



The Drumbeat

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Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Commander Morey with ten members present.

Clerk's report question of if we had voted on Mt. Washington Hotel we have not yet. Doug moved to accept. Henry seconded, passed.

Adjutant's report Ron: Brad moved to accept. Henry seconded passed.

Senior Trustee Brad: No business.

Senior NCO Infantry Henry: Last round- rolling went well. 2000-2200 rounds ready to go.

Senior NCO Artillery Doug: Need drill before Mt. Washington. **Work party May 14 8:30.**
(Pause while the clerk switched to hand writing because his stupid computer died.)

Authenticity Henry: The Sibley stove we just bought probably did not originally come from Lunnenberg. Gates remembered that he saw a 1st Vermont chest stenciled like ours is.

Events: Mt. Washington Hotel July 3. Henry made a motion to do it. Eric seconded, passed. There is a new military park at Big Bethel. We were contacted to participate in the opening ceremony one June 11. That is the same day as the Claremont parade. Henry made a motion to say that we have a prior engagement but will donate \$100 to help the cost of the ceremony including laying a wreath at the Uni on monument.

There is new collection of 250 letters from two brothers from Williamstown that had been found in an attic in Pittsburgh. It is called *Voices from the Attic* and is available from Amazon for \$19.95.

Brad moved to adjourn. Grady seconded, passed. Adjourned 8:12.

Respectfully submitted, Matthew MacBruce, company clerk.



Doc at Fort Knox on Opening Day

May 1, 2016 on his way to meet Kris who was starting a Family Practice Rotation In Belfast, Maine A trip worth taking and one can visit the Penobscot Bridge Obs, Decks as well, Open May to October every year.

Next Meeting

Hardwick GAR Memorial Building

North Main Street Hardwick. VT

May 9, 2016

Bring your musket and traps

Trustee Meeting begins at 6PM

2016 Dues are Due

Located on the west bank of the Penobscot River in Prospect, Maine, in an area known as the Penobscot Narrows, Fort Knox is one of the best preserved fortifications on the New England seacoast. The Fort has many architectural features present only to itself, as well as a rich history behind its cannon batteries.

Maine was repeatedly involved in northeast border disputes with British Canada, and the area between Castine and the rich lumber city of Bangor was invaded and occupied by the British during the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Despite the Webster-Ashburton Treaty of 1842, Fort Knox was established in 1844 to protect the Penobscot River valley against a possible future British naval incursion.

The Fort was designed by Chief Engineer Joseph Totten with a number of other



engineers serving as superintendents of construction from 1844 - 1869, among them Isaac Ingalls Stevens and Thomas L. Casey. The Fort was named for Major General Henry Knox, America's first Secretary of War, who was born in Boston but retired to Thomaston, Maine in 1796. The Fort garrisoned its first troops from 1863 to 1866. These troops were mostly volunteers undergoing training before being sent to their active posts and included members of the celebrated 20th Maine. Troops were also briefly stationed at the Fort during the Spanish American war in 1898, but never saw military action. The General Know House Museum is also available for touring (From the Internet – Friends of Fort Knox)

April 30th – Frank Taylor’s Memorial Service was well attended with 13 current Hemlocks in attendance (good to see Private Morey doing well in the Invalid Corps) and several past members present as well – Craig Allen and Mike Chesley - both of whom were impressed with the crisp volleys and Rest on Arms – a fitting tribute to a past member. Bully Boys!



Doty Cemetery was Frank Taylor was laid to rest.

2016 Events: Voted ON Confirmed

June 11th - Stevens Alumni Parade. We have done this parade the last few years; it is not overly long and there is a good crowd. The rate for this parade is \$650 so we hope the membership will again turn out in good numbers.

June 24, 25, 26 - living history Cedar Creek, VA – we need a good turnout of true Vermonters!

July 3 - Mountain Washington Hotel encampment 1-4PM – both Infantry and artillery Paid event \$1250

To be voted on at the May Meeting:

Please vote on making the 5th NH events at The School of the Soldier in Gettysburg May 14-15 and Cross Keys June 10-12, 2016 as official Hemlocks events for anyone who wants to attend those events

May 23rd – Memorial Day Parade in Essex Junction VT - \$650

Summary of Annual Meeting held April 11, 2016: Election of Officers and One Trustee

Vermont Civil War Hemlocks
Annual Meeting
April 11, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Commander Morey at 8:13 with ten members present.

The minutes were not read.

Trustee for a three year period. Henry nominated Dan. Doug seconded, passed.
N.B. Although Dan was not present at the meeting he had said that he was willing to continue his duties as a trustee.

Henry moved to re-elect all sitting officers. Brad seconded. Elected.

Brad moved to adjourn, John seconded, passed. Adjourned 8:17.

Respectfully submitted Matthew MacBruce, company clerk

Editor's Note: I would like to thank each Hemlock who made the effort to attend Frank Taylor's Memorial Service on a beautiful April morning in this slow to come Spring! The volleys were crisp after no activity all winter and we were able do Rest on Arms after a very short drill on it. Boys it is always a pleasure to fall in with you – you always "Make it Happen! "

Doc

