

After Action Report (AAR) for CMD 2011

The following is a brief summary of action that took place at the CMD event held at Lincoln, RI 29-30 April 2011. The weather was nice during the day, but at night it got a little nippy and therefore everyone went to “Quarters in town” or nearby homes for Friday night. Overall: the event was GREAT!

FRIDAY:

- Darwin & Lisa, Mike, and Wayne were all on station by 1645 and by 1730 two A-frame tents and the fly was all up.
- We established our camp in the same location as last year. It was conveniently located and we even had our grass mowed. This was not the case for the infantry. We were near the port-a-johns and the house where both the water and inside bathroom was located and we had a fire pit already established.
- We all went to a local “Lodge” for dinner.
- Upon our return, we made last minute adjustment to our site and then proceeded to quarters.

SATURDAY:

- Darwin & Lisa, Mike, and Aaron & Wayne were in camp by 0830 and removed the cannon as well as our equipment from the trailer. Bob & Elodie reported by 0900
- At 0930, we conducted gun drill and primer firings (two powders were also fired) as we rotated people around to different positions. Mike was the Gunner for the entire drill. Bob and Lisa switched between #3 position and #5 (on the box). We had Henry train with us and he and Aaron switched between #2 and #4 positions. Aaron actually got to fire one primer and two live rounds. It was nice to observe that even though we had people in new positions or positions they seldom manned in the past and yet because they are a veteran crew, it was not long before things started to fall into place.
- After drill and the cannon cleaned, we held a Company meeting to go over two major items that were action items from our Annual meeting
- Wayne explained his concept and proposed plan for what will be called RHs Activity. This Activity will be held 1030-1130 on Saturdays of our upcoming events. This will be an opportunity to keep up with the latest in Civil War news, especially during the 150th period, learn a little more about the Company we represent, 1st Co., Richmond Howitzers, learn a little more about the branch we represent, the Artillery, and to share and discuss some items of interest. Members will be/have been designated to be the facilitator in starting and directing the discussion. This hopefully will be easier to do as Wayne provided copies of articles on the topics he asked people to facilitate. A schedule was outlined and is available online on the “Members Information” Web page. It also will be emailed to everyone. **RH Reading assignments**
- The second items present/discussed was the 2011 RHs’ flyer. Three previous year’s flyers were shown and this year’s was also presented. A copy of this new flyer is also on the “Members Information” Web page **Information Flyer – 2011**

-- After the Company meeting we broke for lunch. After lunch we loaded the cannon back on the trailer.

-- At 1345 we fell into formation with the rest of the Liberty Greys units for the Memorial Day ceremony. The Ceremony was simple but well done and very moving.

Companies in attendance were: Co. F, 12th Georgia, Co. H, 1st Maryland, Company B, 35th Virginia, and 1st Co. Richmond Howitzers.

Around 1500 we were back in camp, we packed our equipment, tents and fly and departed the site around 1530 for the day.

NEXT Civil War reenactment event:

11-12 June: Daniel's Farmstead, Blackstone, MA

PLEASE use the Online Attendance sheet to let us know if you are going to events.

Yours in Service
Captain Wayne