 to this cause]

A group of anonymous citizens stepped forward and loaned the Historical Society the money needed to purchase the fort.

"The generosity of these people who loaned us the money interest-free, plus all of the people who donated to the project, have enabled us to purchase a vital piece of our history," says Linda Lunyou, Historical Society president.

The Society has many plans for the fort. They want to get an archologist to come and look at the fort and determine what artifacts need to be preserved. They also want to cut the trees and underbrush that have overgrown the fort.

According to experts who have inspected the site, the fort is in very good shape. It has been described as a historical gem.

The Historical Society is still accepting donations to the Fort Benton Project. If you are interested in helping preserve the fort, mail your contribution to Opal Lee Payton, Treasurer, Rt. 2, Box 2609, Piedmont, MO 63957.

WHAT SHALL WOMEN DO?

Emily J. Romeo.

While important questions are attracting the attention of the great men of the country, one equally important and pressing is anxiously agitating the minds and hearts of thousands of good women, what shall we do? It is not a question of how shall I serve my country, for they are not in a situation to serve it except by suffering for it. They have been driven with their children from their homes, often in such haste as not even to have been able to save their wearing apparel, and they are not only homeless and destitute of the necessaries of life, but many have not even friends to whom they can appeal. They have been kindly received by strangers, and are grateful for receiving this well-deserved kindness, but they cannot consent to sit down and fold their hands in idleness, and continue to receive this kindness and make no return; yet, what can they do? I am not now writing for those that have the means to pay for their board, and buy their own clothes, but for the *fatherless* and the *widow*, both of whom I know how to sympathize with, and also for the friendless, and such as are willing to work, but know not what to do. How shall these homeless thousands earn their daily bread, and support themselves honorably and comfortably till they can return in peace and security to their old homes, and how shall they do it then? Do not these things call for speedy and serious attention from those who can give the proper directions on this subject? This is no light supposition of what may require notice in the future, no, no! The people who wish to know what they shall do to live, are sighing now for answer to the question.

Let them take in sewing, says one; alas! how can they do what is not?

Who in these times has sewing to be done, except those who live near the clothing establishments for the army, the very places these suffering people have fled from? And who ever had sewing enough for so many applicants in the most prosperous times? Let them spin and weave, says another; very few of them know how, and those who do are unable to obtain cards, wheel and loom. Some could teach school, says a third, so they could if they could get a school, but look around the land and see how many have discharged the teachers they once employed, because they think it cheaper to neglect their children's minds than to make them wise and intelligent, at the cost of two or three hundred dollars a year. When competent and experienced teachers fail to find schools, how shall those who never taught obtain them? Let the people where the refugees are find work of some kind for them, a fourth suggests--a thing more easily said than done. But as no one will turn them out of doors, let them wait and see what will turn up, adds another, while the majority sigh and say, "well, I can't help them, it is all I can do to take care of myself; may be they won't suffer much." It may be true that none will actually be turned out of doors, but it is true that the majority of the people will be tired of giving after awhile--it is human nature--and will dispense their hospitality grudgingly; and many will not have the means to feed, much less clothe, a family that has been thrown upon them, except for a very limited period, though it is a well known fact that the poor are kinder to each other than the rich are to them. Are there not many ways that could be opened, if some one who knew how would but begin to let them be known? Necessity has at last forced upon the country what it was never willing to see or learn before--that women can, if obliged to, work and not degrade themselves by honoring instead of scorning them for their noble efforts to be independent. Not a little effort, and that little soon suspended, will provide ways for those who are now destitute to live, and then the number to be provided for will increase as long as this dreadful war shall last.

I am unable to think of how or what these ways shall be. I see that printers are needed, and I remember to have read that in some offices all the types were set by girls, but, should that means of support be offered, it would be only a small drop in an immense bucket. I have heard of thousands of women receiving work from factories--not cotton factories alone, but factories for the manufacture of thousands of articles such as are needed now, and that the work was given in such a way that it could be taken home. Now, who will inaugurate such a system here, and benefit both the country, by furnishing it with things actually needed, and the women, by giving them the means of an honorable support.

Other and perhaps better ways may be at hand, but I have waited in vain to see them suggested by wiser heads and abler pens than mine. The subject demands expedition; will no one take it up? If I have called the attention of those who can do it justice, it will be well that I have made the effort, for though women's rights were often denied, or met by a sneer, their actual wants demand speedy action.

SOUTHERN WATCHMAN [ATHENS, GA] JULY 30, 1862, p. 1, c. 3

EVENT COMMITMENTS

As of the January 18th meeting, these individuals are listed as "paid" for Vicksburg and Gettysburg. If your status is incorrect, notify the 1st Sergeant immediately so he can consult his records. Also, if you intend to go to either of these events but have not paid, please do so as soon as possible. Fees are \$8 for each.

VICKSBURG (Deadline March 1)

Randy Bruegger
T.J. Bruegger
Alan Bowling
Larry & Nora Dietzel
Nick Sackreiter
Steve Yoakum
Dennis Faught
Neil Block
Jerry & Cindy Lee
Steve Fink
Steven Fink
Justin Gerke

GETTYSBURG (Deadline April 15)

Mike White
Justin Gerke
Alan & Ann Bowling
John & Jeannie Gilger
Larry & Nora Dietzel (& 2 Children)
Dennis Faught
Jerry & Cindy Lee
Mike Meoli
Nick Meoli
Marcus Meoli
Randy Bruegger
T.J. Bruegger
Todd & Kathy Conner

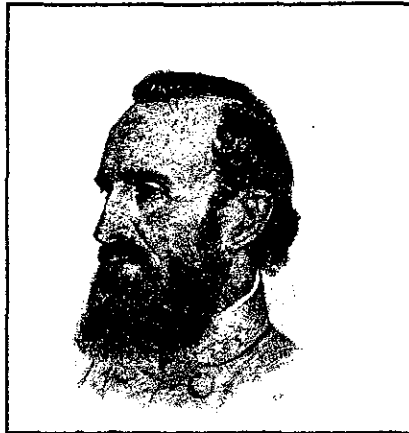
FROM THE EDITOR

As you know I printed an article from Chris White. He is a source of cloth. However, Charles Childs of "County Cloth" is another source. Chris White primarily provides uniforms if he needs cloth for them it will not be available for sale. Mr. Childs however is a primary supplier of yard goods. I have ordered his jean cloth and kersey it is correct! He has a catalog available for \$6. This has cloth swatches. His address is: COUNTY CLOTH 13797-C Georgetown St N E Paris, Ohio 44669. Phone 330-862-3307. I have talked to him and he is dedicated to producing a good and authentic product. Give him a try.

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PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Article VI - Meetings, currently reads in part: "A quorum shall consist of at least 30% of the members authorized to vote at that meeting."

This sentence shall be amended to substitute "25%" for 30%.

Article III - Membership Section B, Paragraph 1-a, establishes the qualifications for Veteran status. This would be amended to add the following:

"Soldiers revert to *recruit status* if they fail to attend a minimum of two scheduled events and one business meeting per calendar year."

The amendments will be offered for discussion and vote at the March 21st Membership Meeting at spring drill.