

THE 2ND FLORIDA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, COMPANY E

THE HAMMOCK GUARDS

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2010

The Annual Business Meeting of the members of the 2nd Florida Volunteer Infantry, Company E, was called to order by Captain Clay Kearney 10:10 AM at Turkey Lake Park. Bill Speir, Secretary for the Corporation, was asked to take the minutes.

I. Opening Remarks. Captain Kearney welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

II. Corporation Report. Captain Kearney introduced John Suskey, recently appointed President of the 2nd Florida Volunteers Living History, Inc. John gave an overview of the new structure of the Board of Directors and the various committees that had been created to help with the governance of the Corporation. The new flyer for the group was passed around for all to see.

III. Treasurer's Report. Captain Kearney provided the Treasurer's Report. The Corporation currently has in excess of \$1,500.00 in the bank account.

IV. The Year in Review – “We do it together.” Captain Kearney provided remarks regarding the past year, noting that the unit has received recognition in a national publication for its pre-battle skirmish at the Olustee reenactment in February.

Captain Kearney opened discussion to the membership to get their comments on the best and worst of the year. Larry French spoke on the need to be physically fit in this hobby. Steven Ashe spoke on the need to remain hydrated. John Suskey spoke on the trip to Appomattox. Chuck Riley spoke about the trip to Atlanta. Nancy Green also spoke about the trip to Appomattox. Wayne Alonzo spoke about the weather (rain and mud). Paula Pinnataro spoke about the addition of the medical impression to our living history scenarios. Tim Saunders spoke about the music around camp. Storm Ashe also spoke about the weather.

Captain Kearney discussed the three major living history events attended by members of the unit, including one historical society and two high schools. He read excerpts from letters of thanks from one of the high schools to the membership.

V. Viewing of The Film “A 3-Year Pictorial of the Hammock Guards,” by Clay Kearney.

Captain Kearney showed this 40-minute film to the membership. The response was enthusiastic.

VI. Election of Officers and NCOs. Captain Kearney reviewed the importance of attendance at events in selecting who is qualified for being an Officer or NCO. The number of volunteers for Officer and NCO was exactly the same as the number of open positions; no one ran opposed for any position. The motion was made, seconded, and carried to elect the proposed slate of Officers and NCOs by acclamation.

The following individuals were elected:

CAPTAIN – Clay Kearney
QUARTERMASTER SERGEANT – John Suskey
ORDINANCE SERGEANT – Buck Custer
1st SERGEANT – Wayne Alonzo
2nd SERGEANT – Matt Saunders
3rd SERGEANT – Larry French
1st CORPORAL – Tim Saunders
2nd CORPORAL – Dwight Dorr

VII. Bylaws. Captain Kearney noted that the bylaws are in good shape and do not need modification at this time. He also stressed the progress made on the authenticity of the group.

VIII. Federal Impression. Captain Kearney noted that the group needed an identity when it galvanizes (portrays Federal at events). He challenged the group to make suggestions of a Federal Regiment from a non-New England state (preferably a southern state like Florida or Maryland) to be decided upon by Brooksville.

IX. Medical Living History Impression – “Now we can mourn.” Captain Kearney thanked Bob Sonntag and Musket Ward for bringing the medical impression into the group.

X. Finalize Upcoming 2010-2011 Battle Schedule. Captain Kearney presented the schedule of events for the coming reenactment season and took an approximate headcount of who is interested in attending each event. He also noted that the medical impression would be present for at least 5 events.

2010:

7/24 Ocoee History Show - 5
9/24-26 Lovejoy Station - 1
10/9-10 Ft. Clinch Confederate Garrison - 7
11/5-78 Ocklawaha Raid - 23
11/19-21 Suwannee River Raid - 16

2011:

1/14-16 Brooksville Raid – 23
2/4-6 Mount Dora - 22
2/18-20 Olustee - 24
3/4-6 Natural Bridge - Optional
3/11-13 Crystal River - 21
3/25-27 Narcoossee Mill - 23
4/8-12 Firing on Ft. Sumter, SC - 8
5/13-15 Resaca, GA – 4
7/16 Annual Meeting
7/22-24 150th Battle of First Manassas. VA

XI. Drill. Captain Kearney recognized the NCOs and asked them to have the unit form up outside for a quick drill, which lasted approximately 30 minutes.

XII. Beginning the 150th Anniversary – “A Five-Year Journey.” Captain Kearney noted that, from a sesquicentennial perspective, this is July 1860. Over the next five years, Captain Kearney’s plan is to immerse himself and the unit in the history of what was going on 150 years ago so the group can take the full five-year journey of the 2nd Florida from the Presidential Debates of 1860 to the final surrender of 1865. The monthly Round Table discussions will focus on what was happening 150 years earlier on that date.

Chuck Riley gave an overview of the political situation in July 1860 between the Whig, Northern and Southern Democrat, and Republican political parties leading up to the November 1860 general elections, from both a Florida and from a national perspective.

There was no additional new business to come before the membership of the Unit.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.