



November 21, 2017

To: All Members, National Regiment
Re: Remembrance Day Parade

Gentlemen,

I do not have words to express how proud I am to be a member of this organization. It may sound fanciful but I would not be adverse to going into battle with you guys.

This past Saturday the National Regiment, along with all the other reenactors both North and South who were in Gettysburg, showed the true spirit of the average American.

I had a conversation with an FBI agent and thanked him for coming out and I made the comment that while he was doing something real that day, we were basically "make believe".

He literally poked me in the chest and said:

"Did you all know there was a threat of bodily harm against anyone marching in the parade today?"

I replied to the affirmative.

He said: "Did you all march in the parade?"

Affirmative again. Another chest poke.

"YOU guys are real! Thank you for coming out today."

Gentlemen, I echo the Agent's words; you guys are real, thank you all for coming out.

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