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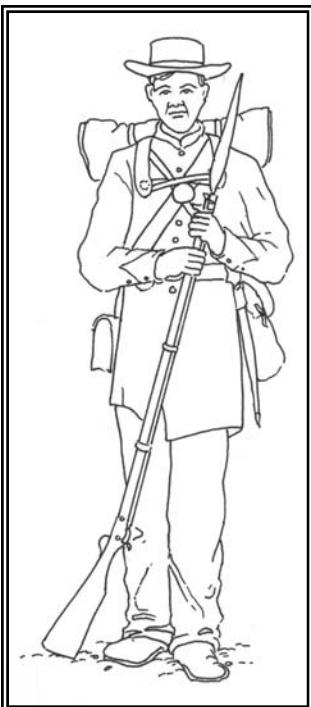
Change of Command brings new leadership to the Division.

At Mill Springs, Kentucky, a Change of Command Ceremony was held for the Division as command was handed over to Brigadier General Steve Dunfee, having been elected by the Board of Directors of the First Federal Division. Mill Springs was the last event for the retiring commander, Brigadier General Mark Dolive, whose years of service and leadership were recognized throughout the weekend.

General Dunfee has a long and illustrious career as a soldier, a public servant, and a living historian.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Steve grew up in Tucson, Arizona. After graduating High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the H Co., 3d U.S. Infantry, "The Old Guard," where he was assigned ceremonial duty at Arlington National Cemetery. Steve served three years of active duty followed by three years in the Reserve. The Old Guard, among its myriad of duties and specialties, is the US Army's

official ceremonial unit and escort to the President. Steve's assignments, in addition to infantry and combat training, included 18th Century parade drill and being a drill instructor for Von Steuben's Manual, Unit Historian, various VIP dignitary details, Assistant Section Leader, and special assignment to the Fife and Drum Corps as both a drummer and fifer/soloist. (CONT'D on PG. 3)



May 16-18: "Stand of Colors" near Kansas City, MO

The Division will be participating in **Stand of Colors**, which promises to be a first-rate event that will attract both field campaigners and camping soldiers alike. The schedule for Stand of Colors will be a hybrid mix of living history, non-scripted military and living history opportunities, and public battles. The event is being hosted and organized by the Kansas City Rotary Club.

The layout of the camps also allows for an experience that is rare at public Civil War events. We will have the opportunity to have some of the Army forward-deployed and camped, facing the enemy, instead of in the rear in some "remote" camp. The forward units of each Army (US/CS) will be on each side of a large tactical area, and will camp with picket posts/outposts set out across from their counterparts, and will have the opportunity to "sleep on arms" all weekend in a military tactical experience. This "tactical" area will be "live" from the start of the event until the end, with proper military organization, tactical considerations, internal and external force security (pickets/reserves/police guards). The main camps are on good, high ground, are well shielded from the modern sutlers, and are separated from the enemy by the main battle field.

The Battle scenarios and exercises for Stand of Colors will be handled in a unique way this time. There will of course be the standard public battles, held on the public battlefield for the enjoyment of the public.

There will also be ongoing evolutions and engagements throughout the event for those who choose to participate. These non-public actions will involve broadly-scripted scenarios with rules of engagements and proper parameters. The non-public enemy contact will be picket-on-picket, probing exercises, and battalion strength maneuvers. These evolutions will build up to the pre-scheduled main public battles. The units involved will then pull back, regroup with the reserve, and move into the specifically scripted battles which spill from the non-public area onto the public field where the entire armies will come into view!

For information as it is updated, keep checking the Division website (www.firstfederaldivision.com) or the event website (www.standofcolors.com).

DIVISION EVENTS FOR 2008

June 27-29: "At High Tide" near Gettysburg, PA

The First Federal Division will also be fielding a Brigade for the "**At High Tide**" event being held just outside Gettysburg, PA. The event is being put on by the producers of "September Storm" and the Division has been asked to support the event and to serve as the command authority for all Western Federals.

The Event site is on a privately-owned piece of farm land in Adams Township, PA. which is directly adjacent to the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park. It is the same site used for the filming of Pickett's Charge and other scenes from the movie "*Gettysburg*."

This event is a more authentic/realistic alternate to other "Gettysburg" events, and is put on by re-enactors *for* re-enactors, and is shaping up to be a first class event experience.

The scenarios are still being finalized, but expect some of the following: *First day action on the north side, Cemetery Ridge, Culp's Hill, and The Charge of the First Minnesota* (which will come as the final portion of a rolling battle based on the second day and Longstreet's assault on the Federal left).

The scenarios are designed to be representative of the actual numbers involved, and so the decision was made NOT to try to have some watered-down,

miniature "Pickett's Charge."

Much attention has been given to logistics, and the "camp of convenience" a.k.a., the family camp, will be positioned so as improve logistical support, i.e., water and ice supply, and toilet maintenance.

Military camping will be in a wooded area, but space is limited, so travel light, and camp tight.

More information will be forthcoming in the near future, and the event website should be up soon.

Check the First Federal Division website (www.firstfederaldivision.com) for the latest News and Updates!

A New Commander for the Division (cont'd from page 1)

After discharge from the Army, Steve joined the Tucson Police Department where he served for 20 years, making the grade of Detective and serving on many special task Forces before recently retiring. Steve has also worked in the business world, teaching Leadership, Ethics, and training entrepreneurs as a Senior Vice President for a subsidiary of a Dow Jones 30 company.

Since 1991, Steve has published a catalog "Specializing in Personal Items of the Civil War Period" for personal collectors and museums. Many of his customers are also Living Historians. In 1997 he began the production of museum quality reproduction personal items and museum quality period packaging and labeling.

Steve is a life member of the Old Guard Association. A member of every generation of Steve's family has served in the US military from the Revolutionary War to the present with 28 known descendants serving the Union forces during the Civil War. He was proud to continue that tradition and did so in their honor. He is a Christian Soldier, and a private in the Army of the Lord!

Steve and his wife Laura, who have been happily married for 30 years, recently relocated to Fort Scott, Kansas where they purchased an 1850s farmhouse that has significant history, and which they are spending much time restoring.

Steve began his Reenacting/Living History endeavors in 1967. His first public activity was at the dedication of the John C. Fremont house in Tucson. He started out at a tender age as a field musician playing fife, drum, or bugle as needed. As soon as he was old enough to shoulder a musket, he was in the ranks!

Over the past 40 years he has served in and/or founded various units including the 8th US Infantry, 5th US Cavalry, 5th CA Vols., and A Co., 1st Bat., US Marines. In the mid 1970s Steve joined the newly formed 23rd SNY of the Arizona Civil War Institute. During the 125th Anniversary events he served primarily as Orderly 1st Sergeant, then was then elected as Captain.

Steve and Dom Dal Bello soon met and endeavored to form a far-western battalion for regional and larger events. As a result, in

1991 the **Army of the Pacific** was born! Their goal then as it has been ever since was to simply provide the best environment to allow soldiers to have the living history/military experiences they desire and deserve. To that end, in addition to field command duties, now Lt. Colonel Dunfee took on creating the living history experience of the men of the army through the development, provision and forming of staff, to developing the production of the full field commissary, field sutlery, mail calls, payrolls, , creating the School of the officer, School of the NCO, parade and drill, & logistics transport.

The AoP subsequently became a member brigade of the 1st Federal Division. Lieutenant Colonel Dunfee continued to serve with the AOP until accepting promotion to serve as the new commander of the Division.

He looks forward with anticipation at working with and leading the Division in the upcoming campaigns, and in honoring those who gave the "last full measure" to protect and defend the Union!. God save the Union!



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NSA/FFD ANNUAL MEETING!

The Annual North/South Alliance and First Federal Division Meeting will take place in Nashville, Tennessee on the weekend of January 25-27, 2008.

The exact location of the meeting has not yet been determined, but it will be at one of the hotels near the Nashville Airport.

The meeting will take place all day on Saturday, and Sunday until Noon, with breakout sessions on Friday evening. There will be meetings of the entire NSA, and breakout sessions for the First federal Division and the Army of Tennessee respectively. There will also be Divisional Staff meetings for both organizations.

The purpose of the meetings is to approve future event schedules, vote on new proposals and new member units, set goals for the organization, and get feedback from the membership.

The General Meetings are open to any member of the NSA/FFD/AOT.

More information on hotel packages, meal options, etc will be forthcoming. Check the Division website for more information!

Current Division Staff Officers:

Col. Mark Hernbroth	Chief of Staff
Lt. Col. Chris Abelson	Adjutant General
Major Michael Daley	Quartermaster
Major Don Ericson	Chief Engineer
Major Trevor Steinbach	Chief Surgeon
Major Michael Zimmer	Senior AdC
Provost Captain Michael Pierpoint	Chief of Security
Provost Captain Michael Maurier	Guard Captain



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