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WHAT: ANNUAL SOCIETY PICNIC

WHERE: SHELTER HOUSE, FRED FULLER PARK, KENT

WHEN: TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.

COST: FREE TO MEMBERS AND A GUEST

You and a guest are invited to share good food, fine fellowship and some interesting Civil War conversation. The Society will provide beverages and a delicious variety of sliced sandwich meats and cheeses. These will usually include roast beef, turkey, ham and salami with Swiss, American and provolone cheeses. Buns and condiments are included.

In return, we ask that you bring your own table service...AND we ask each individual to bring a LARGE SIZE serving of the following to share with fellow members. For this particular menu, if your last name begins with:

A through G, bring a dessert

H through O, bring a main dish

P through Z, bring a salad or hors d'oeuvres

A main dish could include a casserole, potatoes, beans or vegetables. Please mark your container with your name and provide a large spoon or fork for serving (also marked, if possible). We ask you to ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE 6:30, so that we can begin serving on time. No reservations are needed.



CIVIL WAR STORIES YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T LEARN IN SCHOOL (reprinted from 2016)

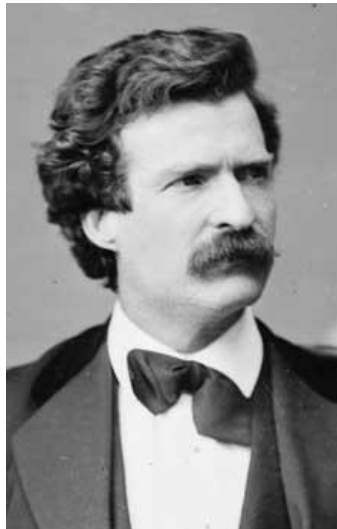
PAUL REVERE WAS AT GETTYSBURG

Paul Joseph Revere, that is—the famous Paul Revere's grandson. Unfortunately for fans of the first Revere and his partly “Mythical Ride,” Paul Joseph was in the infantry, not the cavalry, with the 20th Massachusetts. He and his brother Edward were captured at the Battle of Ball’s Bluff in October 1861. After being released in a prisoner exchange, the Reveres rejoined the fight.

Paul was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in September 1862, shortly before he was wounded in the brutal Battle of Antietam. Edward, however, wasn't so lucky – he was one of more than 2,000 Union soldiers who didn't make it out of Sharpsburg, Maryland alive.

By the following year, Paul was promoted again to Colonel, leading the 20th Massachusetts at Chancellorsville and, in his final days, at Gettysburg. On July 3, 1863, he was mortally wounded by a shell fragment that pierced his lung, and he died the next day. He was posthumously promoted again to Brigadier General, and is buried in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

MARK TWAIN FIRED ONE SHOT AND THEN LEFT



At least, that's what he claimed in “The Private History of a Campaign that Failed,” a semi-fictional short story published in 1885, after *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, but before *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court*. In it, he recounts a whopping two weeks spent in 1861 with a Confederate militia in Marion County, Missouri. But he introduces the tale by saying that even the people who enlisted at the start of the war, and then left permanently “ought at least be allowed to state why they didn't do anything and also to explain the process by which they didn't do anything. Surely this kind of light must have some sort of value.”

Twain writes that there were fifteen men in the rebel militia (called the “Marion Rangers”), and he was the second lieutenant, even though they had no first lieutenant. After Twain's character shot and killed a Northern horseback rider, he is overwhelmed by the sensation of being a murderer “that I had killed a man, a man who had never done me any harm. That was the coldest sensation that ever went through my marrow.” However, his grief is slightly eased by the realization that six men had fired their guns, and only one had been able to hit the moving target.