

# ZOUAVES!

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## ANDERSON ZOUAVES AT HOLEY PLAINS



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March saw four intrepid Anderson Zouaves heading south by wagon to an encampment at Holey Plains.**

Wagoner Davey Sanders, Private Willy Lincoln, Sergeant Nick Potts and Daughter of the Regiment Ricarda Reeck literally headed over hill, mountain and through dale to dusty Holey Plains.

The encampment involved some interesting skirmishing, with Wagoner Sanders and Private Lincoln servicing a small field howitzer under the command of gun Captain Mappin (former US Senator for Illinois). This gun, in company with another small field piece serviced by a rather motley militia crew did good work against the advancing Rebels.

Sergeant Potts and Daughter of the Regiment Reeck did great service, shirking duty and conuddling in the Company tent for the duration of the hostilities!

The evening saw entertainment provided by the La Grange Gentleman's Club. This disorderly "house" was run by a Southron Belle, Miss Jenny and managed to completely corrupt our gallant Zouaves! Wagoner Sanders took over the role of croupier and managed by his clever sleight of hand to break the Rebel bank!

Much excitement was caused by the Disloyal Senator for Georgia's lively discussion of his own and Reb General

Lee's predilection for fighting cocks. Our troops eagerly awaited the arrival of a Rebel rooster for our cooking pot! Unfortunately it was just more hollow Southron bluster! Parched corn, cooked on a canteen half was the only fixins these bedraggled Johnnies had for supper.



Military genius, R.E. Lee and his prize fighting cock "Big Red" accidentally killed by the General at Appomattox Court House.<sup>§</sup>

Whilst Private Lincoln and Wagoner Sanders slept rough, Sergeant Potts and Daughter of the Regiment Reeck snuggled up in the warmth of the Company tent! Ah, the privileges of rank. Wagoner Sanders was kept half awake during the night, after Private Lincoln filled him with dread with stories of strange Southern beasties that were said to inhabit the nearby bayou.

A great encampment and a good chance to fly the flag amongst the Southrons. The Company won a couple of prizes, to wit; Best Unit Portrayal and

<sup>§</sup> A "Just for Fun" non-fact.

Best Union Soldier Portrayal – Private Willy Lincoln.

The other participants included the 2<sup>nd</sup> VA Infantry, the Rowan Artillery and the Georgia Volunteers. It was also great to see a number of first time re-enactors.

Congratulations to the Blue and Grey for hosting the encampment. It certainly is a “must go” for next year.

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## THE ZOUAVE CAPTAIN AND THE CHICKEN THIEVES



**Captain James R. Evans was a 62<sup>nd</sup> NYSV Anderson Zouave veteran and a Medal of Honor recipient.**

He was at one time, post-war, the Constable for the Township of Pequannock. N.J. *The Argus* of Butler N.J. reports on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1898...

“A few years ago Daniel A. Gormley of this place found thieves in his chicken coop and shot one of them and kept him prisoner and went for J.R. Evans, who was constable at the time. Constable Evans responded quickly and at the point of his pistol alone marched his three prisoners before Squire John Shipoe. The people, finding out what kind of stuff Evans is made of, did not hesitate to make him their candidate for Justice of the Peace, and how creditably he has served in that capacity many of our citizens can bear witness”.

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## SONG OF THE REGIMENT



**Written by Miss Edda Middleton and dedicated to the Regiment’s Major Dayton, the “Song of the Regiment” appeared in the New York press in 1861 at the very beginning of the history of the 62<sup>nd</sup> NYSV.**

Initially in our endeavours to recreate this song, we erroneously ascribed an incorrect tune to Middleton’s lyrics. Further research by member John Tierney has shown that

the "Song of the Regiment" is sung to the tune of "The Red, White and Blue", an English song originally written by Thomas A'Beckett in 1750 and adapted for American audiences as "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" in 1843.

“The Red, White and Blue” was a popular song during the War years and was usually included among the patriotic pieces played by the Marine Band for President Lincoln’s public appearances.

A comparison of Middleton’s lyrics and the lyrics of “Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean”, bear out that Middleton’s song is in fact just an adaption of this popular patriotic song for the Anderson Zouaves.

For a great treatment of this subject, go to the 62<sup>nd</sup> NYSV Co. I website at:

<http://web.mac.com/strangeplanet/iWeb/Anderson%20Zouaves%20Company%20I%20Regimental%20songs.html>

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## BAWDY HOUSE CASE. TRIAL OF MARY ANN HALL CRIMINAL COURT, JUDGE OLIN

Bawdy House Case - Trial of Mary Ann Hall. *The Evening Star*, February 19th, 1864



This morning the case of Mary Ann Hall charged with keeping a bawdy house on the corner of 4th street and Maryland avenue, was taken up; Mr. Joseph H. Bradley, Sr.; appearing for the defence.



Mary Hall’s “Bawdy House” in Washington D.C.

Officer Gessford testified to having seen hacks frequently in front of the house, from which he had seen males mostly get out. He had seldom seen females alight. Witness was in the house about two years since, and again about a year since, he was called there by a hackman who complained that a gentleman had "slied" him, and witness was invited in and waited until the gentleman came down. Witness had seen when the **Anderson Zouaves** were here, a number of women there, but, never had seen any of any account on any other occasion. The front door had a ball and chain on it, so that it could be opened about six inches that persons might be seen before being admitted. Witness was called there another time about a watch which had been lost but he did not see any women on that occasion.

Charles Walter (late Justice of the Peace)

Source:

*Interments in the Historic Congressional Cemetery*

[http://www.congressionalcemetery.org/PDF/Obits/H/Obits\\_Hall.pdf](http://www.congressionalcemetery.org/PDF/Obits/H/Obits_Hall.pdf)

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"WE'D RATHER STAY  
WHERE WE ARE."

Scientific American 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1864.



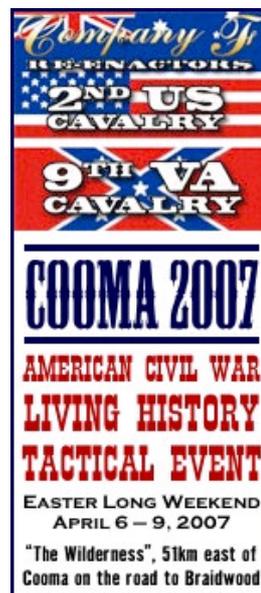
A gentleman who has lately been at Fredericks-burgh, tells the following incident, related to him there by a wounded staff officer. The Sixty-second, New York, had been engaged and under fire all day in one of the recent battles, and General Getty gave orders to have them relieved and sent to the rear to rest. A sergeant, who heard the orders given, and happened to be near the General, touched his cap and said, "If it's all the same to you, General, we'd rather stay where we are."

See:

<http://andersonszouaves.tripod.com/id52.html>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH



<http://www.civilwarcavalry.org>

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