



Photo by Alan Hodge

A section of the 140 or so cannons that were fired during the 150th anniversary Battle of Gettysburg reenactment engagements fires a barrage at Union troops on Sunday, July 7 leading up to the Pickett's Charge scenario.

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was picked to carry the 28th NC battle flag and at one moment I looked up and shouted to the boys that, 'My brother is carrying the colors forward up there!' When we were within rifle range we fired one volley as our other Confederates were hitting the Emmittsburg road fence. 'Casualties' mounted heavily as we made our way to the fence. As a corporal I have to keep the battle line straight. I

hollered for my company to keep dressed and they did so in almost perfect order. We made it to the Emmittsburg Road fence and got around it and the time for our casualties in our company to take hits began. We began to lose men as the Union musketry and artillery increased. At one point, a Confederate came running toward us screaming to go back. Immediately looked at my line and yelled at the others to not listen to him. Then, my time had come to take a hit and I went down with a wound in my left forearm just as my great-grandpa did in the real battle. I crawled away to avoid being captured, but looked up just in time to see General Armistead go over

the wall with some of my comrades. I was within about 30 feet in front of the wall. I got up and began to stagger back and one of my comrades in the 28th NC saw me and ran to my aid. He grabbed my musket and helped me hobble towards Seminary Ridge."

Joey was also in the thick of the battle action.

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"For Sunday's reenactment of Pickett's Charge I was sent to the color guard to carry the reproduction flag of the

28th North Carolina into the battle," he said. "A flag bearer in the Civil War was the rally man of the regiment and had to inspire the men in the ranks to keep moving forward even when they faced certain death. During our reenactment of Pickett's Charge we made it to the fenceline marking Emmittsburg road where the Confederates came in rifle range of the Union forces at the stone wall. Here I climbed the fence and yelled 'Come on boys!' and spurred the guys near me to attempt to push the whole fence over. The Union reenactors were very respectful towards us Confederates. One Yankee sergeant even moved the flag I was carrying out of the way on the field as they marched

over me after I had went down during the battle."

No sooner had the recreated Pickett's Charge been completed than the weather unleashed its own fury in a driving rainstorm. Spectators and reenactors alike were drenched, but everyone knew the day had been a memorable, and historic, one.

"Marching back to camp, I felt the full sorrow of the Confederate loss here, much as my ancestor probably did," said Brian. "The rain was eerily similar to the forecast back in 1863. But, with a little pride, I hoped I honored my ancestor as best I could and I take with me a memorable trip with my brother that we will probably never forget. It is this reason we keep our history and our heritage alive so that others will understand why we go to these great lengths to tell their (our ancestor's) story."

Joey echoed Brian's sentiments.

"It is very special to honor our ancestors by bringing their stories to life and I hope to continue encouraging others to look up their ancestry and to realize that no one is here by coincidence," he said. "It is also special in remembering that we became a better and reconciled nation because of our civil war."

Interested in joining the 28th? Visit the unit website at www.yadkinstars.org

McGill honored by Scouts

John K. McGill, son of Dr. and Mrs. John C. McGill of Kings Mountain, was among longtime Scouters honored at the recent Class of 2012 Eagle Scouts banquet held at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory.

A former Eagle Scout from Battleground District, McGill served as Eagle banquet chairman for the Class of 2006 Eagle Scouts in the Piedmont Council. He serves on the Piedmont Council Executive Board.

A Charlotte lawyer, McGill is a partner in the McGill and Hill Group, LLC, which specializes in financial consulting for the dental profession. He is also a tax attorney and partner in the law firm of McGill and Hassan, P.A.

He graduated with honors from Erskine College and holds a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The McGills have two daughters.



HONORED - John K. McGill is presented an award at the recent Class of 2012 Eagle Scout banquet in Hickory. He is pictured with his wife at the event.

Photo by DON CRAWFORD

Todd hits the streets in Mount Holly



Photo by Alan Hodge

Dawn Todd has joined the Mount Holly Police Department. Officer Todd has been in law enforcement for 18 years and lives in Kings Mountain.

By Alan Hodge
Special to The Herald

Mount Holly's newest police officer, Dawn Todd, of Kings Mountain, brings a lot of law enforcement experience to the table.

"We are glad to have officer Todd join the police department," said Chief Don Roper. "She started with MHPD as a reserve officer, serving for six months prior to applying for the open position. She has great people skills, and I believe she will be a good customer service provider to the citizens of Mount Holly."

A native of Gaston County, who makes the 20-mile commute to Mount Holly from Kings Mountain, Todd has a degree in four-year degree in Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University.

She began her law enforcement career back in November 1995 with the Gaston County Sheriff's Department where she worked for seven years in an administrative capacity. After that, Todd went to the Belmont Police Department as an administrative assistant and dispatcher. She spent a total of ten years in Belmont. Her first full-time day with the Mount Holly PD was May 11.

Todd sees her job in a positive light.

"I have the idea that police work is not just about taking people to jail and riding around in a patrol car," she said. "It's a lot about

making a difference by helping people. It's about letting people know we are there if they need us."

Part of Todd's duties includes patrol.

"When I am out in the community I try to build a good rapport with the citizens I meet," she said. "That's very important."

Todd also has some ideas she would like to bring to her work as a Mount Holly police officer.

"A youth mentoring program would be good," she said. "Kids today are under a lot of peer pressure and it would help if they had some positive role models. A lot of them don't."

Now that she's on board at MHPD, Todd, 38, expects to stay a while.

"I plan to retire from here," she said. "I won't be going anywhere else that I can foresee."

Cleveland County Fair to give away a new car!

Going to the 2013 Cleveland County Fair could win you a new car! The Cleveland County Fair and the Cleveland County new car dealers have teamed up to give away a new car at this year's fair.

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at the gate. Entry forms will not be available with tickets sold at Walgreens.

Fair goers can purchase additional entry tickets for just \$5.00 each inside Goforth Hall during the fair. Automobiles to be given away will be selected by Carter Chevrolet, Keeter Ford, Roger's Kia and Marburger Motors and will be on display at this year's Cleveland County Fair set for September 26th-October 6th.

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