

AAR for Fort Taber, New Bedford, MA

This past weekend (20-21 June) saw: Darwin, Lisa, Aaron, Paula, Mike, Michelle, Andy, Ellie, Dan, Kat, Gwen, Rachel, Kevin and Wayne participated in the reenactment event at Fort Taber.

Once again, we had a GREAT day on Saturday sandwiched in between two rainy days on Friday and Sunday.

Friday: Two tents were set up; one for Darwin/Lisa and one for Kat/Rachel/Gwen who stayed overnight and camped out. The Brady's arrived near dusk, but helped setup the fly and were then off to the hotel for the night. Wayne was on station to help with setup and went to dinner with Darwin, Lisa, Kat, Rachel, and Gwen, but returned home for the evening.

Saturday: Brought many arrivals to camp, Wayne and the Brady's showed up early with Dan, Paula and Aaron showing up towards the end of the morning. We put up the Brady's tent, which turned out to be used Saturday night by Dan & Aaron. We did some drill on the Cannon and then loaded it back on to the trailer as the battlefield was a distance from our campsite. We started our battle scenario at 1400 and fired seven rounds. Kevin reported on station in time to participate in the last half of the battle.

Everyone pitched in and we had a fine dinner of macaroni and meatballs. After dinner, we challenged the Union to a kickball game. The numbers grew as more people saw and asked to join the fun. Two events, two kickball games, someone sensing a trend here.

Sunday: Saw breakfast served at DDs. After prayer services, conducted by Dr. Joe, due to high winds and the forecast of more rain the event was called. We packed up and departed the area about 1100.

FIRST occurred at this event:

(1) First time that Dan camped out with the RHs

NOTE: Fort Taber is a very nice site. The fort itself was built under the supervision of Robert E. Lee. The museum onsite is also great and filled with many interesting items covering all wars. One could and a few members did, spend several hours viewing these items. The location, right on the bay is breathtaking and that alone is worth the trip. If you ask our younger members I am sure they would point out that this site also has an awesome playground.

I would highly recommend attending any event that Bob Bromley puts on. Bob offered us to attend the fort almost anytime we want and to do demos and / or set up displays in their library. These things we should keep in mind for next year and maybe work it into our schedule in a month where we do not have any events or even in the spring warm-up timeframe.

Thanks for all who made the trip and made it a safe and enjoyable time.

Next up is Fort Adams (18-19 July); where we hope to see some prospective members drill with us for the first time. [Randy & his son Ryan Freelove]

Respectfully submitted

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