

# THE COMPANY STREET



## **SIXTH NEW HAMPSHIRE VOLUNTEERS COMPANY E**

### **6 NHVI-E Historical Association Officers**

President – Matty Cronin  
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### **Trustees**

Bob Moncada (2018)  
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Jeremy Robinson (2020)

### **Company Officers & NCOs**

Capt. Scott Sleeper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.– Chris Blodgett  
1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Matty Cronin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant Rob Tarbox  
Corporal – Dick Dunning  
Corporal – Mark Boynton  
Corporal – Steve Schnyer  
Corporal – Bob Moncada (training)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **June**

June 23 – 24 – Reenactment Weekend Eastleigh Farm  
Framingham, MA

#### **July**

**July 4 – Merrimack 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade **MAX EFFORT****

July 5 – 8 – 155<sup>th</sup> Battle of Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA  
(NR presence, but not a full NR event)

**July 21 – Swanzey Living History and Parade, **MAX  
EFFORT** Swanzey, NH**

#### **August**

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## NEB DRILL DAY

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Look Park

We had a good showing at the New England Brigade Drill Day. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Blodgett, 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Cronin, Cpls Boynton, Dunning, and Schnyer, Pvts. Robinson and Moncada (Bob did well in learning his new position) all attended. It was a full day that started after everyone was registered. It was good to catch up with old friends and meet some new recruits in different units. Our corporals actually worked with a few new recruits in the 28<sup>th</sup> Mass on manual of arms.

Our men were grouped into an amalgamated unit consisting of the 13<sup>th</sup> Mass, 28<sup>th</sup> Mass, and 6<sup>th</sup> NH. The officers and NCOs went over the expectations for the day in having the corporals and sergeants do the early morning drill and then the line officers would take over from there. Where our company was a combination of units led by Cpt. Steve Eames of the 28<sup>th</sup> Mass Co. H, we decided to go right into company drill. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Blodgett learned his position.

After going through the Manual of Arms, it was time to Stack Arms. The day's menu initially went with Casey's method, it was determined that most of the units present (6<sup>th</sup> NH excluded) used the Ellsworth stacking method, so that is what we went with. It turned out to be a very valuable lesson in learning different ways of stacking arms.



Company drill progressed to lunch time. The hour break was certainly a nice respite for all of the men. After lunch we formed the companies up, stacked arms and went through a presentation with the artillery. It was really quite good to see another aspect of the hobby. The measures they take to ensure not only their safety but ours as well. We then drilled with the artillery as infantry supporting their movements. The

NEB wants to try and have the infantry and artillery working together as they did during the war.

After this we did a battalion skirmish drill. This was actually a personal highlight seeing the line extended across the field. Watching the men moving forward and backward and the importance of communication between the front and rear rank men was key. I think we all came away with an appreciation for skirmish after seeing it done with more than a few men. With the day growing longer and the men getting more and more tired, we had one final formation and were dismissed by company to receive our powder ration.

With our seven attendees the 6<sup>th</sup> came away with 14 pounds of powder. This should hopefully last us a year or two.

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## School Programs

Monadnock Regional and Cutler Elementary

Thank you to Jeremy Robinson, Dick Dunning, Steve Schnyer, Matty Cronin, Bob Corrette, and Chris Blodgett for putting on the two school programs held on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

We reversed the order of the schools this year and went to Monadnock Regional in the morning. A fire permit was acquired to allow us to dig a fire pit and have coffee. The morning ended up a little cooler than I think we all thought it would. The wind was certainly blowing too. A nice change in the weather, however, as it did not rain this year! We set up a street and Bob Corrette and Steve Schnyer brought some original muskets and weapons to show the students the evolution of firearm technology.

Lt. Blodgett led the men in firings. Special thanks to Pvt. Robinson for being the demonstration person for Loading in 9 Times at both school sites. The students were very impressed by the fact a soldier was supposed to be able to fire three rounds a minute. Our volleys were crisp and even a crowd pleasing bang. After the firing demonstration we welcomed the students and teachers into the camp. The students were able to taste hardtack prepared by both Pvt. Robinson and Cpl. Schnyer. Some coffee beans were even consumed and there was great joy at the realization that these students might well be wired after that. The students had great questions and took advantage of the fire to keep warm.

After finishing our program, the school generously provided us with lunches. We were not expecting this so it was very kind of the school to do this. We packed camp and headed to Cutler Elementary. We had our lunch while the students were out playing at recess. After the students went indoors, we had to quickly set our camp up.

The three classes of students came out and Pvt. Robinson made the introductions of the men present. We then did a firing demonstration and let the kids loose in the camp. The hardtack, as always, was a huge hit. The tents, uniforms, everything was looked at and questions were asked. The kids were then grouped into their classes and drilled around the field by the men. After that, the three classes came together and marched in a battle formation to see what it would have been like.

Both school programs were excellent. While the day started off windy and chilly, it did not rain. Thank you again to all the men who attended the programs. As one of the teachers remarked, "it's these kinds of events that leave an impression."

We look forward to doing these programs again.

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## We have three (3) parades this year over Memorial Day Weekend

I would like to extend gratitude to all our members who served in our nation's armed forces. Freedom is not free and the sacrifice of you, and your family, is gratefully appreciated.

### May 27 – Hooksett Memorial Parade

We had a nice turn out of men for the parade in Hooksett. This was certainly one of the more chilly parade days we could all remember (aside from last year's Remembrance Day). The parade itself seemed much shorter in terms of other marching units. As always, our men performed wonderfully as the firing squad for the three salute locations. It was also very nice to see Jim Southerland!

### May 28 – Peterborough Memorial Day Parade

Peterborough's parade and events was, as usual, well attended by our unit. We were able to welcome Ed Carron back to the ranks! Ed has made the transition to snowbird nicely.

The ceremony aspect of Peterborough's Memorial Day was again quite long. All of our boys did well in our duty as firing squad.

### May 28 – Rindge Memorial Day Parade, Rindge, NH

After a lunch and rest at Kimball's, we caravanned over to Rindge to participate in their parade and ceremonies. We provided salutes at three locations, the last combining with the VFW salute members. After the ceremonies, Matty Cronin honored those members present who served our country.

### "WHEN THE BOYS IN BLUE ARE GONE" By John Hendricks

When the comrades have departed,  
When the veterans are no more,  
When the bugle call is sounded  
On that everlasting shore.  
When life's weary march is ended,  
When campfires slumber long;  
Who will tell the world the story,  
When the boys in Blue are gone?

Who will tell about their marching,  
From Atlanta to the Sea?  
Who will halt, and wait, and listen,  
When they hear the reveille?  
Who will join to swell the chorus,  
Of some old, Grand Army song?  
Who will tell the world the story,  
When the boys in Blue are gone?

Sons and daughters of this nation,  
You must tell of triumphs won;  
When on earth our work is ended,  
And the Veteran claims his own.  
You must all cherish Old Glory,  
And its teachings pass along.  
You must tell the world the story,  
When the boys in Blue are gone.

To that flag, our country's emblem,  
You must pledge allegiance, too.  
To that flag, our nation's emblem,  
May your hearts be ever true.  
That the nation be protected,  
'Gainst injustice, and all wrong;  
You must tell the world the story,  
When the boys in Blue are gone.

You must keep your country's honor,  
From each stripe withhold all stain;  
You must take the Veteran's places,  
And repeat the roll of fame.  
You must keep your country's honor,  
And your flag above all wrong,  
Then we'll trust you with the story,  
When the boys in Blue are gone.

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## Civil War Reenactment Weekend

Eastleigh Farm, 1062 Edmands Road, Framingham, MA

More information will follow on this event. Registration is \$5.00 per person up to June 15<sup>th</sup>. Walk-on fee is \$10.00.

## 2018 Events Schedule

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**September 7 – 9 – Burkittsville** (NR) **MAX UNIT SPONSORED EVENT**

**October 19 – 21 – Cedar Creek Reenactment**, Middletown, VA (NR FYI)

**November 15, 16, 17, 18 – Remembrance Day**, Gettysburg, PA (parade is on the 17<sup>th</sup>)

**December 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> NH Christmas Party** – Brady's American Grill, Peterborough, NH 1:00 PM