

MAJOR'S LOG

The Reynolds' family has an excellent habit of assisting everyone in packing up and then meeting to say goodbye.

This little gesture of shaking hands, hugging and saying goodbye at the end of each event has a much larger meaning at a time such as this.

Today I had to say a final goodbye to one of our family. It is never easy for those of us left behind; my faith helps me to accept it as I know that Mark is now in a better place.

I am also comforted because of the memories of being with Mark on the field of battle and saying a more pleasant goodbye at the end of our last event.

As we meet to say goodbye after each event I will keep today in mind, as we never know when we will have met for the last time.

May God Bless each of you,

Major Henderson

Thoughts of Mark Handley

By Dan Dixon

This morning I rose to enjoy a day off from work. I was greeted with information that I have hoped beyond hope would not come. My battery would again feel the grief and loss to a fallen member. Mr Mark Handley was an excellent addition to our unit. Confederate by perhaps nature, Navy veteran by service, he was a good soldier.

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Update from the Board of Trustees

by John Beatty

When a friend dies, you lose your past; when a good friend dies, you lose your future.

The poem below by H.S. Washburn, entitled, *The Vacant Chair* was originally written in 1862 to commemorate Second Lieutenant John William Grout, 15th Massachusetts, who was killed at age eighteen at Ball's Bluff, one of the early battles of the War; it proved immensely popular North and South as the nation eventually mourned approximately

630,000 vacant chairs. During the war, George F. Root (1820-1895) put the poem to music. The song was as popular in the Confederacy as it was up North and spawned at least three Southern versions. This is dedicated to our de-



parted friend, Private Mark A. Handley.

***We shall meet but we shall miss him.
There will be one vacant chair.
We shall linger to caress him,
while we breathe our ev'ning prayer.***

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Looking Ahead to the remainder of 2013

September 26 Living History at Rose Hill Mansion, Geneva, NY

Sept 27-28 Living History at Granger Homestead, Canandaigua, NY

October 18 Final payments for Bus Trip due to

November 22-24 Bus trip to Gettysburg

December 7 Annual Battery Meeting at Lockport

To Kim, Sarah and Travis

Thank you for sharing Mark will all of us,

we appreciated your willingness to let him travel and be away from home and family to attend the events.

~"For Good" from *Wicked*.

submitted by Dan Dixon

"I've heard it said

That people come into our lives for a reason

Bringing something we must learn

And we are led

To those who help us most to grow

If we let them

And we help them in return

Well, I don't know if I believe that's true

But I know I'm who I am today

Because I knew you...

Like a comet pulled from orbit

As it passes a sun

Like a stream that meets a boulder

Halfway through the wood

Who can say if I've been changed for the better?

But because I knew you

I have been changed for good"

Battery Birthdays

September

3 Everett Nelson

5 Jonathon Miller

13 John Beatty

16 Wendi Parisi

17 Diane Weber

25 Nathaniel Bauder

26 Laura Joslyn

28 Wanda Coon

October

3 Sonja Nelson

3 Carol Miller

8 Becky Metcalf

10 Adam Lake

12 Jennifer Tyson

13 James Finch

27 Dennis Tyson

Thank you...

to everyone who sent in materials.

Our October issue will return with all the normal features and articles.

Board Update continued

When a year ago we gathered,
Joy was in his mild blue eye.
But a golden cord is severed.
And our hopes in ruin lie.
We shall meet, but we shall miss him.
There will be one vacant chair.
We shall linger to caress him,
while we breathe our ev'ning prayer.
At our fireside, sad and lonely,
often will the bosom swell,
at remembrance of the story,
how our noble Willie fell.
How he strove to bear our banner,
Thro' the thickest of the fight,
and uphold our country's honor
in the strength of manhood's might.
True they tell us wreaths of glory,
Evermore will deck his brow,
but this soothes the anguish only,
Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now.
Sleep today o' early fallen,
in thy green and narrow bed.
Dirges from the pine and cypress
Mingle with the tears we shed.

In Memory of the Artillery

Say goodbye for me
To all you have known to be dear to me.
Now that the lamp of my existence has been extin-
guished,
I am now cut from the circle of life.
The gap I leave to be closed, the human chain unbrot-
ken
And until your last days remember me
With tender love and affection.
Honor my memory without gilding it.
And cherish me in your loving, faithful hearts.
Boys, I won't be joining you at this evenings mess.
You see, I'm now at peace in this eternal rest.
But should you give a thought to me,
When I was filled with life.
I'll join you in the spirit by your fire's light.
We'll reminisce, laugh and maybe have a few.
And when the bugle sounds the end of day for you
Then I will bid you a fond adieu
As the tide steals the sands of time into the sea.
So I ask of you to always remember me.
Farewell.

Private Mark A. Handley
October 5, 1960 – September 1, 2013

Tribute by Dan Dixon continued from page 1

You could go to him discuss anything. He started to talk with me at an event one time and I later found that he was an Eagle Scout like many in our unit. I was honored by what I hope was his friendship and connection as a fellow Eagle Scout, military historian, and just an all around great guy! As is custom, I do movie quotes in our battery..."And when the occasion offers, tell him that I prayed for him last night.....as I never prayed, I believe, for myself." I had hoped for his return to the field, I am comforted by the fact that he will always be with us!



Mark's Eulogy:

Today Wanda and I are given the privilege to share a few personal memories of Mark with all of you; it was hard to write these down as we have so many. As we reminisced over our time with Mark, we laughed and we cried. Not because we do not know where Mark is but that we will not be able to create any new memories.

I am sure these words we share about Mark are not new to most you, as anyone that came into contact with Mark will agree....being his friend was not something Mark took lightly. He was a good judge of character and seriously cared about his friends.

We met Mark and Kim about 16 years ago. We met at church, the kids were small; Travis and Josh quickly became friends at Sunday school. Alicia and Stacie liked having Sarah around as a little sister.

As I got acquainted with Mark, I soon found out the things that were important to him. I found out about his priorities, and I think he had them right. Over the years we talked a lot about his 3 priorities: God, Family and Country. I honestly believe that his friends came under his family umbrella. And believe me, this was a good place to be.

You see if you were a friend of Mark's you were his friend for life.

Mark was a family man, family always came 1st, he loved Kim very much and he would often say how fortunate we were to have our wives, they put up with a lot from us. We also talked about the kids. Travis and his music and Sarah starting college. He was proud of both of you.

One of the best descriptions of Mark can be found in 1st John 1:19, This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.



This is the type of person Mark was and the type of character that he displayed.

Mark always took the time to teach anyone that would listen. He loved teaching you about the outdoors or just to be there for you.

Over the last week I sat back and thought of the many times we went camping, in the early morning as we sat around drinking our hot cappuccino. Kim and I would solve all the world's problems in 30 minutes, Mark and Wanda would just sit there and shake their heads and smile.

You just never knew you were zinged by Mark...until you saw the smile...then you knew he just got you.

This brings me to the a few stories that I would like to share:

Mark recently joined a Civil War Reenactment group, Reynolds Battery, as artillerist. This was a passion of Mark's. He just loved the time period.

This past July we went to Gettysburg for the 150th anniversary of the battle. There were about 13,000 re-enactors and almost 250,000 people that attended the events over the 5 days. When we were at Gettysburg doing the battle (explain the positions) Mark was number 4 during the reenactment of Pickett's Charge. I believe Mark had 19 pulls during this battle, which is a lot of work for the gun crew. I looked over at the end of the battle and saw the grin on his face... He was happy so so happy. ... and I was so happy for him.

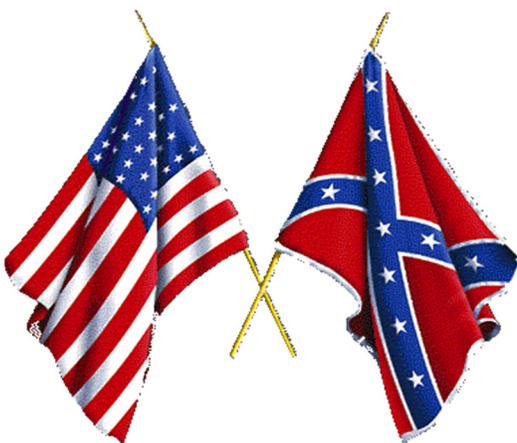
But as always when we get together something funny was bound to happen. Mark followed us down there and we setup tent right next to each other. Later that night I saw Mark's tent moving and shaking.... So I asked him what was going on??? Now Mark's tent was about 3 feet high at the ridge beam... He grumbled that he was trying to get dressed. We laughed

but from that time on he used our tent to get dressed in the morning as my tent is 6 feet high at the ridge beam.

In Gettysburg, clothing seemed to be an issue for him as he ripped his pants out once and popped 2 buttons at different times, Mark taking it in stride just looked at me, grinned and said “I have to go on a diet”, it’s all about perspective I guess.

In closing, one of my personal memories does not include a funny story nor does it have any humor in it. When you first started to camp, you always tend to forget something, my weakness was rope.. if I had it, it was too short, most of the time I just forgot to buy some. Mark came to me with a “here’s a present for you” as he would say package. It was a package of rope. Not normal rope as I would either loose it or it would break on me. But a special rope. As Mark explained to me the difference between ropes the one he gave me.... Parachute rope..... It was special in that it did not stretch out....it was made to be stronger under pressure. It would last a long long time. Sounds like our friendship... As this story came back to me a few weeks ago, so did a song that was popular in the church awhile ago. To save Mark’s ears and yours I will read this to you and not sing it.

It goes like this:



BIND US TOGETHER, LORD;

Bind us together,
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
bind us together with love.

There is only one God,
there is only one King
there is only one Body
that is why we sing:
Bind us together, Lord ...

Made for the glory of God,
purchased by his precious Son,
born with the right to be clean,
for Jesus the victory has won.
Bind us together, Lord ...

You are the family of God,
you are the promise divine,
you are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine.
Bind us together, Lord ...

The last visit I had with Mark was Saturday afternoon. It was a good visit. We got up to leave when Pastor Paul came to spend some time with Mark. I approached his bed side, he raised his hand, I took it, looked Mark in the eyes and said “I love you man”.....

I LOVE YOU MAN.

**“Granger -
The Call for Reinforcements!**

By Dan Dixon

“...It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work..”

I was speaking with another battery member this Sunday at Mark Handley’s calling hours. We were sharing remembrances and talking about Mark. One of the stories was of his final days in which they discussed how he wanted to come to Granger. Here is a man, in ICU, multiple broken bones, medical issues, and he was hoping to find a way to come to Granger.

Please forgive me, I do not feel that I am taking advantage of Mark’s death but sharing the love he had for our battery and his commitment to it.

“...It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work..”

I sent an email after the last Cannonade edition with the hope of soliciting volunteers to commit to attending Granger’s Civil War Days. I have received in the neighborhood at this point probably 20 responses, some regrets of probably not being able to make it,

and a few offering with concrete ideas to help make this one of the best years.

At this time I ask you to look to yourself and see if you can attend. Trust me I completely understand the commitment of work, I myself am have run out of some of my vacation time from work. I cannot guarantee that I will myself be able to attend everything I would like without battery.

But what I can say is that I am committed to this event, perhaps because of my involvement in the planning and execution, perhaps because it’s in my hometown, but I would like to think it is because of my continued commitment to the students that attend year after year.

I humbly ask that you join many of your battery mates that have heard the call. Please feel free to email me, valjean98@aol.com, or call me directly, 585-662-7849 with questions, concerns, ideas, or just to confirm you will be there for the battery.

The profits from this event typically, year to year, act as our seed money on which the Board of Directors determines what we can purchase and accomplish in the upcoming year. Thank you to those that have responded to my email already!



**Last Call
Seneca County Civil War Day
Rose Hill Mansion, September 26**

by Ave Bauder

Things are progressing for the Seneca County Civil War Day at Rose Hill Mansion just south of Geneva on the Thursday before Granger Homestead.

We still need members to help staff the stations: Cannon, Camp Life, Music, Signal Corps, Marching/Infantry, Forge, and SDK, and to keep things flowing smoothly.

To have this work I would like to have at least seven stations as outlined above, but others are welcome. We are looking for someone who does a surgeon impression for medical. Other station ideas you might like to do are welcome. We will be having the groups rotate from station to station similar to other school days. We will have a

total of 7 groups from 2 schools before the firing demo and 7 groups from the other 2 after.

Any and all are welcome to stay at my house the night before if they like. We will be setting up at 7:30 on Thursday morning with a start time of 8:30. We will be finished a little after one and have lunch (provided) and can then go on to Granger.

Please contact me if you will be able to help at Bauder@cornell.edu or 315-651-0050. We can find a spot for everyone and can use you even if this will be your first education day. We can pair you with a more experienced member or have you help with check-in and crowd control. This means \$1,000 for the Battery and could possibly lead to a regular yearly event so I hope you can help on the 26th.

2013 Membership

1. Barbara Lawrence		Military	39. Bruce Cramer	Military
2. Richard Henderson		Military	40. Diana Weber	Civilian
3. Sally Henderson		Civilian	41. Bruce Klingler	Military
4. Nicole Henderson-Johns		Civilian	42. John Heeks	Military
5. John Beatty		Military	43. Heather Heeks	Civilian
6. Rick Chapman		Military	44. Jen Avery	Civilian
7. Johnny Chapman		Military	45. Caleb Avery	Military
8. Tom Evarts		Military	46. Ben Avery	Civilian
9. Bill Leet		Military	47. Wendi Parisi	Military
10. Julia Leet		Civilian	48. Gary Coon	Military
11. John Baronich		Military	49. Wanda Coon	Civilian
12. Shelly Baronich	Non-Participating		50. Mark Handley	Military
13. Michael Baronich		Military	51. Jenny Honan	Civilian
14. Emily Baronich		Civilian	52. Jim Honan	Civilian
15. Rick Lake		Military	53. Beth Honan	Civilian
16. Emily Lake		Civilian	54. Andrew Honan	Military
17. Everett Nelson		Military	55. Mary Honan	Civilian
18. Bill Walters		Military	56. David Honan	Military
19. Bill Fuge		Military	57. Josiah Honan	Civilian
20. Barb Fuge		Military	58. Grace Honan	Civilian
21. Fred Miller	Non-Participating		59. Jimmy Honan	Civilian
22. Carol Miller	Non-Participating		60. Jason Abel	Military
23. Jonathan Miller		Military	61. Wayne Gould	Military
24. Father John Kwiecien		Military	62. James Finch	Military
25. Dan Dixon		Military	63. Jaime Finch	Military
26. Don Dixon		Military	64. Ave Bauder	Military
27. Sonja Nelson		Civilian	65. Nathaniel Bauder	Military
28. Diane Nelson		Civilian	66. Chamberlain Bauder	Military
29. Nicole Nelson		Civilian	67. Mary Stevens	Civilian
30. Chris Nelson		Military	68. Jeff Dennis	Military
31. Karen Nelson		Military	69. Eli Dennis	Military
32. John Brugger		Military	70. Ethan Dennis	Military
33. Hayley Brugger		Civilian	71. Dennis Tyson	Military
34. Georgia Shivers		Military	72. Jennifer Tyson	Civilian
35. Moe Shivers	Non-Participating		73. Adam Lake	Military
36. Hannah Joslyn		Civilian	74. Karen Lech	Civilian
37. Laura Joslyn		Civilian	75. Sandy Beatty	Civilian
38. Tori Cramer		Civilian	76. Heather McAdoo	Military
			77. Meghan Clark	Civilian
			78. Susan Patterson	Civilian
			79. Jesse Patterson	Non-Participating
			80. Ellen Gonsalves	NPS Tour Guide
			81. Mike Reinhardt	Military
			82. Sandy Reinhardt	Civilian
			83. Judy George-Nessbeck	Military
			84. Becky Metcalf	Military
			85. Michael Romanowski	Military
			86. Karen Aavik	Military



Gettysburg 150th, Mark Handley would share his love of the event with many when he returned home.