

# ZOUAVES!



114<sup>th</sup> PA "Collis Zouaves" in the field

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## COMPANY MUSTER DINNER



**The Company F annual Muster Dinner will be held at the Briars, on the Oliver Farm, Camden NSW on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Muster dinner and is held as close to July 1<sup>st</sup>, the anniversary of the Company's muster date into the Anderson's Zouaves, as we can.

This is a free event and is fully catered. Bring your mess kit, period clothing, tentage, US or CS "money", musical instrument.

We extend a cordial invitation to our friends in the hobby to come along and enjoy a relaxed and happy time amongst the Briars.

Any Civil War impression is welcome and any Reb's coming across for the shindig are promised safe conduct back to their lines.

### The Details:

When: Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, from Noon

Where: The Briars, Olivers Farm, Exeter Street, Camden NSW

What: An afternoon and evening of soldiers' past times and good Federal cooking.

Whom: American Civil War soldier and civilian impressions

Cost: Free

Also see;

<http://andersonszouaves.tripod.com/id19.html>

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## COMPANY F. DESCENDANT



**Mr. Bruce Dow of New York City found our website whilst searching for a photograph of his great-great grandfather, George Thomas.**

George Thomas was a veteran of the Anderson Zouaves and served in Co. F. He enlisted as a Private and mustered out of service with the rank of Sergeant. George Sherman was wounded in the shoulder on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1863 at Marye's Heights.

The information that Mr. Dow has provided to us gives us important new information about George Sherman.

Mr Dow wrote;

“ I would like to find info and hopefully a picture of my gg grandfather George Thomas Sherman 1842-1899. He died in Queens NY and is buried in Lutheran All Faiths in Middle Village Queens NY. He was wounded in the Battle of Marye's Heights Virginia and what I was told Walt Whitman was his care taker. I would also like to know what weapons he may of carried. I live in New York so any info would be greatly appreciated...

“Thanking you in advance, Bruce Dow”.

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## HONOURARY CAPTAINCY



**Following the decision made by members at the recent LHRG AGM, the Company has offered our esteemed Spanish member, Nacho Silvestre, the honorary captaincy of the Company.**

The following message was sent to Brother Nacho on behalf of the Company by Pvt. Sanders (who apologises for his bad Spanish).

“Capitán Silvestre.

Seríamos orgullosos si usted aceptó el papel del capitán honorario de nuestra compañía. Cada soldado en desfile pidió él.”

Private Sanders  
a nombre de  
62d NYSVV Co. F  
Anderson Zouaves

“Captain Silvestre.

We would be proud if you accepted the Honourary Captaincy of our Company. Every soldier on parade called for it.”

Private Sanders  
on behalf of the  
62d NYSVV Co. F  
Anderson Zouaves

We received this reply from Brother Nacho

“Dear Dave

It is an honour to be a part of the 62d NYSVV Co. F Anderson Zouaves and also a pleasure to be contact with you and even more when I wrote you to join to your company, and always I received from you good comments, that help me to continue making the Zouaves as great as they were and we are.

And I really appreciate that every soldier on parade called for it, wow how famous am I in Australia... thanks a lot.

Of course I accept the Honorary Captaincy of the 62d NYSVV Co. F Anderson Zouaves, and make sure that the company will be in my heart, thanks again.

Honourary Captain of the 62d NYSVV Co. F Anderson Zouaves”

For more information about Captain Silvestre, please see the ZOUAVE! No. 5, August 2007 p.2 article “International Contacts”.

## ANIMAL MASCOTS OF THE CIVIL WAR (Part 2)



In response to a reader's request, Mr. Stanley Greaves (62<sup>nd</sup> NYSV Co. A), we present the final part of an article on Civil War animal mascots. This article is from the website of the Fort Ward Museum (Alexandria, VA).



“Although thought of more as utilitarian, horses more than any other animal formed a relationship

with their owners. The best-known horse of the war was Traveller, Gen. Robert E. Lee's beloved mount (above). The two remained together until Lee's death, when Traveller walked behind the hearse during the funeral procession. The horse is buried at Lee Chapel Museum, Lexington, VA.



Little Sorrell, (left, in front of VMI) also known as Old Sorrell, was Gen. Stonewall Jackson's horse. He

acquired her at Harper's Ferry when she was about 11 years old and was so small that Jackson's feet almost dragged on the ground. Little Sorrell outlived her rider and lived to a ripe old age, touring county fairs and attending Confederate functions. Visitors often pulled at her hair for souvenirs, making the steed nervous. Little Sorrell is buried in front of the Jackson statue, at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA.

Major Gen. J.E.B. Stuart credited his horse Virginia with having prevented his capture by jumping over a large ditch. On the Union side, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's favorite horse was Cincinnati, but he also rode Methuselah, Randy, Fox, Jeff Davis and Kangaroo in the early years of the war. Col. Philip Sheridan preferred a gelding named Rienzi (below).



The horse was so revered that after his demise his stuffed body was presented to the Smithsonian Institution.

... Gen. Robert E. Lee kept a **hen** as a pet and was rewarded with an egg laid under his cot each morning for his breakfast. The hen was displaced during the Gettysburg battle, causing much consternation until she was found. She was placed on the headquarters wagon for the retreat.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Louisiana CSA, had a **donkey** in its midst. The donkey would push into the commander's tent and try to sleep with him, mistaking the officer for his original owner.

...The 12<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Volunteers had a **tame bear** that marched with them all the way to Missouri.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhode Island kept a sheep named **Dick**, who was taught tricks by the men. Dick was eventually sold to a butcher for \$5 to buy food for the men.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry had a **badger** as a mascot (The Badger State)

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry kept a camel named **Douglas**, which was killed by a minie ball during the Siege of Vicksburg,

Both the 12<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin and the 104<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania kept tame **raccoons** as unit mascots.

Picture credits:

<http://molyworld.net/aa/hhh-warhorse.htm>

Text reference:

<http://oha.alexandriava.gov/fortward/special-sections/mascots/>

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## CIVIL WAR RECIPES



In response to a request from reader Mr. Stanley Greaves (62<sup>nd</sup> NYSV Co. A), we present a two more Civil War recipes, to enliven your next Company dinner.

### CAPTAIN SANDERSON'S COMMISSARY PEA SOUP

Cut 2 pounds of lean pork into 1 inch cubes. Add them to a skillet with pork fat heated very hot and fry the pork very brown. Add the pork to a kettle of boiling salted water and boil at medium heat for 15 minutes. Thoroughly wash 1 pound of dried peas and then boil for one hour. When they are soft, drain the water and then add them to the pork soup. Also add one large onion, sliced and boil for 2 hours. Season with salt, pepper and vinegar, mash the peas to thicken the broth and serve.

## KENTUCKY FRIED PIES

Stew dried apples, peaches, or other fruit until tender, and then mash and sweeten to taste with sugar and molasses. Make pie crust (see above 1865 Pie Crust), roll out ¼ inch thick and cut into circular disks about 6 inches in diameter. Spoon several tablespoons of the mashed fruit onto half of each disk; then fold over the other half and crimp the edges to seal. Melt enough butter or lard in a skillet sufficient to cover a pie and fry the pies once at a time until browned. Remove and drain each pie; then dust with granulated sugar.

Source: Davis., W.C. (2003). *A Taste For War: The Culinary History of the Blue and the Gray*. Mechanicsburg. Stackpole Books.

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