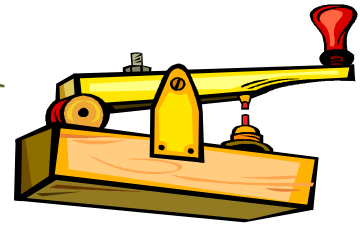


# Medich Battalion Telegraph



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## Special Points of Interest

- Contraband in camp
- Recruiting by new means
- 21st century technology to remain connected
- Battalion School changes
- Getting the word out!

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## Agenda—Battalion Meeting Held November 20, 2009 Peru IN

### Call to Attention Roll Call Approval of Meeting Report Staff Reports Event Committee Report Old Business New Business

- Election of Commander for 2010 Campaign
- Announcement of other staff appointments
- Approval of Battalion Affiliation Fee for 2010 Campaign
- Consider Recom-

- mended Updates to Battalion Regulations
- Battalion education-Continuation of School of the Battalion in a classroom setting
- Changing the format of the annual Spring Drill
- Affiliation with First Confederate Corps
- Adoption of Event Calendar for 2010 Campaign – Potential Events Include:
  1. Annual Spring Drill
  2. National Park Service Living History – Sharps-

- burg, Chickamauga, Gettysburg
- 3. A National Event?
- 4. Conner Prairie (Indiana)
- 5. Hastings (Michigan)
- 6. Wildwood (Ohio)
- 7. Jackson Michigan)
- 8. Minooka (Illinois)
- 9. Greenbush (Wisconsin)
- 10. Wolcott Mill (Michigan)
- 11. Tactical at L.B.L. on Nov. 2010



### Dismissal of the Assembly

## Reports of the Battalion NCO Staff

The Colonel reported that the **Commissary-Sergeant** had resigned. Mike Soules from the 5th Kentucky was nominated as a replacement. The **Sergeant Major** reports that although he has some very large shoes to fill, he relishes his new assignment. It has been a pleasure working with the men of the Battalion through the 2009 campaign. The **Color-Sergeant** after

reporting in late due receiving poor maps from the engineers, reported a great turnout for the color guard at Jackson and that he was grateful to have the He proceeded to report that the inventory of flags possessed by the affiliated companies is not complete and that it would be helpful to him to know what banners are available for use at future events. It is his desire to

use flags appropriate for the units we portray at each event, but we need to know what is in the battalion inventory to assure our ability to do so. He asked that company captains to assign to the color guard more experienced soldiers instead of the new recruits he often is provided. our color guard has a great need for experienced personnel.



**The Proud Men Of  
Medich Battalion**

*“Please  
remember to  
bring 30  
recruiting flyers  
to all battalion  
events.”*



**To the men of the  
Battalion - we  
need you to all  
recruit. The  
150ths are right  
around the corner**

## Reports of the Battalion Staff

The **Colonel** characterized the 2009 Campaign as being a mixed year for him. Spring drill and the new format was a success. Our Efforts to recruit were very beneficial, however, he stressed, that we need to have more men in the ranks and more affiliated companies.

The **Lt. Colonel** stated that the battalion spring

drill was great success. Unfortunately, the number of men reporting for duty was below his expectation. The Zoar event was a new event for the battalion and the members who participated, got something out of the experience.

The **Major** reported the new shoes he is filling will be a challenge and stressed that each of us

are responsible to improve our knowledge of living history and of drill. Will continue to issue tests to the leadership of the battalion.

The **Adjutant** Looks forward to the new assignment and is starting to get all of his tasks in order. He also apologized for using the same map as the color sergeant that made them so very late.

## Regulations For Medich’s Battalion.

During the 2008 Officer Assembly proposed changes to the Regulations for Medich’s Battalion were proposed. The changes were intended to clarify ambiguities and streamline the administration. These changes were not discussed during the 2009 season. Affiliated Companies must

review the proposed changes and be able to discuss during the spring drill. The intent is to finalize the proposed changes (after discussion) during the spring drill. Questions or concerns need to sent to the command staff for clarification. Please see the website to review the changes

## Contraband

The topic of “contraband” in camp was addressed by the Colonel. This has been an issue at several events during the 2009 campaign season.

The staff will address this issue during the 2010 season. It will be handled in a period correct method when possible. We will maintain and respect event guidelines. Updates and guidelines will be discussed at every event with affiliated companies during the NCO/ Officers meetings and morning parade. Standards of courtesy will be enforced by the Battalion Staff. The Battalion Staff will be drafting procedures (during the next several months ) to ad-

## Recruiting

The Colonel wanted to say thanks to the men of the battalion for a uncharacteristically good recruiting year. The recruiting team headed up by Sgt. Prince has been able to recruit over forty possible men for the battalion. It was agreed by all who were in attendance that we need to all re-

cruit. The 150ths are right around the corner. We will have an active recruiting presence at all battalion events. As such, Please remember to bring 30 recruiting flyers to all battalion events. Recruiting adds in Camp Chase and other periodicals. Please let the adjutant know if you subscribe.

## Battalion School

Attendance at our annual school has decreased during the last several years. In an effort to increase the participation at the annual school. We are changing the format of the annual school.

This was the result of discussion on the challenges of a Detroit based school.

The result is a regional based school concept. This concept will be based on

NCO/Officer instruction. The schools will be located in Indiana and Michigan (location not set as of printing date) in an effort to gain the greatest attendance. More information coming in the new year.

## Spring Drill

Attendance at our annual spring drills has decreased during the last several years. In an effort to increase the participation at the annual Spring Drill. We are changing the format of the annual Spring Drill. The format for Saturday will change to the following: The morning will be dedicated to company drill. The afternoon will focused on battalion evolutions and instruction. Classroom instruction will take place in the evening. The format for Sunday will not change.



**We need all affiliated companies to attend the drill and one of the school sessions**

## Affiliation Fees

A lengthy discussion ensued about our battalion affiliation fee and whether it is still appropriate.

The Quartermaster-Sergeant Jeffrey Clagg performs a valuable service to our battalion in assisting us with his wagon. An overview of what a teamster would

charge was discussed.

The Colonel requested the membership consider a \$30.00 from each affiliated company for the 2010 Campaign. He said that it has been several years since any fee has been assessed and the current adjutant's operating account balance

and the costs of the teamster will not be able to sustain the anticipated expenses of the Campaign season. He also requested that we revisit this in anticipation of the 150th celebrations. Affiliated companies should start planning for the increase with their membership

*“An increase in affiliation fees from \$20.00 to \$30.00 for the 2010 Campaign Season.*



**A website is more than a communication device.**

## Battalion Website

A special thanks was given to our current Massa of de web, **He has done a marvelous job helping get the information “out”. He has been evolving and changing with our needs.** In this spirit, we need to continually change our tools as we live in a media and social

networking society, a discussion was had by members of the battalion of how we can incorporate those new modes to communicate to the members of the battalion. The Website also needs to function as a resume to attract living history sites and new units. As such, a communica-

tions team has been formed. Current members include: Jim (the current web master), Brian Coleman, Dave Prince, Rick Firman, and Brian Springer. A meeting will be held in January to review designs for a face book and twitter site as well as a new and interac-

**It is a resume, a showcase of accomplishments, a trusted source of information and is the recruiting for the organization.**

**It facilitates learning and networking across the battalion**

**SPECIAL  
ANNUAL  
MEETING  
EDITION  
DECEMBER 2009**

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**Living History Plan  
2010 Perryville KY  
2011 Sharpsburg MD  
2012 Murfreesboro TN?**

#### Roll Call

A roll call was held, the following affiliated companies were represented: 4th Texas Infantry, Co. E; 4th Virginia Infantry, Co. I; 5th Kentucky Infantry, Co. C; 5th Texas Infantry, Co. A; 5th Texas Infantry, Co. E; 8th Arkansas Infantry, Co. K; 9th Kentucky Infantry, Co. C; 11th Mississippi, Co. G; excused

Meeting Report from 2008 was not available



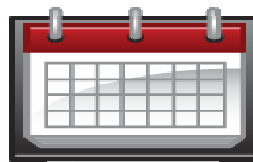
Congratulations to the men of **Company E, Fifth Texas** the following is their elected Officers and NCOs' for 2010: Captain Ronn Touchstone, First Sargent Larry Fifield, Second Sargent Mike Ovsenik, First Corporal Matt Van Wormer and Second Corporal Joseph Gough. Please send the results of your elections to the adjutant as soon as possible. **We are working on a Directory of all the units in the battalion. We need a list of your elected leadership information should include the following:**

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. <b>First Name and Last Name</b> | 4. <b>Address</b>              |
| 2. <b>Home Phone</b>               | 5. <b>Cell Phone</b>           |
| 3. <b>Email address</b>            | 6. <b>Unit website address</b> |

### Event Committee and 2010 Calendar

A report from the event steering committee (formed to review possible events and make recommendations for consideration) was presented for the next Campaign. As in the past, detailed information from units and event sponsors makes planning difficult at this time. The Colonel pointed out that we need to have information about events at least one month prior to our annual assembly of officers so the information can be shared with the affiliated companies and input from the men in the ranks can be obtained.

We also discussed and are implementing a three year cycle for living history events. We have the 2010 and 2011 locations set and are discussing a possible 2012 site with the National Park Service.



#### The following is our tentative 2010 Schedule

**Max Efforts  
Spring Drill  
April 14-18, 2010**

**Living History Perryville KY  
June 25-27, 2010**

**Hale Farm  
August 13-15, 2010**

**Supported Events  
Hastings  
July 16-18, 2010**

**Jackson  
August 27-29, 2010**

**Wildwood  
September 17-19,  
2010**

**Wolcott  
October 08-10, 2010**

### We Need Your Help!

Please let us know what is going on!

We are trying to increase the level of information distributed to the affiliated companies.

The Adjutant stressed the importance of the affiliated companies keeping the battalion staff informed of their activities.

One of the best ways of accomplishing this has been to include the battalion staff on the newsletter mail/email list of each company.

He reported that he is currently receiving two company newsletters at this time. We are currently working on a quarterly electronic newsletter that will be published on the new website

He also suggested that the mailing lists be updated to include the battalion staff.