

**The outbreak of the imported disease may be at an end soon**, leaving many of our friends' and relatives' hearts heavy with the dire impact it has wrought across the Confederacy and our northern neighbors. Surgeon Claiborne said that he wishes our men at the infirmary a quick recovery to swell the ranks of the brigade once more.

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**Another plague may be in sight**, as our contacts with the United Kingdom have informed us. Their population in London have been suffering with similar symptoms and illness for the past month, with the illness spreading, it is unknown if this is Yellow Fever or Malaria. Surgeon Claiborne was uncertain as to how this will affect our war for liberty and our men in the field.

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**The 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Regiment needs new members!** Currently, our beloved Beauties are struggling to keep their ranks up since evacuating the city of Norfolk, leaving some of their comrades behind as the Union devils raced towards the Elizabeth River! A call for new recruitment efforts is being given out by Captain Mark Allen of our own Petersburg Grays! He has

promised new uniforms and muskets for the willing recruit and the honor of fighting for their beloved Virginia!

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**A new Ordnance Sergeant has been elected!** Pvt Kevin Coers of the Petersburg Grays has been elected as the Ordnance Sergeant of the Regiment, allowing our venerable Ord.Serg<sup>T</sup> Bill Edwards to retire after his years of service with the Old Army and in Virginia's Line regiments. Ord.Serg<sup>T</sup> Edwards has stated he hopes to pass on his knowledge and years of experience to aid our new Ordnance Sergeant Coers in his weapons apprenticeship. Congratulations to Ord.Serg<sup>T</sup> Coers to his new position and to William Edwards for his long service to the Old Dominion!

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**Families are now seen with the Army on the march!** The Faudree Family was seen on the march with their soldier, Pvt Kevin Faudree, while on the march south of

Richmond. The family was forced to turn back northward as the column of our infantry and cavalry encountered Unionist forces south of the city. Pray for our men and their families out in this conflict!

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**New Quartermaster Needed for the Regiment!** Soon after the fall of the city of Norfolk to the Unionists, our regiment suffered a blow with our Quartermaster succumbing to illness and dysentery. With new recruits coming into the ranks, our men have found themselves struggling with the bureaucratic machinery of the new army and the issuance of equipment and uniforms!

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**New Surgeon requested for the men!** Since our Surgeon Claiborne has left for his duties to the Petersburg Army Hospital, our Regiment has been without a doctor to aid in the ails and wounds of our brave members. A newsletter requesting a new surgeon has been sent to the Richmond Times and other local dispatchers within our area.

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**Unionist Army threatens from Fortress Monroe!** The Yankee horde under the command of General Benjamin Butler have started to entrench around the town of Hampton and into the Warwick County areas!

Pvt. Henry Bouscher, Company B.

***New events planned!***

**Meetings at Dorey Park to resume!**

Captain Mark Allen has spoken with the staff of Henrico County Parks and Recreation, and the monthly meetings can resume as of September of this year!

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**School of the Soldier** for 2021 has been rescheduled for Cedar Creek this year, after a low membership turnout for the previous event in March.

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**Ord.Serg. Edwards Passes the baton to Pvt Coers!**

One of our new members, himself a veteran of the 56<sup>th</sup> Virginia for 8 years, has been elected by the membership at Fort Pocahontas to be the new Ordnance Sergeant, allowing our venerable William 'Bill' Edwards to retire from the position, and pass the baton. To our former Captain and gallant Ordnance Sergeant, well done and thank you for your years of hard work Bill! You have set a precedent for hard work we wish to continue in your image!

**12<sup>th</sup> Virginia still seeking new members!**

Our membership suffered since the hit of Covid-19 raked the globe, taking out many events and making many of our friends and family ill. A new wave is hitting our friends in the United Kingdom, with a Delta variant of the illness. With any hope, this will be mitigated before it makes a swath of devastation as the first forms of Covid-19 did.

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**12<sup>th</sup> Virginia still seeking new Quartermaster!**

Since our members Kevin and Kare Faudree have stepped down, a new quartermaster is requested from amongst our numbers! Please contact the 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant or the Captain if interested in taking the role!

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**New manual taking shape!**

After years of the reuse of our current manual, it is being rewritten and in a larger scope to assist new members and give a leg-up for our veterans for reference materials and visual aids that can be utilized at both events and discussions at the meetings. Several members are

donating their time and efforts in suggestions in the endeavor!

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***Covid-19 halts imports!***

Due to the pandemic hitting Italy, the supply of muskets and black powder on hand have finally dried up in the US, leaving many hobbyists without supplies to attend events! Sources from some sutlers have indicated a limited importation resuming this coming august.

Unfortunately, this will come with a price increase of all models, leaving the shelf or shipping box at \$1300 to \$1500! This bodes ill for any new member who is still trying to acquire an entire kit!

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**This month in history:**

*1862*, the Confederate Army completes evacuation of Norfolk Virginia west of the Elizabeth River, leaving the city to become part of the Union war efforts. The Peninsula Campaign is in Full swing, with the 12<sup>th</sup> Virginia suffering heavy casualties at the battle of Malvern Hill. Heavy losses will highlight this baptism of fire for the regiment!