

AAR for Ammo / Maint Day 2011

On Saturday, 2 April 2011 Dan, Darwin, Lisa, and Wayne traveled to Winchendon, MA and the home of the Brady's [Mike, Michelle, Andy and Ellie] where our cannon, trailer and equipment is kept.

We all arrived around 1115, surveyed the great progress on our new carriage, setup our ammo station in the garage and then proceed inside for a nice lunch and catching up on what was happening in each others lives since we last meet in January.

After lunch, the QmSgt took charge and got Mike & Dan working on the painting of the carriage green and had the rest of us making rounds. With Lisa and Andy making the containers. Ellie pouring the powder. Michelle placing the powder into a baggy, tying a knot & placing it into the container. Wayne then proceeded to make the final sealing up of the round and placing it into the ammo can. Half-way through the powder cans, Michelle took over for Ellie and Darwin took over for Michelle (under the close supervision of Ellie)

We made 52 rounds (from 20 cans of powder) we have 44 normal rounds, 7 "night-time firing" rounds and 1 practice round (4oz)

After the table was cleared of the ammo detail equipment, the metal fittings that were taken off the old carriage were cleaned and painted with a new coat of black paint.

Next on the agenda was the painting of the two cannon wheels and implements green.

We cleaned up our work area and ourselves and then it was off to dinner at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant. Seems this peanuts-everywhere-establishment brings back found memories of another Texas Roadhouse we visited during our Antietam trip a couple years back. Good food and atmosphere and great company made for a most enjoyable meal.

Thank you who made the trip and for the Brady's for hosting us. We accomplished a lot! We missed the rest of you'll, but knew you had other commitments. We held you in our thoughts.

Next up:

Tuesday, 12 April is the Fort Sumter commemoration in Hartford, CT

Looks like we will have a very good showing by the RHs attending and only those who will be in school will not make it.

Friday, 15 April – Sunday 17 April is the New Britain, CT Civil War event.

Many of us will be meeting Friday afternoon/night to setup, go out to dinner, do a night firing (if it maintains on the schedule) and most will be going to near-by homes or hotels for the night. – It is going to get cold at night – count on it! Several members will join us on Saturday morning.

In closing, I want to **Thank** Mike and brother-in-law Tom for all the hard work they have accomplished to get us a new carriage. We owe them a debt of gratitude for this tremendous effort and a job **WELL DONE**.