The photographs are presented here are from the framed documents in Mr. Scotti’s collection. We at ZOUAVE! are continually astonished by these documents, especially as they relate to Company F of the Regiment. We again thank Mr. Scotti’s for his kindness in making these documents available to this journal.

FRANK SCOTTI’S
62d NYSV DOCUMENTS
Part 3

This month is our last instalment of Mr. Frank Scotti’s 62d NYSV documents. The final document is a petition written by the NCOs and soldiers of Co. F calling on Colonel Riker to return Anthony Hartman returned to his unanimously elected position of Second Lieutenant of Co. F, and states that they will not serve under Acting Second Lieutenant Grim!

http://www.sandhillcity.com/dbd_2_94.htm
Below is the transcription, which proved a little difficult. I have transcribed in verbatim. Where I am unsure of a word, I have bracketed it or indicated it with a (?)

Colonel Riker

Here are men members of Co F

Captain Moeser they request me as their orderly Sergeant to speak for them. It is their earnest wish
and request that Anthony Hartman be given his position as elected by unanimous vote of the Company when organised. Namely Second Lieutenant of Co F. Lieut Grim now acting Second Lieutenant (sic) of the Company they think has no claims to the office it is true Colonel that Anthony Hartman has worked hard and has done in his (fervor) to promote the general (?) of all of us all. His family has suffered through all this long and tedious encampment he has lost one child through worrying therefore if he can be immediatly (sic) (?) to his position or if you can give then undoubtable assuran (sic) to the fact that he will be (?) you will confer a very great (?) by giving them an indifferent answer as they say that they will not serve under Lieutenant Grim so here they are tell them your answer;

An astounding document and a window onto the time when Volunteer regiments elected their officers and could still petition their Colonel with a demand which in a regular army unit would’ve been tantamount to mutiny. This document and the others so kindly shared by Mr. Frank Scotti, are a wealth information about the early days of the Anderson Zouaves.

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THE ANDERSON ZOUAVES

from the manuscript of
Pocket History of the Anderson Zouaves
Volume 2: In Pen and Press
Edited by David Sanders

In celebration of the Regiment’s 150th Anniversary, the ZOUAVE! Is pleased to present material from the upcoming 2nd Volume of the Pocket History of the Anderson Zouaves.

The ZOUAVE! will feature copy from this manuscript to celebrate the history of the Regiment, as a lens to commemorate the 150th anniversaries milestones of the Great Rebellion.

To all Union Men

The Regiment Will Be One of Our Best
[May 1861]

This regiment, named in honor of the gallant Major Robert Anderson, and organized under his auspices, has nearly completed its complement of men, upwards of 600 having been enrolled. The men are all picked; many of them are from the river counties, and all are accustomed to hard work. The officers are: Colonel, J. Lafayette Riker; Lieutenant-Colonel, Teasdale; Adjutant, Carrsanford; Major, Tracy, formerly of the United States Navy; Engineer, Yates; Surgeon, Crandall. There is to be one artillery company, with a battery of two of Ames' rifled cannon, twelve pounders, and two twelve pound howitzers. The quick light infantry drill is to be adopted. / The regiment has a recruiting tent in Union square, under the charge of Captain Anderson, and another at Palace Gardens. The drill room is at the latter place. The officers are experienced, and the regiment will be one of our best. It is intended that it shall form one of a brigade, of which Major Anderson is to have the command. A few more first class recruits are wanted - May, 1861.

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The Anderson Zouaves Regiment
[3 May 1861]

Named in honor and organizing under the auspices of MAJOR ROBERT ANDERSON, The gallant defender of his country’s flag and honor. The Anderson Zouaves Regiment, now in the process of organization, will be composed of good, able-bodied men, and all such are cordially invited to enroll their names at headquarters, Union Square; at Palace Gardens or at Landeman’s Hamilton Park.

To all Union Men
The Committee would respectfully request such as desire to aid the officers and others who are engaged in the arduous and expensive task of recruiting and organizing this Regiment, to send their subscriptions to either of the following gentlemen; Major Robert Anderson, Brevoort House 5th-av.; A. V. Stout, esq., President of the Shoe and Leather Bank; Shepherd Knapp, esq., President of the Mechanics' Bank; the Hon. F. A. Tallmadge, No. 23 Chambers-st.; Ambrose K. Ely, esq., No 108 Gold-st.; the Hon. John R. Briggs, No. 20 Exchange-place.


**Robert Anderson Zouaves**

**[13 May 1861]**

Organizing in honor and under the auspices of late Major, now Colonel, ROBT. ANDERSON, the gallant defender of his country's flag and honor...Captains of companies organizing in the river towns and elsewhere, wishing to join the Robert Anderson Zouave Regiment, now in the process of organizing will please communicate with Col. J. LAFAYETTE RIKER, Everett House. New-York...


**I Shall Never Have the Name of a Deserter**

**[23 May 1861]**

Headquarters Albany May 23rd [1861]

My Dear Aunt,

As Mr Hammond is here I will try and improve the opportunity of writing to you and sending this letter by him. I have delayed writing to you hoping that we might get settled down before I wrote so that I might let you know where to write. We have had pretty hard times since we came here. Our Company are the most of them discouraged and some of them have run away although for my part I have found no reason to complain. I came here and as long as our company holds together I shall go with them. When I enlisted I expect to have to endure trials and hardships although I never expected to see so much vice as I have seen here swearing, drinking, fighting, quarrelling and sensuality have no end here. I think our Captain (Captain Hathaway) has done all that he could do for us. He has put us in ahead of 51 companies that came here before us. We have been inspected and accepted into a good regiment. We shall probably go to the Barracks in this place in a day or two. At present we are quartered in a large room and bored to the Adams House. Our bored is very good now although when we first came here we had to live on every thing that was nasty and indecent. I have not relished a meal of victuals since I have been here. We have been found with only shirts, one pair of drawers, caps and shoes. I am going to get a furlough and coming home to make you a list in a week or two before we leave this place. I have not been very well for two or three days being troubled with sore eyes but let come what will I shall never have the name of a deserter. I have commenced reading the testament through by course and intend to read some in it every day till I read it through. And now dear Aunt as I hear the call of muster I will close this letter till I see you.

Yours in haste, Covell Woods
PS. Please write soon and oblige your nephew CW

Much love to all

*Letters of Alfred Covell Woods*. 62nd NYSV Co I Homepage

**The Costume is a Neat Affair of Blue**

**[26 May 1861]**

Grand Military Demonstration Inspection of ten regiments of New York Volunteers.

Anderson Zouaves.

A very few of these men appeared in uniform at the inspection yesterday. It is anticipated however, that the whole of the
men will be fully uniformed by Wednesday. The costume is a neat affair of blue, faced with yellow and has the great recommendation of cheapness; pants, jacket, vest and cap will not cost more than $10. 80 men were inspected yesterday by the Union Defence Committee, presenting a very fine appearance. Mrs Col. Anderson has taken great interest in the progress of this regiment, making the officers under many obligations to her, and also to the ladies of the New York Relief Union who have kindly supplied the regiment with shirts, drawers etc. The following are the staff officers, line officers have not yet been elected:


A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ [27 May 1861]

Dr Chapin in the Camp.

Rev. Dr. Chapin preached in the large tent encampment of the Anderson Zouaves, situate in Union Square, yesterday morning. He spoke from the text “Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, (2d epistle to Timothy, chap. II.v. 3). Our eloquent Universalist divine was listened to by a large and devoutly-impressed assemblage. He expatiated in warm and vigorous language on the duties, the trials and the hardships of a soldier’s occupation, and on the rewards and glories of a faithful soldier’s services; and exhorted such of them as had devoted themselves to military life to fight the good fight manfully, being steadfast to the end.


Able Bodied, Healthy Men [29 May 1861]

Anderson Zouaves.

Twelve hundred men have joined this regiment. Each recruiting officer has made and affidavit to the effect that every name inscribed on his roll is legitimate. Col. Riker and Lieut.-Col. Tisdale pledge themselves, if called upon by the Union Defense Committee to furnish in less than 48 hours a sufficient number of able bodied, healthy men, to form a regiment. Col. Riker complains very much of the demoralizing effect it has upon the men by keeping them in the City; and states that the only way to make good soldiers is to keep them away from local and home influences. If this is the case, the sooner quarters are provided for them the better.


A Blue Zouave Jacket [30 May 1861]

The uniform consists of a blue Zouave jacket, with a red edge, on which is a row of brass, bell buttons. In the lower corners are the initials A. Z. The pants are blue and the leggings and gaiters similar to those of the French Zouaves.


Song of the Anderson Zouaves [June 1861]

Tune: Life on the Ocean Wave.
BY JAS. O’C., COMPANY D, ANDERSON ZOUAVES.

I.
A life in the soldier’s camp,
A home in the snow-white tent,
Where we hear the gentry tramp,
And merry hours are spent;
Where glory waits the brave,
On the bloody battle field,
And the Stars and Stripes shall wave
O’er Zouaves that never yield.

II.
Come, shoulder your musket, boys;
And off to the field of strife.
Leave home, and all its joys,
And fly to a soldier’s life—
With knapsack oh your back,
And canteen by your side—
To follow the foeman’s track,
Is the brave young Zouave’s pride.

III.
The camp is the place for me,
When my country calls me there,
To fight for the Flag of the Free,
I’d live on homeliest fare;
When the tattoo beats at night,
And the reveille in the morn,
And the Zouave’s heart is light
As soon as the day is born.

IV.
Then farewell, home and friends,
For I’ve joined the volunteers;
I’ll be with him who defends
Our Flag, and never, fears.
I’m off for the Zouaves’ camp,
I’m bound for Freedom’s Wars;
On the rebel flag I’ll tramp,
And fight for the Stripes and Stars.

V.
Our men are bound for the South;
Send with us, friends, your prayers—
For many, with gay words in mouth,
May never live to leave there.
But God, who is good and kind,
Will guard us from all harm;
And we will ever over find
He’ll lend a helping arm.

June, 1861.

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Westerfield Company
[3 June 1861]

Anderson Zouaves.

A company from Westerfield, Mass. will arrive today, and attach itself to Col. Rikers regiment.


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Great Activity Prevails
[4 June 1861]

Anderson Zouaves.

Four companies belonging to this regiment are quartered at Snediker's, Long Island, the remaining six companies are in barracks at the Newark Bay Hotel, N. J. Great activity prevails and the men are rapidly becoming efficient in drill. Mr A. V. Meekes, of the Seventh Regiment, has accepted a Captaincy in this corps: a number of his former comrades, unwilling to remain inactive, have placed themselves under his command. Col. Riker states that his men are all ready, and are anxiously awaiting marching orders.


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1,000 Pairs of Socks
[7 June 1861]

Consolidation of effort to equip the Anderson Zouaves.

A circle of patriotic women who meet daily at Astor Library, have won to their ranks and to their utterly unsectarian movement, no less than six churches. The Anderson Zouaves have expressed a willingness to accept the especial patronage, and they will undoubtedly prove satisfactory to their fair guardians. The ladies would suggest to their aids of to any liberally-disposed parties, that a need will exist for donations of unbleached muslin for hospital
use; also 1,000 pairs of drawers and 1,000 pairs of socks. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that a woolen sock ribbed in the leg, is the best for marching; yet for very hot weather a different sort is proposed, made with woolen goot and cotton leg; its advantage consists in softness to the foot, while the leg is left cool. We have observed also a curious and excellent marching shoe. The upper is of canvas finished in a soft, fair leather toe moderately thick sole, and very broad heel. Old linen is much needed by the Association, in order to complete their hospital department. Those who are in the habit of tossing aside their linen garments as only fit for the rag bag, will confer a favor by remembering that it is more valuable than new, for new can be had for money, while old cannot at all times. Where so much wealth and influence is concentrated, we shall expect an equipment worthy of the flag under which the chosen company march. It is the same that floated over Fort Sumter during the fearful cannonading that preceded its evacuation by our gallant soldiers under the brave Anderson.

New York Times, Friday, June 7, 1861, Page 8.

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As Fine a Spot As Could Be [9 June 1861]

The Anderson Zouaves.

The above regiment is now encamped at Saltersville, Hudson county, New Jersey, adjoining the Newark Bay House. The location is about as fine a spot as could be selected, and the men have a fine opportunity, when off duty, to fish and bathe. Stages leave Jersey City every day in the week, and the friends of the regiment can go down at most any time in the day.

New York Herald, Sunday, June 9, 1861.

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Three Hearty Cheers [11 June 1861]

The Anderson Zouaves.

The part of this Regiment encamped at Salter's Hotel, five miles below Jersey City, were addressed yesterday by Mr. John M. Davis, at the request of Major Dayton. He was listened to with marked attention by the men, who gave him three hearty cheers when he had finished.


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Enlisted Under the President’s Call [12 June 1861]

To the Volunteers.

Capt. PHILLIP SMITH was in New York last week, and secured a place in the Anderson Zouave Regiment, (Col. RIKER) for a company of Volunteers, and he and others are now engaged in raising the company, which will be enlisted under the President’s call for the term of three years, independent of the State call of April 16th. The Ladies, from six Churches in New York city, have selected this regiment to uniform. The men are to be armed with Enfield Rifles. It will probably be as fine a Regiment as will go from the State.

Journal & Republican (Lowville, NY), Wednesday, June 12, 1861, Page 2.

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Young Men of Lewis County! [12 June 1861]

The 2d Company of Volunteers in Lowville and vicinity, have been accepted, and will join the Anderson Zouaves, of New York City, under Col. RIKER. This is one of the fourteen regiments that were accepted by the Government through the influence of the Union Defence Company. All those whose
names are enrolled, and those who wish to join this Company, will meet at the Court House, on Saturday, the 15th inst., at one o’clock P. M., for permanent organization, election of officers, &c.

Young men of Lewis County! — let us rally around the “Old Flag,” resolved to vindicate those “principles of Constitutional Liberty for which our Fore-Fathers so freely shed their blood. — Now is the time.

PHILLIP W. SMITH, Captain.

Journal & Republican (Lowville NY), Wednesday, June 12, 1861, Page 2.

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**Little Toddling Zouaves**

[15 June 1861]


NEW YORK, May 24.

I could easily believe myself to be in Paris or some other city devoted to military display, instead of New York, the commercial emporium of the North. From morning to night nothing is heard but the sound of the drum or the martial strains from trumpet and bugle, as regiment after regiment passes on its way to the seat of war through streets crowded with a maddened population. All trade is at a standstill. Store after store down Broadway has been turned into the head-quarters of Anderson's Zouaves, Wilson's Boys, the Empire City Guard, and hosts of corps too numerous or too eccentric in their names for me to recollect. Verily, a cosmopolitan army is assembled here. As one walks he is jostled by soldiers dressed in the uniforms of the Zouaves de la Garde, the Chasseurs à Pied, Infanterie de la Ligne, and other French regiments--so great, apparently, is the admiration of our cousins for everything Gallic. I must confess I should prefer to see more nationality. In justice, however, to the men, I cannot do otherwise than express my unqualified approval of the material out of which the North is to make her patriot army. Many of those I have seen marching through the streets appear already to have served in the field, so admirably do they bear themselves in their new roles. The very children have become tainted with the military epidemic, and little toddling Zouaves, three and four years old, strut, armed to the teeth, at their nurses' apronstrings. As I write I have a corps of chasseurs composed of all the small boys in the hotel exercising and skirmishing in the corridor outside my room; the shrill words of command from the juvenile Colonel pierce through and through my ears, and distract my attention terribly.

F.V.

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**A Fine Looking Body of Men**

[16 June 1861]

Anderson Zouaves.

A detachment of the Anderson Zouaves to the number of three hundred men, who have for some time past been in quarters near John I. Snediker's, on the Jamaica road, on Saturday passed through Williamsburg [LI] on their way to Saultersville, N. J., where they join the remainder of the regiments. They are a fine looking body of men, and attracted much attention by their march through the city.

Brooklyn Eagle, Sunday, June 16, 1861, Page 2.

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**The Pet Regiment of New York**

[17 June 1861]

The Anderson Zouaves.

On Saturday, the part of this regiment that has been quartered two miles from East New-York, joined the corps at Saultersville. In this beautiful place, shaded by a grove and fanned by sea breezes, the regiment, numbering between 800 and 900, are very comfortably quartered. Col. Riker has shown his competency for his post by his untiring and successful exertions. He was most cordially greeted yesterday on his return from Washington. In response, he made a very able and inspiring speech, which was enthusiastically cheered. He thanked the men for the patience they had exercised, and congratulated them on a better time coming
and hoped they would prove worthy of him whose name they bore. As he spoke every eye was filled with tears and every heart throbbed with emotion. Gen. [Wesmore] of the Union Defence Committee, being introduced, made a very pertinent and eloquent address, in which he stated that the hearing of the ear had hot half equaled the sight of the eye. In regard to the stalwart men and noble Colonel and associated officers of this regiment, and only expressed the regret that he was not 20 years younger, that he might share the duty and honor of fighting in so holy a cause. Rev. L. C. Lockwood, who was present, seconded the remarks of the Colonel about the better day coming, and asserted, not as a myth buy as a reality, that this was becoming the pet regiment of New-York City, and the ladies of several Churches, with whom he has had conference, are now at work making under garments and Havelocks for the regiment. He also made a prayer, invoking God's special blessing upon the regiment. At 3 1/2 o'clock, Mr C. C. Leigh and the Chaplain conducted a meeting among the regiment, in which the greatest attention was given and a happy impression made. The regiment signified unanimously, by the raising of the hand, a desire for a prayer meeting, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, next Wednesday evening.


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**A Fine Company**

**[19 June 1861]**

Capt. SMITH’s Company is nearly full. It is a fine Company, and will reflect great credit on the County of Lewis. – They intend to organize and leave for New York the latter part of this week where they will join Anderson’s Zouaves under Col. RIKER

*Lowville Journal & Republican* (Lowville, NY), Wednesday, June 19, 1861, Page 2.

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**The Cause So Dear**

**[21 June 1861]**

Anderson Zouaves.

Capt. Hubbell, of Company B, desires to acknowledge the receipt of a supply of havelocks, shirts and drawers from the ladies of St. Ann's Church, West Eighteenth-street, and to express his gratitude and that of his company for the above favors, assuring these patriotic ladies that the kindness they dispense with so liberal a hand will inspire deeds of heroism in the cause so dear to every woman in the land.

Capt. Wm N. Hathaway, Company C. has opened a recruiting office at Hibernian Hall No. 42 Prince-street, for two days only; applications should, therefore, be made at once.


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**Revolvers and Knives Were Finally Drawn**

**[18 June 1861]**

New-Jersey

Disturbances Amongst Soldiers. — On Sunday forenoon, a difficulty arose between the members of Company A and Company C, Anderson's Zouaves, quartered at the Newark Bay House, which terminated it a general fight Revolvers and knives were finally drawn, and a serious termination seemed Inevitable; but by the prompt and energetic interference of the officers, the disturbance was quelled without any person having been seriously injured.

*New York Times*, Wednesday, June 18, 1861, Page 8.

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A Complete Outfit of Under-Clothing
[26 June 1861]

Anderson Zouaves.

This regiment, having been accepted by the United States Government, will be put upon a war footing as soon as possible. The Ladies' Central Relief Committee are furnishing a complete outfit of under-clothing for this favorite regiment, consisting of 2,000 cotton shirts, 1,000 woolen shirts, 1,000 pairs of drawers, 1,000 Havelocks, 1,000 pairs of socks, &c., &c. The ladies of the "Relief Union," Church of the Puritans, have also been steadily at work furnishing such articles of wearing apparel as the men most needed. Col. J. Lafayette Riker, and Acting Lieut. Col. W. S. Tisdale, have been unremitting in their efforts in bringing this Regiment to its present standard. These gentlemen have expended in so doing some $7,000, while the Union Defence Committee, whose special mission was to provide for volunteer regiments, have advanced only $1,500 towards the expenses, which amount now to about $500 a day.


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763 Excellent Woolen Shirts
[26 – 29 June 1861]

Card of thanks

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Sir-In behalf of Col. J Lafayette Riker (now in Washington) and the Robert Anderson Zouave Regiment, we respectfully beg leave to acknowledge, through the medium of your patriotic journal, the reception of 763 excellent woolen shirts, the donation of the Ladies' Central Relief Committee, No. 1 Bond street, and the Union Defence Committee. To the generous ladies of the Relief Committee and those members of the Defence Committee who patriotically and humanely aided us in securing this very acceptable and timely contribution of shirts, so sorely needed by our brave volunteers, we tender our earnest thanks and grateful acknowledgments.

Very respectfully, &c.,
W.S. Tisdale.
Acting Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson Zouaves.
J. J. Yates, Quartermaster.

To the Editor of the New-York Times

You will confer an additional favor if you will allow me to correct one error which inadvertently occurred in the card of thanks published in your valuable journal of yesterday, concerning the shirts presented to the Anderson Zouaves. One hundred and eighty of them were a donation from the ladies of the All Souls Church, Dr BELLOWS, Pastor: and the remainder (585) from the Union Defence Relief Committee, No. 1 Bond-street. Mrs. J. F. WHIPPLE will please accept the thanks of the Regiment, for her valuable donation of sixty-five Havelocks.

J. J. YATES,
Quartermaster Anderson Zouaves.

Saturday, June 29, 1861, Page 5.

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1,000 Hymn Books
[28 June 1861]

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Anderson Zouaves.

A delegation of the Young Men's Christian Association visited the Anderson Zouaves at Saultersville and were present at the enthusiastic reception of Col. Riker on his return from Washington. They were very cordially received, and the promised donation of 1000 hymn books met a thankful acknowledgement. Remarks were made on the objects of the Association, and prayer was offered by one of their number.
Song of the Regiment  
[July 1861]

The men have the following popular song, written by a Miss Edda Middleton, and dedicated to Major Dayton. They sing it with a good deal of enthusiasm:

TUNE—THE RED WHITE AND BLUE.

When Sumter, the shrine of the nation,  
Was struck by black Treason's command,  
And our flag, from its world-renowned station,  
Was dragged and defiled in the sand,  
A shout that presaged desolation  
To the homes of the traitorous crew  
Shook the earth to its firmest foundation—  
The shout for "the red, white and blue."

Chorus.
Three cheers for the Anderson Zouaves!  
Three cheers for the Anderson Zouaves!  
Our flag shall yet wave over Sumter,  
Placed there by the Anderson Zouaves.

And when our strong Temple was burned  
And battered by Treason's red hand,  
Its flames to fierce lightning's were turned,  
Its smoke to black clouds o'er the land;  
The storm iron hail stones were spouting,  
As South on the north wind it flew;  
And iron-mouthed thunders were shouting,  
"All hail to the red, white and blue."

(Chorus as above.)

Then Anderson, faithful for ever,  
Called forward, to lead in the van,  
Those who will dishonor him never,  
His Zouaves, his invincible clan.  
Then strike for home, country and glory—  
For loved ones we always strike true:  
His name lives forever in story  
Who falls 'neath "the red, white and blue."

(Chorus as above.)

The cup—not the wine cup—bring hither,  
Salt tears fill it up to the brim;  
It is wreathed with no wreath that will wither—  
The prayers of our loved ne'er grow dim.  
Thus pledge we our Patron and Heaven,  
As patriots, brave, pure and true:  
To our country shall Sumter be given,  
Or we fall 'neath "the red, white and blue."

Chorus.
Three cheers for the Anderson Zouaves!  
Three cheers for the Anderson Zouaves!  
Our flag shall yet wave over Sumter,  
Placed there by the Anderson Zouaves.

May 11, 2011 SALT LAKE CITY—As the United States marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, people who had ancestors involved in the conflict can access millions of historical records recently published on the familysearch.org website. And millions more records are coming, as Civil War volunteers enlist in an epoch online campaign over the next five years to provide access to the highly desirable historic documents.

FamilySearch announced the release today of hundreds of millions of online records at the National Genealogical Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The collections include service records for both the Confederate and Union armies, pension records, and more. Some of these
records have been available for some time but are now being added to familysearch.org/civilwar as part of this project. Here is just a sampling of what is available:

Arizona, Service Records of Confederate Soldiers of the Civil War, 1861-1863
Arkansas Confederate Pensions, 1901-1929
Civil War Pension Index
Louisiana Confederate Pensions 1898-1950
Missouri Confederate Pension Applications and Soldiers' Home Admission Applications
South Carolina Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers (NARA M267)
South Carolina Probate 1671-1977
South Carolina Probate Records, Files, and Loose Papers, 1732-1964
United States, 1890 Census of Union Veterans and Widows
United States, Index to General Correspondence of the Pension Office, 1889-1904
United States, Union Provost Marshall Files of Papers Relating to Two or More Civilians, 1861-1866
United States, Union Provost Marshall's File of Papers Relating to Individual Civilians, 1861-1866
U.S. Civil War Soldiers Index 1855-1865
U.S. Navy Widows' Certificates, 1861-1910 (NARA M1279)
U.S., Registers of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914
U.S., Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933
Vermont Enrolled Militia, 1861-1867

"These records are significant because nearly every family in the United States at that time was impacted either directly or indirectly by the war," FamilySearch project manager Ken Nelson said.

"Each soldier has a story to tell based on what his unique experience was during the war. Each family has their own story to tell. This is the paper trail that tells the stories about that period in our nation's history," Nelson said.

Many of the records are specific to the war itself, such as enlistment or pension records. These documents can provide key family data, including age, place of birth, or the name of a spouse. Other collections, such as census records, tell the story of ordinary civilians who lived during that turbulent time. Even a local or state death record far away from the battlefront may contain death information on a soldier that was submitted by a family member back home.

FamilySearch's chief genealogical officer, David Rencher, said many people can benefit from the records.

"With the wealth of records created by the Civil War, I am inspired by the plan laid out by FamilySearch to make a substantial amount of this material available on their website over the next four to five years. This growing collection will be one that will serve the needs of the numerous descendants of the participants on both sides of the conflict," Rencher said.

About 10 million of FamilySearch's Civil War records are already indexed, so they can be easily searched by a specific name. However, there are many more records that need to be indexed, and that's where FamilySearch indexing volunteers come in. These volunteers view a digital image online of the record and enter in important information such as names, dates, and places.

FamilySearch project manager Jim Ericson said this data will be used to create free searchable indexes that enable people to more easily find records about their Civil War ancestors.

"Once these records are indexed and published online, anyone can search for the name of an ancestor and link to a digital image of the original record, if the image is also available online," Ericson said.

"Indexing helps people save time when finding records and enables a more powerful, engaging search experience."

Ericson said that more than 130,000 people helped with other FamilySearch indexing projects in the last year, but more volunteers are needed for the multi-year Civil War era project.

"We expect to maintain some focus on indexing records from the U.S. Civil War for the next three or four years to make the collection of Civil War era records extremely robust," Ericson said.

For those who want to learn more about their Civil War ancestors, there is also additional help on the FamilySearch Research
Contributed by Neil Chippendale

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND ANCESTRY.COM POST CIVIL WAR RECORDS ONLINE

...National Archives and Ancestry.com have now announced that newly-digitized Civil War records will be available online for the first time, allowing users to trace family links to the war between North and South.

Ancestry.com is publishing the first in a series of Civil War records that have been digitized from original National Archives records on paper. This is a new collection, not available anywhere online previously. The new Civil War collection is highlighted by the Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865. These nearly 275,000 records are among the most heavily-used records for research in the National Archives Civil War holdings and were previously only available by request in original form at the research center. The public will now be able to easily access these records online without having to travel to Washington, DC.

As the Civil War dragged toward its third year, President Lincoln signed the Enrollment Act in March 1863 to supply more troops to the Union army. The law subjected men ages 20-45 to a draft. Enrollment began shortly thereafter, with men's names recorded on consolidated lists from which draftees would be selected. In the end, bounties for enlistment offered by federal, state, and local governments ensured that most Union troops were volunteers, but the consolidated lists for 27 states filled more than 600 registers-now digitally indexed and available at www.ancestry.com/civilwar150.

The digitization is part of a five-year deal with Ancestry.com. The public will have free access for a week before a paid subscription is required to access the records.

National Archives spokeswoman Susan Cooper says the agency doesn't have the money or staff needed to digitize all records themselves.

Here is the official announcement:

Apr. 6, 2011 WASHINGTON, DC and PROVO, UT — 04/06/11 — Ancestry.com (NASDAQ: ACOM), the world’s largest online family history resource, and the National Archives, today launched millions of newly digitized Civil War records that are now available online for the first time. This effort is part of an ongoing partnership between Ancestry.com and the National Archives to make important historical records more easily available to the American public. Ancestry.com’s entire Civil
War Collection of more than 42 million records, including 25 million records from the National Archives, will be free to access for the general public for one week beginning on April 7. Existing members will have immediate access beginning today.

Included are the entire U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865 and the complete 1860 and 1870 Censuses. These Civil War collections are in the National Archives and have been digitized by Ancestry.com to help preserve the original records and provide convenient online access. They now serve as a vital source of information for an estimated 17 million Americans(1) who have an ancestor who fought in the conflict. The entire Civil War Collection can be accessed for free at www.ancestry.com/civilwar150.

The highlight of the Civil War Collection is the newly digitized Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865. These records are among the most popular in the National Archives Civil War holdings and served as a virtual male census for the northern states during the war period. Famous 19th century Americans such as Andrew Carnegie, future President Grover Cleveland, Aaron Montgomery Ward and multiple Rockefellers are all found in these records. Previously only available by request in original form in the Research Room of the National Archives, the public will now be able to easily access these records on Ancestry.com without having to travel to Washington, D.C.

“The significance of these records, which document one of the most important events in American history, cannot be overstated,” said Ken Burns, director and producer of the award-winning documentary THE CIVIL WAR and longtime board member of the Foundation for the National Archives. “I’ve been able to make multiple discoveries about my own great-great-grandfather Abraham Burns through these and other records from the National Archives. I’m excited that more people will now be able to have similar discoveries through Ancestry.com.”

Ancestry.com is providing another special experience in searching for Civil War and National Archive information through the new interactive Military Headstone Archives. Dynamic visuals and multimedia tools will enable users to ‘virtually’ explore the cemeteries of the Civil War’s most famous battlefields at Gettysburg, PA; Sharpsburg (Antietam), MD; Stones River (Murfreesboro), TN; Petersburg, VA; Shiloh, TN and Vicksburg, MS. Users can search for their family’s heroes in Ancestry.com’s unique collection of headstone photographs from 33 national cemeteries in the North and South. The new Military Headstone Archives can also be accessed by visiting: www.ancestry.com/civilwar150

Since 2008, Ancestry.com and the National Archives have worked as partners to make important historical records available to the public as part of a shared commitment to preserving America’s heritage. A key component of this collaboration includes digitizing as many of the original paper National Archives’ Civil War records as possible and publishing those records on Ancestry.com.

“The National Archives continues to be a model for preserving important U.S. history and making those records available to the public,” said Josh Hanna, Executive Vice President for Ancestry.com. “We’re honored that our partnership with the National Archives has made millions of records, including the new Civil War Collection, available to the many Americans who want to learn more about their family history.”

“We are pleased that our partnership with Ancestry.com is making these important records available outside of our research rooms,” said Susan Cummings, National Archives Director of Access Programs. “This is just the first of many series of Civil War records that will be made available online that are scanned from original records, instead of from microfilm in the years to come.”

The expanded Civil War Collection now includes new National Archives records such as:

U.S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865: This collection lists all Civil War Draft Registrations. There were four drafts between 1863 and 1865, which included 3,175,055 people in its rolls, although of those, just over 46,000 actually entered into service. Historically, the 1863 draft was one of the most tenuous moments...
in the Union outside of the battles fought on Northern soil. Most of the concern was due to the draft riots that took place in New York in 1863. These records include more than 630 volumes of registries and are lists of individuals who registered for the draft.

_U.S. Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865:_ This collection contains indices of compiled military service records for volunteer Union and Confederate soldiers who served with units organized in more than 20 states. The indices also include Confederate soldiers who later served with the Union Army, Union and Confederate soldiers, Generals and staff officers, and other enlisted men not associated with a regiment. Individual records contain both military and personal details useful for locating an ancestor in time and place by tracking his movements during the course of the Civil War.

Other additions to the Civil War Collection include:
- Union records
- New York Civil War Muster Rolls
- New York Civil War City Registers
- Kansas Civil War Enlistment Papers
- Confederate records
- Confederate Pension Applications from AL, AR, TX and VA
- Georgia Civil War Correspondence
- Alabama Census of Confederate Soldiers
- Register of Officers of the Confederate States Navy

Thanks to Neil Chippendale

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**SALEM ZOUAVES AT ELLSWORTH MEMORIAL REMEMBERANCE – Mechanicville NY**
(via Andy at zouavereenactors list)

Fellow Zou-Zou's

Here is a link to photos of the Salem Zouaves at the Ellsworth Memorial/Rememberance at his gravesite in Mechanicville, NY. You will also see other Zou and SNY units.

(Unfortunately I don't know all the ones who were there; but those who were there do)

Unfortunately the rain was a real bummer for everyone, but, we made due with it, the Salem Zou's even performed Ellsworth's drill, twice.

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/28555256@N05/sets/72157626730897848/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/28555256@N05/sets/72157626730897848/)

Event was arranged by Col. Willard Camp 154, NY SUVCW.

Many thanks to them for inviting us out there, et al. Despite being drenched, we had a good time.

You'll also see some photos of us and other reenactors at the New York State Military Museum & Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Spings, NY. They had on display (among a very impressive collection), Ellsworth's frock coat and collapsing sword scabbard.

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**NOAA UNVEILS SPECIAL COLLECTION OF CIVIL WAR MAPS AND NAUTICAL CHARTS**
*(contributed by Neil Chippendale)*

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War in 2011, NOAA has assembled a special historical collection of maps, charts, and documents prepared by the U.S. Coast Survey during the war years. The collection, “Charting a More Perfect Union,” contains over 400 documents, available free from NOAA’s _Office of Coast Survey website_.

“People are planning now for their visits to Civil War sites next year, and we want to give them an opportunity to visualize the terrain, ports, and coasts as they were from 1861 to 1865,” said Meredith Westington, NOAA’s chief geographer. “Most people wouldn’t think of turning to NOAA for historical Civil War documents, but the agency has an amazing legacy.”

Coast Survey’s collection includes 394 Civil War-era maps, including nautical charts used for naval campaigns, and maps of troop movements and battlefields. Rarely
seen publications include Notes on the Coast, prepared by Coast Survey to help Union forces plan naval blockades against the Confederacy, and the annual report summaries by Superintendent Bache as he detailed the trials and tribulations of producing the maps and charts needed to meet growing military demands.

In the nation's early years, the United States lost more ships to accidents than to war. In 1807, President Thomas Jefferson established the Survey of the Coast to produce the nautical charts necessary for maritime safety, defense and the establishment of national boundaries. By 1861, Coast Survey was the government’s leading scientific agency, charting coastlines and determining land elevations for the nation. Today, the Office of Coast Survey still meets its maritime responsibilities as a part of NOAA, surveying America’s coasts and producing the nation’s nautical charts.

In his annual report on Dec. 15, 1861, Coast Survey Superintendent Alexander Bache wrote, “it has been judged expedient during the past year to suspend usual foreign distribution” of reports on the progress of maps and charts. Distribution of maps, charts, and sketches almost tripled in the 1861 “due to the demands of the War and Navy Departments.” However, because the Coast Survey could not easily ascertain the loyalties of private citizens, private distribution of maps was severely restricted among “applicants who were not well known having been referred to the representative of the congressional district from which the application had been mailed.”

The Civil War special collection is accessible through a searchable database at http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/history/CivilWar.
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**EDITOR’S NOTE**

This editor has been very busy over May with Living History activities and other work demands and I have been unable to produce May edition of the newspaper. I have also not had a chance to post Mr. Frank Scotti’s documents at our research website. My apologies for these delays – David Sanders

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