

Hello all,

We had a conference call with some of the commanders in the Guard this week and had a lot of productive discussion. One of the things that was thrown out at the meeting was to have a mail call at Hastings. For this to be successful, can you please have people write generic letters (unless you want them to specific people and then they can be addressed) that can be handed out to the battalion during the week. For those groups attending, can you please shoot me rough numbers so I can get rough company's formed. If you have a knapsack and are interested in participating in a knapsack inspection, bring them and we will organize that.

There is also an effort by TJ Berlucchi and others to do a commissary impression and provide rations for any interested. There is a separate post for interest, but please let him or I know so that we can get rough number and get costs hammered out.

The idea was put out to try and look like a single regiment from the Gettysburg campaign, so for the weekend, we would like to kit out like the 3rd Michigan. If you have them, sack coats and forage caps were issued to them and worn. If you are so inclined, please remove any insignia that would contradict that effort, but that is not required by any stretch.

Lastly, please get those Chickamauga registrations in. Spots are fast filling up and there is a hard cap on participants. For those groups that know some of the group is attending, please let Scott Lawalin and I know how many you are expecting. I will unfortunately be unable to attend the event this year, so Scott will be leading the Guard battalion. We have had a great showing the last few national events and want to keep that going. We are one of the few groups at the battalion level that can actually show up and stand by ourselves. Let's not lose that recognition!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Hastings!

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