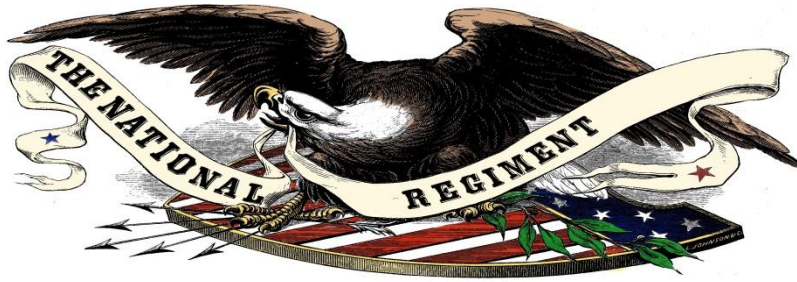


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL REGIMENT

December, 2016

Commander's Corner

At this festive time of year it is customary to reflect back on the year past and to look forward to the year to come, so let us introspect.

2016 was a tough year with weather playing a major factor. I know many of us will remember the Bull Run at Cedar Creek event as one of the toughest in memory. We need to reconsider doing “non-authentic” memorial events in July and August.

We're all aware of the problems of attendance (or lack of) at events. In fact, how to improve attendance at NR events in 2017 was the main order of business at the annual meeting in November.

There is neither the time nor space here to go into these issues; I will address them in more detail in a General Order later.

One avenue which we will explore this year will be to limit the number of NR events (see schedule below) in order to try and maximize attendance. We don't know if this will work, but we must try different approaches to this problem until we find one, or a combination of several, that seem to work. If we want to get plum assignments in battle scenarios, or primo camping areas, or any of the meager perks that come with this hobby, we all know numbers talk. Without the numbers to back us up, your leadership is severely limited in its negotiating abilities with event organizers.

Although I will rely heavily on the unit officers to stir up their membership to attend, it is ultimately up to each member of each NR organization to make EVERY effort to get to these events. Our whole game revolves around as many individuals turning out to a given event as possible; we cannot even pretend to give the appearance of a battalion sized organization if we have only 30 or 40 men in the field.

This may mean making some hard choices. It may mean having to choose between an event your unit *wants* to go to, to choosing an event to support the NR. Without the membership of the individuals turning out to support their units, and then, without the member units turning out to support the NR well... what's the point of all of this?

As well as being the military commander of the NR I am also the head of my own member unit, so I am well aware of all the problems involved in trying to turn out the membership to events. I also know of the deep affection for the NR among its members and I know everyone will do their best to keep the NR going well into the future.

On to 2017, see you in the field.

National Regiment 2017 Schedule of Events.

Make Every Effort to Get Here Field Events

May 19 to-21 New Market Reenactment New Market, VA
<http://www.vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/the-reenactment/>

Until Feb. 15, 2017 **\$10**

March 1-April 30 **\$15**

Walk-On **\$20**

September 15 - 17 155th Anniversary South Mountain Event; Burkittsville, MD
More Information to Follow

Other NR events

Feb. 25 & 26 National Regiment School-of-Instruction; Gettysburg, PA
See Information Below

November 19 NR Annual Meeting & Remembrance Day Parade; Gettysburg, PA

**THESE ARE THE ONLY NATIONAL REGIMENT EVENTS ON
THE SCHEDULE. ANY AND ALL OTHER EVENTS ARE AT
THE INDIVIDUAL UNIT'S DISCRETION.**

2017 School of the Soldier

Feb. 25 & 26 Gettysburg Fire Station 35 N. Stratton Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325

We have a block of rooms reserved at below. Tell them you're with the National Regiment
We also have rooms for Remembrance Day as well if you want to reserve your rooms now.

Days Inn Gettysburg
865 York Rd.
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-334-0300

SOS \$49 per room per night
RDay \$135 per room per night

If you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see covered, *or if you would like to volunteer to teach a subject*, **PLEASE** contact Ted Brennan at:

ted.brennan@one.org

Soldier of the Year

This year's award went to Captain Mark McNierny First Penna. Res.
He is a model to be emulated, congratulations Mark, well done.

NR Insurance

As was discussed at the Annual Meeting, there will be some changes to the policy and carrier of the National Regiment's liability insurance. It should have minimal impact on the majority of our units, for this year at least.

The Board will inform you as/when these changes take effect.

Recruiting

Just as our own units need to acquire new individuals to maintain their existence, so too does the NR need to acquire new units to maintain ours.

If/when your unit is out and about and you happen to see a unit that you feel meets our standards, approach them, talk to them about the NR. I am ***not*** advocating "cherry picking" units that already belong to other organizations, we know we would not appreciate someone else doing that to us, but if the unit is unaffiliated, or may be looking for a new experience, let them know we're out there.

2017 NR Contact List

In order to maintain maximum communication capabilities we have included an NR Contact List Form below.

Either download this form, fill it out and mail it to:

Tom Downes
2910 Clinton Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44113

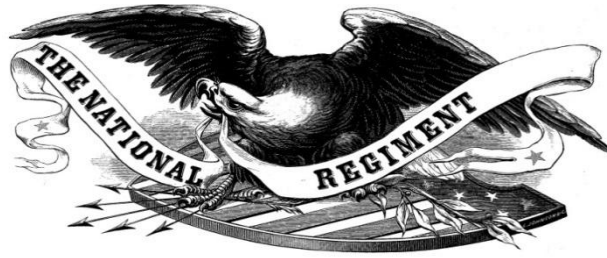
or send the information in an email to:

t_downes@att.net

Please help us keep our information as current and up to date as possible. If and when there are any changes to the unit contact information get in touch with Colonel Downes as soon as you can.

This information will be kept private by the Board and Colonel Downes. The only information we will share with the other NR contacts is your phone and email address so we may communicate with each other.

Thank you for your cooperation.



NATIONAL REGIMENT CONTACT FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

UNIT _____

PRINCIPLE CONTACT

NAME _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street _____

City, State _____

Zip _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SECONDARY CONTACT

(IF ANY)

NAME _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street _____

City, State _____

Zip _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____