

Trivia Challenge 2012

Find the Union Camp

(Located in the middle of the school)

Find The Volunteer Cornet Band



The youngest soldier on record to receive a Medal of Honor was William E. "Willie" Johnston. How old was he when he received the award and what instrument did he play?



Willie was 12 years old.

Instrument: He used a rope drum

What other duties did musicians have besides playing music?

- * Hospital Attendants, Surgeon Assistants, Litter bearers, Courier/messengers

What was the purpose of Regimental Brass Bands and the Field Music of the fifers, drummers and buglers? List three examples.

Boost Morale
Signals
Ceremonies

Marching Cadences
Keep Time in Camp

Entertainment
Dances

Find the Union Headquarters



Lt Col. Darcy, President Lincoln, and General Grant

Name four different armies of the Union:

Army of the Potomac

Army of the Cumberland

Army of the Ohio

Army of the Tennessee

What army does this Headquarters serve?

Army of the Potomac

It was the main Union army in the eastern theater of the war. The Potomac River forms part of the borders between Washington, D.C and on the left descending bank and Maryland and Virginia on the river's right descending bank.

How were the Union armies named?

The armies were named after rivers.

Find the 1st Regiment United States Sharpshooters, Company C



Why did the Sharpshooters throw away their first issued winter uniforms?

The colors of the uniforms were originally gray. It was hard to distinguish them from Confederate uniforms.

What is unique about the buttons on the uniform and what company made them?

- * **The buttons were made out of black rubber**
- * Traditionally, Union uniforms had brass buttons
- * The sun did not reflect off of the rubber buttons the way it did off brass.
- * **The B.F. Goodyear Company made the rubber buttons**

What were the two primary targets of a sharpshooter?

- * **Confederate officers:** Wounding or killing an officer would break down the line of communication between the officer and his men. The units would become disorganized without a leader.
- * **Confederate artillery personnel:** The cannons could not be fired without adequate personnel. Since the artillery could inflict the greatest damage upon Union troops, killing any Confederate artillery personnel would delay return fire from their cannons.

Name three responsibilities of a sharpshooter?

- * **Scout:** looked out for the enemy, typically as far as 1-2 miles ahead of the army, scouted trails
- * **Skirmishes:** to stir up the enemy's line and provoke engagement
- * **Sharpshooter:** modern day **Snipers**

Of all the Berdan Sharpshooters deployed, what percentage was wounded or killed: **80%**



Find the 10th New York National Zouaves



Where did the name Zouave originate?

- * The original Zouaves came from tribes in **North Africa; Algeria and Morocco.**
- * They were known for **their precision drilling** and had a reputation **for fierce fighting and heroism.**

Among this unit is a woman soldier.

What was she called and what were some of her duties?

- * The women who served with Zouave units were called **"Vivandieres"**.
- * The Vivandieres who served in the Civil War **fought alongside** the male soldiers, showing great courage in the face of battle.
- * These brave women traveled with their units for little or no pay and may have **acted as nurses/medics on the battlefield and seamstresses.**



Trained in bayonet warfare, how many ways can the bayonet be used?

Approximately 103 There were few hand-to-hand bayonet fights in the Civil War. Bayonets accounted for less than 4 % of battlefield wounds. When a charge petered out, the bayonets were useful for digging a hole to hide in.

Candle holder
Tent stake

Can opener
Stacking rifles

Digging tool
Shaking fruit out of trees

Find the Blacksmith

Where did a blacksmith get his name?

- * A Blacksmith works with **black metal**, as opposed to a silversmith who works with silver metal.
- * Smith comes from the British word **"smiting" or striking a heavy blow.**



How hot is the blacksmith's fire?

- * **2500 degrees** in the center of the fire. Most metals and alloy mixtures of metals, melts at around 2500 degrees, but many lose strength at a much lower temperature.

What do you call a blacksmith's work bench? **Anvil.**

What do you call the blacksmiths helper? **Apprentice**

7th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry - Unable to Attend

Social Hall / Displays (Located in the building / walkway between the two camps)

Find the display: **Diorama Display**

This set was used for what 1989 Civil War movie? **Glory**

Find the display: **Native American Indians**

Name a tribe that fought for the South? **Cherokee**

Name a tribe that fought for the North? **Delaware**

Find the display: **Northern General Ulysses S. Grant**

Four years after the Civil War, he was elected President of the United State, in what year. **1869**

Find the display: **Southern General Robert E. Lee**

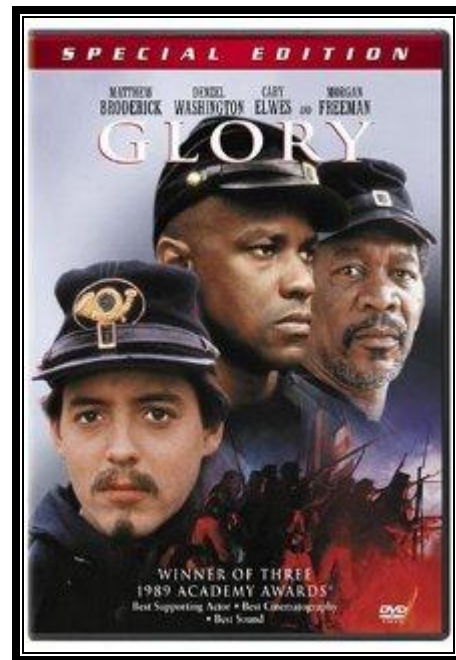
What was the only battle that the Confederate army lost under General Lee's command? **Gettysburg**

Find the display: **The Battle of New Market.**

Out of the ten cadets that died at the New Market battle, how many are buried at their school VMI? **SIX**

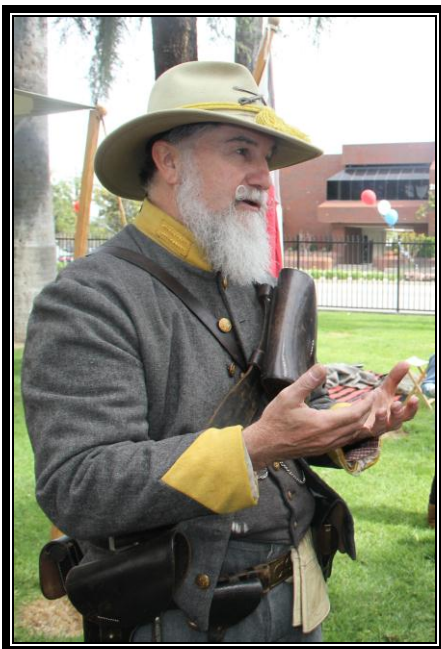
What was the name of the farm where the VIM cadets died?

Bushlong Farm



Find the Confederate Camp (Located in the front of the school)

Find the Confederate Headquarters – CSA Division HQ



How can you tell a man's rank on his uniform?

- * **Sleeve, Stripes, Location of stripes, Color, Shoulder, Collar**
- * On what part of a **Confederate uniform was an officer's rank** worn? **Collar**
- * On what part of the **Union uniform was an officer's rank** worn? **Shoulder**

Give **three reasons why the Shenandoah Valley** was so important to the Confederate Army.

- * **Breadbasket.** The valley could feed an army. Farms harvested wheat for bread & hardtack, raised cattle, etc.
- * **Lead mines** for the manufacturing of ammunition.
- * **Salt mines** used to preserve meat.
- * **Transportation,** north and south railroad lines.

Find the Washington Artillery of New Orleans



Why do the soldiers wear **red caps**?

- * **Red caps identify an artillery unit** (Blue for Infantry, yellow for Cavalry)
Reason for different colors: so units could easily be recognized at a distance. For this unit, the red cap was part of its original uniform.
- * Both Union and Confederate artillery units wore red caps

What is the purpose of the friction primer?

- * **It ignites the charge inside the artillery piece (cannon)**

What is the function of the fuse: **It ignites the power charge in the shell.**

How many tons of steel did the artillery unit have to carry? **4 tons = 8,000 pounds.**

- * It is the approximate weight of a school bus, hummer, or full size pickup truck



How many horses did it take to pull cannon with a limber?

- * **SIX.** Each gun in a battery used two six-horse teams: one team pulled a limber that towed the gun, the other pulled a limber that towed a caisson. The life expectancy of an artillery horse was under eight months. They suffered from disease, exhaustion from long marches—typically 16 miles (25.8 km) in 10 hours—and battle injuries.

How many drivers would it take to drive the team of horses?

Where did they sit?

- * **3 Drivers.** Drivers sat on the horses, not on the limber, even though it had a seat. Each driver rode on the left side of the teams.

18th Virginia, Cavalry

On May 15, 1864, this unit participated in a battle that took place in their home state of Virginia. **What was the name of the battle?** **New Market**

What part of Virginia did this unit come from?

- * **Shenandoah Valley**

What service did this unit provide when the Confederate army retreated from the battle of Gettysburg?

- * The 18th served as **both guide and rear guard** for the Confederate Army's retreat from Gettysburg.

What is the **difference** between a **cannon ball** and a **canister round**?

- **Cannon ball: is a solid iron ball**
Use for long range
- **Canister round: small iron balls encased in tin with a powder bag attached.**
Can be filled with 1-inch balls, 40 – 80 at a time. It is like a big shot gun shell and used for short range. It could kill or injure 30 men



Top Pictures: Canisters and Cannon ball
Lower: Friction Primer and Fuse



43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry – Mosby's Rangers

Why was Colonel John S. Mosby called the "Gray Ghost?"

- * **Mosby's unit was not part of the regular army** and did not move with them. The army had limited knowledge of where to find them.
- * **Mosby and his men did not camp.** They lived among the people in the countryside so that the "Yanks" (Union Troops) could never find them.
- * **The Rangers usually struck at night.** Some nights his rangers would strike in more than one place at once, adding to Mosby's ghostly reputation.

Mosby once said, "We did more to promote _____ than any other unit."

What was he referring to? **The Colt 1860 army pistol**

Who was Mosby's patron and the man he called his "best friend in the army?" **Major General JEB Stuart**

Major General J. E. B. Stuart & Company



What historic event did General Stuart and General Lee share before the war?

- * **They arrested John Brown**, the abolitionist. When both men were serving in the US Army, Lt. Stuart and Col. Lee, led the expedition to arrest John Brown at Harper's Ferry, VA.

Why was Gen Stuart instrumental in this event?

- * Stuart had seen Brown in Kansas.
- * **He could make a positive identification.**

General Stuart was frequently referred to as "The Last Cavalier." Why?

- * **His flamboyant character, style, and dress.**

He was affectionately known as "**Jeb**" to his friends, from his initials.

What were his given names? **James Ewell Brown**

8th Louisiana Infantry, Company E & F

What is the significance of a Pelican on the uniform belt plate?

- * **The Pelican is the state bird of Louisiana.** On the belt plate is a pelican feeding its young. This shows selflessness on the mother's behalf to do whatever it is needed to save her children.

Why is this unit called the Tigers?

- * **They were fierce fighters.** In 1861 a Company was formed called the Tiger Rifles. Due to its skills at warfare, the name Tigers was given to any infantryman from Louisiana that fought in Northern Virginia. All the units from Louisiana were called Tigers.

What was the most common rifle used by the 8th Louisiana?

- * **The 1853 Enfield rifled musket.** It was imported from England.

17th Virginia Infantry, Co A

Name the city which was under Union Occupation the longest? **Alexandria, Virginia**

Why is the uniform green? **Sharpshooter uniforms, first form of camouflage.**

Green is the traditional color of sharpshooters in the British and Prussian Armies.

1st North Carolina Cavalry



What is the difference between **mounted cavalry** and **dismounted cavalry**?

- * **Mounted:** Cavalryman would generally ride up to a **battle mounted on a horse**
- * **Dismounted:** Cavalryman dismounted **to fight on foot** because his horse was a large target



What was the Confederate nickname for the North Carolinians? Why?

- * **"Tarheels"**. It was typical of North Carolinians to walk around barefoot when they were young. As a result, many would come home with tar stuck to the bottom of their heels as they walked through pine forests.

What is the **difference** between: a **sword** and a **saber**?

- * **Sword:** used by the infantry, for officers to point at things
- * **Saber:** has a curved blade to strike down infantry enemy

What were the three standard types of cavalry weapons?

- * **Carbine** – short rifle, long distance / **Revolver** – pistol, repeating / **Saber** (Sabre)

Battle Field - Hospital & Camps

Field Hospital

What was the most **common cause of death** during the Civil War? **Disease – dysentery**

- * An inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract, usually caused by a bacterial, parasitic, or infection and resulting in pain, fever, and severe diarrhea, often accompanied by the passage of blood and mucus.

What were the three reasons for amputation?

- * **Shattered or loss of bone, uncontrollable bleeding, infection**

7th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry

Who was the **famous commanding general** of this Cavalry?

- * **The commanding General, George A. Custer.** He wore a lavish, self-designed uniform with a bright red necktie so that there would be no mistake about his presence on the field of battle. Seeing this new fashion on the General's uniform, the Michigan troops quickly adopted the same tie to honor the General. It became their proud trademark.

Why does a Cavalryman carry different weapons than that an Infantryman? Armed with carbine (rifle), revolver, saber, the Cavalryman could **swiftly engage and overwhelm the enemy infantry at any distance.** (Fighting at close range, a revolver or saber was used. At a greater distance, a rifle could be used.)



Why does a Cavalryman have **yellow trim on his uniform**?

- * **From a distance, he can be recognized by his branch of service – Cavalry**

Displays (Located in the food area)

Straw Works - Unable to Attend

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The organization composed of Union Army Civil War veterans was the G.A.R. What do the initials represent? **GRAND ARMY REPUBLIC**

Juan de la Guerra was a Hispanic Californian who was among the last members of the Anaheim-Fullerton G.A.R. Post? What was the name of his Union Army unit during the Civil War?

* **Company C.1st Battalion Native California Cavalry.**

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

What organization was formed on Memorial Day, May 30, 1885, by four teenage girls to honor their fathers who served in the American Civil War? **Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

What is the local Orange County unit called? Why?

- * **Tent 88.** The various DUVCW units were given tent numbers to identify them.
- * This organization (which originally was a medical unit) **held meetings in medical tents**, rather than social halls.

Who is Orange County named for? **Nurse Elizabeth Hill Mills**

St. Crispin's Irregulars

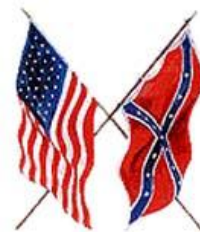


In 1913, the popular book Wargames was published. The models used in a tabletop game used small metric numbers to indicate the height of the toy soldiers on the field. What sizes are being presented today? **25mm and 15mm or 1" and 5/8"**

How many Federal soldiers were under the age of 15 at the time they joined? **100,000.**

Children as young as nine years old served as either soldiers or as drummer boys.

What was the name of the most famous war horse ridden by the Confederate General Robert E Lee during the Civil War? **Traveller.** It is stated that Traveller went into battle more than any other Civil War horse.



Thank you for participating in the 2012 St. Catherine's Academy, Civil War Trivia Challenge!