

After Action Report (AAR) for CMD

The following is a brief summary of action this past weekend at the CMD event held at Lincoln, RI

FRIDAY:

Aaron & Wayne arrive on station about 1530 with light rain falling. We put up Wayne's tent and awaited the arrival of Darwin & Lisa at 1600, when we then put up their tent and Aaron's too. The rain completely stopped and the night was very pleasant.

We went to a local "Lodge" for dinner and shortly after our return, Mike arrived with the trailer & cannon. Michelle and son Andy accompanied Mike. After some "catching up conversation" & the trailer disconnected from Mike's car, Mike and family returned to his Mom's house which was about 20 minutes away.

After a little talk around the campfire, it was an early turn in for the night.

SATURDAY:

Reville was held at 0630 and by 0715, Darwin, Lisa, Aaron and Wayne were off to the McD ranch for breakfast. Between 0830 – 0900, Bob and Mike, Michelle, Andy, Eli reported for duty with Dan in route with our new trailer.

We conducted our morning flag ceremony [the flag detail, lead my Lisa, included Andy and Aaron], and held gun drill and firing.

Both Paula and Dan arrive around noon. After a quick inspection of the new trailer, off went Dan, Darwin and Mike to start to make the repairs and buy new tires. Michelle and children returned with Mike to his mom's house.

At 1400 we joined the rest of the Liberty Greys in Dress Parade "dress rehearsal and practice."

Since our SGT (Darwin) was off with the repair detail, Lisa stood in and made the "report of our Company" with all the other company's 1st SGTs in front of the formation. She did a GREAT job.

Between rehearsal and formal dress parade for CMD, we presented the "Captain McCarthy Award" to Julie Barton (our past Treasurer) at the Town of Unity (reenactment civilian camp),

At 1600 Bob, Aaron, Lisa and Wayne fell in with the Liberty Greys units for the Memorial Day dress parade and ceremony. Lisa once again did a great job as acting 1st SGT. The Ceremony was simple but well done and very moving.

The beef stew that all hands pitched in to make was ready at 1715 and those on station began eating. Very shortly, our working detail and Brady family joined us for dinner.

I handed out updated rosters, schedule and additional information regarding the upcoming Antietam trip. I tried to show a short movie on my laptop computer on the Battle of Antietam, but it was still to light out to be effective to see. We tried later in the evening with some better luck seeing, but as we were close to a busy road the traffic noise made it hard to hear.

About 1800 Bob left for the day and dropped off Paula at her home.

Dan left shortly after and the Brady's left around 2130.

At 2200 after a busy and productive day, those on station turned in for the night.

SUNDAY:

Reville was held at 0630 and by 0715, Darwin, Lisa, Aaron and Wayne were off to meet the Brady family at a local restaurant where they had a nice breakfast.

Back at camp Lisa drilled the Color Guard in the proper procedures of a Flag Detail. Mike and Aaron joined Lisa as this detail.

Due to pending weather, camp was struck early and everyone was on their way home about 1230.

NOTE:

- (1) Well done to Dan for getting the new trailer from CT to CMD and working on repairs to the new trailer.
- (2) Well done to Mike for getting the old trailer and cannon to CMD and being such a BIG part to get the new trailer ready for the campaign season.
- (3) As I mentioned above, well done to Lisa for stepping in as 1st SGT and doing a great job at the Memorial service. In addition to training and running the Flag Detail.
- (4) Thanks to Andy, Aaron and Mike for being members of the Flag Detail
- (5) Thanks to Eli for being the great marshmallow cooker for the entire Company.
- (6) Thanks to Michelle for the bake goods, especially the "Big Bad Good for you cookies." I have decided to designate these cookies; Richmond Howitzers "Hardtack" for future battles.
- (7) Thanks to Bob for working his schedule to spend Saturday with the Company as he was a member of the gun drill and the dress parade.
- (8) Special THANKS goes out to QMSGT Darwin, who organized the Saturday's dinner, but especially all that he did to make the sale, get a temporary license and make major repairs to our new trailer.

***** Many other good things happen to numerous to mention but this was a terrific start to our 2009 campaign season. I was very proud of the way EVERYONE pitched in with food, details and trailers. ***** THANKS

NEXT Civil War reenactment event:

- (1) Our Trip to Antietam 29 May-1 June

(2) 13-14 June: Calvary Anniversary Event, Hingham, MA. Put on by our friend with the 35th VA Cav. ***** there might be an issue with this event being covered by the ANV Insurance we have. COL Lee is looking into this for us. More to follow.

(3) 20-21 June: Fort Tabor, New Bedford, MA

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

Yours in Service
Captain Wayne

Ps: Those going to Antietam remember to do a little reading of the handouts I gave you every day in preparation for our trip.