



# The Dispatch

4<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire/7<sup>th</sup> South Carolina  
May 2008



Greetings!

Welcome to the warm season! I hope each of you have some wonderful summer plans. Gas prices have hit each of hard, but try not to let that get in the way of spending time with those you love. Beth and I have some plans for the fall because this is our busy time. Speaking of that, thanks to each of you who has called and checked on Beth. She has a new medicine that is starting to help a bit, but we have a ways to go.

To business, a short recap: **Charleston**, a great time hanging out together. Unfortunately the event has shrunk in size so it was not appropriate for me to take the field, just call me Captain Baby-Sitter. It was good to see Paul do a great job leading you into battle. **Chancellorsville**, I'm sorry I was not able to attend, but I could not leave Beth. She would never ask me to stay, but she was not in good condition and I wasn't comfortable leaving her alone. Sure enough we ended up in the emergency room that Friday night. I'm very proud of all of you that attended and especially of Thomas who took up the leader position. Certainly sounded as if everyone had a good time and I know the Colonel was proud of the battalion.

The **cemetery clean up project**: There is an upcoming project that the county has called me about. No exact date. It would be cleanup and possible restoration. It's a family cemetery with American Revolutionary and Civil War vets interred there. When I know more, I'll let you know.

Now, the **Myrtle Beach fundraiser/living history** we are doing June 14 & 15. We need to be there 8:30 am and stay until 4pm. We will be fed. If you can't be there both days, that's okay, but I need support from all of you. I need you to call me and commit to this project. We need to help Bobby Dalto because there should be some future benefit to the unit. In case you didn't know, this is a fundraiser for a new military museum featuring miniatures and cycloramas. I've seen some of them and the detail is stunning. I need an accurate headcount because I have to split out Blue and Grey. All you have to do is stand around and be your charming, pretty selves. A great opportunity for recruiting because there will be many visitors that will be drawn by the various vendors. If you are one of our far a field members, this could be a great opportunity to bring the family to Myrtle Beach for the weekend. We are only going to set up a fly, and some furniture. No full camp. Please, I need you to help me with this! Call me today.

**Gettysburg**: For all of you who have pre-registered you need to keep your commitment and go. I've had one person already need to bow out, so we need to keep our word and show up. This is our last ANV commitment for the year, so let's do it right. That leaves the fall wide open. We can pick events without worry about the ANV. Some of you have expressed a desire to go to Blue Springs; by a good showing at Gettysburg we will be free to go somewhere different like that. We can discuss carpooling and arrangements at the June cookout. For anyone who has never seen a mega-event, this will blow you away. There should be around 17,000 reenactors there and even more spectators.

We have been discussing a few ways to **get together this summer**. One suggestion has been a fishing trip to Santee or Moultrie in August. A great trip with multiple boats and camping. I'd be interested in some input, so any get together ideas would be welcome. It's important that we don't drift apart during the dog days of summer. I would like to hear an idea from each of you.

The Saturday after the living history in Myrtle Beach is our unit **cookout and elections**. We have cut down on full meetings as per the bylaws, so it is extremely important that you attend. This is the only called meeting separate from an event, so I have all confidence that you can make room in your schedules. This is a family event, so bring them with you. The unit will provide the meat; we ask each of you to bring a dish to pass. Anything from salads, to sides, to desserts, make it, buy it, it doesn't matter. The date is June 21<sup>st</sup>, the time is 4pm, we will eat around 5:30, and the meeting/elections will be called to order at 7pm. All of the nominees are counting on your participation, and support. In order to purchase the right amount, I need an accurate headcount. Call me this week and let me know how many in your attending group.

On that note, for those of you who live further a field or find it impossible to attend please let me know because your vote is still important. Therefore, please download, print, fill out, sign and mail the absentee ballot to me ASAP. Your ballot must be received by June 20<sup>th</sup> in order to be counted.

In the years I've been a reenactor here in SC, I have noticed a fatal flaw in most civil war units, one that often causes them to split or die completely. It is a lack of communication between the members of a unit. The best case in point of this phenomenon is the Palmetto Battalion. They have gone from about 1,000 members down to couple hundred today. Many things affect the health of a unit, but none have the detrimental effect as members' who will not talk, take part or reach out to each other. With that in mind, I once again say to those of you who cannot attend the cookout/meeting your vote may seem like a small, unnecessary gesture, but it is an indicator that you want to contribute to our units overall well being. Nothing else, no reenactment, no living history, no fundraiser, no project matters as much as your personal participation in the process of field officer elections. So just take the time to make this happen. Your presence is requested in the strongest terms, but if there is no way, then do your duty and take care of your ballot. It must be here by June 20, 2008 to be counted. My address is below near the ballot.

One last note, our editor once again requests contributions to future newsletters. Of course, each officer should automatically contribute, but all are welcome to chime in. Email, snail mail, whatever works for you. Her email address is: [bjarrells@sc.rr.com](mailto:bjarrells@sc.rr.com) or [bjarrells@hotmail.com](mailto:bjarrells@hotmail.com). If you want an interesting newsletter, you need to join in!

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THEY ARE NOT SIGNED AND DATED.**

**7<sup>th</sup> South Carolina/4<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire  
Field Officer Ballot 2008**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Vote</u>	
<b>Captain</b>	Buddy Jarrells.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Select One"/>
	Mike Munford.....	<input type="text"/>	
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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant</b>	Paul Lopes.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Select One"/>
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<b>Corporals</b>	Thomas Westbury.....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Select Two"/>
	Darrell Chestnut.....	<input type="text"/>	
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<b>Signature:</b>	_____		<b>Date</b> _____