

# The Skirmisher

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*A newsletter for Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> United States Sharpshooters and the Berdan's Aide Society*

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## **Greetings!**

Welcome to the first issue of the Skirmisher! The unit is in the final months of the season with three events remaining on the schedule. Currently, I have queries in with each event to make sure our registration has been accepted. When I receive conformation I will send out directions to everyone.

**Unit Drill and Work Day.** There will be a unit work day on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>. There is more information in the calendar section of the newsletter!

I hope to see all of you over the next few weeks! If you have any questions or need equipment please let me know as soon as possible and I will see what can be scrounged up for you. Also, for those who live in the state of Illinois, could you please send me a yes/no email on whether or not you have a FOID card? I

would just like to have that in the files for future reference. Also please remember to fill out your Emergency Medical Sheets and bring them with you "just in case".

~Antina

## **Introductions**

*The sharpshooters will have a few new faces join us before the end of the season. May I present:*

*\* Tim who will be joining us for his first event at Lake Villa*

*\* Jamie and Mike who will be joining us at Princeton for their first event!*

## **Announcements**

Danielle is working on cleaning up the goggle group that was set up last year for the sharpshooters. She will be sending out information soon on how to join. I believe the group has been set up so that we don't get spammers and junk mail.

## **Board Business**

### **Current Board Members**

Lisa Menkhaus (Secretary/Treasurer)

Mike Pennock (Military)

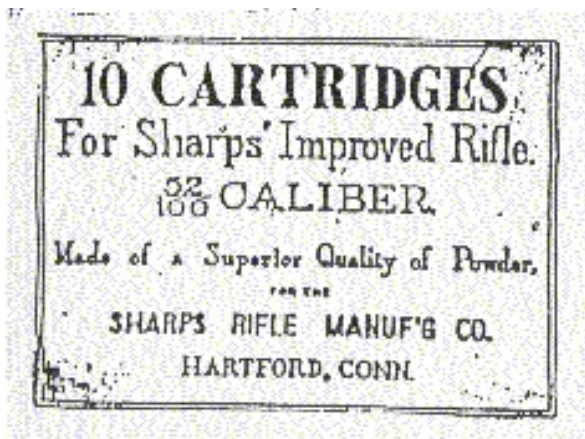
Antina Richards-Pennock (Administrator/Registrar)

Marilynn Tobin (Civilian)

Dave VonKannon (Military)

*Currently there are no issues before the board.*

## NCO's Corner



## Calendar

**September 7<sup>th</sup> From Noon until 7:30 (ish).**  
**Unit work day and drill.** Activities will include a drill warm-up for new members, tent repair and pole making, sewing, fitting, repairs and any other projects people need to get done before the next event. This event will be held at Lisa's house in Freeport. Be sure to bring the wood that you need and tools and a three foot dowel rod or yardstick (rifle substitute). We are planning to order pizza at 6, so bring a few bucks and something to drink. RSVP by September 6<sup>th</sup> to Lisa @ [Jmj1861@aol.com](mailto:Jmj1861@aol.com).

**September 13-14 Lake Villa Event** 6th Annual Lake Villa Civil War Reenactment and Living History Weekend at Lehmann Mansion 10:00AM-4:00PM. Family friendly event sponsored by Lake Villa Historical Society and Village of Lake Villa. New battlefield; usual amenities plus the great pig roast for reenactors' Saturday night dinner; Civil War Ball, free tours of Lehmann Mansion for reenactors; flag retirement ceremony by Boy Scouts. Max and Donna Daniels as Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln; Pamela Welcome as Harriet Tubman. Host units: Army of the Cumberland and Camp Douglas. Union and Confederate troops, artillery, infantry, cavalry, new recruits invited. Sutlers (by invitation).

**October 4-5 Stockton, IL Battle of Morseville, Stockton, Illinois (Civil War, 1861-1865), in Memory of David Pierce.** Civil War battle reenactment with an emphasis on the medical corps. Period fashion show, Sunday church service, and more. One of the best looking and most authentic reenactment battlefields you'll ever see - not a manicured golf course, but a cow pasture with permanent bridges, signal core tower, and earthworks. Really cool. *Please Note that there will be cold or bad weather bunking at Lisa's House in Freeport.* **The NRA will be Raffling a Henry Rifle at the Event.**

**October 11-12, Princeton, IL** The Shadows of the Blue and Gray is one of the Midwest's premiere Civil War Re-enactments. From the sounds of the 33rd Illinois Volunteer Regiment Band, to the smell of wood smoke, to realistic military and civilian encampments to thrilling battles, to beautiful fall scenery, you will enjoy your visit to the past.

*Other events not on the Sharpshooter Calendar for this year*

**September 26-27th Wade House/Greenbush**  
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse/civilwar/>

**October 4-5th, Trimborne Farms**  
[http://www.milwaukeecountyhistsoc.org/historic\\_properties/trimborn\\_farm\\_events.html](http://www.milwaukeecountyhistsoc.org/historic_properties/trimborn_farm_events.html)

**October 18-19 Minooka, IL**  
<http://www.dollingerfarms.com/civilwar.htm>

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, Harvest Ball** 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band Fund-raiser  
[http://www.1stbrigadeband.org/1\\_home.html?harvest\\_ball\\_05.htm](http://www.1stbrigadeband.org/1_home.html?harvest_ball_05.htm)

## Monthly Milestones

Green -1<sup>st</sup> USSS, Blue -66<sup>th</sup> Illinois

### August

21<sup>st</sup>, 1861 Company C is formed in Michigan  
28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 1862 Second Battle of Bull Run

### September

17<sup>th</sup>, 1862 The Battle of Antietam  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 1864 The Fall of Atlanta

### October

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Second Battle of Corinth

### November

23<sup>rd</sup>, 1861 66<sup>th</sup> Illinois is formed

### December

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg  
15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 1864 Battle of Nashville

## Lady's Fashion Plate



Godey Lady's Book, Fashion Plate for August, 1861

## Men's Chair

### 36. SMOKING CAP. (EMBROIDERY IN BRAID.)

*Materials—Claret-coloured velvet, gold braid, and a gold band and tassels.*

Six pieces of velvet, three nails in length, and the width given in diagram will be required, and these must be sloped to a point. Draw the designs upon the velvet with a white crayon, and sew on the braid; arrange the patterns in alternate order; neatly join the pieces of velvet, and edge each joining with braid; line with silk, and finish with band and tassels.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/12642/12642-h/12642-h.htm>



I know some of the spelling and last names are incorrect on this list. The names are listed by when a person or family joined the unit. Please be sure to let Antina know any corrections that need to be made to this roster!

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### **Berdan's Aide Society (Civilian)**

Lisa Menkhaus  
Antina Richards-Pennock  
Carol Normand  
Marilynn Tobin  
Christy Tobin  
Geordan VanTassel  
Kristen (Bess) VanTassel  
Elizabeth (Tori) VanTassel  
K.J. VanTassel  
Katie Van Tassel  
Kate Moan  
Ally  
Jamie Rott

### **Company C Roll Call**

Dave VonKannon  
Sheri VonKannon  
Erik VonKannon  
[Sgt] Mike Pennock  
Antina Richards-Pennock  
Lisa Menkhaus (civilian attached)  
Danielle Vance  
Dave Vance  
Matthew Tobin  
Eric Moan  
Eric Hilton  
Mike  
Tim Thompson



Sharpshooters